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1 2009 UNIVERSITY OFFERS

A press release summarising university applications and offers for 2009 is on the TISC website at www.tisc.edu.au.

The following table summarises applications and offers for 2008 Year 12 students.

2008 (2009 admission)	**Number**	**% Offered University Place**
Year 12 students	19,239	47.1%
Year 12s with 4 or more TEE subjects/WACE courses	11,122	81.6%
Year 12s who applied through TISC	9,982	90.9%
Year 12s offered a university place	9,071	
Mature age TEE students who applied through TISC	123	78.9%
Mature age TEE students offered a university place	97	

Cut-off and indicative TERs, as well as application and offer statistics by course, are on the TISC web site – www.tisc.edu.au.

2 SCHOOL REGISTERS: RESULTS AND OFFERS – YEAR 12 2008 AND EARLIER

TISC will provide schools which had Year 12 students in 2008 with a comprehensive listing of students' Tertiary Entrance Ranks, preferences, offers, enrolments etc. This report will be available in mid-takeover March after we have updated enrolment information from the universities. It will be provided as a pdf download via the TISC secure website. Instructions for accessing the site and obtaining the report will be circulated to Principals once the report is ready. There is no charge for this service.

Hard copies of past years' registers are available on application to TISC. Requests should be made on the Application for TISC Data form under Publications, Reports and Statistics at www.tisc.edu.au, to be completed and sent to the Executive Officer with the fee of $27.50 per year required. Please specify the year(s) for which results are required.

NOTE: Any student information released by TISC to schools is on a confidential basis for educational uses only. On no account can an individual's information be passed on for any purpose without the permission of the person involved. Refer to TISC's Ethical Guidelines on use of TISC Data at* www.tisc.edu.au, *click on 'Downloads' in left hand menu.

3 INCREMENT

For 2009 courses that have stage 2 and stage 3 exams, an increment of 15 will be added to the stage 3 combined standardised scores before scaling.

The purpose of the increment is to act as an incentive for students capable of undertaking the more difficult stage 3 level of a course to study the course at stage 3.

The increment adjusts the rank order of students **within** a WACE course, but has no effect a**cross** WACE courses or TEE subjects.

There is a link on TISC's home page to provide detail on the stage 3 increment for 2009 Year 12 students.

4 REMINDER – DEFINITION OF SCHOOL LEAVER

For the purpose of university admission, a Year 12 student is a 'School Leaver' if the student is under 20 years of age on the last day of February in the year of admission.

Note: If a student turns 20 years of age on 1 March in the year of admission he/she is a 'School Leaver'. For example a student born on 1 March 1990 is a school leaver for the purpose of admission to university in 2010, and hence is not eligible for a two-subject mature age TER.

5 2010 UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (2009 YEAR 12)

A Power Point presentation for 2009 Year 12 students on university admission requirements, application process etc is available at www.tisc.edu.au in the Downloads area.

School Leavers

Normal School Leavers will have to meet the following four requirements for courses at Curtin University of Technology, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University and The University of Western Australia.

1 Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)

Achievement of WACE is a mandatory requirement by all universities. If any of your Year 12 students completed Year 11 overseas or interstate then your school will need to seek credit from the Curriculum Council to ensure these studies count towards achieving WACE.

2 Competence in English

Competence in English is usually achieved by a scaled mark of at least 50 in English, English as an Additional Language Dialect (EALD) for eligible students, or TEE English Literature.

3 Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER)

The TER is derived from The Tertiary Entrance Aggregate (TEA).

The TEA will be calculated by adding the best four scaled scores. These may be in any combination of WACE courses at stage 2 and stage 3 and/or TEE subjects, subject to unacceptable combinations. No course or TEE subject can be counted more than once. Stage 2 and stage 3 of the same WACE course cannot both count.

4 Prerequisites

As in past years, for some courses it will be necessary to meet prerequisite requirements.

