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VTAC Chronic Circumstances Application process 2004

If, while studying Year 12 in 2003, a student's studies have been affected by chronic circumstances of disadvantage and these circumstances have impaired their performance in external examinations, the student may apply to have this information brought to the attention of selection officers.

Each chronic circumstances application form will need to be certified by the school principal. VTAC will refer a student's information to institutions where they have not already received a derived examination score(s) from the VCAA on account of their particular circumstances of disadvantage. Institutions will take account of information supplied in accordance with their individual admissions policies. These policies will be published on the VTAC website later in the year. Further information about eligibility criteria and application procedures will be made available to schools in August/September.

NOTE: This information will also be published on the VTAC website later in the year.

Stop Press – NEW courses/codes not in VTAC Guide 2004

Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE (BRIT)

- Music Industry (Technical Production)
BRIT, Bendigo: 63131

Monash University

- Arts/Business and Commerce
Monash Uni, Peninsula: 29061 (HECS), 29062 (Fee), 29063 (O/S Fee)
- Medicine/Surgery
Monash Uni, Clayton: 28691 (HECS bonded)

The University of Melbourne (Parkville)

- Medicine/Surgery/Medical Science
Uni of Melbourne, Parkville: 38111 (HECS bonded)

The University of Tasmania

- Medicine/Surgery
Uni of Tas, Sandy Bay (Hobart): 48041 (HECS bonded)

The Application Process in Brief

Important dates and times:

Applications open: 9am Monday 21 July 2003

- Timely applications: \$16.50 (Infonet) and 82.5 cents per minute (Infoline) (inc. GST). Timely applications close at 5pm Tuesday 30 September 2003
- Late applications: \$49.50 (Infonet) and \$5.50 cents per minute (Infoline) (inc. GST). Late applications close at 5pm Friday 14 November 2003
- Very late applications: \$68.00 (Infonet only) (inc. GST). Very late applications close: 5pm Friday 12 December 2003

Change of Preference opens for all applicants:

9am Monday 8 December 2003

- Closes for VCE and Victorian IB students at 11am on Monday 22 December 2003
- Closes for CY12's from ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA and Tas at 11am on Wednesday 24 December 2003
- Closes for CY12's from WA at 12noon on Monday 29 December 2003
- Closes for Victorian and interstate IB applicants at 5pm on Tuesday January 2004

Offers:

- Round 1 offers accept/reject/defer: 19 January 2004 (9am) – 23 January 2004 (12noon). In mail/press: 19 January 2004
- Round 2 offers accept/reject/defer: 5 February 2004 (12noon) – 10 February 2004 (12noon). In mail/press: 6 February 2004
- Round 3 offers: 19 February 2004 (12noon) – 23 February 2004 (5pm) (listen/view only). In mail: 19 February 2004

Overseas addresses

Students are advised to list an Australian local address. Correspondence requiring action that is mailed to an overseas address cannot be guaranteed to reach applicants within the prescribed period of time.

Password and PINs

When you apply through VTAC your default PIN will be the first four digits of your birthdate ie 7 August 1986 = PIN 0708. Before you initiate your application you will be required to change your PIN and you will also have the opportunity to include an optional password.

Lost PIN or Password

Obtaining a forgotten PIN without a password involves a lengthy procedure, and you may not be able to afford this time, e.g. Change of preference.

If you do lose your PIN and don't remember your password, or you forget your password, you will have to complete a Request for PIN/Password form, available from www.vtac.edu.au

Application for Irregular Offer

Irregular offers are designed to give applicants a last chance to reconsider their courses. The Application for Irregular Offer form can be downloaded from the VTAC website. If you do not have internet access, telephone VTAC and alternative arrangements for obtaining the form will be made.

Submit only one Application for Irregular Offer form after Friday 30 January 2004. Submitting more than one Application for Irregular Offer form (having two forms active at the same time) cancels out the requests you are trying to achieve via these forms.

For further information about the Irregular Offer process refer, to page 16 (current year 12 section) of the VTAC Guide 2004.

International Students

International students studying in states other than Victoria must apply directly to the institution of their choice – not through VTAC.

