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WEBSITE: www.vtac.edu.au

New courses

If you require more information about the course updates then please refer to the website.

Institution and Code	Course Title	Campus	Changed
Box Hill Institute			
51142 (Fee)	Broadcasting (Television)	Elgar	July 2006
Deakin University			
18191 (CSP), 18192 (Fee), 18193 (Int. Fee)	Law (on campus)	Warrnambool	July 2006
Holmes Institute			
89642 (Fee), 89643 (Int. Fee)	Professional Accounting	City	July 2006

English Prerequisite

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 course entries.

VTAC Course Code Structure

Type 1 course codes

Higher education Commonwealth Supported Places (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 or 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 or 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
- Year 12 Special 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.

Access and Equity

–Including equity scholarships at Deakin University, Monash University and the University of Melbourne.

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.



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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:
Deakin University, Monash University
and the University of Melbourne.
- Category 8: RMIT University Schools Network
Access Program (SNAP)
- Category 9: Women in Non-Traditional courses
- Category 10: Disability or Long-Term Medical Condition

Year 12 Special 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 using MyInfo at 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. 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, including supporting evidence and Statements of Support must be submitted by no later than **5:00pm on Friday 6 October 2006**.

Applications may be lodged at any time prior to that date.

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.

Institutional amendments

Deakin University

Commencing Semester I 2007 Social Work will re-locate from Wauran Ponds Campus to Waterfront Campus.

Campus Change From:

Social Work(on campus) Deakin Uni, Geelong:
15431 (CSP), 15432 (Fee), 15433 (Int. Fee)

Campus Change To:

Social Work(on campus) Deakin Uni, Geelong Waterfront:
15431 (CSP), 15432 (Fee), 15433 (Int. Fee)

Careers Teacher Updates

Delivery of your reference copies

Reference copies of VTAC publications will be delivered to your school any time between **Monday 17 July** and **Friday 21 July 2006**.

Please note that if you have also pre-ordered Guides through your local newsagent that you may be receiving two deliveries. VTAC is only responsible and will only take queries about your reference copies. All other queries should be referred directly to your newsagent.

Please ensure that your school is aware of EXACTLY who to contact when the packages are delivered. To assist you with this process, reference copy packages will be marked 'VTAC SCHOOL REFERENCE COPIES' and will be delivered prior to 3pm on any given day.

If you believe that your reference copies have not been delivered to your school, we ask that before contacting VTAC you check the following places:

- The principals office
- The staff office or staff room
- The storeroom or vacant classroom
- Under everyone's desk in the teachers'; administrators' and cleaner areas

Boxes may be filled with a variety of publications. Do not assume that the top publication is the only publication that each box contains. Before contacting VTAC make sure that you have opened and removed all contents.

Those schools that did not complete the reference copy registration process will receive the default package of:

5 copies of the VTAC Guides 2007



5 copies of VICTER 2009



5 copies of the ABC of Applying



5 copies of Choice



Please note that contacting VTAC and requesting additional copies is not an option. The number of printed copies was strictly based on your orders, for further information refer to the February 2006 Bulletin.

New schools are requested to contact the *Manager, Schools Liaison* on 9954 3251.

The VTAC website: caches and proxy servers

The VTAC website will be updated for 2007 on **31 July 2006**. 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) 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 Cache Now button.

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

VTAC Guide 2008

– recommended retail price update

VTAC wishes to advise schools and prospective students that the recommended retail price for the VTAC Guide 2008 will be \$12.95.

The decision to increase the cost of the VTAC Guide 2008 has not been taken lightly and is a direct result of increased costs associated with the printing and distribution of this publication.

Briefing Schedule

Registrations for the VTAC Briefing Sessions are now closed. The registration list is available through VTAC CourseLink. Please note, that nearly all metropolitan sessions are full. As a result, participants who have not registered will not be permitted into the session. If you have not already registered you **must** contact David Osborne on 9954 3251 immediately.

All attendees must confirm their booking via VTAC CourseLink. If you have booked and your name is not on the list you must contact VTAC by no later than:
2pm on Monday 31 July, 2006.

A powerpoint presentation of the seminar will be available for download from **Friday 11 August, 2006.**

Monday, 24 July

Gippsland (Morwell)

11.00am–1.00pm

Monash University-Gippsland Campus,
Edisson Missions Conference Room,
5N Business and Economics faculty.
(Car park N1 and N2)

Tuesday 25 July

East Gippsland (Bairnsdale)

11.00am–1.00pm

Nagle College, Lindenow Road,
BAIRNSDALE.

