IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE STUDENTS PLANNING TO MAJOR IN VISION SCIENCE

Optometry and Vision Science Welcome For New Students

We would like to invite you to attend the School of Optometry and Vision Science welcome on:

- Thursday, 25 February at 4.00 pm

You will have the opportunity to meet with staff and tour the School. A BBQ organised by the Student Optometry and Vision Science Society will follow. This will give you an opportunity to meet with other students.

Please meet in the Physics Theatre located in the Old Main Building (K-K14) at 4.00 pm. A map of the UNSW Kensington campus can be found at: http://www.facilities.unsw.edu.au/getting-uni/campus-maps

Peer Mentor Program

The School of Optometry and Vision Science offers a Peer Mentor program. This is open to new students in the

- Science and Advanced Science programs (majoring in Vision Science).
- Optometry/Science program

Please find below a flyer on the program and an application form. If you would like to participate please print the application form and return to the School office by Friday 5 February 2016.

Are you interested in applying for a transfer to the 3952 Bachelor of Optometry Bachelor of Science program for 2017?

Students who are completing Stage 1 of the Advanced Science (majoring in Vision Science) or Science program (majoring in Vision Science) full-time in 2016 may be eligible to transfer into Stage 2 of the 3952 Bachelor of Optometry Bachelor of Science program for 2017.

Competition for transfer places into Optometry is extremely competitive.

Eligible students:

To be eligible to apply for a transfer you:

- MUST NOT have undertaken post-secondary studies prior to enrolment in the Advanced Science or Science program.
- MUST complete the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT). UMAT results are valid for one year. The UMAT must be undertaken during 2016.
- MUST be enrolled full-time in Stage 1 and following the Vision Science major as listed below.
Application process:

Eligible students will be invited to apply directly to The University of New South Wales for a limited number of transfer places in the Bachelor of Optometry Bachelor of Science program for entry into Stage 2 in Semester 1 of 2017.

Selection process:

Selection will be based on a combination of:

- your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent. To be competitive this would need to be at least 90.00.
- your result in the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT). It is expected that applicants will be required to have UMAT scores in the mid to high range to be competitive.
- Your Stage 1 results in the courses listed in the table above. As a guide, it is anticipated that you will need to have achieved a minimum Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 65 including a superior performance in VISN1111, VISN1101 and VISN1221 in 2016. A superior performance would normally be indicated by a high Credit grade.

Entry will be limited by a quota.

Please note: Admissions entry requirement for the Alternative Pathway to the 3952 Bachelor of Optometry Bachelor of Science program for 2017 is subject to change.

Further information:

If you have any questions please contact the School of Optometry and Vision Science on: tel: +61 2 9385 4639 email: optometry@unsw.edu.au or fax: +61 2 9313 6243.

The information contained in this publication is correct as of 6 January 2016. The University of New South Wales reserves the right to alter any program, course or admissions requirement herein without further notice. Prospective students are advised to contact the University to confirm program availability and admissions requirements.
Peer Support Program for Science and Advanced Science students majoring in Vision Science

UNSW is committed to ensuring that all students are provided with appropriate assistance during their transition to university. Therefore the School of Optometry and Vision Science would like to invite you to participate in a peer support program for first year Science and Advanced Science students who are majoring in Vision Science.

The aim of the program is to assist first year Vision Science students in their transition to University. Adjusting from high school to university can be difficult. Your peer mentor is a fourth year student who we hope will assist in your transition to university life by passing on their knowledge and tips.

You will have the opportunity to meet with your mentor at least once per fortnight for the first eight weeks of semester one.

If you are interested in participating please complete the application form given below and return to:

Michelle Wanandy  
Undergraduate Administrator  
School of Optometry and Vision Science  
The University of New South Wales  
UNSW Sydney 2052

by Friday 5 February 2016.
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Application form

Name:_____________________________________

Yes, I would like to participate in the Peer Support program, therefore please release the following details to my peer mentor.

Phone:______________ (home) ______________(mobile)
Email (optional):______________________________
Interests/Hobbies:____________________________

Signature__________________________________

Will your Semester 1 2016 timetable allow you to attend meetings with your Peer Support group at the following times? (please tick all times you would be available)

Monday:  □ 10-11am  □ 11-12noon  □ 1-2pm  □ 3-4pm  □ 5-6pm
Tuesday: □ 9-10am  □ 10-11am  □ 11-12noon  □ 12-1pm  □ 2-3pm
Wednesday: □ 11-12noon  □ 2-3pm  □ 3-4pm  □ 4-5pm  □ 5-6pm
Thursday: □ 12-1pm  □ 1-2pm  □ 2-3pm  □ 3-4pm  □ 4-5pm
Friday: □ 12-1pm  □ 3-4pm  □ 4-5pm

Please ensure you have signed this form and return it by Friday 5 February 2016.

* You will be notified of your Peer Mentor at the School of Optometry and Vision Science Welcome Day on Thursday 25 February 2016.

If you are unable to attend the Welcome please see Michelle Wanandy the Undergraduate Administrator, School of Optometry and Vision Science, Room 3.003, Rupert Myers Building (North Wing) during O-Week for details.