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## New Courses for 2006

The following courses will be offered through the VTAC system for the 2005 selection period. While their details are not included in the VTAC Guide, further information can be found on our website.

### Monash University

#### ■ Arts – English Language

Monash Uni, Clayton: 28511 (CSP), 28512 (Fee), 28513 (Int. Fee)

**Title and length:** Bachelor of Arts (English Language): FT3, PTA.

**Prerequisites:** Units 3 and 4 - a study score of at least 25 in English (any)

**Selection mode:** CY12: ENTER and two-stage process with a middle-band of approximately 20%. NONY12: Academic record including GPA will be considered, VTAC Pi form.

**Middle-band:** Completing any of classical societies and cultures, geography, history (any), international studies, LOTE (any) or political studies = an ENTER 2 points higher per study to a maximum 6 points.

**Extra requirements:** NONY12 must complete the VTAC Pi form

**Course structure:** There are three ways to structure this course: a double major in linguistics and English; or a double major in linguistics and English as an international language; or majors in linguistics and English as an international language together with a minor in English. In all cases, further studies can be taken from another area of arts, or another faculty. (Note: English as an international language is designed for students from a non English speaking background).

**Major studies:** English, English as an international language, linguistics

### Swinburne University

#### ■ Science

Swinburne Uni, Hawthorn: 77021

**Title and length:** Certificate IV in Science: FT1

**Prerequisites:** There are no prerequisite studies.

**Selection mode:** CY12: ENTER, possible interview. NONY12: ENTER and/or academic record, possible interview.

**Extra requirements:** Applicants required to attend an interview during November 2005 (timely applicants) or January 2006 (late applicants) will be contacted by mail. NONY12 applicants must complete the VTAC Pi form and submit it to VTAC.

**Additional information:** Swinburne Uni: Telephone (03) 9214 5161 or [www.tafe.swin.edu.au/ahs/indsci](http://www.tafe.swin.edu.au/ahs/indsci)

### Victoria University

#### ■ Administration (TAFE course)

Victoria Uni, Werribee: 81011 (Cert IV)

**Title and length:** Certificate IV Administration  
For further information refer to page 450 of the VTAC Guide 2006.

#### ■ Golf/TAFE Sport and Recreation

Victoria Uni, South Melbourne/Footscray Park: 41112 (Fee), 41113 (Int. Fee)

**Title and length:** Bachelor of Applied Science in Sport Science (Golf)/Diploma of Sport and Recreation: FT3.

Developed to meet the needs of the golf industry both within Australia and internationally. This dual-sector award is suitable for students interested in both professional golf playing and coaching, and offers skills related to the science of golf as well as practical skills and coaching to improve individual performance. The course is a joint program run by the TAFE and Higher Education divisions of Victoria University.

**Prerequisites:** CY12: Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 20 in English (any), and a golf handicap range of 0-27. NONY12: Golf handicap range of 0-27.

**Selection mode:** CY12: ENTER, golf handicap, Victoria University Higher Education Direct Admission/Supplementary Information form, professional and/or vocational experience, possible interview. NONY12: ENTER and/or Academic Record, golf handicap, Victoria University Higher Education Direct Admission/Supplementary Information form, professional and/or vocational experience, possible interview.

**Extra requirements:** All applicants must obtain a hardcopy Victoria University Higher Education Direct Admission/Supplementary Information form and return it to the University by 30 September with an official statement providing their current golf handicap attached. Forms available from [www.vu.edu.au/admissions](http://www.vu.edu.au/admissions) telephone (03) 9919 2286 or email [admissions@vu.edu.au](mailto:admissions@vu.edu.au)

Applicants may be required to attend an interview, and these applicants will be contacted by the University during November/December. Applicants who fail to complete these requirements will not be considered for selection. Late applicants or those adding this course at Change of Preference must contact the Victoria University Golf Program on (03) 9919 1505 no later than by Monday 19th December 2005. Applicants should note that they will be subject to safety screening (police checks) before practice placement. It is the student's responsibility to have police checks completed.

**Course structure:** The Diploma of Sport Recreation is completed over two years full time, and an additional three semesters over one year is then undertaken to complete the Bachelor of Applied Science in Sport Science (Golf).

**Major studies:** Biomechanics, Communications, Exercise Science, Golf, Kinesiology, Physiology, Psychology (sports), Sport and Recreation.

