Future’s Evening

Year 12 presentation
2013
YEAR 12- WHAT NEXT?

- Further study at TAFE or University
- Pre apprenticeship
- Apprenticeship or Traineeship
- Employment: Full/Time or Part/Time
- Gap year-Travel & Work
- Neither work or study

What will you do?
Study Scores and the ATAR
The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

- The ATAR:
  - Is not a score out of 100 - it is reported as a rank between 0.00 and 99.95
  - Allows tertiary institutions to compare students who have completed different combinations of VCE studies.
  - Is calculated by VTAC solely for use by institutions.

- An ATAR of 75.00 means that a student with that ATAR has achieved VCE results that places them in the top 25% of Year 12 students in the State.
A score from 0 – 50 is given for each satisfactory 3 & 4 Unit sequence completed. This is calculated using school assessments and the examinations (SACs, SATs, GAT) and calculate a RAW Study Score.

Not all grades equate to the same study score.

These scores are adjusted to ensure that more than 70% of students achieves a Study Score of 35 or less based on individual student results – Bell Curve.
SCALING OF STUDY SCORES

- Scaling ensures that each study contributes equally to the ATAR.

- VTAC adjusts the study scores based on the overall performance of all students taking that study in the State. This is called scaling.

- If the overall competition is high (not many students achieving high scores) the score is scaled up.

- If the overall competition is low (many students achieving high scores) the score is scaled down.
Scaling and the ATAR

• Just because studies are scaled up – doesn’t mean a student will get a ‘good’ ATAR.

• Students need to perform well in all studies to get a ‘good’ ATAR.

Sarah loves textiles, she got a 39 and was scaled down to a 37.

Chris was told that if he did specialist mathematics he would get a better ATAR because it is historically scaled up. Chris got a 15 that was scaled to a 19 in specialist mathematics.

Which scaled subject score is a better contribution to the ATAR. The one scaled up? Or the one scaled down?
VTAC calculates the ATAR in the following manner:

- English Study Score +
- Best 3 Study Scores +
- 10% of up to 2 other Study Scores (5th and 6th Subject)

= Aggregate ATAR
The Aggregate is then expressed as an ATAR.

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ATAR PROCESS SUMMARY

RAW Study Score – Calculated by VCAA

Scaled Study Score – Adjusted by VTAC

Aggregate ATAR – The calculation of the primary 4 + 10% of the 5th and 6th

ATAR – final formula calculation used to produce the final ATAR.
english

Mth Meths  French  Geography  Literature

| Raw Study Score | 40 | 50 | 43 | 40 | 39 |
| VTAC ATAR Subject score | 40 | 50 | 44 | 45 | 48 |

English ATAR subject score: 50
Next best three subject ATAR scores: 48, 40, 45
10% of 5th study: 4.4

50 + 48 + 40 + 45 + 4.4 = Aggregate ATAR 187.4;

ATAR = 98.05 (approx.)
## ATAR Sample

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Subject score:

- English ATAR subject score: 25
- Best three other ATAR subject scores: 31, 28, 26
- 10% of 5th study: 2.2

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25 + 31 + 28 + 26 + 2.2 = \text{Aggregate ATAR} 112.2;
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**ATAR = 54 (approx)**
• **To qualify for an ATAR a student must:**
  – qualify for the VCE by achieve study scores in at least four permissible Unit 3 and 4 VCE studies, including one from the English group.
  – Non Assessed VCE or VCAL Students do not receive an ATAR

• **When is the ATAR available?**
  – ATARs can be accessed online from Monday 16th December from 7 am. See [www.resultsandatar.vic.edu.au](http://www.resultsandatar.vic.edu.au)
  – To receive your ATAR via SMS you must register for this service prior. See [www.vtac.edu.au/sms](http://www.vtac.edu.au/sms)
  – You do not have to have submitted a VTAC application to view your ATAR online but you must have registered.

• **ATAR statements will not be delivered in the post this year.**
The application process: an overview

- **Register** to set up a user account.  
  **Keep the VTAC ID and PIN safe.** Don’t give it to anyone!!
- **Once registered applicants can** log in and make a course application.
- They can also:
  - Update personal details
  - Change preferences as many times as they like
  - Lodge a SEAS and scholarships application
  - Refer to messages
  - Pay the processing fee
  - Email VTAC
  - Get their ATAR (when released in December)
  - Get an offer (when released in January)
Course Research

- What should I know about my courses of interest?
- Course title and code
- Majors of Interest – Areas of study
- Opportunities for O.S Studies
- Industry links and work placement opportunities – locally and O.S
- Scholarships available within the faculty
• Course Search – Lists all of the courses available to apply for through VTAC and some direct application courses. Other courses still available through direct application.

