



Paringa Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students, Staff and Friends of the College,

Many around Adelaide would be aware of the deep purple hues of the Jacaranda trees which come into spectacular bloom at this time of the year. The colour is synonymous with the liturgical season of advent, which celebrates the birth of Christ and the festivities of the Christmas period. It is tempting to be seduced by the colourful decorations that adorn shopping centres and public buildings, and in the process, ignore the deeper significance of this period and the religious observances that accompany it. For the last two millennia, Christians throughout the world have paused to celebrate the birth of Christ, in humble circumstances in Bethlehem, and the spirit of a season that is dependent upon peace and goodwill. It is my hope that members of the Sacred Heart School community can take time to appreciate fully the actual significance of the season and enjoy the sentiments that accompany it.

We give thanks for all that has transpired over a long term and a busy year. While public examinations for Year 12 ended a fortnight ago, students in Year 10 and 11 have been subjected to their own examinations and end of year assessments. This is part of the rigorous demands of senior secondary and students need to perform well in order to satisfy entry requirements for more senior courses of study that loom in 2011. All will be revealed when final reports are collected from the College on Tuesday 7th December.

I wish to acknowledge and commend students in Year 11 who, over the last week, have responded conscientiously to the Induction Program in preparation for Year 12. The purpose behind the program was not only to provide course materials and key components of the work in advance, but particularly the psychology that will enable Year 12 to be approached with maturity and endeavour. I also wish to thank the teachers who invested much time and effort to ensure its success.

As this newsletter goes to print, two separate groups of Year 11 students will be involved in their respective Immersion experiences in India and the Philippines. These are truly remarkable odysseys for they enable students from the relatively prosperous confines of Sacred Heart to not only travel to exotic countries in Asia, but also view the world from the eyes of a poor child. Both Immersion treks are taking over the thousands of dollars which were raised throughout the course of the year for use on projects of the most need in the orphanages and disadvantaged schools that they will visit.

The last few weeks has seen a colossal amount of work undertaken behind the scenes to ensure that all is in readiness for the beginning of the 2011 school year. New staff have been employed, the timetable developed, facilities updated, IT systems installed and a myriad of other elements of school life attended to so that the template is set for the first day of classes. It is that contact and in the spirit of Marist education, that I look forward to all that the coming year has in store.

Best wishes for an enjoyable Christmas and happy New Year.

Dr Paul Hine
Principal

Forthcoming Events/Dates:

Term 4 2010 Week 9

Tuesday 7 December
Reports Issued at
11:00 am – 12:00 noon

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Term 1 2011 Week 1

Monday 31 January
Boarders Return

Tuesday 1 February
Classes resume for Term 1 2011

Saturday 5 – Sunday 6 February
Year 12 Boarders Camp

Term 1 Week 2

Wednesday 9 February
Opening Mass

Wednesday 9 February
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Saturday 12 – Sunday 13 February
Year 12 Leaders Camp

**First SHCS
Newsletter for
2011, containing
the College
Calendar, will be
published on
Wednesday,
9 February 2011.**



The Marist Corner



If someone was standing by the water on the beach, insisting that you join them in cleansing yourself of your sins, would you stop or continue on your way? In the desert, John the Baptist did exactly this, preaching the message; 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' The only difference between today and then is that John had followers. 'I have baptised you with water, but it is your life that must be cleaned, not your skin.' How true is this. It is too often that we are consumed with our appearance and what is on the outside; as if by holding onto sin on the inside, it does matter. By giving yourself to God however, he shall baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire, which is much more powerful. We believe Jesus is who He said he is. Believe and Trust in Him today, for there is no other way to Heaven, and you may not have tomorrow!

Remar Gold Graduation



The celebration of three years of the Remar Gold caravel had a graduation dinner held at the Somerton Surf Lifesaving Club on the 25th November 2010.

Tracy Dorian and her Gold Caravel have been a true example of living in the way of Marcellin. Special congratulations to Laura Potts, who has been chosen to be a Gap team member for Remar 2011. Laura will be based in Melbourne with a team of four other leaders and coordinate and run Remar and leadership camps in Marist schools around Australia. We wish all of the graduates the best in their year ahead.

Reflections from their Red, Blue and Gold Caravel Days...

