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IMPORTANT DATES

The dates to be used for the 2010/2011 selection period and publications are:

MID-YEAR APPLICATIONS:

Open:

Monday 19 April 2010 9am

Close:

Friday 11 June 2010 5pm

Offers:

Friday 2 July 2010 on MyInfo

APPLICATIONS FOR 2011:

Timely close: Thursday 30
September 2010 5pm

Late close:

Friday 12 November 2010

Very late close:

Friday 10 December 2010 5pm

OFFERS FOR 2011:

Early round offers: Friday 26
November 2010 2pm on MyInfo

Main round offers: TBC

Round two offers: Friday 4

February 2011 2pm on MyInfo

Midyear entry

For the first time, there is the opportunity to apply through VTAC for mid-year entry into tertiary courses. A number of courses will have places available for entry in second semester. Applications are open between April and June.

An online supplement will be available in April on the VTAC website (www.vtac.edu.au) listing the participating institutions and the courses offering mid-year entry including prerequisite studies and extra requirements for applicants such as interviews and STAT sittings (if required).

There will not be a hard copy mid-year VTAC Guide published.

Advice to counselors

For careers teachers in schools/colleges and private counsellors it is important to note that the concept of "current Year 12 student" has no relevance at mid-year as all applicants at that time will be "non-Year 12".

Applying for mid-year?

New applicants must register and will have a VTAC ID created for them (the same process as last year). Anyone who applied for courses between August and December 2009 will have the option of reactivating their application for mid-year entry.

There will be a maximum of eight preferences per applicant. Preferences from 2009 will not be carried forward.

2009 applicants can provide further study claims. They cannot remove or edit previous verified study claims.

Pi form information will not be carried forward from the 2009 application.

2009 SEAS applicants can edit their 2009 SEAS application and use it as part of mid-year 2010.

Applicants must pay online via Postbillpay or PayPal (no invoices will be available).

Applicants who registered and applied for a tertiary course pay a \$16.00 fee to reactivate their 2009 course application.

New applicants will pay an application processing fee of \$37.00.

Failure to pay the appropriate fee will result in the application not being processed and sent to institutions.

Applications for mid-year open:
Monday 19 April 2010 9am

Applications for mid-year close:
Friday 11 June 2010 5pm

VICTER 2012 prerequisite update

Monash University- Science Scholar Program

The prerequisites for this course have been updated to read: Units 3 and 4 - a study score of at least 35 in English (ESL) or 30 in any other English, and a study score of at least 30 in mathematical methods and in two of biology, chemistry, geography, physics or specialist mathematics.

July 2010: A new beginning for the VTAC Bulletin

From July 2010 the VTAC Bulletin will be electronically available to senior schools, VTAC institutions and subscribers via the VTAC website.

The move from a printed version of the Bulletin to an electronic version will:

- ensure a more flexible flow of updated information to VTAC institutions, subscribers and schools in a timely manner
- enable VTAC to get updated information out, quickly and efficiently
- allow VTAC to broaden the subscription base (at no cost) to professionals outside of the schools system
- encourage all schools, VTAC institutions and subscribers to access, tailor and disseminate the information more efficiently
- Victorian careers teachers at senior secondary schools (registered with VTAC CourseLink)
- VTAC liaison officers
- Victorian libraries
- Adult Community and Further Education Councils in Victoria
- Centre for Adult Education
- Interstate tertiary admission centres
- AMES

Distribution and subscriptions from July 2010

Because of VTAC's extensive database some groups will automatically receive a HTML version of the VTAC Bulletin and other groups will need to subscribe.

This means that a HTML version of the VTAC Bulletin will automatically be sent to the registered email address for:

All other individuals or organizations not currently registered with VTAC as outlined above, will be required to subscribe to receive a copy of the HTML version. Subscription is highly recommended for interstate schools and other professionals to ensure that you receive all of the relevant information and have access to the relevant contacts, rather than the edited public version that will be available on the VTAC website.

About VTAC

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) is responsible for the administration of a number of services on behalf of Victorian Universities, TAFE Institutes and Independent Tertiary Colleges.

The services include:

- application services for tertiary courses in Semester one and mid-year; scholarships and special entry access schemes
- the production and dissemination of application materials to all groups of applicants through Libraries, secondary schools, community adult learning groups and VTAC institutions
- the production and implementation of information and briefing sessions for Victorian and interstate careers teachers, careers counselors, parents of VCE students and other professionals working with adults.