New to VTAC

• Downloading course entries to print or save to use offline on a device.
• Use the QR code
Accessing course information:
How to download complete course entries

- VTAC course information including course descriptions, prerequisites, extra requirements, majors etc can be accessed by:
  - Downloading course entries to print or save to use offline on a device
  - By using the QR code in the printed Guide to access course listings for individual institutions online
  - By short-listing courses from CourseSearch and emailing the list
  - Already 15 Courses Changes and 15 Deleted courses.
VTAC

• Registrations Open 5th August from 9.00 am.

• Group Registration Sessions will be held and Individual Appointments will be had with each student to discuss their VTAC Application List.
I don’t know what I want to do next year

Find areas of interest rather than course titles.

Study Environment – Uni / TAFE / on the job

Work Environment – Who do I want work with and what will my “office” look like.
CENTRELINK CHANGES

• As of the 1st January 2010 exiting Year 12 students must meet stringent conditions to claim benefits from Centrelink.

• To receive financial benefits recipients must be:
  – In full time or part time training
  – In full time or part time employment earning over approx $20,000 pa

• Extensive Job Search Assistance will be provided to recipients not in training or employment until this situation changes – payments will be made during this time.

• The Centrelink website will provide further information.
DEFER YOUR UNI OFFER?

• This means you can accept your University place and put it on hold for either 6 months or a year.
• You can travel, undertake an overseas program such as Camp Counsellor USA or International Volunteer Program.
• You can work and earn money.
• Requests to defer need to be made directly to the University after you have accepted their offer.
• You cannot defer from TAFE courses. You need to reapply for the following intake.
# Comparing Providers

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Pathways exist in many different forms between Providers.

- TAFE’s offering Degrees
- Uni’s offering direct pathway courses into their Degrees – Associate Degrees / Diplomas
- Dual Sector Institutes TAFE and Uni can transfer easily between course levels.

Speak to the providers this evening about Pathways into your dream courses.
Provide opportunities to transfer from one course to another.

- Diploma of Information Technology
  - Bachelor of Information Systems
  - You may receive credit for 6 – 18 months of your course.
PATHWAY ARRANGEMENTS EXIST FOR:

- Accounting/Financial Services
- Art and Design
- Arts Degrees
- Automotive
- Business/Management
- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Health/Nursing
- Information Technology
- Professional Writing
- Sport
- Teaching (Early Childhood Development)

Just to name a few…
Course Research

• VTAC Website – Open Today
• Can also download the VTAC App from Itunes or Google Apps
• Open Days
• Institute Experience Days
• Institute Websites for course outlines
Prerequisites and Extra Requirements

Prerequisite studies:

• **Units 1 & 2** - chemistry or biology
• **Units 3 & 4** - a study score of at least 25 in English, and a study score of at least 25 in physics and in one of mathematical methods or specialist mathematics

Extra Requirements:
All applicants must complete the **Student Information form** available from the Department, and return it to the Selection Officer, Department of ...... by 17th November 2013.

• Other requirements may be an interview, pre-selection kit, folio, performance etc.
Extra Requirements

• Some courses require you to undertake additional tests before you will be considered for selection.
• Medical, Optical and some Physio courses require students to undertake the UMAT
• Most TAFE Nursing courses require students to sit the VET ASSESS Test

This is all outlined in the VTAC Website.
The value of open days

• You would not buy a car without driving or at least looking at it first. You are proposing to commit 3 or 4 years to a Uni Degree. What do you need to know?
  – Current Facilities to suit you area of interest
  – Speak with the Course Coordinators about the program content and the projects you can have the opportunity to work on
  – Ask about the flexibility of introducing electives from other Faculties / Degrees to broaden your knowledge
  – Can you picture yourself being happy attending this Institute and completing your Qualification???
DIRECT APPLICATION COURSES

• Many TAFE and Private Institutes have direct entry application into their courses. Ask if this is an option when conducting your research.

• Some courses are deliberately left out of the VTAC guide as so many people apply they don’t need to advertise eg Chisholm Diploma of Nursing – can only apply in August.
Individual Appointment

What will I need for this appointment

- Undertaken extensive course research and collected as much information about your courses of interest. Limited information can be provided about courses and Institute facilities during appointments.
- VCAA Number (sticker on your record book)
- List of course you wish to apply for including pathway option.
What should I have prepared for my VTAC Application Session

- VCAA Number
- List of course you are interested in applying for
- The order in which you most want to do them
- Pathways into these courses included
VTAC – WHO ARE THEY?

www.vtac.edu.au

Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre

• Collect applicant information and distribute to institutions on the VTAC application.