'As the program continued I grew personally with a dramatic increase in confidence and leadership skills.'
Ben McCarl

'All the stuff we have done, spiritual and social justice has changed the person that I am going to become; it has also opened up many opportunities for me.' Joel Edwards

'I love where we are and can't wait to go where we are headed.' Katie Fritz

'This year has been an amazing journey with Remar, I have learnt so much about myself and those around me.' Jennifer Cullen



Remar Reds



On Wednesday 24th of November to Friday 26th Year 9 students from Sacred Heart College Middle School and Marymount College shared a Remar embarkation camp as they will be Sacred Heart College Seniors new Red Caravel going into year ten. The camp was run by two very experienced Remar Gap students, Lauren Haworth and Sam Diamond, who inspired the students

and staff involved. Next year looks promising with Paul Morgan taking on the role as the Red's leader and a great group of students already committed. Many thanks to all those involved - the leaders who helped out, Rosemary Moten for all of her work; caterers; and a huge thank you to Shane Hennessy who kindly housed the camp in the boarding house for the three days.

World Youth Day

Spain, Madrid, August 15th- 22nd 2011

World Youth Day (WYD) is a youth celebration started by Pope John Paul II as a way to inspire the youth and encourage them in living the teachings of Christ. It occurs every 3 to 4 years.

The theme in 2011 is "Planted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith" (Col 2:7)

The staff representing Sacred Heart College at World Youth Day in Madrid 2011 are Sarah Melhuish, Alison Iwanowitsch and Youth Minister Courtney Redden.





Marist Mission Immersion



On Sunday the 28th November 2010 two Marist Mission teams departed from Adelaide, one for the **Philippines** and the other **India**.

The Marist Missions groups have been raising money all year to supply both teams with sports, schooling and home ware to donate to the schools which they are to visit.

Many thanks for all the support in raising money over the year and we look forward to welcoming both teams home mid-December.

We keep in our prayers the travels, cultural diversity and experiences that the students and staff will appreciate while on their journeys, and that on their return each will be humble in how they go about changing their world and others around them.



*May the feet of God walk with you,
and his hand hold you tight.
May the eye of God rest on you,
and his ear hear your cry.
May the smile of God be for you,
and his breath give you life.
May the Child of God grow in you,
and his love bring you home.*





BRIGHTON CATHOLIC PARISH

Invites you to an

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS EVE

VIGIL MASS

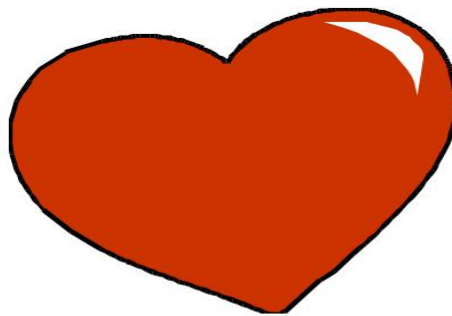
FRIDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2010

7:00 PM

Quadrangle

Sacred Heart College Senior

Somerton Park



"BE THE CHANGE"

Bring your own chair

Christmas Carols from 6.30 pm



TRI-SCHOOLS UNIFORM SHOP

Located at the rear of Sacred Heart College Senior School, Scarborough Street, Somerton Park.
MasterCard, Visa Card and EFTPOS available. Direct telephone:
(08) 8350 2586.

Second-hand uniforms -
Neat, clean, current uniforms are accepted for re-sale during shop hours.

January 2011 Holiday Trading

From 10th January
Mon – Fri 1.00 – 6.00 pm
Sat 9.00am – 1.00 pm
Monday 31st January
10.00 am – 5.00 pm

Term Time Trading

Mon 3.00 – 5.00 pm
Tues 1.00 – 6.00 pm
Wed 8.00am – 12 noon
Thurs 1.00 – 6.00 pm

Mrs Lisa Harvey
Tri-Schools Uniform Shop

Japanese Scholarship

Congratulations to Year 10 student William Thurling who has been selected to travel to Japan from 3rd to 16th December as part of the JENESYS Cultural Exchange Program. 240 students from around Australia will take part in the program, and William will have one week of travelling around Japan and one week staying in a Japanese home. The trip is fully funded by the Japanese government. We congratulate Will on his selection and he will be an excellent ambassador for his school and country

Ms Sue Duncan
Japanese Teacher

2011 School Fee Structure & Guidelines

2011 School Fee Structure and Guidelines are now available for your perusal on the College website at **www.shcs.sa.edu.au**.

Should you have any questions please call the College Finance Office on 8294 2988.