VTAC does not make selection decisions for courses or scholarships, selection is the responsibility of institutional course selection authorities.

VTAC PUBLICATIONS

VTAC Bulletin

The VTAC Bulletin is your way of staying up to date. The VTAC Bulletin will keep you up to date about information such as:

- VTAC system rules
- new and cancelled courses
- Key dates
- changes to course titles, majors or campuses

To obtain a copy of the VTAC Bulletin you can subscribe at www.vtac.edu.au or download the PDF version of this document via the VTAC website.

VTAC Guide 2011: A guide to tertiary courses

(RRP: \$15 including GST - Available July 2010)

The VTAC Guide is a one-stop information source for adults and current year 12 students applying for tertiary courses. The Guide

includes detailed information about how to apply; descriptions of VTAC institutions, their courses and the requirements of those courses.

Reference copies of the VTAC Guide are sent to all schools bordering Victoria and Victorian senior secondary schools.

The VTAC Guide is available online in PDF format at www.vtac.edu.au or from major Victorian and selected interstate newsagents for \$15.00.

ABC of Applying: Getting it Right

(Free - Available July 2010)

A companion to the VTAC Guide, and designed for VCE students and their parents, the ABC of Applying summarizes all the vital information needed for the VTAC ATAR and course application process.

Free copies of this publication are sent to all border schools and Victorian senior secondary schools, a pdf of this book is also available at www.vtac.edu.au

ABC of Scaling: Scaling and the ATAR

(Free - Available December 2010)

A pamphlet that explains in simple terms how VTAC scales the VCE study scores and then calculates the ATAR from those scaled scores. Translated versions of this publication are also available in 15 community languages at www.vtac.edu.au.

A copy of the English version is also mailed to all VCE students (who qualify for an ATAR) with their ATAR statement in December of each year.

VICTER 2012

(Available July 2010)

This book allows institutions to outline the VCE study requirements needed for entry into their courses in two years time. This information

is vital for current year 10 students planning a VCE curriculum and a future tertiary direction. Reference copies are sent to all Interstate border schools and Victorian senior secondary schools. A copy of the book is also reproduced in the two metropolitan newspapers in July each year and available from www.vtac.edu.au.

CHOICE- VCE studies and the ATAR

(Free - Available July 2010)

A companion booklet to VICTER, Choice provides a snapshot of the tertiary system for year 10 students, explains the terms they need to be familiar with and debunks some of the myths commonly associated with choosing subjects by using real life examples.

All Interstate border schools and Victorian senior secondary schools are sent reference copies in July each year. An abridged version of Choice is also published at the same time, with the VICTER supplement and available from www.vtac.edu.au.

SEAS: Special Entry Access Schemes

(Free - Available July 2010)

SEAS is the centralised application program for special entry schemes available at participating tertiary institutions in Victoria. The SEAS booklet lists all the institutions, their special entry schemes, criteria for applying to those schemes and application instructions.

All Interstate border schools and Victorian senior secondary schools are sent reference copies of the SEAS book. Additional copies are available from all VTAC institutions, the offices of VTAC or at www.vtac.edu.au

Scholarships

(Available in July 2010)

The scholarships book is available in July each year. It includes a list of all the institutions' participating in VTAC's centralized scholarships application system.

All Interstate border schools and Victorian senior secondary schools are sent reference copies of the Scholarships book. Additional copies are available from all VTAC institutions, the offices of VTAC or at, www.vtac.edu.au

Careers counsellors update

English requirements for courses in the VTAC Guide

Most institutions participating in the VTAC system require English as either an institutional requirement or prerequisite. To confirm this requirement all applicants are advised to check both the institutional pages and individual course entries in the VTAC Guide.

Definition of a legitimate one year VCE student

The definition of a legitimate one year VCE student is:

- No Enhancement or TAFE increment available;
- No VET increment available
- No unit 1/2 results from VCAA
- VCAA Block credit for at least ten units at 1/2 level, obtained for study outside Victoria
- No VCAA Block credit at 3/4 level
- VCAA results of 5 scored sequences at 3/4 level in the one year and being the only attempt at the VCE.

Tertiary education definition of an International Student

The Commonwealth government definition of an international student differs from that of the Victorian State Government.

Therefore all applicants are advised to read the VTAC Guide 2011 for further information. The VTAC Guide 2011 will be available to prospective applicants in late July 2010.