**Additional information:** Telephone (03) 9919 1505 or [www.vugolf.com](http://www.vugolf.com)

## Amendments for VTAC Guide 2006

### Monash University

#### ■ Visual Arts

(page 297 VTAC Guide 2006)

Monash Uni, Caulfield: 27251 (CSP), 27252 (Fee), 27253 (Int. Fee)

Current Major studies to now include Design.

### Swinburne University of Technology

#### ■ Engineering–Mechanical

(page 357 VTAC Guide 2006)

Swinburne Uni, Hawthorn: 34611 (CSP), 34612 (Fee), 34613 (Int. Fee)

Please note the change from full time 4 years to full time 5 years for this course, the title and length should now read:

**Title and length:** Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering)/ Bachelor of Business: FT5. An additional twelve months of paid, relevant, Industry-Based Learning is available.

## Updates for 2006 Selection

### Dual Offer process

In each round, applicants are eligible to receive up to two offers depending on the following:

- If an applicant only lists course codes ending in '1' the applicant will be eligible for one offer per round
- If an applicant only lists course codes ending in '2' the applicant will be eligible for one offer per round
- If an applicant lists a combination of different courses with codes ending in '1' and '2' the applicant may be eligible to receive up to two offers in the same round, one for each course type.
- However, if an applicant is eligible to receive two offers in the same course the applicant will only receive the type 1 offer. The type 2 preference will become void but the applicant will be eligible for any other type 2 offer on their preference list.

**Don't forget:** Verbal offers by course authorities have no status. If a verbal offer is made the applicant should ask for the name of the person making the offer and contact VTAC immediately.

Offers can be accessed on the VTAC website using the application number and PIN. In addition to accessing offer(s) on the VTAC website, fully paid applicants will also be mailed an offer letter.

### ENTER statements

Only VCE students who have applied and paid their processing fee will receive a copy of their ENTER statement.

Irrespective of whether a VCE student has paid, they will be able to obtain their ENTER from the *Results and ENTER Service*. The *Results and ENTER service* will be available from 7am on Monday 12 December 2005.

### Change of preference and processing fees

Applicants will not have access to the Change of Preference facility until all processing and other (if applicable) outstanding fees have been paid.

### Accepting an offer

To accept an offer the applicant must enrol in the course. Applicants are no longer required to accept, reject or defer their offer on the VTAC website.

### Course enrolment

Enrolment procedures will be outlined in the offer letter (also available on the VTAC website). Applicants can only enrol in one course and are required to attend in person on a specific date and time. If unable to attend at these times, applicants should arrange for a proxy, see 'Assigning a proxy' on page 26 of the VTAC Guide 2006.

## VTAC Course Code Structure

### Type 1 course codes

#### Higher education CSP (codes ending in '1')

These course codes relate to courses for which students do not pay the full cost of the course, instead through HECS-HELP they pay a proportion of the cost (known as the student contribution) and the Commonwealth pays the major part of the costs involved. For further information refer to [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au) or [www.hecs.gov.au/contact.htm](http://www.hecs.gov.au/contact.htm) or telephone 1800 020 108.

#### TAFE courses (codes ending in '1')

These course codes relate to courses that are government subsidised. Student fees are approximately \$1.28 per contact hour with fees ranging from \$51 (for current recipients of some approved government benefits, pensions or allowances) to a maximum of \$819 per calendar year. Student service and amenities fees of approximately 15% of the tuition fee will also apply. Institutions can advise applicants of the indicative amount of their student contribution.

### Type 2 course codes

#### University fee-paying courses (codes ending in '2')

Many universities now offer fee-paying courses. To assist Australian citizens and holders of an Australian permanent humanitarian visa applying for Type 2 course codes the Commonwealth has established a loan repayment scheme called FEE-HELP. For further information refer to [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au) or [www.hecs.gov.au/contact.htm](http://www.hecs.gov.au/contact.htm) or telephone 1800 020 108.

#### TAFE institute fee-paying courses (codes ending in '2')

If applying for a fee-paying place at a TAFE institute, applicants will be liable to pay the tuition fee directly to the institution each semester or year. Institutions can advise applicants of the associated tuition, amenity and general service fees.

#### Independent tertiary college fee-paying courses (codes ending in '2')

If applying for a fee-paying place at an independent tertiary college, applicants may be liable to pay the tuition fee directly to the institution each semester or year. Institutions can advise applicants further regarding fees.