Mrs Christene Burke
Finance Officer

**Farewell to
Gillian Cousins
President of SHCS P&F Association
and volunteer helper.
Thank you for all your work
and support over the many years.
Your time here has been treasured and
you will be missed.**



ACER: LANGUAGE COMPETITION (JAPANESE AND ITALIAN)

For quite a few years, year 10 and 11 students have competed in the national Language Competition run by the Australian Council for Educational Research. Our results have always been of a very high standard, but this year our students have excelled themselves. One of the reasons as to why our results in some areas have been completely outstanding is because of the level of professionalism and expertise of our language teachers: Irene Cirottola (Italian) and Sue Duncan and Rachel Francis (Japanese).

Below are the results (%) for our student cohort studying Japanese and/or Italian who gained **credits, distinctions or high distinctions**:

Year 10 Italian

Listening: 90%
Reading: 100%

Year 11 Italian

Listening: 43%
Reading: 71%

Year 10 Japanese

Listening: 100%
Reading: 100%

Year 11 Japanese

Listening: 73%
Reading: 82%

We wish to congratulate the following students on their actual achievement in the language exam; the skill and depth of knowledge displayed in the area of reading and listening is to be highly commended; we are proud of their commitment to the language programme here at Sacred Heart College Senior.

Year 10 Italian: Credits / Distinctions (Certificate 2)

| | CREDIT | DISTINCTION |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Chloe Castle | Reading | Listening |
| Mandy Ma | Listening | Reading |
| Stella Manuele | Listening | Reading |
| Bridget Milky | Listening | Reading |
| Sara-Anna Dolatowska | Listening and Reading | |
| Rhiannon Harmer | Listening and Reading | |
| Adam Rogers | Listening and Reading | |
| James Taylor Wilson | Listening and Reading | |
| Riley Kerrison | Reading | |

Year 11 Italian: Credits / Distinctions (Certificate 3)

| | CREDIT | DISTINCTION |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Shannon Sandford | | Reading |
| Rebecca McDonald | Listening and Reading | |
| Lauren Varo | Listening and Reading | |
| Sarah Mack | Listening | |
| Georgia O'Grady | Reading | |
| Andrew Sargent | Reading | |



Year 10 Japanese: Credits / Distinctions / High Distinctions (Certificate 2)

| | CREDIT | DISTINCTION | HIGH DISTINCTION |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Madelaine Gallagher | | | Listening and Reading |
| Natasha Henderson | | Listening | Reading |
| Milly Leung | | Listening and Reading | |
| Sophie Waldron | | Listening and Reading | |
| Joel Minear-Kulpinski | Reading | Listening | |
| Aaron Barbaro | Listening and Reading | | |
| Tiffany Edwards | Listening and Reading | | |
| William Thurling | Listening and Reading | | |
| Erin Warland | Listening and Reading | | |

Year 11 Japanese: Credits / Distinctions (Certificate 3)

| | CREDIT | DISTINCTION |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Hannah Green | | Listening and Reading |
| Mandy Ma | Reading | Listening |
| Joshua Donaldson | Listening and Reading | |
| Madelaine Gallagher | Listening and Reading | |
| Natasha Henderson | Listening and Reading | |
| Carmel Larkin | Listening and Reading | |
| Rebecca McDonald | Listening and Reading | |
| Aislinn Young | Listening | |
| Rebekah Hobbs | Reading | |
| Peter Stevens | Reading | |

Tracey Dorian
 Head of Learning Area: English, Languages and ESL



Courses and Careers News



Students please check your student emails for regular career updates.

YEARS 10, 11 & 12



Work Experience for 2011

BEFORE CONSIDERING WORK EXPERIENCE PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:

It is a legal requirement that prior to commencing work experience students are inducted in the following areas: Occupational Health and Safety, Equal Opportunity and the Children's Protection Act 1993. Adequate

time (approximately 3-4 hours) should be allocated to cover these topics effectively and students need to demonstrate their understanding.

In addition to this, the work experience form must be signed by the student, parent/guardian, work experience supervisor (all arranged by the student) and finally the principal (arranged by the school). The **original** (copies or faxes are unacceptable) work experience agreement form then becomes a legal contract which sets the school insurance cover in place and must be retained by the school for a number of years.

The school must also provide a contact person who is responsible for each student for the duration of their placement.

Work experience is a very valuable experience for most students however; it does take time to ensure that the above expectations are met. We are happy to accommodate students in the times allocated, please do not cause yourself or the school embarrassment by making other arrangements and then asking for exceptions to be made.

