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Contact details for VTAC

VTAC Switchboard General enquiries:	1300 364 133
VTAC Infoline:	1902 241 114 @ 82.5c per min
VTAC Lateline	1902 210 145 @ \$5.50 per min (1 Oct – 17 Nov)
Multimedia Helpdesk: Infoline/Infonet only:	1300 364 122

PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION SERVICES:

If you have a question or query please don't hesitate to contact one of the team in Publications and Information Services:

- Suzanne Connelly Deputy Director, Publications and Information Services
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- David Osborne Manager Schools Liaison

All VTAC publications are now available in a printed format and on the VTAC website at www.vtac.edu.au. The website assists students in Years 10, (VICTER 2003), 11 (VICTER 2002) and 12 (VTAC Guide 2001) in making informed decisions about subject choice for tertiary selection.

THE VTAC WEBSITE

The VTAC website will be activated from Monday 24 July 2000. It contains copies of all VTAC Publications (in PDF format), the VTAC Guide and links to associated organisations such as the Tertiary Information Service.

Publications available online include:

- ▶ VTAC Bulletins from March 1998 to the current edition
- ▶ VICTER 2002 and 2003
- ▶ Back to the Books, designed for adults returning to study
- ▶ ENTER into Tertiary Courses—outlining scaling procedures and the ENTER
- ▶ ABC of Scaling—a simple and informative overview of the scaling process and calculation of the ENTER

To access the VTAC Infoline to apply or check offers, you must ensure that you have correct browser installed on your PC: Netscape 4.72 or Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher. Macintosh users must use Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE VTAC GUIDE

Copies of the VTAC Guide 2001 are available from all Victorian and major interstate newsagents from 24 July for \$5.50 rrp (inc. GST). The VTAC Guide 2001 is also available from the VTAC website at www.vtac.edu.au.

For those schools wanting to order single or multiple copies from your local newsagent you will need to quote:

- ▶ **Distributor:** Gordon and Gotch
- ▶ **Reference Code:** 080944
- ▶ Telephone Customer Service on 1300 650 666, or fax 1300 650 777

ALL APPLICANTS: ABOUT E-COMMERCE

All applicants applying on the VTAC Infoline will be able to pay their processing fee by credit card using E-Commerce. Before proceeding with the process online, we advise you to read the information carefully.

This process was designed by Telstra E-Commerce for the sale of goods. Some of the statements on the pages are therefore not appropriate for VTAC. If you use any options other than those listed in these instructions, you may need to recommence the application process.

If you adhere to the following instructions carefully, your application will be successfully processed:

- ▶ To proceed, click on the 'Proceed with payment' button.
- ▶ You must complete every field of the 'payment authorisation' including name, address, credit card details etc.
- ▶ After authorisation of payment, you will receive a Telstra e-Commerce Smart Receipt.
- ▶ You must click **ACCESS ONLINE HERE** to return to the VTAC site to obtain acknowledgment of your preferences, VTAC application number and PIN.
- ▶ These are required for any future contact with VTAC and to complete your application.
- ▶ **DO NOT use the options:** 'Register at this store', 'Request order cancellation' or 'Return to store'. These options DO NOT apply to the VTAC process.

VTAC APPLICANT DATA NOW AVAILABLE TO INTERSTATE SCHOOLS

In an effort to accommodate interstate schools, VTAC has expanded its VDATE system. This means that if your school has students applying to Victorian institutions, and your school wants to record its student's preferences and destination information, it is as easy as completing the attached registration form and faxing it back to David Osborne, Manager Schools Liaison by no later than **Friday 25 August, 2000**.

In participating in this program, schools must be aware that this data is confidential **and** is to be used for counselling purposes only and that any breach of this confidentiality will result in data being withheld.

NEW COURSES TO THE VTAC SYSTEM

Australian National University

- ▶ **Computational Science and Engineering**
ANU, Acton: 49451 (HECS), 49453 (O/S Fee)

Title and Length:

- ▶ Bachelor of Computational Science: full-time/three years. Part-time available (see page 59).

