

# TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS SERVICE CENTRE

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Dear Principal

## **RE: 2010 University Admission Requirements for School Leavers**

I am writing to inform you that the universities have determined the 2010 university admission requirements after extensive discussions within universities, feedback in regard to the earlier TISC discussion paper, meetings with school principals from each sector, and discussions with the Curriculum Council. The universities have taken into account the following:

- A desire for all students who are capable of successful university study to have the opportunity to qualify for university admission.
- The need not to have university admission requirements that may be unnecessarily restrictive, particularly in a time when senior schooling is in transition.
- The importance of students undertaking TEE subjects and Courses that will challenge and extend them in preparation for university studies. Therefore it is desirable that students seeking university admission and who are undertaking Courses should do these Courses at the more demanding stage 3.
- The announcement that for 2009 there will be examinations in 21 Courses, each at stage 2 and stage 3, and 29 TEE subjects.

Given the urgency for schools to know what the 2010 University Admission Requirements will be, a summary is provided below.

- The admission requirements will be similar to the 2009 requirements, but take into account separate stage 2 and stage 3 examinations.
- As an incentive for students intending to undertake Curriculum Council Courses to study those Courses at the more demanding stage 3, results at stage 3 will be increased by 15 marks per Course relative to the stage 2 results, as part of the scaling process.
- The current Average Marks Scaling (AMS) process will be applied to all TEE and Course results to ensure fairness to all students.
- The Tertiary Entrance Aggregate (TEA) will be calculated by adding the best four scaled scores, subject to unacceptable combinations. These scaled scores may be in any combination of TEE subjects and/or stage 2 or stage 3 Courses.
- The competence in English requirement will normally be met by a scaled mark of at least 50 in stage 2 or stage 3 English or EALD, or a scaled mark of at least 50 in TEE English Literature.
- Prerequisites will generally be a scaled mark of at least 50 in a TEE subject. The only 2009 Courses that may be specified as prerequisites for 2010 admission are English, and Earth and Environmental Science. For these Courses a scaled mark of 50 or more in stage 3 of the Course is required.

Schools will be notified when the detailed 2010 University Admission Requirements for School Leavers will be available and published at [www.tisc.edu.au](http://www.tisc.edu.au).

Given the level of concern about course changes and resulting changes to university admissions in this transition period, it has been decided that TISC will produce a 2010 Universities Admission brochure for school leavers. It is expected the brochure will be distributed to schools within the next three weeks.

If you have any queries concerning the 2010 admission requirements then please contact TISC on 9318 8000 or email [info@tisc.edu.au](mailto:info@tisc.edu.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Hoath', written in a cursive style.

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