Students who wish to do work experience during 2011 are advised that the dates are:

11th – 15th July

Deadline for paperwork 10th June

10th – 14th October

Deadline for paperwork 26th August

5th – 9th December

Deadline for paperwork 28th October

Work or job trials are not sanctioned by SA work experience guidelines.

Faculty of Sciences at Adelaide University - Work Experience placements for 2011

The Faculty of Sciences at Adelaide University will be hosting a number of work experience placements throughout 2011 for students in years 10 and 11. Students wishing to apply must complete an application form to be submitted by 15th March. Places are limited and interest is high so selection will be based on the merit of the application and availability in the area of the students' interest. On-line application forms can be found at:

http://www.sciences.adelaide.edu.au/info_science_teachers/workexperience/

Interested students are reminded that they would need to apply for the dates that the school offers work experience in.

Adelaide Education Consultants

2011 AEC SACE Headstart Preparation Programme

These programmes are offered as a head start to a number of Year 12 subjects. Brochures and discount coupons are available outside the careers office.

Advanced Notice

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Defence Technical Scholarships 2011

The ADF needs talented, capable, technical tradespeople and the Scholarships aim to encourage young people to stay at school longer, so that they build a better foundation for their future trade career.

The Australian Defence Force can provide you with accredited trade skills and qualifications. Not only do ADF personnel receive ongoing education and training, there are great opportunities for career advancement and personal and professional development. You will receive an outstanding salary package, get to travel as part of your job, make loads of great new friends and become a skilled technical



trade specialist on some of the world's most technically sophisticated equipment.

FOR 2011, THE ADF WILL OFFER UP TO 1,500 SCHOLARSHIPS.

The scholarship program is a fantastic opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students, intending to pursue an ADF general entry technical trade career after completing Year 12. The DTS rewards technically-savvy students for staying on at school and enrolling in specific subjects.

Year 11 recipients will receive \$2000, paid over two semesters and successful Year 12 students will receive \$3000, paid over two semesters. Although there is no obligation to join the Navy, Army or Air Force after finishing school, you will be required to explain why you are interested in an ADF technical trade career as part of the selection process.

If you are going to be a Year 11 or Year 12 student in 2011, you will be eligible to apply if you are:

- an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- enrolled in a mathematics subject when you enter Year 11 or Year 12
- enrolled in a technical vocational subject (VET) when you enter Year 11 or Year 12.

Information Packs and Application Forms will be available from 1 February 2011.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 11 MARCH 2011.

Web Link:

<http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/dts/>

Macquarie University NSW – Chiropractic Studies

Students interested in a career in chiropractic science must currently look to interstate courses. Macquarie University offers one of these courses.

Chiropractic is the third largest healing profession today. Chiropractors recognise the importance of body structures and how they affect our health. They use spinal adjustments, manipulation and other physical means to assist the inherent recuperative powers of the body in the restoration and the maintenance of health. They use a range of diagnostic tools including X-ray.

The chiropractic program at Macquarie is a double degree consisting of a three-year Bachelor of Chiropractic Science and a two-year masters degree.

“When students graduate with a Master of Chiropractic they can immediately gain registration to

practice,” explains Director of Postgraduate Studies, Peter Bull. “As it is an internationally recognised qualification graduates can also practice around the world.”

There are two portals for entry to the Bachelor of Chiropractic Science. The first portal is the Higher School Certificate and the second portal is for students who have completed a degree in a health-related science and apply for direct entry into the masters qualifying program.

For students intending on choosing a course of chiropractic study, they should be aware that it is recommended that they complete maths, physics and chemistry at high school. If students haven't completed these subjects, particularly chemistry, they will need to take them as vacation units before they commence the chiropractic degree.

During their first three years of study, students undertake foundation subjects – majoring in anatomy and physiology. Also, from day one they are exposed to the practical aspects of chiropractic learning: how to palpate and examine patients.

During the masters program students look at the clinical sciences and become proficient in manipulative skills through a clinical component of 700 hours. “Our students serve an internship,” says Bull. “They learn how to run a practice, function as assistants, work on the front desk, operate x-ray equipment, and are also involved in patient handling and manipulation.”

Upon completion of the Master of Chiropractic, Macquarie students are automatically licensed to practice in Australia and New Zealand as well as own and operate x-ray equipment. Currently Macquarie is graduating around 120 chiropractors a year. According to Bull all of them find positions and in fact these graduates don't fill all the available positions.

