

## CIRCULAR 2 OF 2019

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#### **1 TISC GUIDE DESPATCH – CORRECTION TO COVERING LETTER**

Deliveries of the 2020 TISC Guide are currently being made to schools. Please note, there is a typographical error on the second page of the covering letter. The processing fee for students undertaking less than four ATAR courses is \$50, the same as for all other current-year WACE students, not \$450 as listed. TISC apologises for any confusion this may have caused.

#### **2 SEMESTER ONE 2020 APPLICATIONS**

Applications for entry to university in Semester One 2020 open on Monday 5 August. Copies of the 2020 TISC Guide, and personalised letters for Year 12 students should be received by schools shortly. The 'early-bird' application fee for current Year 12 WACE and International Baccalaureate students is \$50 until 11pm on Monday 30 September. After this, a processing fee of \$165 applies.

#### **3 RESULTS RELEASE DATE 2019**

Results and ATARs will be available from Thursday 19 December 2019.

#### **4 OFFER ROUND DATES 2019-2020**

The major offer rounds for Year 12 students will take place before Christmas (offers available from Monday 23 December), and in mid-January (offers available from Tuesday 16 January).

## **5 UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS OPT IN/OUT**

One of the questions in the TISC applications asks whether or not students wish to receive marketing and recruitment communications from the universities. If they opt in, they may receive recruitment communications from any university, regardless of whether they have courses from that institution in their preference list. If they opt out, universities should only contact them if they need to provide or request information directly relating to the assessment of preferences for their institution. Applicants may change their communication preference at any time by emailing [privacy@tisc.edu.au](mailto:privacy@tisc.edu.au).

## **6 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

TISC is pleased to welcome Endeavour College of Natural Health as an Associate Member for 2019-2020. The College joins The University of Notre Dame, Australia, CQUniversity Australia and Tabor College of Higher Education as Associate Members. Associate Members list their courses within our Course Search database; however, applications for these courses are submitted directly to the respective institution. Applicants are not able to add Associate Members' courses to their TISC preferences.

## **7 EARLY OFFERS**

You will be aware that some universities are offering early offers to Year 12 students this year. Offers are subject to conditions (eg: achievement of WACE, English competence, prerequisites, and reaching a specified ATAR) which must be satisfied before the offers are confirmed in the December offer round.

We wish to reassure students that, even if they request, receive and accept an early offer, they are free to change their mind at any time before the major offer rounds in December and January. It is important that students realise that the TISC system is designed to help them keep their options open as long as possible, should they wish to do so.

Once early offer processes have been confirmed, we will publish information on our website to help students understand the options open to them throughout the admissions cycle.

## **8 MINIMUM AND GUARANTEED ATARS/SELECTION RANKS**

The pages of codes within the TISC Guide (pages 15 to 33 of the 2020 Guide) are the most-used section of the printed Guide. Alongside the TISC Codes for courses, there is useful information on minimum and guaranteed entry ATAR/Selection Ranks for most courses, that can help students choose preferences with confidence. You may wish to draw the attention of your students to this.

A minimum ATAR/Selection Rank lets students know the lowest rank that will be considered for entry to a course in the coming year, but is not a guarantee that a student who reaches that threshold will be admitted. There may be a limited number of places available or additional selection criteria used in the final ranking process.

Where a 'guaranteed entry ATAR/Selection Rank' has been published for a course, it gives applicants certainty that if they reach that threshold, and have satisfied other basic requirements such as achieving WACE, satisfying English proficiency requirements and any prerequisites, they will be able to enter the course. The actual offer that applicants receive from TISC, of course, will be determined by their preference order.

## **9 COURSE SEEKER WEBSITE**

As you may be aware, Universities across Australia have been working with the Australian government over the past two years to provide clearer information on entry requirements for university courses.

One of the outcomes of this work has been the development of the Course Seeker website ([www.courseseeker.edu.au](http://www.courseseeker.edu.au)), which allows students to search and compare courses across the country.

This website will be particularly useful for students considering studying at interstate universities.

## **10 COURSE CHANGES**

Between the hard-copy TISC Guide going to print and the release of offers, there can be a number of changes to the availability of courses.

Changes to course availability – both new courses and cancelled courses – and any clarifications to course entry assessment criteria are listed on the TISC website. Just follow the link from the home page.

Any students affected by the cancellation of courses are notified by TISC and/or the institution concerned and provided with information on alternative programs for their consideration.

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