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Dates to Diarise in Term 3

- VET Course Applications due – by the end of Term 3
- Year 10 – Real Industry Job Interviews – Tuesday October 24th.
- Year 12 VTAC applications



Reminder: VTAC 2017 Upcoming Key Dates



Timely applications through VTAC	Thursday 28 September 2017
SEAS applications close	Tuesday 10 October 2017
Scholarships through VTAC close	Friday 13 October 2017

Also, students applying for courses that have **extra requirements** (i.e. submitting a folio, a pre-selection kit, arranging an interview, etc.) are reminded that failure to meet the deadline date for these means students may no longer be eligible for selection into their desired course.

Students eligible to apply for **SEAS** are also encouraged to apply for **VTAC Scholarships**.

The VTAC website is www.vtac.edu.au.



Medicine & Biomedical Science Information Evening

Bond University will be hosting a ***Medicine & Biomedical Science Information Evening*** in Melbourne, and students considering studying a course in the health science area are encouraged to attend.

Date: Wednesday 13 September 2017
Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Venue: The Westin, 205 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC, 3000

Registrations are important. Register at [Bond Medicine & Biomedical Science Information Evening](#)



Meet U.S. Universities

Students and parents are invited to join representatives from ***Johns Hopkins University*** and the ***University of Chicago*** for a joint Information Session. This presentation will feature information on academics, student life, and the application process, and will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions of the representatives.

Date: Thursday 14 September 2017
Time: 5.00pm – 6.30pm
Venue: Melbourne Grammar School, Higgins Theatre, Nigel Peck Centre For Learning And Leadership, Senior School Campus, Domain Road Melbourne

Registrations are essential. Please book a spot at [Meet U.S. Universities](#)



School Holiday Program for Secondary School Students

William Angliss Institute will be conducting ***workshops*** for secondary school students in the upcoming September school holidays. Each day will include a hands-on activity in a specialist area, a campus tour, catered lunch and a course information session. The program is recommended for students in Year 9 - 12.

Students can now register for the following workshops:

Hospitality Day: Monday 25 September 2017
Tourism and Travel Day: Wednesday 27 September 2017
Cookery Day: Thursday 28 September 2017

Find out more and/or book a spot at [William Angliss Institute](#)



News from Deakin University

➤ Course Updates at Deakin

Bachelor of Commerce – Deakin is launching a brand-new *food and agribusiness major* as part of the Bachelor of Commerce, available at the Warrnambool Campus. Students can enrol in 2018 and specialise from 2019. **Find out more at [Food and Agribusiness at Deakin](#)**

Media, Communication and Creative Arts – Students considering applying for Bachelor of Design (3D Animation), Bachelor of Design (Digital Technologies), or the Bachelor of Design (Visual Communication) may wish to attend an upcoming **folio information session** taking place on Thursday 14 September 14, at the Melbourne Burwood Campus, from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. **Find out more at [Media, Communication and Creative Arts Folio Info Session](#)**

Bachelor of Nutrition Science - From 2018, Deakin's Bachelor of Food and Nutrition Sciences will be known as the *Bachelor of Nutrition Science*. In addition to the name change, there have been some changes to the core units in the degree. Graduates of this course can apply for membership of the Nutrition Society of Australia, and those students who have undertaken the food science major may also be eligible

for membership of the Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology.

Find out more at [Food Nutrition and Dietetics](#)

Bachelor of Software Engineering (Honours) – Students who enrol in the Bachelor of Software Engineering (Honours) at the Melbourne Burwood from Trimester 1, 2018, will still complete a core professional industry experience unit as part of the course, however, the *length of the placement is now a minimum of 60 days with an approved organisation*. This has increased from the previous minimum requirement of 100 hours to provide students with increased opportunities to apply and consolidate their knowledge and build professional networks prior to graduation. **Find out more at [Bachelor of Software Engineering \(Honours\) at Deakin](#)**

Cyber Security and Criminology/Cyber Security – From Trimester 1, 2018, students enrolled in the Bachelor of Cyber Security or the Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Cyber Security at the Melbourne Burwood, Geelong Warrnambool and Cloud campuses will benefit from a *compulsory industry-based placement*. Students need to complete the minimum 100-hour placement with an approved organisation. This change is to ensure students have relevant industry experience prior to graduation to further enhance their employment opportunities. **Find out more at [Cyber Security and Criminology/Cyber Security](#)**

➤ 'Step on Campus' School Holiday Tours

Deakin Step on Campus is running again in Term 3 school holiday and students are invited to attend. Students will be taken on a 45-minute tour of their chosen campus by a current Deakin student. Students can find out more about university life, study areas and what it's really like to be a student at Deakin!

