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1 TISC WELCOMES NEW CEO

TISC has appointed a new Chief Executive Officer, Mr Andrew Crevald. Andrew has 30 years' experience leading and managing in the higher education sector. Most recently Andrew was Executive General Manager, Higher Education at Education Centre of Australia. In this role Andrew's responsibilities were leading three institutes of higher education involving governance and quality, strategy development and implementation, financial management, registration and accreditation, learning and teaching business development and continuous improvement of policy, processes and systems.

Andrew's early career in computing led to a move to university management. Andrew has been a Faculty Manager, Director of Policy and Planning, and Director of Student Services, followed by 14 years as College Director and Principal at two Navitas colleges between 2006-2020.

Andrew will be visiting schools as part of the TISC school visit calendar over July and August and looks forward to meeting with students and staff as the opportunity arises.

2 TISC GUIDE DESPATCH

Copies of the 2023 TISC Guide will be distributed to WA schools from the second week of Term 3. If you need additional copies, please contact TISC. A PDF of the Guide will also be available on the TISC website.

Once again, due to the early opening of applications this year, personalised letters have not been included with the Guide despatch. WACE students should already be aware of their WA Student Number, which is also used as their TISC application number.

Schools were provided with an [information sheet](#) to help students with their initial log in to the TISC system earlier in the year.

3 SEMESTER ONE 2023 APPLICATIONS

This year, TISC set a flat application fee of \$80.00 for Semester 1 2023 applications. The removal of the traditional late application fee may remove the major incentive for students to submit their application by 30 September.

We would still encourage students to make their application by the end of September, as usual, before the leadup to exams and the various important end of Year 12 activities take priority. This will save any last-minute panic once results are released. Preferences can be changed as many times as a student wishes, throughout the application cycle.

Remember that some courses have a firm 30 September closing date and applications will not be accepted for those courses after that date. Details will be listed in the TISC Guide and on the TISC website.

4 EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEME (EAS)

Students applying for university through TISC may be eligible for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS). The underlying principle of EAS is that, in some cases, a student's formal academic results may not necessarily reflect their ability, due to the impact of circumstances they have faced.

A student's EAS application, attached to their TISC application, allows their individual circumstances to be considered by any of the universities whose courses appear on their preference list.

Applications are treated in the strictest confidence by TISC and the universities.

Further information, including an information sheet for students, is available on the EAS page of the TISC website: <https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/eas.tisc>

The closing dates for EAS applications and documentation are earlier than the standard closing dates – 30 November 2022 for the main round of offers, and 3 January 2023 for the second round of offers. This is to give the universities adequate time to consider the evidence.

Please encourage students to collate and submit their EAS documents in plenty of time, particularly where external input is needed (for example, medical evidence).

5 EARLY OFFERS

Early offers continue to be popular with Year 12 students. 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.
- Some courses will not make early offers. This includes courses with limited places (sometimes called 'quota courses') and most of the university enabling programs.
- Students should check the text of their early offer notification carefully and note any requirements that will need to be met at the end of the year, for their early offer to be confirmed.

- Students with early 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 easy entry to a particular course or university. It's 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 early offer at a university, they are not "locked in" to that course. The TISC system allows students the freedom to change their mind during the admissions process, so they can enter a program that they are happy with.

6 TISC ACCOUNT REGISTRATION

Year 12 WACE 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 ATAR and scaled scores at the end of the year.

Year 11 students completing Year 12 ATAR subject/s should also complete these initial steps if they wish to access their scaled score/s at the end of the year.

If no initial successful log-in has been made, students may experience wait times should they have trouble logging in on 18 December.

7 COURSE SEEKER WEBSITE

The Course Seeker website (www.courseseeker.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 or private higher education institutions.

8 COURSE CHANGES

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

9 UPDATED TISC PUBLICATIONS

The following TISC publications have been updated online:

[Admission Requirements for School Leavers completing Year 12 in 2024](#)

[Admission Requirements for students completing IB Diploma 2022](#)

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