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Don't forget

Students who undertake Victorian IB in year 11 and transfer to the VCE for year 12 will not be treated as 'legitimate one-year VCE students'. Victorian IB schools were notified of this on 24 January 2001.

VTAC CourseLink: the program has been developed for VCE students, those undertaking an Adult VCE will need to include additional studies to meet the general VCE requirements.

VTAC CourseLink

VTAC is in the final stages of developing a web-based program to assist teachers in sorting year 12 data and students in understanding the implications of VCE studies and tertiary choices. Stage one of the program, called CourseLink, is targeted specifically at VCE students, stage two, to be introduced in 2002 will encompass interstate prerequisites and their conversion to Victorian prerequisites.

Further investigation will continue on the development in stage three which among other applicant groups will look at the feasibility of including IB studies and their conversion to Victorian prerequisites. However, in the interim, all data sent by VTAC that is associated with Victorian IB students will be included on the existing program.

The program will be available at no cost to all Victorian Secondary schools that have Victorian Year 12 enrolments. To access the program schools will be issued with a specific log in and the program will be password protected.

Full details will be outlined in special Bulletins sent from VTAC – so please ensure that your email address is current.

To assist VTAC in implementing this program we provide the following information outlining the minimum requirements required to run the program.

(A) PC users

Hardware

- " Pentium desktop PC
- " Network card
- " 64Mb memory
- " 50Mb of free hard disk space
- " 15 inch high resolution color monitor
- " Connection to Internet through an Internet Service Provider by WAN or a 56Kb modem
- " A desktop laser printer with 600dpi

Software

- " Windows 95/NT or above
- " Standard TCP/IP protocol
- " Internet Explorer (IE) version 5.0+ or Netscape version 4.7 or above
- " Any spreadsheet software

(B) Macintosh users

Hardware

- " PowerPC
- " Network card
- " 64Mb memory with virtual memory on and set to at least 44MB
- " 50Mb of free hard disk space
- " 15 inch high resolution color monitor
- " Connection to Internet through an Internet Service Provider by WAN or a 56Kb modem
- " A desktop laser printer with 600dpi

Software

- " PowerPC processor
- " Mac OS 8.6 or later
- " Macintosh Runtime for Java (MRJ) version 2.2.4 or later
- " Standard TCP/IP protocol
- " Internet Explorer (IE) version 5.0+ or Netscape version 4.7 or above
- " Any spreadsheet software

VET in schools

TRANSITION YEAR

In 2000 two VET certificates were defined by the Board of Studies as being in 'transition year':

- " BSA20197 Certificate II in Business (Office Administration)
- " THH21897 Certificate II in Hospitality (Operations)

In 2001 six VET certificates (at least one with three streams) are defined by VCAA as being in 'transition year':

- " 2203AGB Certificate II in Arts (Interactive Multimedia)
- " CHC30699 Certificate III in Community Services (Community Work)
- " 21078VIC Certificate II in Dance
- " 2206AKC Certificate II in Electronics
- " 2202ACC Certificate II in Furnishing (Cabinet Making stream)
- " ICA30199 Certificate III in Information Technology (Software Applications)
- " ICA30299 Certificate III in Information Technology (General)
- " ICA30399 Certificate III in Information Technology (Network Administration)

The 'transition year' as defined and declared by the Board of Studies (which became the VCAA in March 2001), is the first year of availability of a study score in a VCE VET study, where the normal notice of availability of a study score could not be provided two years in advance.

An appropriate flag will identify the transition status of a VCE VET certificate scorable sequence when a student's results are extracted for VTAC, ensuring that the contribution to the ENTER is correct even if the ENTER is calculated in a year later than the transition year.

ENTER CONTRIBUTION

VET in schools programs may count towards the ENTER as follows:

- " A scaled study score, if available, either in the primary four or as an increment. This is possible for programs undertaken in or after the transition year.
- " In the transition year **only**, the student may choose to receive a numerical study score (receiving an S for both units 3 and 4 and a grade for both assessment tasks) or choose not to receive a study score (receiving an S for both units 3 and 4 but undertaking no assessment in at least one of the assessment tasks). A student who chose to receive the study score will have the scaled score available either in the primary four or as an increment. A student who chose not to receive the study score will have an increment of 10% of the average of the primary four aggregate available.
- " Where a study score is formally and fully available in a program, i.e. it is not from a transition year, the program will not count in the calculation if the scored assessment is not undertaken.

