

New Courses - VTAC Guide 2008

Holmesglen Institute of TAFE	
Design (Cert IV)	Moorabbin: 66221 (TAFE)
Event Management/Management	Waverley: 61521 (TAFE)
RMIT University	
Engineering (Electrical)/Commerce (Management)	City: 32391 (CSP), 32392 (Fee), 32393 (Int. Fee)
Swinburne University of Technology	
Communications	Lilydale/Prahran: 35013 (Int. Fee)
University of Ballarat TAFE	
Ornamental Horticulture (Diploma)	SMB: 74031 (TAFE)
University of Melbourne – Graduate Entry Teaching	
Master of Teaching (Early Childhood)	Parkville: 96261 (CSP reduced load full-time), 96262 (fee-paying reduced load full-time)

Cancelled Courses - VTAC Guide 2008

La Trobe University	
Health Sciences/Economics	Bundoora: 21321 (CSP), 21322 (Fee), 21323 (Int. Fee)

General Achievement Test (GAT)

All Monash courses selecting primarily on the basis of ENTER will give consideration to applicants' GAT results for those with ENTERs in the middle-band. This consideration will be extended to all such applicants unless otherwise specified by the course's current middle-band process (i.e., some courses may have a middle-band process for SEAS applicants only). *For further information contact Monash University directly.*

University of Ballarat (REEP)

Regional Education Entry Program

The University of Ballarat has developed a school partnership entry program for current year 12 students attending a participating secondary college, within the designated catchment regions of central and Western Victoria. The emphasis will be placed on a student's potential to succeed at tertiary level (as indicated by their school principal), rather than on their ENTER.

Applications open 31 July and close 26 October 2007. Successful applicants will be notified of their offer on 3 December, prior to VCE results being published on 17 December. Further information is available at: www.ballarat.edu.au/reep

Relaxed restrictions on VET

The VET restrictions are to be relaxed for the purposes of calculating the ENTER for those students sitting their VCE in 2008 (for 2009 entry). This policy change will be reviewed following three years of implementation.

In 2008, 2009 and 2010 there will be no restriction on the number of VCE VET studies that can be counted in the ENTER calculation, including the primary four, however there will continue to be restrictions on the number of studies allowed in specific subject areas and in studies with very similar content. Restrictions currently in place in VET IT and Music will remain, and others will be advised on the VTAC website as soon as they have been confirmed.

VTAC Guide 2008 -Amendments

Australian Institute of Public Safety

Semester dates 2008

Diplomas:

- Term 1: 18 Feb–26 April;
- Term 2: 5 May–11 July;
- Term 3: 21 July–26 Sept;
- Term 4: 6 Oct–12 Dec.

Degrees:

- Term 1: 25 Feb–20 June;
- Term 2: 21 July–14 Nov.

Monash University

The following major study has changed.

Arts (Clayton)

28131 (CSP) 28132 (Fee) 28133 (Int. Fee)

From: Film and video

To: Film and Television Studies.

The University of Melbourne

The following course codes are for an accelerated program:

Master of Teaching (Early Childhood) (Parkville)

96201 (CSP **accelerated** full-time), 96202 (fee-paying **accelerated** full-time)*



VTAC GUIDE 2008
AVAILABLE AT
YOUR LOCAL
NEWSAGENT

contents

Changes to VCE study names 2

SEAS Access and Equity 2

Applications 2008 2

The VTAC website 3

Careers Teacher Updates. 3

Changes to VCE study names effective 2007 and beyond

Since the production of the VTAC Guide 2008, VICTER 2010 and VICTER 2009 some VCE study sequences have been renamed. Therefore the following name changes will apply:

From: *Information Technology: Processing and Management*
To: IT Applications

From: *Information Technology: Information systems*
To: IT Software Development

From: *Systems and Technology*

To: Systems Engineering

SEAS Access and Equity

The Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) is the umbrella program for all special entry schemes conducted by tertiary institutions participating in the VTAC system.

There are two distinct and separate schemes:

- » Access and Equity (including scholarships)
- » Year 12 Special Consideration

Access and Equity

SEAS Access and Equity is open to applicants whose education has been adversely affected by their life circumstances.

This application is comprised of nine categories covering areas identified by the Commonwealth Government as designated equity groups. This scheme includes scholarships (see below).

Applicants may apply for SEAS consideration in any category they qualify for.

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 applicants

Category 7: Under represented schools:

Deakin University

La Trobe University

RMIT University

The University of Melbourne

Category 8: Women in non-traditional courses

Category 9: Personal disability or long-term medical condition

Applications for SEAS close at 5.00pm on Friday 12 October 2007. Supporting documentation (where required) must also be received by VTAC no later than 5.00pm on Friday 12 October 2007.

Scholarships

Deakin University, Monash University, RMIT University and the University of Melbourne use SEAS Access and Equity applications to determine the award of Commonwealth Scholarships (Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships (CAS) and Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships (CECS)).

Additionally this data is used by these four universities to award other institutional equity scholarships.

Unless the scholarship questions are completed, an application under SEAS does not automatically constitute an application for a Commonwealth Scholarship AND/OR an institutional equity scholarship at Deakin University,

Monash University, RMIT University and/or the University of Melbourne.

For further information refer to the SEAS book, available from you secondary school, the VTAC office and www.vtac.edu.au

Scholarships at non participating institutions

Applications for scholarships at institutions are made directly to the institution.

