

HOLIDAY "HOMEWORK"

FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

September 2016

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 29, 2016 (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 29 in order to qualify for the cheapest application rate of \$32. You can change these until December 20 (12.00PM).

List AT LEAST ONE preference by September 29, 2016 (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 4, 2016 (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.

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.
 - o They fill in their details online by the deadline.
- Upload scanned documents
 - o Your support person writes their statement on paper and gives it to you.
 - o You scan and upload the document.

SEAS applications due October 4 (5.00pm)

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 19 (4.00 pm)

International students, pay by December 13 (4.00pm)



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 14, it makes sense to process your application at the same time as your SEAS application, as you need the same documentation for both.

If you are applying for SEAS, you should be applying for scholarships!

- o **Uploading** – you have to upload one copy to SEAS, the other to SCHOLARSHIPS.
- o **Email link** – you can send a username and password to your support person via email, and they can fill in the information online.

See Kylie Witt if you need this clarified.

Scholarship applications due October 14 (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.

NEED MORE DETAILS?

- Refer to the handouts you've been given in Daily Connect classes.
- Read everything on the VTAC site: www.vtac.edu.au
- Look for additional support on [myNHS > Careers](#)

GET ORGANISED – a little checklist for you

- ☐ Have I registered with VTAC?
- ☐ Have I paid?
 - o If not, have I set an alarm in my phone to do this by the deadline?
- ☐ Have I entered a set of preferences?
 - o Have I included some back-up options?
- ☐ Have I ticked SEAS Category 1?
- ☐ Have I checked whether I am eligible for any other categories?
 - o If yes, have I followed up to ensure I know what needs to be done?
 - o And have I actually done what needs to be done?
 - o If not, have I got a plan (with some dates) to be organised in time?
- ☐ Have I applied for VTAC scholarships?
 - o Have I looked for other available scholarships and applied for them?
- ☐ Have I checked all the other deadlines related to my courses?
 - o Pre-selection kits
 - o Folio and interview
 - o Auditions
 - o 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?

If you need to talk to Ms Witt during the holidays...

✓ Wednesday, September 21

✓ Thursday, September 22

✓ Monday, September 26

✓ Thursday, October 29.

At school on these days only

12.00 - 4.00pm

Please make an appointment!
<http://calendly.com/witt-kylie-i>

Or email me any time for help
witt.kylie.i@edumail.vic.gov.au

