

HOLIDAY “HOMEWORK”

FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

September 2015



THE VTAC COUNTDOWN IS ON ...

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

The next few weeks are important if you are planning to undertake tertiary studies next year (and also if you are planning to leave your options open while you decide on an alternative pathway for next year).

Some very important dates are coming up. Please make sure you don't miss them.

VTAC REGISTRATION

Almost all students have registered. If you are one of the few who has not, please do so. You can always choose not to follow through with your application later.

Registration (timely) closes September 30, 2015 (5.00pm)

LISTING OF PREFERENCES

Once you have registered, you can list preferences, and we encourage you to list as many as you can.

These should include a selection of your dream course/s and some sensible back-up options in case your ATAR is not as high as you had hoped.

You **MUST** list at least one preference by September 30 in order to qualify for the cheapest application rate of \$29. You can change these until December 21.

List preferences by September 30, 2015 (5.00pm)

SEAS APPLICATIONS

All students are advised to apply for **SEAS Category 1**.

You cannot do this until you have entered at least one preference.

SEAS applications due October 6 (5.00pm)

A few notes re the other SEAS categories

If you are eligible for Category 2 (difficult circumstances) and/or Category 4 (medical condition or disability), you need to write an **impact statement** and provide a **support statement** from a responsible person as defined by VTAC.

If you are eligible for Category 3 (financial disadvantage), there are three things to consider:

- Do YOU receive Centrelink benefits?
 - o If yes, provide your CRN online.
- Does a parent/guardian receive Centrelink benefits on your behalf?
 - o If yes, provide annotated hard copies or upload copies.
- Is there financial hardship but no Centrelink benefit?
 - o If yes, write an impact statement and get a support person to write a statement of support.

There are three different methods for submitting your documentation. Make sure you and your support people are all clear about which method you are using.

- All online
 - o You provide email links to your support person/people.
- Hard copy
 - o You download coversheets, and submit them with printed documents.
 - o Download the coversheet BEFORE talking to your support person, as they need to sign it,
 - o Post them to VTAC or give them to Kylie Witt in good time.
- Upload scanned documents

All SEAS documentation must reach VTAC by 5.00pm on October 6!

NHS will courier hard copy applications in one batch.

They MUST be submitted to Kylie Witt by 9.00am on October 6.

No late applications can be accommodated.

SEAS applications due October 6 (5.00pm)

OTHER SNEAKY DEADLINES

There are a multitude of additional deadlines associated with some courses. It is your responsibility to locate these deadlines and adhere to them. Every time you enter one of these preferences in your VTAC application, VTAC sends you a message that alerts you to the deadline, so **READ ALL YOUR VTAC MESSAGES!** If you fail to meet these deadlines, you will not meet the prerequisites for that course.

SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH VTAC

Whilst the scholarship deadline is October 16, it makes sense to process your application at the same time as your SEAS application, as you need the same documentation for both.

Unless you choose the online/email option, you need TWO copies of everything.

- **Uploading** – you have to upload one copy to SEAS, the other to SCHOLARSHIPS.
- **Hard copy** – you need to download and attach a SEAS cover sheet and a SCHOLARSHIP one.

See Kylie Witt if you need this clarified.

Scholarship applications due October 16 (5.00pm)

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

There are loads of good scholarships out there waiting for deserving candidates to apply for them. For example, **one lucky NHS applicant will win a \$20,000 Vice Chancellor's scholarship at La Trobe.** You need to look for these yourself, and you need to follow the instructions given in order to apply.

Start with the scholarships guide on myNHS, but always check the individual uni websites closely.

PAYMENT

You need to pay VTAC if you want to be offered tertiary courses! But you do not need to pay when you register.

Payment due December 21 (12.00 noon)

NEED MORE DETAILS?

Refer to the booklets that were handed out in Daily Connect classes.

Watch the SEAS video on YouTube again.

Read everything on the VTAC site.

Look for additional support on [myNHS > Careers](#)

GET ORGANISED

What do you still need to do?

Use this checklist to identify anything you still need to follow up ...

- ☐ Have I registered with VTAC?
- ☐ Have I paid?
 - If not, have I set an alarm in my phone to do this later?
- ☐ Have I entered a set of preferences?
 - Have I included some back-up options?
- ☐ Have I ticked SEAS Category 1?
- ☐ Have I checked whether I am eligible for any other categories?
 - If yes, have I followed up to make sure I know what needs to be done?
 - And have I done what needs to be done?
 - If not, have I at least written a plan (with some dates) to make sure I am organised well before October 6?
- ☐ Have I applied for VTAC scholarships?
- ☐ Have I investigated other available scholarships and applied for them?
- ☐ Have I checked all the other deadlines related to my courses?
 - Pre-selection kits
 - Folio and interview
 - Auditions
 - Other
- ☐ If I am an international student planning to do a TAFE course, have I made arrangements to meet with someone from my preferred institution?

STILL NEED HELP?

You can **email Kylie Witt** any time during the Term 3 break for assistance.

I will also be **at school from:**

Monday, September 28 – Thursday, October 1.
Times 12.00pm – 4.00pm

Please make an appointment beforehand by email, so you know I won't be with someone else. I can also come in at other times by arrangement, but only if you email me and arrange it beforehand! witt.kylie.i@edumail.vic.gov.au