

General UB Newsletter

September 2007

School is almost over and in only a few more weeks you will be finishing your VCE studies. It is a busy time preparing for your final exams but there are some important things you should be doing this month...

1. Finalise your VTAC Preferences!

Don't leave it until the last day (September 28) to get your VTAC application in!

If you haven't already done so consider scholarship and accommodation applications this month too.

2. School Holiday Campus Tours

For students who were unable to attend Open Day, tours will be conducted at the following times:

Mt Helen, SMB & Camp Street
Thursday 27th September, 1.00pm
Thursday 4th October, 1.00pm

To book a place on any of these tours, please contact Student Recruitment on (03) 5327 9923.

3. VCE Units 3 & 4 Exam Revision Program

Access Education is providing VCE exam revision programs at the University of Ballarat in October. Details are as follows:

Saturday 13th October

9.00am – 11.30am Further Maths OR Physics
11.45am – 1.45pm Legal Studies OR Specialist Maths
2.15pm – 4.15pm Maths Methods
4.30pm – 6.30pm Business Management OR Physical Education

Sunday 14th October

9.00am – 11.00am Psychology
11.15am – 1.15pm Chemistry OR Health & Human Development
1.45pm – 3.45pm English
4.00pm – 6.00pm Biology OR Accounting

Telephone: (03) 9530 0336
Email: vce@accesseducation.com.au

Good luck with your exams

UB wishes you well with your Year 12 exams in October and November. Exams can be a challenging experience for many students. Some tips and advice on surviving and thriving during this time are below:

Preparing your Exam Time-Table

Effective exam preparation begins at the start of the year, but final revision needs to be planned the moment the examination date, time and venue are announced. You can start by preparing your

Examination Time-Table. This is a special time-table designed by you and just for you.

On it you should include:

- ← When and where your examinations take place
- ← Times allocated to domestic activity (eg. eating, sleeping, traveling, chores etc.)
- ← Time for recreation and physical exercise
- ← Study time for when you feel most alert (are you an AM or a PM person?)
- ← Emergency Study time (in case things go awry)

Obviously the scheduling of examinations will affect how your study time-table looks. Try to allow adequate amounts of time to each of your subjects and allocate extra time to those you find difficult.

Learning and Remembering

How can you "re-learn" so that your knowledge and memory will be reliable in the examination?

- ← Systematically review your material
Use "Active" Learning Techniques like SQ3R (described below):

Survey... Scan through your notes and texts

Question... What is this topic about?

Read... Try to answer your questions. Take notes.

Recall... Answer the questions without your notes, and

Review... Re-read your notes whenever you can.

- ← Identify your weak areas early and get assistance if necessary.
Understanding is the most vital aid to learning and remembering
- ← Revise by writing summaries or doing problems.
Writing is an "Active" form of learning and active learning is more effective.
- ← Focus your learning. Don't try to remember things that you will not need.
- ← Try to revise material in small chunks. Different subjects have different absorption rates. Don't try to take in too much at one sitting. Break regularly and use this time for "Recite" or "Review". A 15 minute burst with a 5 minute review is often more effective than a one hour slog and review. Test yourself regularly to ensure that you are remembering.



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For additional exam techniques such as 'Controlling Anxiety' and 'Exam Room Strategies', please visit http://www.ballarat.edu.au/aasp/student/learning_support/index.shtml and click on Exam Techniques.

Good luck for your exams. We hope to see you at UB in 2008!

My UB

The University of Ballarat 'My UB' website is designed to allow you to keep track of courses you are interested in, register your contact details with the University of Ballarat and record information related to your application.

To access My UB, go to:
www.ballarat.edu.au/coursefinder/CFR

If you have previously registered your details with UB, you can log onto the system using your email address.

If not, click on register and enter your details.

Once you've registered your details, you can then:

- ← Search for UB courses that you may be interested in. Once you've found a course, you can save it in your registration form, allowing you to review it easily at a later date
- ← Keep notes of UB staff you have spoken to, relevant application closing dates or details about scholarships or accommodation for example.
- ← Change your registration details.

General Scholarships

www.ballarat.edu.au/scholarships

A wide range of scholarships are available at UB to help make further education affordable and accessible. For some scholarships in 2008, you will need to apply at the end of 2007. This is a snapshot of scholarships that were available to Higher Education and TAFE Students in 2007. For complete descriptions, selection criteria, eligibility, application forms and application dates, please visit the website - www.ballarat.edu.au/scholarships. Application dates vary from October to March, so it is important to check dates carefully. Scholarship offerings are subject to change.

New Courses at UB in 2008

UB is offering a large number of exciting new courses starting in 2008. For further information about these new courses go to <http://www.ballarat.edu.au/aasp/student/recruitment/publications.shtml>

- ← Bachelor of Applied Management Studies
- ← Bachelor of Hospitality Management
- ← Bachelor of Technology Education
- ← Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)
- ← Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences and Bachelor of Education
- ← Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Education
- ← Bachelor of Business Information Systems/ Bachelor of Management
- ← Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences
- ← Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science
- ← Bachelor of Nursing (Postregistration)
- ← Graduate Diploma of Mental Health
- ← Graduate Certificate in Emergency Care
- ← Bachelor of Engineering Science/Bachelor of Applied Computing
- ← Bachelor of Biomedical Science
- ← Bachelor of Science
- ← Bachelor of Applied Science (Metallurgy)

Information Sessions

Information sessions are a great way to learn more information about a course you may be interested in, occasionally they are an extra requirement for entry into the course. UB is running a number of these over the coming months at our SMB or Horsham or Ararat campuses. To find out dates and times for these information sessions please phone 1800 811 711.

October

- ← Diploma of Children's Services (SMB) (Horsham)



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- ← Certificate III in Aged Care Work/Certificate III in Home and Community Care (HACC) (SMB)
- ← Certificate III in Children's Services (SMB)
- ← Certificate IV in Health (Nursing) (Horsham) (SMB)
- ← Certificate IV in Fitness (SMB)
- ← Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation (SMB)
- ← Certificate III in Children's Services (Horsham) (SMB)
- ← Certificate IV in Community Services Work (SMB)

November

- ← Certificate IV in Disability Work (SMB)
- ← Certificate IV in Mental Health Work (non clinical) (SMB)
- ← Certificate II in Hairdressing (SMB) (Horsham)
- ← Certificate III in Hairdressing (SMB)(Horsham)
- ← Certificate III in Aged Care Work/ Certificate III in Home and Community Care (HACC) (Ararat) (Horsham)
- ← Certificate II in Nail Technology (SMB)
- ← Certificate III in Beauty Services (SMB)
- ← Diploma of Beauty Therapy (SMB)
- ← Horticulture courses (SMB)

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