This course will produce graduates who are competent at solving real world problems using computers.

Prerequisite studies: Units 3 and 4—each of mathematical methods and specialist mathematics.

Selection mode: ENTER and two-stage process with a middle band of 20%.

Middle-band selection: Attention will be paid to the level of performance in prerequisite studies.

Victoria University

- ▶ **Computer Systems**

Victoria Uni: 85141—Melton

Title and length:

- ▶ Diploma of Computer Systems: full-time/two years.

The course aims to provide training in the management of computer systems and peripherals from microprocessor-based systems through to personal computer and mainframe environments.

Prerequisite studies: mathematics (any) at Units 1 and 2 or Units 3 and 4.

Extra requirements: *Non-Year 12 Applicants* may be required to attend for a test and/or interview prior to enrolment. Applicants will be notified by mail or telephone should an interview/test be required.

Selection mode: *Current Year 12 Students:* ENTER and two stage process with a middle-band of approximately 20%. *Non-Year 12 Applicants:* test and/or interview.

Middle-band selection: Additional consideration will be given for achievement in physics, chemistry, systems and technology, technological design and development and/or mathematics (any).

THE APPLICATION PROCESS IN BRIEF

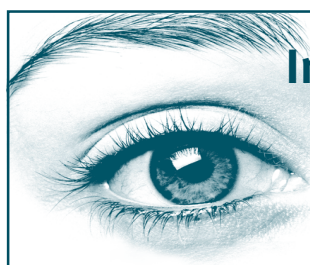
Year 12 students

- ▶ Year 12 students studying in Australia have a choice of how they apply by using either the VTAC Infonet (www.vtac.edu.au) or VTAC Infoline (1902 241 114 at 82.5 cents per minute inc GST). Students applying on the VTAC Infoline will not be able to change their preferences on the VTAC Infonet until their formal change of preference period in December (VCE students) and December/January (IB and interstate students). Students choosing to switch between the programs at the designated Change of Preference period will be required to pay a once off fee of \$11.00 (inc GST). Students choosing to switch from the Infonet to the Infoline will also be required to pay 82.5cents per minute (inc GST).

- ▶ Students applying between 24 July and 29 September will be able to change their preferences up until 29 September at 5.00pm using the method by which they have applied.
- ▶ Each student's PIN is made up of the first four digits of their birth date for example 7 January 1983 = PIN 0701.
- ▶ If a student is having any difficulty in applying on the VTAC Infoline or Infonet they should **personally** contact the Multimedia Helpdesk on 1300 364 122. Confidential details will not be released to anyone except the student without written authorisation.
- ▶ Overseas students studying a year 12 interstate must apply directly to institutional course authorities, **not through VTAC**
- ▶ Students applying on the Infonet have a choice, up until 29 September, of how they pay their processing fee. Students with a credit card can apply using the e-commerce system.
- ▶ Students without a credit card can request an invoice that must be paid at an Australia Post Office immediately upon receipt otherwise their application **will not be processed**.

Non Year 12 Applicants and Queensland External Students

- ▶ Non-Year 12 Applicants and Queensland external students have a choice of how they apply by using either the VTAC Infonet (www.vtac.edu.au) or VTAC Application Form. Those applying on the VTAC Application Form will be able to change their preferences on either the VTAC Infoline (1902 241 114 @ 82.5 cents per minute) or the VTAC Infonet (www.vtac.edu.au) at the designated times set out in the VTAC Guide.
- ▶ Applicants applying via the VTAC Infonet must pay at the time of application by credit card. Both Mastercard and Visa are accepted.
- ▶ Applicants applying on the VTAC Application Form, must remove the white slip at the bottom of the form and pay, before lodging the form with VTAC, at any Australia Post Office.
- ▶ Finally, for those Non-Year 12 Applicants who miss the designated change of



Institutions new to VTAC 2001

Australian College of Sports Therapy
Australian Institute of Public Safety
Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology (MIBT)
Monash College
Southern School of Natural Therapies
Victorian College of Healthcare Education

preference period, VTAC has instituted an additional change of preference service. This can only be accessed via the website at www.vtac.edu.au and at a fee of \$27.50 payable by credit card only. Applicants must note that these preferences will replace the initial application although any offers made in the Early round will still constitute the last preference.