Dates: 25, 28 September, 2 and 5 October

Times: 10.00am, 12pm and 3.00pm

Locations: Geelong, Melbourne, Warrnambool

For registrations and to find out more about Deakin Step on Campus visit [Deakin Step on Campus](#)



News from Victoria University

➤ Early Entry Offer Program at VU

Victoria University's *Early Entry Offer Program (EEOP)* is an alternative entry program for current Year 12 students. Students can receive a guaranteed place at Victoria University by fulfilling one of these categories:

- leadership
- educational disadvantage
- eligible school in the west.

Applications are open, and close on Friday 13 October 2017. **To find out more, including the guaranteed ATARs, and/or to apply, visit [Early Entry Offer Program at VU](#)**

➤ VU Law and Justice Open Day

Students interested in a *career in law* are invited to attend this event and -

- ✓ meet academics, Adjunct Professors and legal professionals
- ✓ observe a live moot court with spirited legal argument
- ✓ see the heritage-listed buildings in the heart of Melbourne's legal precinct
- ✓ tour the dedicated Law Library, computer labs and lecture theatres
- ✓ experience the fun of VU through great food, entertainment and engaging information sessions.

Date: Sunday 17 September 2017

Time: 11.00am – 2.00pm

Venue: VU's City Queen Campus, 300 Queen Street in Melbourne

Find out more and register at [Discover Law at VU](#)



VCE Extension Studies in 2018

➤ Deakin University – Deakin Accelerate

Deakin Accelerate is a distinctive VCE higher education program that allows students to study two first-year university subjects during Year 12. Studying one subject per trimester, this selective program gives students a head-start into university studies and also provides a potential boost to their all-important ATAR score.

Besides the challenge of taking on a university subject, this subject will also count as part of the VCE and contribute towards the ATAR as the fifth or sixth subject. There are no tuition fees for Deakin Accelerate.

KEY DATES FOR THE 2018 VCE ACCELERATE PROGRAM - Deakin	
Applications open	Now open
Applications close	15 December 2017
Offers	19 January 2018 (at the very latest)

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [Deakin Accelerate](#)

➤ **La Trobe University - VCE Plus Program**

VCE Plus is an opportunity for high achieving Year 11 VCE students to complete a pair of first-year university subjects in their Year 12, and have them recognised as part of their VCE. Students enrolled in *VCE Plus* choose one subject per semester. *VCE Plus* is offered at all La Trobe campuses and subjects are delivered online, face-to-face, or a combination of both. There may be fees associated with the *VCE Plus* Program.

KEY DATES FOR THE 2018 VCE PLUS PROGRAM – La Trobe	
Applications open	Now open
Applications close	24 November 2017
Sem. 2 Year 11 results due to the university	15 December 2017
Final Day for Acceptance of Offers	31 December 2017

Find out more, including the subjects on offer at [VCE Plus Program](#)

➤ **Monash University - Extension Studies**

Monash Extension Studies allows high achieving Year 12 students to get a taste of university before finishing school - and be rewarded for it. Students complete a pair of first year university subjects as part of their final year school studies, allowing them to extend and enhance their learning in an area of interest. Students also received credit towards their ATAR. There will be fees associated with the *Extension Studies* Program.

KEY DATES FOR THE 2018 EXTENSION STUDIES - Monash	
Applications open	1 October 2017
All applications close	11 December 2017
Year 11 results due to the university	11 December 2017**
Offers released	January 2018

** if you want to know the outcome of your application by the end of 2017

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [Extension Studies](#)

➤ **RMIT University – VCE Extension**

RMIT's VCE Extension allows Year 12 students to undertake university subjects while completing their VCE. These courses are VCAA-accredited towards VCE results and students may be eligible for credit in a related RMIT program.