“Chiropractic is the fastest growing health profession in terms of patient utilisation,” says Bull. We see great opportunity for chiropractors to have a very healthy career future.”

<http://www.courses.mq.edu.au/public/view/2011/Undergraduate/Degree/Bachelor+of+Chiropractic+Science>



NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Arts) Tours in Summer 2011

NIDA Summer on Tour provides people who are unable to travel to Sydney the opportunity to access

NIDA short courses closer to home. Short courses in the performing arts are on offer for young people and adults. This summer courses in acting, writing and drama will be offered in Adelaide 3rd to 9th January. Early bird fee discounts apply up until December 3rd. For more information please see

<http://www.nida.edu.au/NidaCustomisation/CourseList.aspx?TYP=326>

Southern Cross Meats

111 Diagonal Road Warradale

Are looking to hire a suitable school leaver as an apprentice butcher. If you are interested please contact Jason or Bill on 82952008 and make sure that you have an up to date resume ready.

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ie: The text of notices on courses and industry prospects may be taken directly from their correspondence/publicity material.



Tertiary Studies & Careers Expo Adelaide
EVENT DATE REMINDER

Sunday 19th and Monday 20th June, 2011

10.00 – 4.00 Sunday

9.30 – 1.30 Monday

Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace

Free Admission!

Casual Christmas Work

Glenelg East IGA are looking for students between 15 – 18 years of age to help them over the Christmas and New Year period.

It is mostly check out work and some store work.

If interested please send your resume to:

Attention Danny Hollis

Glenelg East IGA

Cnr Cliff Street and Diagonal Road

Please include your email address in your resume.



Year 12 Final Careers Information 2010

Hello everyone, here are a few final things to help you with life beyond school!!!!

Things you need to attend to NOW

- SACE have indicated that **results** will be received **by Thursday 16th December** and quite possibly **the day before**. Mrs Wilkosz will be available between 10am and 2pm at school the **day of results** release, if you need help. Use the direct phone number 83502573 to make an appointment. You will be able to log on to the SSABSA website from 8am on the day the results are released to get details of your results. Be sure to access the website **before the day** and change your pin from your date of birth. This must be done to have an active pin. Go to www.saceboard.edu.au You should receive 2 different envelopes from SACE/ SATAC One with your SACE Certificate and Statement of Results and the other with Tertiary Entrance ATAR and Scaled Scores.
- **If you genuinely believe that your results are far below your expectations**, you may be advised to apply to SACE for a clerical check. You need to arrange this within a few days of receiving your results, if it is to be resolved in time for SATAC offers. Details on how to do this are contained in the SACE information sheet posted with results.
- A reminder that your ATAR/TER can be calculated from your best subjects over **three** years, so this may help you reconsider Yr 13 ... and even Yr 14 as part time options. With the new SACE coming in next year, as long as you have received/ completed your SACE Certificate this year, Yr 13 for you is a matter of doing a minimum of one subject and then your Uni ATAR in 2011 will be calculated from your best 4 scaled scores out of 20. As HESS General and HESS Restricted is also disappearing students who did more than one HESS R course and now want to go to Uni can do one TAS Subject in 2011 and then have an ATAR for all Uni courses at the end of 2011. Students must discuss plans for Yr 13 with a Counsellor. Note: If you do not complete your SACE at the end of the year you will need to do the SACE Research Project in 2011 and have the necessary 4 TAS subjects to be able to calculate an ATAR.
- Some Yr 12 subjects for 2011 are full and have closed already so if you are contemplating Yr 13 either here at Sacred Heart College or somewhere else make sure that you put in a provisional enrolment **ASAP**.
- Students applying for **TAFE** have been encouraged to sit for **TABS** test to improve their entry chances to competitive courses. Highly Competitive courses are now labelled as such on the TAFESA web Course page and in the red booklet. You can book a TABS test on the SATAC website. The test is in 2 parts (Literacy and Numeracy) and for most courses is pitched at a Yr 10 level (some more technical courses will have a higher level maths test). For many of you, you will score higher in the TABS than in your TAFE Yr 12 score calculation. Please book ASAP as many of the best times and locations are already booked out. Many TAFE courses have Information Sessions being held around now. It is critical you attend these so keep an eye out on the Course page on the TAFESA Website. TAFE Entry score is best 3 scaled scores plus bonus points for "preferred" related subjects.