### Type 3 course codes

International students studying the VCE, VCAL or International Baccalaureate in Victoria are only eligible to apply for courses through VTAC with a course code ending in a '3'. If applying for an International Fee-based course applicants will be liable to pay the tuition fee directly to the institution each semester or year. Institutions can advise applicants further regarding international fees.

## Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS)

SEAS is the umbrella program for all special entry schemes conducted by participating institutions.

There are two distinct and separate schemes:

- Access and Equity
- Special Year 12 Consideration

Applicants may apply for one or both schemes. Being eligible to apply under one of these schemes does not guarantee an offer because SEAS applicants will be competing with other eligible applicants.

### SEAS – Access and Equity

The Access and Equity Scheme is targeted at applicants who have been unable to reach their full educational potential or who have had restricted access to the courses of their choice because of their life circumstances. There are ten categories in this scheme and applicants can apply for more than one category on the same application. However, they must check which categories are offered by an institution because not all institutions offer all categories.

### The categories are:

Category 1: Mature Age Entry

Category 2: Non-English Speaking Background

Category 3: Recognition as an Indigenous Australian

Category 4: Difficult Family Circumstances

Category 5: Disadvantaged Socio-Economic Background

Category 6: Rural or Isolated Students

Category 7: Under-Represented School:  
(University of Melbourne applicants only)

Category 8: RMIT University Schools Network Access Program (SNAP)

Category 9: Women in Non-Traditional courses

Category 10: Disability or Long-Term Medical Condition

## SEAS – Special Year 12 Consideration

This scheme is aimed at assisting Current Year 12 students who have experienced circumstances that can be demonstrated to have had an adverse impact on the final year of their secondary school performance.

### How to apply

The SEAS online application gives applicants access to both schemes on the one site via the VTAC website at [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

Access to SEAS is not available until the VTAC online application for tertiary courses has been successfully submitted. Applicants are then immediately able to apply for SEAS. There is no requirement to wait for the verification of data.

Applicants are required to complete their SEAS application in the one session; whether the application is for one or both schemes. Once the SEAS application is submitted, SEAS is no longer available as a menu item.

To complete the SEAS application, applicants are required to provide supporting evidence or statements of support. The forms for this are part of the application process for both schemes and must be used in the presentation of the supporting documentation. These forms are bar-coded for the specific applicant's use.

### Closing dates

All SEAS applications close at **5:00pm on Friday 7 October 2005**. Applications may be lodged at any time prior to that date. Statements of support and supporting evidence forms must be delivered to VTAC either in person or by mail by 5:00 pm, Friday 7 October 2005.

If applicants don't personally have internet access don't forget that access is available at schools, libraries, many universities and TAFE institutes, neighbourhood and community houses as well as internet cafés.

## ENTER update

Clarification from the VCAA of the status of the two 2005 studies: Political Studies and International Studies, was received following the publication of the February 2005 VTAC Bulletin. Please note carefully the following status of these studies for ENTER purposes from 2006 onwards.

VCAA has advised that the two 2005 studies: 'Political Studies' (Units 1-4) and 'International Studies' (Units 1-4) will be amalgamated into one new study comprising six units in 2006.

### The six new units are:

- Units 1 and 2: International Politics
- Units 3 and 4: National Politics
- Units 3 and 4: International Studies

Units 3 and 4 National Politics will be similar to Units 3 and 4 or the 2005 Political Studies whilst Units 3 and 4 of the new International Studies will be similar to Units 3 and 4 of the 2005 International Studies.

Therefore the appropriate additional restrictions on subject use in the ENTER calculation commencing in 2006 now include:

**Only one of the following combinations can be used in the best six, that is in the calculation of the ENTER:**

- Political Studies/National Politics
- Pre 2006 International Studies/post 2005 International Studies.

## The VTAC website: caches and proxy servers

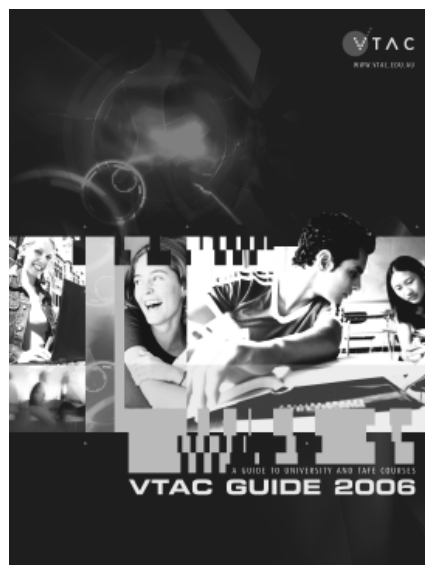
The VTAC website will be updated for 2006 on 1 August 2005. If, on this day or subsequently, your web browser is displaying an old version of the VTAC website, you may be seeing a "cached" version of the site. Here are some tips to ensure you are seeing the latest version of the VTAC website ([www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)) when you go online:

