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ATTACHMENT: FLYER ON OFFER ROUND DATES

1 SEMESTER ONE 2019 APPLICATIONS

Applications for entry to university in Semester One 2018 open on Monday 6 August. Copies of the 2019 TISC Guide, and personalised letters for Year 12 students will be distributed to schools over the next few weeks. The application fee for current Year 12 WACE and International Baccalaureate students is \$40 until Friday 28 September. After this date, a late fee of \$160 applies.

2 RESULTS RELEASE DATE 2018

Results and ATARs will be available from Monday 17 December 2018.

3 CHANGES TO OFFER ROUND DATES

In response to feedback received from a survey of last year's Year 12 applicants, and in the context of rapidly changing timelines in other states, TISC member universities have decided to change the dates for major offer rounds following the release of Year 12 results.

One major round will take place before Christmas (offers available from Friday 21 December), with another major round occurring in January (offers available from Tuesday 22 January).

Further information on these changes is included in the attached document.

4 UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS OPT IN/OUT

Applicants will be asked whether or not they 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.

5 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

TISC is delighted to welcome The University of Notre Dame as an Associate Member for 2018-2019. UNDA joins 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 will not be able to add Associate Members' courses to their TISC preferences.

6 EARLY ENGINEERING OFFERS

TISC member universities have advised they will not be making early offers for engineering courses in 2018.

7 ATAR/SELECTION RANK CHECK FUNCTIONALITY

For registered users of the TISC website and university applicants a useful tool has been developed that allows users to enter their expected ATAR/Selection Rank and receive visual feedback on whether that value meets the requirements for entry to the courses in their personal course folder (used for shortlisting courses of interest) and/or their official preference list. The tool compares the value entered with the guaranteed entry ATAR/Selection Rank determined by the universities for many of their courses (see the next item for more on the guaranteed entry ATAR/Selection Rank).

8 MINIMUM AND GUARANTEED ATARS/SELECTION RANKS

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 ADMISSIONS TRANSPARENCY

Universities across Australia have been working with the Australian government to provide clearer information on entry requirements for university courses.

A summary of changes being made this year is available at: <http://www.tisc.edu.au/static/misc/admissions-transparency.tisc>, together with quick reference guides for Students/Parents and Career Advisers/Schools.

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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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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What's happening?

University offers for 2019 through TISC are going to be released earlier than before.

Why?

Most Year 12 students are eligible to receive an offer as soon as their results are available.

Universities want to reduce the stress of waiting a long time between Year 12 results and offers.

Previous students told us they wanted more time between offer rounds and more time to prepare for the start of university study after getting their offer.

Some other states are also moving their offer rounds earlier.

What are the details?

Monday 17 December 2018	WACE results and ATARs for current Year 12 students available online
Tuesday 18 December 2018	Changes of preference close at 11.00 pm for December offer round
Friday 21 December 2018	December round offers available Changes of preference reopen for January offer round
Saturday 29 December 2018	Second-chance English test session
Saturday 5 January 2019	Second-chance English test session
Tuesday 15 January 2019	Changes of preference close at 11.00 pm for January offer round
Tuesday 22 January 2019	January round offers available
Monday 25 February 2019	First day of semester for Curtin , ECU, Murdoch and UWA.

Will this affect my chances of getting an offer?

No. No-one will be disadvantaged by the change.

Most Year 12 students will get an offer in the December round. If you're waiting on final results (IB students) or need to sit the second chance English test, you'll get your offer in the January round.

Universities will make sure there are places available in all courses in both offer rounds. Once we've got all the information we need, you'll have just the same chance of getting an offer in January.

Can I get more information?

Check out the TISC website: www.tisc.edu.au.
Call us: 9318 8000
Email us: info@tisc.edu.au