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1 TISC GUIDE DESPATCH

Copies of the 2021 TISC Guide should now have been received by schools. If you need additional copies, please contact TISC.

Personalised letters have not been included with the Guide this year. Due to the early opening of applications, many students have already submitted their application, which makes the usual provision of personalised letters to students redundant.

Most WACE students should already be aware of their WA Student Number, which is also used as their TISC application number.

Schools have been provided with a copy of the information sheet to help students with their initial log in to the TISC system. A copy is also attached to this Circular.

2 SEMESTER ONE 2021 APPLICATIONS

The 'early-bird' TISC application fee for current Year 12 WACE and International Baccalaureate students is \$55 until 11pm on Tuesday 30 September. After this, a processing fee of \$170 applies.

While some students who have received an early unconditional offer will not need to apply through TISC if they only wish to take up the early offered course, feedback from many Year 12 students indicates they are still considering a TISC application, to provide greater choice and flexibility at the end of the year, after they receive their WACE results.

For students who wish to keep their options open in this way, we suggest making an initial TISC application before 30 September, to take advantage of the lower rate, rather than waiting until results have been released.

Early offers will remain valid, even if a TISC application is submitted.

3 EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEME (EAS)

Universities have always allowed for case-by-case consideration where an applicant's performance has been adversely affected by circumstances beyond their control.

Though names have varied across institutions (eg: Special Consideration, Educational Disadvantage, Exceptional Circumstance, UWay), an underlying principle has been shared: that, in some cases, a student's formal results may not necessarily reflect their capacity, due to the circumstances they have faced.

Previously, applications could only be submitted directly to universities, requiring multiple applications for students wishing to be considered by more than one institution.

This year, TISC applicants have the option of submitting a single Educational Access Scheme application, attached to their TISC application, to be considered by any of the universities whose courses they have on their preference list.

Applications will be treated in the strictest confidence by TISC and the universities.

Follow the Educational Access Scheme link from the TISC homepage or Undergraduate drop-down menu to access further information on the documentation required.

The deadlines for EAS application and document submission are:

- 28 December for Main Round offers
- 19 January for Second Round offers

An information sheet is attached to this Circular, if you wish to provide students with general information about the EAS. The sheet can also be downloaded as a separate file from the EAS page (<https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/eas.tisc>).

4 EARLY OFFERS

When visiting schools recently, it has become apparent that students, parents and teachers still have many questions about the early offers being made to Year 12 students this year. We have placed a link on the TISC home page, to information covering many of the questions people may have about the early offers. If something isn't covered, please let us know via info@tisc.edu.au.

We encourage students to keep the following points in mind:

- There is no need to worry if they haven't applied for an early offer, or were unsuccessful in securing one. The standard TISC offer rounds will proceed as usual following the release of results, and there will still be sufficient places available in courses for students who meet the usual entry requirements. Courses will not be prematurely filled by early offers.
- It's important to understand whether the offer received is conditional or unconditional. If the offer is conditional, students will need to satisfy the conditions at the end of the year, in order for the offer to be confirmed.

Students should be aware that, even for unconditional offers, they may be required to complete additional activities or be subject to higher levels of supervision once they commence at university if their final results at the end of year fall significantly short of the standard entry requirements.

- Students with unconditional offers may be tempted to reduce effort in their Year 12 studies. They should remember that poor performance from them in WACE exams could potentially affect the overall class average and drag down their friends' results also.

Also, Year 12 is not just about securing a particular number at the end of the year. It's actually a vital period of academic skill development and preparation for the increased freedom and academic expectations that come with degree-level study. Failure to take that preparation seriously could have significant implications for students' subsequent performance at university which, in turn, may result in a failure to make satisfactory academic progress in their degree.

- Even if a student has received and accepted an unconditional offer at a university, they are not "locked in" to that course. The TISC system allows students to retain the freedom to change their mind during the admissions process, so they can enter a program that they are happy with.

5 RESULTS RELEASE DATE 2020

Results and ATARs will be available from Monday 21 December 2020.

6 OFFER ROUND DATES 2021

The major TISC offer rounds for current Year 12 students will take place in January, with Main Round offers available from Friday 15 January, and Second Round offers available from Thursday 28 January.

This change to the last few years' offer sequence has been decided in response to the coronavirus pandemic and in consultation with other states, most of whom are following similar timelines, in order to provide students with plenty of time to make considered decisions on their preferred courses after the release of Year 12 results. The offer dates will also ensure that all students are given equal consideration in all offer rounds.

