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IMPORTANT DATE

**PRESIDENTS OF
VICTORIAN AND BORDER
CAREERS GROUPS**

VTAC Biennial Conference

When:

Friday 25 March 2011

Time:

10.00am – 12.30pm
(lunch provided at
completion)

Where:

40 Park Street
South Melbourne
VIC 3205

Further information, including
an agenda will be provided in
the new year.

For updates please
check the website



www.vtac.edu.au

Changes to Music 2011-2015

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority have advised VTAC that VCE Music (accredited 2011–2015) has been substantially re-structured.

The revised study is comprised of ten units:

- Music Performance Units 1 to 4
- Music Investigation Units 3 and 4 and
- Music Style and Composition Units 1 to 4.

Note: For Music Performance Units 3 and 4 and Music Investigation Units 3 and 4 students select to perform as a member of a group OR as a soloist for the end-of-year performance examination.

As a result of this restructure, the VCAA has advised us of the following equivalence rules for VCE Music (2011-2015):

Music Performance Units 3 and 4

- Students who have satisfactorily completed Music Performance Units 1 and 2 in 2010 or earlier, cannot count the revised Music Performance Units 1 and 2 towards satisfactory completion of their VCE
- Students who have satisfactorily completed Music Performance Group Units 3 and 4 in 2010 or earlier, cannot count Music Performance Units 3 and 4 towards satisfactory completion where the performance context for the end-of-year performance examination is as a member of a group.
- Students who have satisfactorily completed Music Performance Solo Units 3 and 4 in 2010 or earlier, cannot count Music Performance Units 3 and 4 towards satisfactory completion where the performance context for the end-of-year performance examination is as a soloist.

Music Investigation Units 3 and 4

- Students who have satisfactorily completed Music Performance Group Units 3 and 4 and/or Music Performance Solo Units 3 and 4 in 2010 or earlier are able to count Music Investigation Units 3 and 4 towards satisfactory completion where the performance context for the end of year performance examination is as a soloist or as a member of a group.

Music Style and Composition Units 1 to 4

- Students who have satisfactorily completed any of Music Styles Units 1 to 4 in 2010 or earlier, will not be able to count the equivalent unit/s in Music Style and Composition towards satisfactory completion

For VTAC and your ATAR this will mean that

Only one of the following combinations can be used in the best six (that is in the calculation of the ATAR):

- Music Performance Group / Music Performance where the performance context for the exam performance is as a member of a group
- Music Performance Solo / Music Performance where the performance context for the exam performance is as a soloist
- Music Styles / Music Style and Composition

Remember that in the study area of music:

- At most two results can contribute to the primary four
- At most three results can contribute to the ATAR, be they VCE results, Extension study results, or VET results.

VICTER 2013

Amendment to Higher Education Study scheme (HE) – effective December 2012

Approved Higher Education studies in schools – an expansion of the previous Extension Studies program (page 6, VICTER 2013)

The VCAA provides for very able students to have an opportunity to undertake some approved Higher Education study as part of the VCE. Such studies are recognised as Higher Education studies contributing to the completion of the VCE.

If a student is undertaking a study, it may count as an increment in the ATAR provided that the student has passed, that VCAA corequisite or prerequisite conditions were met, and subject to the restricted combinations outlined in VICTER.

An increment will be awarded for the Higher Education study. The higher education ATAR increment is calculated as follows:

- Where a student completes a Higher Education VCE study and the average mark over all the HE units awarded is at least 90, the Higher Education Increment will be 5.0

- Where a student completes a Higher Education VCE study and the average mark over all HE units awarded is at least 80 but less than 90, the Higher Education Increment will be 4.5
- Where a student completes a Higher Education VCE study and the average mark over all HE units awarded is at least 70 but less than 80, the Higher Education Increment will be 4.0
- Where a student completes a Higher Education VCE study and the average mark over all HE units awarded is at least 60 but less than 70, the Higher Education Increment will be 3.5
- Where a student completes a Higher Education VCE study and the average mark over all HE units awarded is at least 50 but less than 60, the Higher Education Increment will be 3.0.