Amendments to VTAC Guide 2004

VTAC wishes to advise that since the publication of the VTAC Guide, institutions have made the following changes to their course information:

Deakin University

- **Teaching (Secondary)/Health Sciences**
14131 (HECS), 14132 (FEE), 14133 (Int. FEE)
Old Title: The Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary)/Bachelor of Applied Science (Health Sciences)
New Title: Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary)/Bachelor of Health Sciences
- **Arts/Health Sciences**
14071 (HECS), 14072 (Fee), 14073 (Int. Fee)
Old Title: Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Applied Science (Health Sciences)
New Title: Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Health Sciences
- **Health Sciences**
14301 (HECS), 14302 (Fee), 14303 (Int.Fee)
Old Title: Bachelor of Applied Science (Health Sciences)
New Title: Bachelor of Health Sciences

Prerequisite English Minimum Study Score

Deakin University wishes to advise applicants that, unless otherwise specified, the minimum study score required for Units 3 and 4: English (any) is 20.

La Trobe University

- **Medical Science**
21721 (HECS), 21723 (Int. Fee)
Old Title: Bachelor of Science (Medical Science)
New Title: Bachelor of Medical Science

Amendments to VICTER 2005 and 2006

For a complete list of amendments to prerequisite and course information in each of these publications, check out the compilation of changes at: www.vtac.edu.au/schoolsliason

Cancelled Courses 2004

Monash University

- **Art & Design (Deans Scholars Program)**
28891 (HECS), 28892 (Fee), 28893 (Int. Fee)
- **Digital Systems**
28151 (HECS), 28152 (Fee), 28153 (Int. Fee)

Five reasons to use the VTAC Infoline (www.vtac.edu.au)

1. It's easy.
2. Step by step process makes sure you don't miss anything.
3. You can go back and check your responses.
4. There are numerous drop down help boxes to assist you.
5. 98% of Victorian Year 12 students cannot be wrong!

New Courses and Codes not in the VTAC Guide 2004

Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE (BRIT)

• Music Industry (Technical Production)

BRIT, Bendigo: 63131

Title and length:

Certificate IV in Music Industry (Technical Production): FT1

Theory and practice of studio recording, live sound recording and sound reinforcement. Courses provide a wide range of knowledge and skills applicable to a range of careers in sound production within the specialised recording and live entertainment industry.

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisite studies.

Selection mode: Supplementary Application form, interview.

Course structure: Theoretical study and practical application with a strong industry focus relevant to sound production.

Extra requirements: All applicants must return a completed Supplementary Application form by Friday 24 October. Obtain this by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Music Industry Skills Department, BRIT, PO Box 170, Bendigo VIC 3552. Telephone (03) 5434 1579. Applicants will be contacted by mail regarding attendance at a briefing session in late November or early December and an interview in early December for which they must be available. BRIT will not accept late applications except by Change of Preference.

Monash University

• Arts/Business and Commerce

Monash Uni, Peninsula: 29061 (HECS), 29062 (Fee), 29063 (O/S Fee)

Title and length:

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business and Commerce: FT4, PTA (Day).

Prerequisites: Units 1 and 2 – any two units from general mathematics and/or mathematical methods, or completion of the Open Learning Bridging Unit UNL31 Introductory Mathematics. 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: The entire academic record including GPA will be considered, VTAC PI form.

Middle-band: Completing any of classical societies and cultures, geography, history (any), international studies, literature, 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: Arts: a major (eight subjects in a discipline), a minor (four subjects in a discipline) and at least an additional four subjects in supporting arts studies. Business: six compulsory core subjects, a major (eight subjects) and an additional four subjects from any business discipline.

Major studies: As for Arts and Business and Commerce.

Medicine bonded places

The Federal Government has advised all schools of medicine across Australia that approximately 20% of HECS places must be set aside as bonded places. This change directly affects applicants applying to Monash University, The University of Melbourne and The University of Tasmania.

Now students have the opportunity to apply for a HECS based place and/or HECS bonded place.

By indicating a preference for a HECS bonded place, upon accepting an offer, the student will be required to sign a contract. While the contract and conditions have yet to be finalised by the Federal Government, in short, students will be giving permission for the government to require them, at the end of their training, to practise in a designated area of need.

Please note, this information is correct at the time of print. If the program does not proceed and a student has applied for a HECS bonded course code they will not be disadvantaged.

Monash University (Clayton)

• Medicine/Surgery

Monash Uni, Clayton: 28691 (HECS bonded)

All prerequisite, selection mode, middle-band, extra requirements and course data Medicine/Surgery statements apply to the new HECS bonded course code.

Additionally, students are advised that the Faculty of Medicine at Monash University will write to all applicants in October to advise them if they have been selected for an interview.