WHAT'S NEW TO THE VTAC GUIDE 2001

University Section

- ▶ A new heading titled 'Courses available through VTAC' has been included in each institutional section, where all courses at the institution are listed by title under course type groupings (eg. Bachelor).
- ▶ A new heading titled 'Credit transfer and articulation' has been included in each institutional section, where relevant policies and contact information for applicants wishing to know more about arrangements are provided.
- ▶ Course enrolment dates have been included on each institutional header page.
- ▶ Further to your responses in the February survey, course entries are now listed alphabetically in order of major. Some common sense applied here and not all courses were subjected to what in effect was the removal of the 'Arts-' or 'Applied Science-' prefix. However an example of what we have in mind here includes:
 - Business–Accounting will be listed as: **Accounting**
 - Arts–Journalism will be listed as: **Journalism**
 - Engineering–Civil will be listed as: **Engineering–Civil**

Applicants using the Guide will now be able to research course information in a variety of ways:

1. by major in the Major Subjects Index (cross referenced to course entries)
2. by degree type on the Institutional header pages (refer to course index for page location) and
3. by alphabetical listing in the course entries.

TAFE Section:

The Index of TAFE Courses has returned!

Index of Major Subjects:

The Index of Major Subjects has been completely re-written this year from scratch. Institutions were asked to include only relevant courses and VTAC have endeavoured to ensure that the information contained here is as helpful as possible.

AMENDMENTS TO THE VTAC GUIDE 2001

LaTrobe University: Use of GAT Scores in Middle-band Selection

In Issue 2, May 2000 of the VTAC Bulletin, La Trobe University announced that it had approved the use of General Achievement Test (GAT) results as an ancillary tool in middle-band selection by those Faculties that wish to use it. This policy was to come into effect for the 2000/2001 selection period, and was current at the time the VTAC Guide 2001 went to press.

La Trobe University has since been advised that the Board of Studies will not be distributing the GAT for the purposes of tertiary selection.

Given this decision La Trobe University wishes to advise that it will not use GAT results as an ancillary tool in middle-band selection during the 2000/2001 selection period.

Victoria University

▶ Engineering and Business

Victoria Uni, Footscray Park: 40981 (HECS), 40983 (O/S Fee)

Please note that the codes for the above course are listed incorrectly in the Course Index on page 133 of the VTAC Guide 2001. The codes are listed as 49081 and 49083. Please ensure that all applicants for this course are aware and list the course codes as 40981 and 40983 as stated within the course entry.

CANCELLED COURSES 2001

Chisholm Institute of TAFE

▶ Diploma of Arts–Ceramic

58081.–Frankston

Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE

▶ Built Environment

69231 –Preston

Victoria University of Technology

▶ Computer Science (Info Tech)

*85861–Footscray Nicholson
85051–Sunshine*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM

Year 12 students

The VTAC S Form is available for use by all current Australian Year 12 students applying for courses through VTAC. This form is optional and can be used to give supplementary information such as disadvantage occurring during Year 12. Students are advised to be brief and to not only include what has affected their study, but HOW.

Copies of the S Form can be downloaded from the VTAC Website Year 12 section (www.vtac.edu.au).

Non-year 12 applicants

The VTAC SI Form is similar to the VTAC S Form. A copy is attached to the VTAC application and available on the VTAC Non-Year 12 Infonet.