Mildura

11.00am–1.00pm

St Joseph's College,
154 Twelfth St,
MILDURA.

Tuesday, 1 August

New Careers Teachers (only)

10.00am–2.30pm

VTAC Conference Room,
40 Park Street,
SOUTH MELBOURNE.

Wednesday 2 August

Thursday 3 August

Friday 4 August

Metropolitan Melbourne

Morning 9.30–11.30am

Afternoon 1.00pm–3.00pm

VTAC Conference Room,
40 Park Street,
SOUTH MELBOURNE.



(Briefing sessions continued.)

Monday 7 August

Geelong and surrounding regions

1.00-3.00pm

The Geelong College,
Talbot St,
NEWTON.

Bendigo and surrounding regions

1.00-3.00pm

La Trobe University Bendigo,
Faculty Boardroom, BUS 129,
Enter off Edwards Road.

Tuesday 8 August

Swan Hill and surrounding regions

1.00-3.00pm

Swan Hill College, Theatrette,
Pye Street,
SWAN HILL.

Warrnambool and surrounding regions

1.00-3.00pm

Warrnambool College, Grafton Road,
WARRNAMBOOL.

Wednesday 9 August

Horsham and surrounding regions

1.00-3.00pm

Horsham College Study Centre,
Off Dimboola Road,
HORSHAM.

Shepparton and surrounding regions

1.00-3.00pm

University of Melbourne, School of Rural Health,
Graham Street,
SHEPPARTON.

Thursday 10 August

Ballarat and surrounding regions

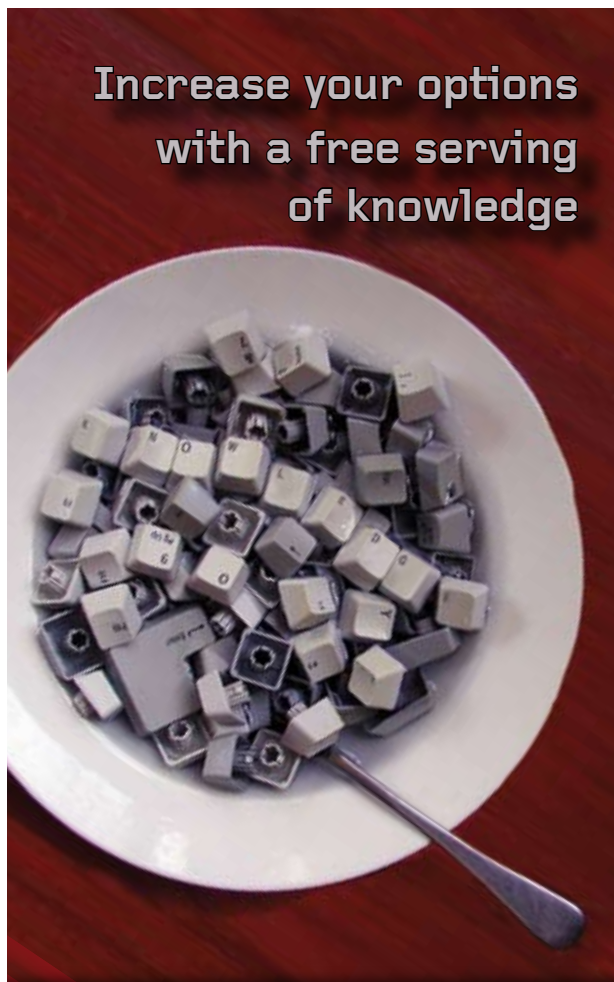
1.00-3.00pm

University of Ballarat-Mt Helen,
Studio 3 Caro Convention Centre, Building M,
BALLARAT.

Albury/Wodonga and surrounding regions

1.00-3.00pm

Wodonga IOT,
Room B020, Building B,
87 McKoy Street,
WODONGA.



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2006 VTAC Information Session

VTAC is running a FREE event to give non-school leavers (NSL) and parents of VCE students the opportunity to have their questions answered by representatives from VTAC, TAFEs, Universities and Independent Tertiary Colleges

Topics will include:

- Terminology such as ENTER, preferences and offers
- Options for tertiary study
- When and where to go for information
- Meeting course requirements
- The application process
- How courses select applicants.

Tuesday 22nd of August 2006

@ RMIT University, Storey Hall
342 – 348 Swanston Street, Melbourne

Institutions available in the foyer: 6.00 – 8.00 pm
VTAC NSL session in the main hall: 6.30 – 7.15 pm
VTAC parents session in upstairs rooms: 6.30 – 7.15 pm

For more information see the website: www.vtac.edu.au

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