• VTAC distribute the notice of offer on behalf of the Institutions. VTAC do not make decision regarding offers.
INTERNET APPLICATIONS

• VCAΑ number  (Listed on your VCAΑ results and Record Book Sticker)
• P.I.N. = You must identify a PIN when you register and remember to enter your VTAC application.

• The VCAΑ will send your PIN close to the Change of Preference period, in case you forget it.
HOW MANY PREFERENCES?

• You have space to include 12 preferences in your VTAC application.
• These can be altered at any time between your initial entry and the 30th September, then again after ATAR scores have been released.
• **ALL** students should submit a VTAC application.
• It is recommended that all students include a TAFE course in their VTAC application – just in case!
The Course Application

• Can list up to 12 courses/preferences on their course application
• Always list the courses in the order you want to get into them
• If incorrectly registered
  – Will be charged a non-year 12 processing fee
  – VTAC cannot guarantee results will be matched
  – Student must contact VTAC (not schools liaison) to update their details. May be an administrative fee, depends on where the process is at. Contact 1300 364 133
VTAC APPLICATION

• One off payment to lodge your application.

• Timely Applications, from 5th Aug to 27th Sept = $27
• Late Applications to 8th November = $91
• Very Late Applications to 6th December = $116

• Payment Methods
• Credit/Debit Visa card or Pay Pal at the time of VTAC Application.
• You can defer the payment but you must pay by 6th December to receive your offer.
COURSE CODE AND FEE OPTIONS.

Course Codes Ending in 1 – CSP Commonwealth Supported Place
($4,162 to $10,377)

Payment Options for CSP Fees

• Upfront - 20% discount on tuition fees
• Pay some and receive 20% discount
• HECS-HELP for the full student contribution
• Repayment starts when you earn over $44,912
Course Codes Ending in 2 – FFP - Full Fee Places

Payment of FFP Fees

- No discount for payment
- FEE Help is available – Loan from the Institution that attracts a 20% once off interest payment.

The Australian Government does not contribute to course costs for fee paying students.

Course Codes Ending in 3 are for International Students Only
To add course preferences: Select institution and/or course or type in the course code.

To move a course on the preference list use the up/down buttons.

To delete a course use the x button.
SELECTION AND OFFERS
Clearly in ENTER: All applicants above this score received offer.

- Successful applicants
- Unsuccessful applicants
• Students can get an offer for each Fee type eg offer for a CSP course and an offer for a FFP.

• We suggest students always accept their first offer. They will be eligible to receive an offer for courses listed higher than their original offer.

• To accept an offer or to defer an offer you must attend the Institute Enrolment Day. If you’re not going to available assign a proxy. No attendance = no course.
• Monday 17th January 2014:
  Main round offers online, press or via SMS

• 6th February 2014:
  Round 2 offers online

Offers are made via mail the following day.
VTAC OFFERS

• First Round Offers

Regardless of whether you accept, reject or defer your First Round offer you are still eligible for an offer higher on your list in further rounds.
Supplementary offers

- Some institutions may make supplementary offers after Round 2 if they have places available.
- Applicants may receive supplementary offers if they have given VTAC permission—they give this permission when applying or via their VTAC user account and have:
  - not received an offer in any of the previous offer rounds (Early, Round 1, Round 2)
  - not been granted an offer for a negotiated offer
- Supplementary offers are processed weekly
  - Applicants may receive two or more offers at the same time
  - Applicants will need to decide which offer to accept
Negotiated offers

• Ensure course requirements have been met, including extra requirements such as interviews, folios etc.
• Check place availability with the course selection officer and what additional documentation you may have to provide.
• Then:
  – Complete the negotiated offer request in the VTAC user account
  – If the status is pending, the student can choose to change their course request.
  – If the status is approved, the student will receive an offer in the next round and is not eligible for any further offers.
  – If the status is rejected the student can submit another request for another course.
Offers for direct applications

- Student may get more than one offer, depending on how many direct applications they have put in.
- No preference system.
- Could get offers earlier than January (main round).
- You are still eligible for a VTAC offer even if you receive a direct offer.
- Check that when you accept the direct offer what, if any penalties apply for withdrawing.
WHAT IF I DON’T GET A FIRST ROUND OFFER?

