



Document ID: ACA-110

Marcus Oldham College maintains an open and flexible policy in relation to entry criteria and assesses each applicant on their individual merits.

Diploma of Agribusiness**Entry Requirements**

The most important criteria for entry, which are assessed at interview, are the student's:

- Enthusiasm for studying at the College
- Commitment to a professional career in agribusiness

The applicant must be at least 18 years of age by 1 February in year of entry

The College looks favourably on mature age students who have not completed secondary education to VCE level but who have relevant industry experience.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is available for this course, refer [FORM-018](#).

Career Opportunities

The Diploma of Agribusiness opens the door to a wide and varied choice of careers. The involvement of major companies in seminars, case studies, study tours and work experience ensures agribusiness graduates are highly sought after upon graduation.

Students graduate from the course with the skills to work in a wide range of careers including:

- Rural Accountancy Practices
- Multinational Agribusiness Operations
- Rural Banking and Finance
- Agricultural Co-operatives
- Commodity trading
- Marketing
- Property Management
- Tourism
- Agri-Politics
- Eco-tourism

Rural Business Management Program

Successful study in this program leads to the Bachelor of Business (Agricultural Management) after 4 years with the exit point of the Advanced Diploma of Farm Business Management after successfully completing 3 years of study. The 4th year can be studied on campus or by distance education.

Entry Requirements

The most important criteria for entry, which are assessed at interview, are the student's:

- Enthusiasm for learning at the College
- Commitment to a professional career in agricultural management
- Have at least one year of full time industry experience post school.
- Have completed the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or the interstate equivalent.

Mature age students are invited to apply on the basis of prior experience. The College encourages mature age students who have not completed the VCE or the interstate equivalent, but who have relevant industry experience, to apply.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is available for this course, refer [FORM-018](#). Please note RPL is only available for a maximum of 16 units of the 24 units that comprise the Rural Business Management Program.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Rural Business Management Program have one of the highest employment rates of any rural business management course. Through the networks available to students at Marcus Oldham, the majority of Rural Business Management students have full time employment directly after graduation.

Many graduates follow a traditional path and return to the family property to undertake a direct management role, while others are combining management employment on the property, with professional roles in marketing, consulting and agribusiness services.

There are also an increasing number of graduates finding exciting career opportunities in the agribusiness sector.

Career options include:

- Managing Family or Corporate Farm Operations
- Managing Horticultural Production Units
- Marketing of Agribusiness Commodities and Products
- Finance and Banking
- Rural Suppliers
- Commodities and Futures Traders
- Managing Producer Groups and Organisations
- Financial Advisors
- Farm Business Consultants
- Stock and Station Agents
- Community Program Facilitators
- Land Agents
- Aquaculture management
- Rural Employment Consultants
- Contract Rural Services
- Forestry

Diploma of Horse Business Management

To be eligible to enter the course, you must be a minimum 18 years of age at 1 February in the year of entry, have completed secondary education and have had some experience with horses. Students can qualify for entry with less than complete secondary education, provided the College is satisfied that their age and practical experience compensates for their academic results and that they have a realisable career ambition with horses.

All students in the course are required to have a horse at the College for at least the first half of the year and must be able to care for and handle horses safely and competently. Riding ability may vary from just being able to ride to high competition level. The College can arrange the lease of a suitable horse (\$200 for **2005**) or alternatively the College can assist with organizing the purchase of a suitable horse.

The course caters for approximately 30 applicants who are selected according to their experience, both with horses and in business, age and maturity, school results, performance at interview and, where appropriate, on a pre-entry test. The course offers a broad training in horse and business management and is excellent for those wishing to manage horse enterprises. It is expected that students enrolling in this course are planning a full-time career with horses.