Mature Age Students

For Mature Age students, the TEA will be the sum of a student's best two scaled marks, multiplied by two (maximum 400).

Further Information

For detailed 2010 University Admission Requirements for School Leavers and for Mature Age students, go to **www.tisc.edu.au** and click on 'University Admissions' on the left hand menu to find the appropriate admission requirements.

A summary of admission requirements for 2009 to 2011, (2008 Year 12 to 2010 Year 12) highlighting the changes from one year to the next is also on TISC's homepage.

6 TEA TO TER CALCULATOR

The TEA to TER calculator for 2009 admission (2008 Year 12) is accessible on the right hand side of TISC's home page.

7 STATISTICS

The following statistics can be found at www.tisc.edu.au under Publications, Reports and Statistics.

- University Application, Offer and Enrolment
- 2008 Scaling
- TER Frequency Distribution

8 ADVICE OF UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

As TISC prepares and publishes admission requirements (available for downloading from TISC's website www.tisc.edu.au) on behalf of the universities each year, TISC's policy is not to endorse any of the summaries which may be prepared by schools or others, so as to avoid the possibility of unnoticed ambiguities or inaccuracies misleading prospective students.

The four universities have asked TISC to inform schools that the **ONLY** official notification of changes to admission requirements are those made direct from the university(ies) concerned, or through TISC, on behalf of the universities.

9 2012 UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (2011 YEAR 12)

Before the end of Term 2 this year it is hoped that the 2012 University Admission Requirements for school leavers will be published on TISC's website. TISC will email TISCUpdate subscribers when this occurs. (See item 12 about subscribing to TISCUpdates.)

10 VISITS TO SCHOOLS

TISC has staff available to visit schools to explain procedural matters relating to university admission, including how to apply, calculation of the TER, preference system, etc.

If you would like a TISC staff member to visit to speak to your Year 12 students/parents/staff, please contact Robyn (9318 8038). If a visit to a country school is requested, TISC will also take the initiative and contact other schools in the area to see if they can fit in with planned visit dates.

11 TISC PUBLICATIONS AND DESPATCHES TO SCHOOLS

11.1 Available online only

A number of TISC publications previously sent to schools are now only available online. These include:

School Circulars
2010, 2011 and 2012 Admission requirements for School Leavers
2010 and 2011 Admission Requirements for Mature Age Students

TISC emails TISCUpdates subscribers when this information is available. As this is the only notification that will be sent, please ensure that at least one person from your school is a subscriber (see item 12 below for details about how to subscribe).

11.2 Despatches to schools

Some publications are still distributed to schools. These are listed in the schedule below. Despatches to schools are always addressed to the Principal, but may be intended for distribution to Year 12 students and/or school staff.

11.3 Publication/despatch schedule:

- ***February, August and October and other times as appropriate***
  School Circulars published *(online only)*. Email notification of availability sent to TISCUpdates subscribers (see item 12 of this Circular).
- ***March***
  School Register reporting the preceding Year 12 students' TERs, final preferences and course offers and acceptance available, *as a pdf download only* (see item 2 in this Circular). Principals notified by mail of availability.
- ***May***
  University prospectuses for 2010 entry despatched, for distribution to 2009 Year 12 students.
- ***June***
  2012 Admission Requirements for School Leavers brochure, for 2009 Year 10 students, published *(on TISC's website only)*.
- **Early August**
  2010 TISC Guide for 2009 Year 12 students published and despatched to schools. All Guide information is also published on TISC's website.
- **November**
  2011 Admission Requirements for Mature Age Students brochure, for 2010 mature age students published *(on TISC's website only)*.

12 SUBSCRIBE TO TISCUpdates

The *Subscribe to TISCUpdates* facility is a free subscription service enabling subscribers to be advised when TISC's website is updated. TISC emails subscribers when school circulars or new information about university admission are published on TISC's website. No other notification is sent. To subscribe, click the 'Subscribe to TISC Updates' link on the home page of www.tisc.edu.au.