Note: From 2012 Higher Education studies will include first year university studies and advanced standing TAFE courses recognised by the VCAA and made available to VCE students who are very able academically and have the endorsement of their school principal. Upon satisfactory completion, these studies will be counted as outlined above.

About VTAC

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) is responsible for the administration of a number of services on behalf of tertiary providers including:

- Course applications for mid-year entry and January 2012
- Scholarships applications
- Applications for special entry access schemes
- Online information for adults returning to study and year 12 students via blogs, RSS feeds and shortly via Twitter and Facebook.
- Information seminars with careers practitioners; parents of VCE students

Keeping up to date with VTAC News

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
- Amendments to course entries (i.e. major studies, campuses and course titles)
- New and cancelled courses
- Key dates

Copies of the VTAC Bulletin are available from www.vtac.edu.au/publications.



Subscription is free. To subscribe to the VTAC Bulletin, go to <http://www.vtac.edu.au/careers.html> and click on the RSS feedlink in the top left hand corner to follow the prompts.

VTAC publications

VTAC publications cover a range of topics in a variety of formats. From August 2011 all VTAC publications will be available in one or more of the following formats: print, online, PDF, EPUBs and google books.

VTAC Guide 2012: A guide to tertiary courses

(RRP: \$15 including GST - Available July 2011)

The VTAC Guide is a one-stop information source for everyone 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. Some free reference copies of the VTAC Guide are sent to all schools bordering Victoria and Victorian senior secondary schools.

The VTAC Guide 2012 will be available in a variety of formats that include: the website; free PDF and Epub formats and from newsagents for \$15.00.

ABC of Applying: Getting it Right

(Free - Available July 2011)

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. Free copies are also available in the following formats: PDF, EPUB and Google books from August 2011.

ABC of Scaling: Scaling and the ATAR

(Free - Available December 2011)

The ABC of Scaling is a pamphlet that describes how VTAC scales the VCE study scores and calculates the ATAR. Translated versions of this publication are also available in 15 community languages from the VTAC website. Copies of this brochure are also mailed out to all VCE students, who qualify for an ATAR, in December each year.

VICTER 2014

(Available July 2011)

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.

Amendments to published information is outlined in the VTAC Bulletin and updated directly into the online versions of the book.

CHOICE- VCE studies and the ATAR

(Free - Available July 2011)

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.

SEAS: Special Entry Access Schemes

(Free - Available July 2011)

SEAS is the centralised application program for special entry schemes available at participating tertiary institutions in Victoria. The SEAS booklet lists all the institutions and 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 online.

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 online.

VTAC rules

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 determined by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA).

Students defined as a legitimate one year VCE student will be granted Block credit by the VCAA, for at least ten units at Units 1 and 2, for study outside of Victoria.

Students are not defined as a legitimate one year VCE student if they have:

- A VET increment available
- Unit 1 and 2 results from the VCAA
- An Enhancement or TAFE increment available;
- Block credit at a Unit 3/4 level
- Have transferred from an IB program (in Victoria) to a VCE program
- VCAA results of 5 scored sequences at $\frac{3}{4}$ level in the one year and their 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 2012 for further information. The VTAC Guide 2012 will be available to prospective applicants in late July 2011

Victorian and Border Schools update

Free copies of VTAC Publications

VTAC provides schools with a limited number of free copies of the following publications:

- VTAC Guide 2012
- VICTER 2014
- ABC of Applying
- CHOICE
- SEAS
- Scholarships Booklet

To ensure your school receives these complimentary copies you must register the number of Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 students enrolled at your school.

Schools that do not register their student numbers will receive a default package of 5 reference copies of each stated publication.

There will be NO opportunity to request any additional publications after the 10 June deadline. So please do not ask.

To register your student numbers, you must log onto VTAC CourseLink and go to the link called Free copies of VTAC publications.

Registrations open: Monday 2 May Midday

Registrations close: Friday 10 June 5pm

Pre-order and purchase copies of the 2012 VTAC Guide

To pre-order and purchase copies of the 2012 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 directly with the newsagent.

THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.