STOP PRESS FLINDERS UNI UNITEST

Flinders have JUST announced they will use UniTest Results to consider entry to over 65 Flinders Uni Courses. That means you will be considered on whatever is your higher score – UniTest or ATAR/TER. UniTest is free to sit.



It covers Quantitative Reasoning, Critical Reasoning, Verbal Plausible Reasoning see www.flinders.edu.au/unitest the test itself is on Tuesday 7th December but **registrations close 5pm Monday 29th November**. Some of the courses that will allow entry on UniTest results include Law, Commerce, Education, Engineering, Nursing, Science and many more. Note UniTest is designed for current school leavers and not mature age students. To be able to register you need to have applied through SATAC for one of the "UniTest" eligible courses, have a SATAC Registration Number and you need to have satisfied SACE, even though you won't know this until after you have registered that is OK.. UniTest is FREE

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FEES

- Scholarships on Leadership and Academic grounds can be awarded automatically by the Uni but in some cases students need to apply once they have enrolled at the University. So be sure to check with the University once you have enrolled, it would be worth checking the university websites for their scholarship section beforehand. The C.A.S Hawker Scholarship is the exception see <http://www.hawkersscholarship.org/>
- **Financial scholarships** based on Equity (i.e. for Centrelink Recipient/ School Card holders etc) please be aware SATAC have links with Centrelink and allocate these without the need to apply.
- Have you paid your SATAC application fee and any late fees. If you have not paid your fees you will not be eligible for an offer. Pay TODAY please.

Alternative Entry – Things to do ASAP i.e. *Cant wait for Results!*

Have you considered the Associate Degrees at UniSA in Engineering, IT and Health Science, Arts, Education, Applied Sciences (Building). They may give you a way in that you had not banked on. Also the Foundation courses at Flinders and the Enabling Programs at UniSA. The UniSA Foundation Program needs to be added to SATAC Preferences but Flinders is a direct application. The new UniSA College has an Information session on Tuesday 23 November 5.30pm-7.00pm City West campus, Hawke Building, Bradley Forum, Level 5 but you need to register <http://www.unisa.edu.au/future/foundation/default.asp> These courses fill up so you are strongly advised to put it down as a preference even if you are half considering it. SAIBT offers alternative pathways but it is more costly than Uni Foundation course ... but you do get more credit. See: www.saibt.edu.au

Between SACE results and 29th December TAFE and 5th January Uni

- If you have not done so already, spend time really investigating the courses you have applied for before preferences close - **look at what first year subjects you will be studying**, what the contact hours will be, what a second best option could be to expedite a transfer in Year 2 and get credit, etc. etc. At least browse the relevant Uni website. Too many students start a course and then quickly find it does not suit them as they made uninformed choices. You may want to enquire about Grade Point Averages needed for tertiary transfer. It is usually much easier to get into a tertiary course on the basis of your Year 12 results than as a disenchanted (and much poorer!) tertiary transfer, so Year 13 may be a better option. All the universities will have sessions around the **22nd December** and then again on the **4th January** to assist decision making. You will be posted information about these sessions. Ask about opportunities for mid year transfers etc.
- You may want to check the SATAC website before 5th January to double check the order of your Uni preferences. If you have applied for a TAFE course and are required to submit additional information to SATAC (you would have been told by SATAC if you needed to), this should be in by now! Remember: no additional information as requested i.e. Portfolio etc, – no offer.
- You have until **4pm on 5th January to change University preferences** – this means you can change the order of preferences or even add new courses altogether as long as they don't have early closing dates. **The final date to change your TAFE preferences is Wednesday 29th December**. Be warned once you make a change to your SATAC preferences the website locks you out from further preference changes for 12 hours (so SATAC have time to process your changes). If you made a change on the deadline morning you will not be able to make another change later in the day. A reminder both Uni



and TAFE have a handful of courses with Early closing dates and you cannot add these after the set date. For example Medicine at Adelaide and Plumbing at TAFE.