- Don’t Panic
- Second Round Offers May Be Available
- Ask About Irregular Offers
- Look For Direct Entry Courses
- Look For Mid Year Entry Courses

The College will be closed at this time.

Hopefully you won’t get to this point! Tertiary Providers will have Careers Coordinators you can speak with.
SEAS

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TOWARDS VCE STUDIES
Special consideration:
Special entry access schemes

• Different types of special consideration:
  – SEAS through VTAC
  – Others directly to the institution

• The Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) is the umbrella program run by a number of institutions through VTAC.

• The Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) is for applicants who have experienced educational disadvantage.
To access the SEAS application, applicants must:

- Register with VTAC and create their VTAC user account and
- Submit a course application – SEAS only becomes available after the course application has been submitted.
- No course application, no SEAS.

**Opens** 9.00am Monday 5th August

**Closes:** 5.00pm Tuesday 8th October 2013
SEAS categories include:

- **Category 1**: Personal information and location
  
  **ALL STUDENTS TO APPLY FOR THIS CATEGORY**

  This category allows students to access extra consideration with:

  - RMIT SNAP Program
  - Monash – Under Represented School
  - Melbourne Uni – TBC
  - Swinburne – Under Represented School
  - Deakin – Extra Consideration Given

- **Category 2**: Non-English speaking background

- **Category 3**: Difficult circumstances

- **Category 4**: Disadvantaged financial background
SEAS categories include:

- **Category 2**: Non-English speaking background
- **Category 3**: Difficult circumstances
- **Category 4**: Disadvantaged financial background
- **Category 5**: Disability or medical condition
- **Category 6**:
  - Schools Access La Trobe (SALT)
  - University of Ballarat (REEP)
  - Victoria University (PPP) schemes

Other schools recognise these factors, but take their applications via Category 1. Applicants should apply for Category 1 to be considered for other university under-represented schools schemes.
POSSIBLE REASONS TO APPLY FOR SEAS

• Health of a family member
• Refugee status
• Personal health
• Adverse living conditions
• Divorce or separation of your parents
• Excessive family responsibility
Time To Study!!

VTAC Timely Application close
SEAS Applications close

Time to study and achieve the best ATAR possible.
CHANGE OF PREFERENCE

16th- 23rd 12 (noon) December

• If adding courses, ensure you have met prerequisites and extra requirements

• Institutions offer help lines and information sessions during this time

College support will be available from 10.00 am - 3.00 pm on Mon 16th and Tues 17th December
Change of preference

- Change of preference opens on Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} December 2013 at 11am.
- All students are able to change their course preferences up until 12noon Monday 24 December 2013.
- Institutional change of preference days, these are worth checking out. Sign up to receive the VTAC updates – VERY worthwhile.
Golden rules of change of preference

• Before changing preferences students should check:

  – Last year’s selection data – don’t panic if the ATAR is slightly lower, still put it down. Selection data fluctuates annually.
  – Extra requirements to make sure they are complete
  – Prerequisites
  – Check that a course you are moving or adding allows this at change of preference.
Golden rules of receiving an offer

• Always accept an offer you receive
• Never wait to see if you get a better offer in round two
• If you don’t accept any of the offers you have been made, you are not eligible for a supplementary offer
• Negotiated offers are no guarantee for an offer, unless the institution accepts you
INTERSTATE OPTIONS

• Students are welcome to apply to Interstate Institutions via the respective organisations.

• QTAC - Queensland
• SATAC – South Australian and NSW
• WATAC – Western Australia

Students can receive an offer from each State.
Scholarships – Free Money

- Available to students:
  - With very high ATARs
  - With a Health Care Card (Monash)
  - Submitted an application
  - Demonstrated achievement in a study field
  - Grants to undertake study abroad
SCHOLARSHIPS

- Some scholarships can be applied for when submitting the VTAC Application though there are many, many more available to apply for directly through the Institute.
- Scholarships vary between Institutions in $$$ and criteria.
- Scholarships are generally given for education or accommodation purposes.
- Always ask about scholarships when making course enquiries.
A TIMELINE OF EVENTS

- **5th August**  
  VTAC Applications open

- **5th August**  
  SEAS Applications open

- **August – Sept**  
  OPEN DAYS

- **27th Sept**  
  VTAC Timely Applications close

- **8th October**  
  SEAS Applications close

- **16th Dec**  
  ATARs Available via SMS and online

- **16th -23rd Dec**  
  VTAC Change of Preference Period

- **16th Jan 2012**  
  Round One Offers available

All dates available on the front pages of the VTAC Guide
QUESTIONS?

Thank you for attending the 2013 Futures Evening.