- Hold down the SHIFT key and press your browser's Refresh button
- In Microsoft Internet Explorer: Go to "Tools > Internet Options..." In the General tab, click the button "Delete Files..." under Temporary Internet Files.
- In Mozilla Firefox: Go to "Tools > Options > Privacy > Cache" and click the Clear button.
- In Netscape Navigator: Go to "Edit > Preferences > Cache" and click the "Clear Disk Cache" and "Clear Memory Cache" buttons.
- In Safari (Mac OS X): Go to "Safari > Empty Cache" and click the Empty button.
- If you are still seeing an old version of the VTAC website, the site may be cached on a proxy server by your ISP (Internet Service Provider) or your school's network. If this is the case, contact your network administrator or ISP help desk, and ask them to ensure that the proxy server is configured so that it doesn't cache pages from [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

## VTAC Guide 2006

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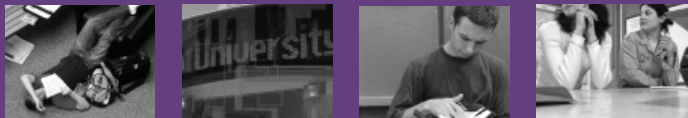
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For all other publications, please contact VTAC or see the website.  
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## VTAC seminars .....

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### METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE

23rd of August 2005  
@ RMIT University, Storey Hall  
342 - 348 Swanston Street,

Institutions available: 6.00 - 8.30 pm  
Seminar starts: 6.30 pm

### ..... Calling parents of Year 12 Students!



Representatives from VTAC, TAFEs,  
Universities and Independent Tertiary Colleges  
will be on hand to answer your questions.

6pm (seminar starts at 6.30pm)  
on 23rd of August 2005  
@ RMIT University, Storey Hall  
342-348 Swanston Street, Melbourne

[www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)



## VTAC briefing sessions 2005

The annual VTAC briefings will commence this year on Thursday 28 July in regional Victoria

The main round of briefings will commence on Tuesday 2 August for newly appointed Careers Teachers in the VTAC offices.

Parking is limited and VTAC recommends the use of public transport; for more information see [www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au](http://www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au)

### Metropolitan .....

#### Tuesday 2 August

**Newly appointed Careers teachers only**  
10.00am - 2.30pm

#### Wednesday 3 August

Morning Session: 9.30am - 11.30am  
Afternoon Session: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

#### Thursday 4 August

Morning Session: 9.30am - 11.30am  
Afternoon Session: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

#### Friday 5 August

Morning Session: 9.30am - 11.30am  
Afternoon Session: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

#### ALL METROPOLITAN SESSIONS

VTAC Conference Room  
40 Park Street  
South Melbourne

### Regional .....

#### Thursday 28 July

11.00am - 1.00pm  
Gippsland  
Monash University Gippsland  
Crofton Hatsell Room 2W272

#### Friday 29 July

10.30am - 12.30pm  
East Gippsland  
Nagle College  
Boardroom  
Lindenow Road  
Bairnsdale

#### 11.00am - 1.00pm

Mildura  
Sunraysia Institute of TAFE  
Auditorium  
Bennetook Avenue  
Mildura

#### Monday 8 August

1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Geelong  
Clonard College  
Clonard Theatre  
225 Church Street  
Geelong West

#### 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Bendigo  
La Trobe University  
Faculty Board Room BUS 1.29  
Edwards Road  
Flora Hill

#### Tuesday 9 August

1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Warrnambool  
Warrnambool College  
Seminar Room  
Grafton Road  
Warrnambool

1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Swan Hill College  
Theatre  
10 Pye Street  
Swan Hill

#### Wednesday 10 August

1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Horsham College  
Study Centre  
High Street North (off Dimboola  
Road)  
Horsham

1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Shepparton

The University of Melbourne  
School of Rural Health  
Graham Street  
Shepparton

#### Thursday 11 August

1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Ballarat  
University of Ballarat  
Studio 3 Caro Convention Centre  
Building M

1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Wodonga IOT  
Room B020  
87 McKoy Street  
Wodonga

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