Reference copies of Publications

VTAC makes available copies of the following publications to schools at no charge:

- VTAC Guide 2011 (reference numbers based on Year 12 population in multiples of 5.

- VICTER 2013 (reference numbers based on Year 10 population in multiples of 5)
- ABC of Applying (based on numbers of registered Year 12 students + reference copies)
- CHOICE (based on numbers of registered Year 10 students + reference copies)
- SEAS (reference copies based on numbers of Year 12 population)
- Scholarships Booklet (reference copies based on numbers of Year 12 population)

To ensure that your school obtains adequate reference copies of these publications your school representative must register the numbers of Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 students currently enrolled.

Schools that do not register their Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12 student numbers will receive a default package of 5 copies of each publication.

To register you must log onto VTAC CourseLink

Registrations open: Monday 19 April Midday

Registrations close: Friday 21 May 5pm

Purchased copies of VTAC Guides

To pre-order and purchase copies of the 2011 VTAC Guide on behalf of your students, you must place an order through VTAC CourseLink. Once an order has been placed, the school is liable for payment. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.

Opens: Monday 10 May 12noon

Closes: Friday 21 May 5pm

Careers Teacher and VCE regional parent seminars

These Careers Teacher and VCE parent seminars are conducted annually by VTAC staff and cover a wide range of issues including changes to VTAC Guide 2011, application process, SEAS, Scholarships and other items of genuine interest to all Careers Teachers and parents of VCE students.

The following schedule of seminars is tentative and will be confirmed via the July 2010 Bulletin.

REGIONAL CENTRES

Monday 26 July 2010

Careers teachers Gippsland (Bairnsdale)

VCE parents seminar Sale (tbc)

Tuesday 27 July 2010

Careers teachers Gippsland (Churchill)

VCE parents seminar Churchill (tbc)

Thursday 29 July 2010

Careers teachers Mildura

VCE parents seminar Gisborne (tbc)

Monday 9 August 2010

Careers teachers Wodonga/Albury

VCE parents seminar Wangaratta (tbc)

Careers teachers Ballarat

VCE parents seminar Horsham(tbc)

Tuesday 10 August 2010

Careers teachers Shepparton

VCE parents seminar Shepparton (tbc)

Careers teachers Horsham

VCE parents seminar Hamilton(tbc)

Wednesday 11 August 2010

Careers teachers Swan Hill (numbers permitting)

VCE parents seminar Bendigo (tbc)

Careers teachers Warrnambool

VCE parents seminar:

7.00pm Trinity College Colac

Thursday 12 August 2010

Careers teachers Bendigo

Careers teachers Geelong

METROPOLITAN

All metropolitan careers teacher seminars are held at 40 Park Street South Melbourne 3205

Monday 2 August 2010

New careers teachers:

9.30am – 12.00 pm and 1.00pm – 3.30pm

Tuesday 3 August 2010

Careers teachers: 9.30am – 11.30 am and 1.00pm – 3.00pm

VCE Parents seminar:

7.00pm - Star of the Sea/ De La Salle – Gardenvale

Wednesday 4 August 2010

Careers teachers: 9.30am – 11.30 am and 1.00pm – 3.00pm

VCE parent seminar:

7.00pm St Bedes and Kilbreda

Thursday 5 August 2010

Careers teachers:

9.30am – 11.30 am and 1.00pm – 3.00pm

VCE parent seminar:

7.00pm one session metropolitan area (tbc)

Friday 6 August 2010

Careers teachers: 11.00am – 1.00pm

Careers counselors (for adults and TAFE): 1.00pm – 3.00pm

VCE PARENT BRIEFINGS

Registering for a VTAC parent information seminar

As you will appreciate VTAC resources are limited. To maximise this service, only school groupings of two or more will be considered. As a matter of policy, VTAC does not attend briefings for single school events, so please do not ask.

To register for a VCE parent seminar you must complete the online form, available at www.vtac.edu.au/ by no later than Friday 16 April 2010 5.00pm.

The decision to attend a session is at the discretion of VTAC. Preference will be given to schools in regional Victoria.

When completing the request your school group must also:

Confirm that the proposed date does not clash with other key school events such as parent teacher nights, school plays etc

Supply details of venue (exact addresses, assume nothing) to be used and general set up for the evening including details of the equipment.

Provide a computer and access to a data show and screen (unless otherwise negotiated).

The briefings will run from mid July 2010 until the end of August 2010.

*Staffing resources are limited and as a result, not all requests may be facilitated.