Entry Requirements

Consideration is given to:

- Enthusiasm and commitment to a career in the horse industry
- Previous experience with horses and in business
- Age and maturity (students must be at least 18 years by 1 February in year of entry)
- Academic record, to determine the student's ability to handle the course
- Performance at interview and, where appropriate, a pre-entry test

Applicants are required to have successfully completed the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or equivalent. The College looks favourably on mature age students who have not completed Year 12, but who have extensive practical experience with horses or experience in business through their previous employment. All students are required to have a horse and associated equipment at the College. A limited number of College horses are available for lease by interstate and overseas students. Grass agistment is provided but students are responsible for all supplementary feeding, farriery and veterinary costs.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is available for this course, refer [FORM-018](#).

Career Opportunities

Marcus Oldham has a strong focus on training people for meaningful careers in the horse industry. The College's network of industry contacts and association with global employment groups means that graduates of the Horse Business Management Diploma are in a unique position to obtain rewarding positions in the horse industry in Australia and overseas.

Marcus Oldham graduates have developed careers in the following areas:

- a. On the Stud Farm
 - Handlers / Supervisors
 - Broodmare Manager
 - Yearling Manager
 - Stallion Manager
 - Stud Manager

- b. Training the Equine Athlete
 - Riding Instructor
 - Thoroughbred Racehorse Trainer
 - Standard bred Racehorse Trainer
 - Show jumping, Eventing or Dressage Trainer
 - Pre-conditioning Racehorses
 - Horse Breaking and Horse Psychology
- c. Service Industry Businesses
 - Sales representatives for equine pharmaceutical companies, saddlery businesses or horse feed manufacturers
 - Equine insurance sales, claims investigations and loss adjustment
 - Horse sales companies as auctioneers, sales representatives, pedigree clerks, computer operators, syndication, importing and exporting
 - Equine public relations and marketing
 - Race club or breed society administration
 - Specialised intensive foal care
 - Bloodstock leasing
 - Horse journalism and photography
 - Horse transport by air, sea and road
 - Veterinary nursing in an equine practice
 - Horse tourism operator
 - Freeze branding operator
 - Horse dental technician
 - Nutrition advisor
 - Horse management educator
 - Parasite control advisor
 - Stable and fence building
 - Horse agistment property

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Diploma of Horse Business Management only

New Zealand citizens are not classified as International Students for the purpose of applying for courses at Marcus Oldham College. Conditions relevant to Australian students apply to New Zealand students.

International students are required to be reasonably proficient in written and spoken English, at least equivalent to an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 5.5 or a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 520 or equivalent. Students are initially assessed during interviews and may need to provide further evidence of English proficiency and/or undertake additional training and assessment.

Before arriving at the College international students need to complete appropriate health checks and secure visas to enable the student to study in Australia.

To be eligible to enter the course, you must be a minimum 18 years of age by 1 February in the year of entry, have completed secondary education (year 12 or equivalent) and have had some experience with horses. Students can qualify for entry with less than complete secondary education, provided the College is satisfied that their age and practical experience compensates for their academic results and that they have a realisable career ambition with horses.

All students in the course are required to have a horse at the College for at least the first half of the year and must be able to care for and handle horses safely and competently. Riding ability may vary from just being able to ride to high competition level. The College can arrange the free lease of a suitable horse and, if required, basic gear and equipment for international students. Alternatively the College can assist with organizing the purchase of a suitable horse.

The course caters for approximately 30 applicants who are selected according to their amount of experience, both with horses and in business, age and maturity, school results, performance at interview and, where appropriate, on a pre-entry test. International students are required to be reasonably proficient in written and spoken English, at least equivalent to an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of 5.5 or a TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 520 or equivalent. Students are initially assessed during interview and may be required to provide further evidence of English proficiency and/or undertake additional training and assessment.

The College is unable to provide financial assistance for international students with the exception of IRT International Equine Scholarship. Details of this Scholarship may be accessed from approximately May of each year.

Personal expenses and additional horse costs such as hay (dependent upon the season), hard feed, veterinary costs, and responsibility for agistment/care of the horse during tours and term breaks are the responsibility of the student.