- There are many Information sessions for TAFE and Uni Courses – On the TAFE Website put cursor over course area, to the right appears a list of options and towards the end of the second column you will see a tab for Information Sessions.
- If you want help changing preferences feel free to book an appointment with me, I am in the office until December 7th or on the day SACE results are released. Please bring your SATAC Acknowledgment Letter, SACE results mail out package and your SATAC Guide to the appointment.
- Once you receive your SACE results and your ATAR you should analyse your preferences. A cut-off score for a course is simply the score of the last student to gain a place in that course the previous year - cut-offs change from year to year. Be optimistic, and aim for what you really want - don't change your first preference just because you think you haven't met last year's cut-off. Also, if you choose 6 high-demand preferences the result may be no offer. Be flexible and creative in choosing courses - there are many different pathways to careers, and many courses have common first years. You will need to have ensured that you have at least one preference which is a safety net. If you get an offer for a safety net course, you then have the possibility of enrolling and working to move over in some cases mid year or the end of first year, or deferring and topping up with Yr. 13 scores, etc.
- If your ATAR /TER is below the cut-off for most uni. courses you may still be able to apply to SATAC for a TAFE course or Uni Foundation Course. Whilst you will not get equal consideration you may find a course with a vacancy. Note after 19th January you will see listed next to each TAFE course if they are still accepting applications. Universities have clearly defined pathways from most TAFE courses so it can be an alternative route to the same eventual outcome. It is possible that some uni courses may not have filled and so the unis may advertise that spaces are available – look out for this in The Advertiser. There may also be mid-year intakes for some courses. Contact the Admissions Centre of the universities for more information. Flinders and UniSA have very well documented pathways between TAFE courses and Uni Courses.
- Check the SATAC website for any changes since the publication of the SATAC Guide: www.satac.edu.au For example like the deletion of Human Movement with Education. You now have to complete Human Movement first and then apply for Masters of teaching. Flinders have added a SATAC Code for the Bach of Laws and Legal Prac (Hnrs) combined Degrees – 16 courses to choose from SATAC Code: 224302. And a reminder that the new Flinders Physio and Occup Therapy no longer require the UMAT. Adelaide University have introduced an Advanced Bach of Science SATAC Code: 324651 Min TER 95. Designed for High Achieving students who have an interest in Research Skill Development. See www.sciences.adelaide.edu.au University of Adelaide have also reduced the Min ATAR required for Nursing before an interview is considered and it has been reduced from 75 to 70. TAFE recently reminded us of the new courses in Cert 2 Construction Specialisations in Bricklaying, Tiling and Plastering, Painting and Decorating, Plumbing, Signage and Wood Trades. Also Cert 4 in 3D Ceramics and Sculpture Adv Dip Interactive Digital Design, Cert 3 Media.

The SATAC First Offer Round – Monday 10th January for TAFE and Thursday 13th January for university....

If you don't get an offer for your first preference but still want it please respond with option AB see page 56 SATAC Guide *"I accept this offer but still wish to be considered for my higher preference(s)"*. In the past a significant percentage of students who did this ended up getting their higher preference in the February or later offer rounds.

- Respond quickly via the web once you get an offer - they lapse after a week. You will then be posted enrolment information from the universities/TAFE in the coming weeks. Attend information sessions etc. so that you can make informed choices about individual subjects on enrolment day. Be warned – there is only a few days between receiving a Uni offer and the TAFE offer deadline – if you take too long to weigh it up your TAFE offer will lapse. TAFE Fees are capped for 2010 at \$2140 per year but less for Concession



Card Holders. Note fees need to be paid on enrolment. You can get a VET FEE Help loan like a HECS Debt if required.

- o **Be aware that changing preferences – adding, deleting or changing the order after offers come out may result in no second round offer at all.** It is possible to change preferences but risky, and should not be undertaken without consultation with SATAC or the Uni concerned. The SATAC Website will say if a course will consider late applications but be warned you will not receive equal consideration. If you change the order of all preferences including ones you had made previously before the cut off date, these preferences will then not be eligible for equal consideration.
- o I cannot stress enough the importance of enrolling in your course as soon as you can as you may be able to schedule all your tutorials in a concentrated bunch on a few days rather than have to go to Uni each day. Subjects and Tutorials etc fill on a first come first served basis so get in quick. I heard last year from one student that his preferred tutorial times were booked out within the first hour of enrolments opening on the Web. This may mean the difference in having a whole day off to work at a part time job or not – So please organise ASAP. You may be able to enrol from midnight on the scheduled day.

If you miss out on a SATAC offer after the first round.....