- " Where a study score is not part of the program the program counts as an increment provided the unit 3–4 sequence has been completed.

ACCRUAL OF UNITS TO SPECIFIED SEQUENCE IN THE TRANSITION YEAR

In VCE VET programs where the year of introduction of a study score involves a change from accrual of units to a specified unit 3–4 sequence, students who have completed competencies or modules from the unit 3–4 sequence without completing a full 3–4 sequence by accrual will not incur a repeat penalty for the given 3–4 sequence. However students who have completed a full 3–4 sequence by accrual will incur a penalty if the sequence is repeated to obtain a study score.

For 2001 the only program involved is

- " CHC30699 Certificate III in Community Services (Community Work).

UNSCORED VCE VET PROGRAMS

Students who complete a unit 3–4 sequence for an unscored VCE VET program may complete the sequence over two or more years without loss of ENTER increment.

FORBIDDEN VET COMBINATIONS

VTAC advises that there are a number of "forbidden combinations" in the VCE VET in Schools program. In short, VET studies deemed equivalent for VCE qualification purposes will be deemed equivalent for ENTER purposes. The complete list is available from VTAC should it be required.

DUAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Students have not been able to make an initial enrolment in a dual recognition program which awards (Z) units since 1999. Students who enrolled in a dual recognition program in 1999 or earlier may complete the program under the conditions in place at time of enrolment. There are fewer than 100 students completing dual recognition programs in 2001, however the number who have previously undertaken such a program and subsequently completed additional VCE studies or VCE VET studies is considerable.

VTAC advises that when calculating the ENTER in or after 2002/2003, VCE and VCE VET results will take precedence over dual recognition results ensuring that dual recognition results will only contribute to the ENTER (in the form of a 10% average of the primary four increment) when fewer than six VCE and VCE VET results are available.

Literature and the English Requirement

VTAC has been advised that Literature results since 1992 will meet VCAA requirements for English from 2001.

For any students completing a VCE study in 2001 or later, Literature results since 1992 can be used as the English in ENTER calculations.

Where more than one English result is available from English, English(ESL), English Language and Literature the highest scaled score will contribute to the Primary Four. Only one of English and English(ESL) can contribute to the ENTER so that at most three English results can contribute to the ENTER. The maximum English contribution would be two English results in the Primary Four, with the third English contributing as a 10% increment.

Amendments

VICTER 2002 and VICTER 2003

Swinburne University of Technology

Swinburne University of Technology wishes to advise prospective applicants of the following:

- i) Swinburne University of Technology has changed the English study score requirement for all undergraduate degree courses held at its Hawthorn and Prahran campuses. All information pertaining to undergraduate degree courses at Lilydale remain as published. English prerequisites for Hawthorn and Prahran should now read:
Prerequisites: Units 3 and 4—a study score of at least 25 in English (any)...
- ii) Research & Development/Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Hawthorn) has been withdrawn as a stand alone course and can only be studied as part of the Vice Chancellor's Engineering Scholarship program (refer to the 2002 VTAC Guide for details).

VICTER 2002

The University of Melbourne

- " **Agriculture (Dookie, Parkville)**
- " **Forestry (Creswick/Parkville)**
- " **Horticulture (Burnley)**
- " **Resource Management (Dookie, Parkville).**

For entrance in 2002 the University of Melbourne wishes to draw attention to an alternative mathematics prerequisite for entry into the Bachelor of Agriculture Dookie: 46061 (HECS), 46062 (Fee), 46063 (Int. Fee) Parkville: 38131 (HECS), 38132 (Fee), 38133 (Int. Fee); Bachelor of Forestry Creswick/Parkville: 38231 (HECS), 38232 (Fee), 38233 (Int. Fee); Bachelor of Horticulture Burnley: 46121 (HECS), 46122 (Fee), 46123 (Int. Fee); Bachelor of Resource Management Dookie: 46111 (HECS), 46112 (Fee), 46113 (Int. Fee) Parkville: 38211 (HECS), 38212 (Fee), 38213 (Int. Fee).