Year 12 Special Consideration

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

Year 12 Special Consideration applications will be centrally assessed through VTAC by a panel of institutional representatives experienced in assessing these applications. The panel will include medical professionals, social workers and psychologists. The panel will assign a rating to indicate the level of disadvantage suffered by the student during Year 12. This rating will then be forwarded to all institutions on the applicant's preference list. Institutions will use this rating and re/rank applicants according to their relevant policies.

Preparing your SEAS application

Access and Equity

In lodging a SEAS Access and Equity application, you will need to complete each category for which you qualify individually.

When completing a category, you can stop halfway and finish at a later time. To do this you need to press 'save' and then exit the application.

You can then edit the information on a subsequent visit.

In order for the category to be considered as part of your Access and Equity application, you need to submit the category by the SEAS closing date of 5pm 12 October 2007.

Please note: A saved or partial file does not constitute an application. Applications for SEAS must be completed AND submitted by 12 October 2007.

Year 12 Special Consideration

In lodging a SEAS Year 12 Special Consideration application, you must complete the application in one log in session.

If you stop halfway and exit, the information will be lost and you will need to start the application again at a later time.

Applications need to be submitted by the SEAS closing date of 5pm 12 October 2007.

Applications 2008

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.

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.

The VTAC website: caches and proxy server

The VTAC website will be updated on Monday 30 July 2007. 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.

Following are some tips to ensure you are seeing the latest version of the VTAC website (www.vtac.edu.au) when you go online. If after completing these steps 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

Updating your cache

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 click the *Clear Now* button.

In Safari (Mac OS X):

Go to Safari > Empty *Cache* and click the *Empty* button.

Careers Teacher Updates

Publication deliveries

Reference copies of VTAC publications

Reference copies of VTAC publications will be delivered to your school *between* Monday 16 July and Wednesday 25 July 2007.

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 3.00pm 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 more than one publication.

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.

Did not register for reference copies

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 2007 Bulletin.

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

Pre-ordered VTAC Guides only

Pre-ordered copies of the VTAC Guide will be delivered to your nominated newsagent **week beginning** Monday 23 July 2007. Contact your newsagent to arrange pick up or delivery.

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



5 copies of the VTAC Guide 2008

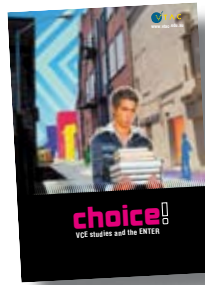


5 copies of VICTER 2010

Continued next page...

Default package continued:

- 5 copies of Choice
 - 5 copies of SEAS
 - 5 copies of the ABC of Applying
- (Left to right)



VTAC Briefing Sessions

Registrations are essential for all metropolitan and regional briefing sessions.

Remember due to OHS regulations numbers for each of these sessions will be strictly monitored and are capped at 60 attendees per session. Upon arrival all attendees will be required to check their registration at the door, those who have not registered **will** be turned away.

Vacancies

Vacancies exist (as of 4.00pm Thursday 5 July 2007) in the following sessions:

- » 1 August (1.00pm - 3.00pm) = 6 vacancies
- » 2 August (1.00pm - 3.00pm) = 10 vacancies
- » 3 August (9.30am - 11.30am) = 9 vacancies
- » 3 August (1.00pm - 3.00pm) = 29 vacancies

Metropolitan briefings

Metropolitan sessions will all be held in the VTAC Office, 40 Park Street South Melbourne 3205. All sessions are capped at 60 people per session.

Monday 30 July

*Newly appointed
Careers Teacher day*
10.00am—2.30pm

Tuesday 31 July

Careers Teachers
9.30am—11.30am
1.00pm— 3.00pm

Wednesday 1 August

Careers Teachers
9.30am—11.30am
1.00pm— 3.00pm

Thursday 2 August

Careers Teachers
9.30am—11.30am
1.00pm— 3.00pm

Friday 3 August

Careers Teachers
9.30am—11.30am
1.00pm— 3.00pm

Regional career teacher briefings

Friday 27 July 2007

Mildura and surrounds
11.30—1.30pm
St. Josephs College
154 12th Street, Mildura

Tuesday 31 July

Gippsland and surrounds
1.00—3.00pm
Monash University
Business Conference room
Bldg 5N Northways Road, Gippsland

Wednesday 1 August

East Gippsland and surrounds
11.00—1.00
Nagle College Boardroom
Lindenow Road, Bairnsdale

Monday 6 August

Geelong and surrounds
1.00-3.00pm
The Geelong College
Elliot Theatre
Talbot Street, Newtown

Bendigo and surrounds

1.00—3.00pm
La Trobe University, Bendigo Campus
Business building,
BUS 230 (Enter off Edwards Road)

Tuesday 7 August

Warrnambool and surrounds
1.00-3.00pm
South West TAFE
Endeavours Restaurant
Kepler Street, Warrnambool

Swan Hill and surrounds

1.00—3.00pm
Swan Hill College Theatre
Pye Street Swan Hill

Wednesday 8 August

Horsham and surrounds
1.00-3.00pm
Horsham College, Senior Study Centre
High Street Horsham

Shepparton and surrounds

1.00—3.00pm
University of Melbourne
Shepparton School of Rural Health
Graham Street Shepparton

Thursday 9 August

Ballarat and surrounds
1.00-3.00pm
Caro Convention Centre
Bldg M, studio 3
University of Ballarat, Mt Helen

Wodonga and surrounds

1.00—3.00pm
Wodonga TAFE
Rm B019 87, McKoy Street
Wodonga