- o There are many courses at interstate Universities and TAFE that are fee for service/ full fee paying i.e. not based solely on Yr 12 results you can pay to do the course. For example TAFE has subjects in Graphic Design, Fashion and others (see Short Course on TAFE website). Obviously these are expensive options. Remember the UniSA College and SAIBIT option see: www.saibt.sa.edu.au as a pathway into specified second year UniSA courses.
- o Remember that all universities and TAFE Institutions have mid-year intakes for some courses. Phone the university or visit the SATAC Website in April to find out what is on offer. They also have some full fee paying courses. One odd course is Law at UniSA which works on 3 semesters so they have an intake in June, which you need to have applied to SATAC in April.
- o Some art/design courses such as Visual Arts at UniSA will consider a portfolio if you miss out on points alone – you will be posted a letter if you are in this boat. Maybe phone to check out all options. If you already predict your TER won't be high enough ph 8302 0380 to find out about portfolio entry.
- o Consider private providers. They usually advertise in the Careers section of the Advertiser - check costs and accreditation of courses, however - they may be expensive. Also the Foundation Courses at UniSA and Flinders Uni.

Living With Your Choices 2011

If you find you don't enjoy your TAFE/university course, take some positive action before you start skipping lectures and wind down to a fail or withdraw from subjects. TAFE and universities have excellent counselling services all very familiar with this scenario and very keen to assist. They also have clear policies on how your score will be calculated if you want to reapply the following year. Make sure you seek help before making drastic decisions. There may be an option to go part time etc. etc. Many students transfer from one course to another **mid year** – talk to the Student Centre.

At Flinders they have a scheme called FlindersLink, which is a guaranteed entry pathway for Flinders students who wish to transfer to particular courses. If you are going to withdraw it is imperative that you do so before census date otherwise you will have a debt for the subject(s) a fail against your name and a bad Grade Point Average.

Bridging Courses: A reminder that you can do a fantastic Chemistry Bridging Course (Note: \$485) at Adelaide Uni from the 7 – 18th Feb see http://www.sciences.adelaide.edu.au/future/chem_bridging_course.html
Enrolments begin on January 25th and be warned the course does book out. Same applies for Maths see: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/clpd/mis/bridging/>

Discounts: If you receive a Youth Allowance from Centrelink you may be eligible for a Low Income Health Card which will reduce your TAFE fees by one third. Eligibility for a Low Income Health Care Card is based on your



Income – not Mum and Dads so it is worth applying for. Note in the last State budget TAFE fees for 2010 were capped at \$2150 pa. Note many TAFE courses are cheaper than this! Make sure you ask about additional equipment, uniforms etc this can be quite costly and is in addition to the TAFE Fee.

Orientation

I strongly recommend that you participate in as much as possible during Orientation Week i.e. the week before lectures begin. Students who do this have a much greater chance of success with the transition from school to University. It is also a great way to meet people who are in the same boat as you.

For those of you thinking about getting a job and or deferring.....

- Register with *Centrelink* and a Job Network provider. Job Network providers are government -funded and exist only to help you - with rèsùmès, applications, and in finding specific job vacancies. You may not have made any decisions as yet - they can help you in finding some direction.
- Be aware of State Government Traineeships - positions in Tourism, Horticulture, Sport & Recreation, Arts Administration, IT etc. may still be open. For more information on these and other government employment schemes see their Internet site: www.jobjuice.gov.au or www.vacancies.sa.gov.au Many Government Traineeships are for disadvantaged Target Groups.
- Remember the accepted wisdom that over 75% of jobs are won through networking - only 25% of jobs make the formal advertising stage. So spread the word over the festive season. Make sure you have an updated resume on hand to leave with family and friends who may be able to help. You will also need to register at different job agencies because some employers exclusively register with one job agency. Try Centrelink, Maxima etc. Job vacancies are also listed on the Jobsearch website: www.jobsearch.gov.au and the Saturday Advertiser.
- Please send us an email if you are looking for work. We get many employers contacting us about vacancies.
- You may wish to apply for a short vocational course to improve your chances of more immediate employment. Adelaide TAFE run 6 week Bar & Waiting courses.
- Check with Group Training organisations see <http://www.gtasa.com.au/?view=CMS&func+showPage&id=49>
- For those of you considering overseas work/travel, STA Travel sometimes hold information sessions which cover casual work, volunteer schemes, short term study, learning a language, tours etc. for student travellers.

Summary.....

We're sure you have the skills to make sound decisions through this process. The SATAC Guide and the SACE sheets will answer 99% of your questions; seek help if you need it. The only dumb question is the one not asked!

Don't forget to let us know how everything is going next year. Wishing you and your family a wonderful Christmas.

Prue Wilkosz & Annemarie Honner



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