All applicants

Documents such as a reference, curriculum vitae and so on, accompanying either VTAC S Form or VTAC SI Form will not be circulated.

UMAT CLARIFICATION

The Universities of Melbourne and Monash, on behalf of UMAT Pty Ltd, wish to draw the following to your attention:

- ▶ UMAT Pty Ltd is contracted by the participating universities to co-ordinate, administer and process the Undergraduate Medicine & Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) throughout Australia and overseas.
- ▶ UMAT Pty Ltd wishes to advise that the flyer faxed to schools across Australia in early June promoting a "UMAT Test

Course fee structures

Type 1 Courses: All Government funded TAFE and HECS-based courses have a course code ending in "1".

Type 2 Courses: All fee-based university, private provider and TAFE course codes end in "2". These courses generally require applicants to pay fees upfront. Fees range from \$2,000 - \$22,000 with no discounts.

Type 3 Courses: Full-fee university and private provider course codes ending in "3". These course codes are for overseas students studying a Year 12 in Victoria only.

There are three types of course codes available through the VTAC system. It is essential that applicants use the correct code.

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- ▶ UMAT Pty Ltd and the participating Universities regret that the flyer sent to schools may have caused confusion and worry amongst students and staff.
- ▶ UMAT Pty Ltd wishes to re-emphasise that they are in no way connected with the advertised “UMAT Test Advice & Prep Clinics”.

If you wish to discuss this matter further please contact the UMAT Co-ordinator, UMAT Pty Ltd on (02) 4921 8745.

REGIONAL BRIEFING SCHEDULE

VTAC will again be conducting a series of briefing sessions in border areas. There is no need to register.

Tuesday 1 August 12.00—2.00	Central Highlands/Wimmera /Barwon South West	Hamilton College Murray Hall Chaucer Street, Hamilton
Wednesday 2 August 9.00—11.00	Loddon Campaspe/Mallee	Sunraysia Institute of TAFE Auditorium Benetook Avenue, Mildura
Wednesday 2 August 9.00—11.00	Goulburn North/East	Wodonga Institute of TAFE Building B, Theatre Room 019 15 McKoy Street, Wodonga

Important Notes:

- ▶ These sessions are targeted at secondary school staff.
- ▶ Careers counsellors and other professionals not associated with schools (or free course information services) must register for the Fee for Service Briefings.

THE VTAC INFOLINE

The VTAC Infoline will be operational from Monday 24 July 2000. Access to the VTAC Infoline will be via the telephone number of 1902 241 114 at 82.5 cents per minute.

Most schools and businesses have a bar on any 1900 service so you will have to find another telephone to use. VTAC also recommends that students and applicants

trial the telephone that they will be using in September, December and January 2001. Telstra have assured VTAC that 1900 access is available across Australia. If a school believes that a student or area does not have access, please telephone Kevin Gilfedder at the VTAC Multimedia Helpdesk on **1300 364 122** so that alternative arrangements can be made.

The cost of the call to the VTAC Infoline will be 82.5cents per minute (including GST) from anywhere in Australia. You are advised not to use mobile telephones, as they are more expensive and not reliable for entering data. Cordless telephones and some old PABX and Commander Systems may not have access to the 1900 service and may cause some difficulties.

Closing Dates and processing fees

The closing dates and costs for applications are as follows:

	Year 12 Students	Non-Year 12 Applicants
Timely: 29 Sept (5pm)	82.5c per minute (Infoline) \$16.50 (Infonet)	\$27.50 (Infonet) \$27.50 (Application Form)
Late: 17 Nov (5pm)	\$5.50 per minute (Infoline) \$49.50 (Infonet)	\$60.50 (Infonet) \$60.50 (Application Form)
Very Late: 15 Dec (5pm)	\$71.50 (Infonet only)	\$71.50 (Infonet) \$71.50 (Application Form)
<i>Please note:</i>		
▶ Fees for Late and Very Late applications include a processing, administrative late fee and the GST.		
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