Registrations open: Monday 2 May Midday

Registration close: Friday 10 June 5pm

Proposed seminars for 2011

Careers Teacher and VCE parent seminars are conducted annually by VTAC staff and cover a wide range of issues including changes to VTAC Guide 2012, application process, SEAS, Scholarships and this year the introduction of CourseLink Version 2.

Bookings will open on Tuesday 14 June 2011 at 12.00noon and close Friday 1 July 2011 at 5.00pm

Career advisor seminars

Regional Victoria /NSW/ ACT/South Australia

Tuesday 26 July 2011 –
Gippsland (Bairnsdale) –
1.00pm – 3.00pm
**Nagle College Boardroom,
Lindenow Rd, Bairnsdale**

Wednesday 27 July 2011 –
Gippsland (Churchill)
12.00 – 2.00pm
**Monash University
Business and Economics
Conference Room (Building 5N)
Northways Rd, Churchill**

Wednesday 27 July 2011 –
Mildura
12.00 – 2.00pm
**St. Joseph's College
154 Twelfth St, Mildura**

Monday 8 August 2011 –
Bendigo
11.00am – 1.00pm
**Catholic College Bendigo
Coolock, Marian Theatre
Barkly St, Bendigo**

Monday 8 August 2011 – Ballarat
11.00am – 1.00pm
**Grampians Reg Office
DEECD Room G17,
109 Armstrong Street North,
Ballarat**

Tuesday 9 August 2011 –
Shepparton
12.30pm – 2.30pm
**University of Melbourne
(Venue TBC)
G. V. Rural Health
Graham St, Shepparton**

Tuesday 9 August 2011 –
Horsham
11.00am – 1.00pm
**Horsham College
Senior Study Centre
High St North, Horsham**

Wednesday 10 August 2011 –
Albury Wodonga
11.00am – 1.00pm
**Wodonga Institute of TAFE
The Valleys Restaurant
87 McKoy St, Wodonga**

Wednesday 10 August 2011 –
Warrnambool
12.00pm – 2.00pm
**Deakin University
Room (TBC)
Princes Hwy, Warrnambool**

Thursday 11 August 2011 –
Geelong
12.00pm – 2.00pm
**Geelong Grammar School
(Venue TBC)
Cook Theatre,
50 Biddlecombe Ave, Corio**

Career advisor seminars – Metropolitan Melbourne

9.30am – 3.00pm –
Monday 1 August 2011,
**New careers teachers:
venue to be confirmed.**

All Victorian metropolitan seminars will be held at VTAC, 40 Park Street, South Melbourne 3205

9.30am – 11.30 am –
Tuesday 2 August 2011

1.00pm – 3.00pm –
Tuesday 2 August 2011

9.30am – 11.30 am –
Wednesday 3 August 2011

1.00pm – 3.00pm –
Wednesday 3 August 2011

9.30am – 11.30 am –
Thursday 4 August 2011

1.00pm – 3.00pm –
Thursday 4 August 2011

11.00am – 1.00pm –
Friday 5 August 2011

Careers counselors from tertiary
institutions only

VCE seminars for parents of students doing a Year 12

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 25 March 2011 5.00pm.

The decision to attend a school's group parent session is at the discretion of VTAC and 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 2011 until the end of August 2011 Staffing resources are limited and as a result, not all requests may be facilitated.

The program currently includes:

7.00pm: Tuesday 26 July 2011 –
Sale (tbc) and Mildura (tbc)

7.00pm: Tuesday 2 August 2011 –
De La Salle College / Star of the Sea
Venue: De La Salle College (Tiverton campus)
1318 High St, Malvern

7.00pm: Wednesday 3 August 2011 –
Kilbreda College / St Bede's College
Venue: Kilbreda College Hall
118 Mentone Parade, Mentone

7.00pm Monday 8 August 2011 – Bendigo (tbc)

7.00pm Monday 8 August 2011 – Horsham (tbc)

7.00pm Tuesday 9 August 2011 - Wangaratta (tbc)

7.00pm Tuesday 9 August 2011 – Hamilton (tbc)

7.00pm Wednesday 10 August 2011 - Albury Wodonga (tbc)

7.00pm Wednesday 10 August 2011 – Colac (tbc)

7.00pm Thursday 11 August 2011 – Benalla (tbc)