7 TISC ACCOUNT REGISTRATION

Students who are not submitting a TISC application should still complete the initial log-in steps on the TISC website, as they will need to use the website to access their ATARs and scaled scores at the end of the year. There is no charge to complete the initial registration process.

8 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

TISC is pleased to welcome our Associate Members for 2020-21:

- The University of Notre Dame, Australia www.notredame.edu.au
- CQUniversity Australia www.cqu.edu.au
- Tabor College of Higher Education <http://tabor.edu.au>
- Endeavour College of Natural Health www.endeavour.edu.au
- Engineering Institute of Technology www.eit.edu.au

Associate Members list their courses within our Course Search database; however, applications for these courses are submitted directly to the respective institution.

9 COURSE SEEKER WEBSITE

The Course Seeker website (www.courseseecker.edu.au) allows students to search and compare courses across the country.

This website can 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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Dear WA Year 12 student

Your school has received copies of the *2021 TISC Guide* to help you understand the application process. Please keep your copy handy to refer to throughout the process.

The following information will help you get started on the TISC system.

If you're interested in an early offer in 2020, please see the information on the TISC website (www.tisc.edu.au).

WACE students

- You've been pre-registered with the TISC website, based on data from the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA).
- Your **User ID** is your 8-digit 2020 SCSA Student Number. If unsure, seek help from your school.
- Your **initial/default password** is the first two characters of your family name (in lower case), followed by your full date of birth in the format ddmmyyyy.

For example:

Family name	Date of birth	initial/default password
Pratt	10 September 1996	pr10091996
A'Court	2 December 1992	a'02121992
MacBeth	28 April 2001	ma28042001
K Sivan	17 January 2000	k 17012000

- At first log in, you'll be prompted to change your initial/default password.
- Please check that your personal details on our system are correct.
- Visit www.tisc.edu.au and click **Login** on the top right of the screen to begin.

International Baccalaureate students

- Visit www.tisc.edu.au and click **Register** at the top right of the screen to begin.
- Complete the **New User Registration** process.
- Fill out the fields, providing your requested details, and select a secure **password**.
- You'll then be issued with a 2020 TISC Number, which will be your **User ID** for subsequent logins.

For everyone

- You'll get an email, confirming your successful registration/activation.
- Once you've successfully registered, you can go on to add course preferences and complete your application.
- Use the TISOnline Course Search to find the details of the course you're interested in.
- You can change your preferences online (at no cost) as many times as you like.
- The application processing fee is \$55 for 2020 WA Year 12 students until 30 September, then \$170 after that date.

All the best for the rest of your studies this year!

What is the Educational Access Scheme (EAS)?

Sometimes, students are faced with circumstances beyond their control that adversely affect their study experience and final marks. Universities have always allowed for individual consideration of such circumstances in assessing people for entry to many of their courses.

Through TISC's Educational Access Scheme, you can now lodge a single, confidential application that can be considered by any of TISC's member universities.

What sort of situations does the EAS cover?

We've identified four broad categories of circumstances, to give you an idea of the kind of situations that could be considered by the universities. Also, because life doesn't always fit into neat categories, there's a further 'Other circumstances' category to pick up anything that isn't covered elsewhere.

See whether any of the following describe your circumstances:



School environment

For example: experiencing multiple relocations during schooling; attending a school where few students are interested in university study; attending a school in a rural or isolated area.



Financial circumstances

For example: family financial hardship; low socio-economic status background; needing to work excessive hours to support family income.



Family situation

For example: family disruption; death of a close family member or friend; lack of a supportive home study environment; supporting family member/s with illness/disability; indigenous background.



Personal health issues

For example: personal medical condition/disability; accidental injury.



Other circumstances

For example: difficult migrant passage; refugee/asylum seeker status; leaving foster care; any other circumstances not covered above.

How do I apply?

You can submit your EAS application after you have completed your initial TISC application and paid the processing fee. There is no separate fee for the EAS application but be aware of the EAS related deadlines for the TISC offer rounds.

To apply, log in with your TISC Number and click on *Educational Access Scheme* on the side menu.

What documentation will I need to provide?

You'll need to provide some documentation to support your application. This will include a recommendation from your school and your Year 11 and 12 school reports as well as a personal statement from you. You may also need to ask your doctor or other health professional to provide a report. Please do not provide personal character references or resumes as part of your application. Forms can be downloaded from the TISC website.

What about privacy?

We understand that you may need to provide sensitive information as part of your application. We will treat your application in the strictest confidence. Only a small number of authorised people at TISC and the universities will have access to your application and supporting documents.

Where do I get more information?

Go to the TISC website: www.tisc.edu.au, and follow the links from the home page.