Applicants not selected for an interview and who have not applied for the 'Dean's Rural List' (contact Monash University Faculty of Medicine) are advised to remove Monash Medicine/Surgery from their list of course preferences at Change of Preference in December.

Students applying for the Monash Dean's Rural List, will be notified in mid November as to their success in gaining an interview – again, if you have not been selected for an interview you are advised to remove Monash Medicine/Surgery from your list of course preferences.

Further information about the HECS bonded places will be available at the Monash University Open Day on Sunday 3 August 2003 – (Clayton only).

The University of Melbourne (Parkville)

• Medicine/Surgery/Medical Science

Uni of Melbourne, Parkville: 38111 (HECS bonded)

All prerequisite, selection mode, middle-band, extra requirements and course data Medicine/Surgery/Medical Science statements apply to the new HECS bonded course code.

Further information about the HECS bonded places will be available at The University of Melbourne Discovery Day: Sunday 17 August 2003.

The University of Tasmania

• Medicine/Surgery

Uni of Tas, Sandy Bay (Hobart): 48041 (HECS bonded)

All prerequisite, selection mode, middle-band, extra requirements and course data Medicine/Surgery statements apply to the new HECS bonded course code.

Additionally, students are advised that the School of Medicine at The University of Tasmania will write to all applicants who have applied for course code 47581 in November to advise them as to whether or not they have been short-listed for selection. Applicants not short-listed are advised to remove this course code at Change of Preference.

VTAC Briefing Sessions: Regional

Tuesday 22 July Morwell	Monash Gippsland School of Computing & Information Technology Conference Room 4N251	1pm–3:30pm
Wednesday 23 July Bairnsdale	East Gippsland TAFE Room 201A (Auditorium)	10.30am–1pm
Tuesday 29 July Warrnambool	Warrnambool College Auditorium Grafton Road	1pm–3:30pm
Thursday 31 July Mildura	Mildura Senior SC Library Resource Centre Deakin Avenue, Mildura	12pm–2:30pm
Thursday 31 July Albury Wodonga	La Trobe University Small Lecture Theatre Parkers Road	1pm–3pm
Thursday 21 August Horsham	University of Ballarat Auditorium Horsham Campus Baillie Street Horsham	1pm–3:30pm



Technical specifications

(A) PC users

Hardware

- Pentium desktop PC
- Network card
- 64Mb memory
- 50Mb of free hard disk space
- 15 inch high resolution colour 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 7.0 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 colour 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 6.0 or above
- Any spreadsheet software

VTAC CourseLink – National

What is VTAC CourseLink?

VTAC CourseLink is an initiative of the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) and primarily targeted at students in Years 10 to 12. It is available free of charge to anyone with internet access.

To use the tools available in CourseLink, you just need to **click** on the **Student Access** icon and type in your name and choose your state.

The Student Access program is now available in two formats. The first format is for Victorian VCE and IB students and the second format is for interstate year 12 students.

Student Access provides students and teachers with the opportunity to:

- Investigate course options based on a range of search functions that include region, institutions, interest areas, Year 12 studies, study scores and results.
- Check prerequisites for courses active in 2003 (current Year 12 students), 2004 (current Year 11 students) and 2005 (current Year 10 students).
- Investigate the implications on prerequisites of removing or adding Year 12 studies for prospective courses based on interest areas, regions etc.
- Make practice applications and check whether students meet VCE/ Victorian prerequisites.
- Check last years Clearly-in Data.

Access VTAC CourseLink

- Go to the VTAC website at www.vtac.edu.au and click on the VTAC CourseLink icon.
- Select the Interstate Student Access
- Read the Terms and Conditions and follow the prompts
- Type in your name and select the state in which you or the student is currently studying.
- Click on the Login icon.
- Students will then have the choice to proceed, by clicking on 'Course Search', 'Preference Practice' or 'Logout'.

About Course Search

Using the Course Search program will help you work out what courses offered through VTAC you are eligible to apply for. The program will also convert your interstate prerequisites into Victorian equivalents.

Once you have submitted your Course Search program you will be able to view:

- Your year 12 program.
- The Victorian equivalent to your Year 12 program.
- The criteria you prescribed – a list of courses and clearly in data (cut-offs) for which you meet the criteria.
- You are now able to search and go back and remove or add year 12 studies and then check out the impact of this change on your course choices.

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