Units 3 and 4 – Further mathematics can now be undertaken as an alternative to Units 3 and 4 mathematical methods if a study score of at least 35 in further mathematics is gained. To ensure that a student undertaking mathematical methods is not disadvantaged, a bonus will be awarded in the middle-band.

The entry for 2002 will read:

Prerequisites: Units 3 and 4—a study score of at least 25 in English (any) and one of a study score of at least 25 in mathematical methods or a study score of at least 35 in further mathematics.

Middle-band: Completing mathematical methods with a study score of 25 or higher = an ENTER up to 3 points higher.

VICTER 2003

RMIT University

RMIT University advises prospective applicants of the following changes to its courses for 2003.

- " **Food Science and Technology**
Prerequisites: Units 3 and 4– English (any), one of mathematical methods or specialist mathematics and one of *chemistry, biology or physics.*
Middle-band: *Completing chemistry = an ENTER up to 3 points higher. Additionally completing physics & biology = an ENTER up to 1 point higher per study, to a maximum 5 points.*
- " **Engineering–Mechanical/Computer Science**
- " **Electronic Engineering/Computer Science (City)**
Prerequisites: English (any) and a study score of at least 20 in one of mathematical methods or specialist mathematics.
- " **Computer Systems Engineering/Computer Science**
Prerequisites: English (any) and a study score of at least 20 in mathematical methods or specialist mathematics.
Selection mode: ENTER and two-stage process with a middle-band of approximately 20%, *possible interview.*
Middle-band: *Completing specialist mathematics with a study score of at least 25 = an ENTER 1 point. Re-ranking is also based on English (any), physics, information technology-information systems, chemistry, specialist mathematics and mathematical methods. Interviews may be required for applicants in the middle-band.*

- " **Computer Science**
- " **Computer Science/Management**
- " **Software Engineering**
Prerequisites: Units 3 and 4–(study score removed) English (any), one of mathematical methods or specialist mathematics.
- " **Computing and Internet Technology**
Prerequisites: Units 3 and 4–(study score removed) English (any).
- " **Graphic Design**
Prerequisites: Units 3 and 4—a study score of at least 25 in English (any). note: *Removed reference to minimum ENTER standard.*

The University of Melbourne

Diploma in Oral Health Therapy (DipOHT), University of Melbourne – From the 2003 intake, the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT) will be used in selection for entry to the Diploma in Oral Health Therapy, except for overseas full-fee paying students.

The selection process will use ENTER (or equivalent), performance in prerequisite subjects, results at tertiary level (where applicable), and performance in UMAT. Candidates for entry in 2003 will need to apply to sit the UMAT before the end of June 2002 and take the test in st 2002. More specific information will be available from the School of Dental Science in early 2002 (Telephone: 9341 0275).

CANCELLED COURSES

VICTER 2003

- Fine Art–Glass** (RMIT University–City Campus).
- Multimedia** (RMIT University–City Campus).

Note: Italics indicate changes or deletions.

REGIONAL BRIEFINGS 2001

METROPOLITAN

VTAC Centre (40 Park Street, South Melbourne).

Preferred: public transport.

JULY

Monday 23

9.30–1.30

VTAC Conference Room
(New Careers Teachers)

Tuesday 24

9.30–11.30

1.30–3.30

VTAC Conference Room
VTAC Conference Room

Wednesday 25

9.30–11.30

1.30–3.30

VTAC Conference Room
VTAC Conference Room

Thursday 26

9.30–11.30

1.30–3.30

VTAC Conference Room
VTAC Conference Room

These sessions will be capped to 60 persons maximum and teachers will select from the attachment enclosed.

REGIONAL

JULY

Tuesday 24

1.30–3.30

Bairnsdale

East Gippsland IOT
Main St, Bairnsdale

Wednesday 25

9.30–11.30

Morwell

Monash University
GREEN Inc. complex
Switchback Rd, Churchill

Monday 30

1.00–3.00

P Geelong

Deakin University
Woolstores campus
Room 2212
1 Gheringhap St, Geelong

1.00–3.00

Ballarat

University of Ballarat
SMB Campus
Brewery Complex
Lecture Theatre, Building T
107 Lydiard St. South, Ballarat

Tuesday 31

1.00–3.00

Warrnambool

Deakin University
Building J, Room 220
Warrnambool

9.30–11.30

Bendigo

La Trobe University
Bendigo Campus
Flora Hill
Room (tbc) on website

2.00–4.00

Shepparton

Goulburn Ovens IOT
Auditorium
Fryers St, Shepparton

AUGUST

Wednesday 1

1.00–3.00

P Horsham

University of Ballarat
Auditorium
7 Baillie St, Horsham

1.00–3.00

P Wodonga

Wodonga IOT
Bldg B, Lecture Theatre,
Room B019
15 McKoy St, Wodonga

Thursday 2

1.00–3.00

Mildura

Sunraysia IOT
Lake Theatre
Benetook Ave, Mildura

P alongside the town/city indicates that a Parent evening has been scheduled on that night while VTAC staff are in that area. The local Careers Group and schools will have details of venues and times.

CLARIFICATION OF VTAC GUIDE 2002 AVAILABILITY

Reference Copies (Free of charge)

For teachers or school libraries.

Delivered to your school by distributor GBM Logic.

Delivery date: Monday 16 July to **Wednesday 18 July.**

Bundled in 5. Each bundle plastic wrapped in GREEN wrapping. Explanatory flyer on top of bundle says 'REFERENCE COPY NO FORM'.

Application form included: **NO.**

Pre-ordered Student Copies (\$8.25 each, inc. GST)

For students.

Only available to those who ordered on the internet.

You will be invoiced by your nominated newsagent.

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Explanatory flyer on top of bundle says 'PRE-ORDERED STUDENT COPY NO FORM'.

Application form included: **NO.**

Newsagent Sale Copies (\$8.25 each, inc. GST)

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Delivered to all major newsagents by distributor Gordon and Gotch.

On-sale date: **Monday 23 July.**

Individually plastic wrapped.

To order contact a newsagent of your choice and place an order.

Application form included: **YES.**

Notification of International Students Form

To identify international students and ensure they have the same checks and balances as Australian residents in the application and offer process, we ask that you complete the enclosed form entitled 'Notification of International Students' and return it to VTAC by **Friday 22 June 2001.**

Asylum seekers/Refugees: Schools who have students in these categories are reminded that under Government legislation and (subsequently) VTAC system policy these groups of students must be included by schools on the enclosed form.

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2001 VTAC July/August Briefing Sessions

Please complete the following registration form and fax it to **Tasy Mouzakis on (03) 9686 6054** by no later than **Wednesday 20 June 2001**. To confirm your registration please check the VTAC website at www.vtac.edu.au on Monday 16 July. Metropolitan vacancies are now only available for Thursday 26 July.

Please indicate which session you wish to attend by placing a ✓ in the coinciding box.

Registration Form

Metropolitan Sessions

Mon 23 July 9.30 – 1.30pm	VTAC Conference Rm New Careers Teachers <i>(Invitation Only)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tues 24 July 9.30 – 11.30am	VTAC Conference Rm	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.30 – 3.30pm	VTAC Conference Rm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wed 25 July 9.30 – 11.30am	VTAC Conference Rm	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.30 – 3.30pm	VTAC Conference Rm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thu 26 July 9.30 – 11.30am	VTAC Conference Rm	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.30 – 3.30pm	VTAC Conference Rm	<input type="checkbox"/>

Regional Sessions

Tues 24 July 1.30 – 3.30pm	Bairnsdale	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wed 25 July 9.30 – 11.30am	Morwell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon 30 July 1.00 – 3.00pm	Geelong	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.00 – 3.00pm	Ballarat	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tues 31 July 1.00 – 3.00pm	Warrnambool	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.30 – 11.30am	Bendigo	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.00 – 4.00pm	Shepparton	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wed 1 Aug 1.00 – 3.00pm	Horsham	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.00 – 3.00pm	Wodonga	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thu 2 August 1.30 – 3.30pm	Mildura	<input type="checkbox"/>

The following person(s) will be attending the VTAC Briefing session.
(Please print information clearly)

Name: 1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

School: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