Students will get a taste of university life, they attend lectures and study on campus with full access to all the services and facilities enjoyed by RMIT students. *VCE Extension* subjects are taught at the City campus and are counted towards students VCE and provide a boost to their ATAR. RMIT charges no fees for RMIT *Extension* courses.

KEY DATES FOR THE 2018 HIGHER EDUCATION STUDIES - RMIT	
Applications open	Now open
All applications close	December 2017
Year 11 results due to the university	December 2017
Offers released	Early January 2018

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [VCE Extension](#)

➤ **University of Melbourne – Extension Program**

The *Extension Program* is an opportunity for high achieving Year 12 students to study a university subject whilst at school which counts towards their ATAR, as well as experience university life. The University of Melbourne does not charge any fees for participation in the Extension Program.

KEY DATES FOR THE 2018 EXTENSION PROGRAM – University of Melbourne	
Applications open	Now open
Applications close	15 December 2017
Year 11 results due to the university	2 December 2017
Offers released	17 – 19 January 2018

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [Extension Program](#)



September Holiday Program

Are you interested in working with animals? The RSPCA has exciting programs for students aged 14 – 18 years who are considering working in the animal industry or simply have a love of animals. These programs are on offer these upcoming school holidays!

Find out more at [RSPCA Holiday Program](#)



News from La Trobe University

➤ **Bachelor of Biomedicine and Bachelor of Biomedical Science**

From Semester 1, 2018 La Trobe will be offering a *new Bachelor of Biomedicine* degree at its Melbourne Campus, providing pathway options to a career in sought after allied health professions such as *Physiotherapy* and *Speech Pathology*.

The Bachelor of Biomedicine also provides pathways into a range of careers including medical research, medical sales, and training as well as post-graduate medicine. The degree offers students a hands-on learning environment in small class settings, with a strong focus on laboratory-based classes, access to highly skilled academics and teaching staff, the opportunity to learn in state-of-the-art labs and internship opportunities. There's also the option to complete an overseas study exchange program.

The ***Bachelor of Biomedical Science*** will be offered at the Bendigo Campus. Offering a similar range of subjects, and pathway options to a career in sought after allied health professions such as *Physiotherapy* and *Speech Pathology*.

The VCE requirements for both degrees are: Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.

The Subject Bonuses for both degrees will include: A study score of 25 in Biology, Chemistry, Maths: Mathematical Methods (any), Maths: Specialist Mathematics or Physics equals 4 aggregate points per study. A study score of 20 in any LOTE equals 4 aggregate points per study. Overall maximum of 12 points.

Find out more at [Biomedicine Courses](#)

➤ **Bachelor of Health Sciences**

From Semester 1, 2018 La Trobe is introducing **two new majors** in the Bachelor of Health Sciences: **Sports Counselling and Athlete Welfare**, as well as **Health Promotion**. The new majors will provide the flexibility and pathways into a range of sought-after careers including *sport and health promotion*. The Sports Counselling and Athlete Welfare major focuses on wellbeing roles in high-performance environments, sport development and management along with developing performance psychology skills.

Meanwhile the Health Promotion major will equip graduates with skills to develop environments which support healthy communities, including planning, developing and implementing policies and health awareness programs.

The VCE requirements for the Bachelor of Health Science are: Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Biology, Chemistry, any Mathematics, Physical Education, or Physics.

The Subject Bonuses will include: A study score of 25 in Health and Human Development, any Mathematics, Physical Education, or any Science equals 4 aggregate points per study. A study score of 20 in any LOTE equals 4 aggregate points per study. Overall maximum of 12 points.

Visit [Bachelor of Health Sciences](#) to find out more.



News from RMIT University

➤ **Science in the City (Lab Tour)**

Students and parents are invited to visit RMIT's state-of-the-art learning laboratories to learn more about the programs on offer, and the research and training facilities available. Students will also find out more about the wide range of single and double degree science programs available at the city campus including: *biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental science, food science, nanotechnology and physics*.

Date: Thursday 28 September 2017
Time: 10.00am – 2.00pm
Venue: RMIT University, City Campus, Building 12, Level 4, Room 108

This is a *free* event but registration is important. Register at [Science in the City \(Lab Tour\)](#)

➤ **RMIT Village**

RMIT Village is located near Melbourne CBD. It is only a 5-minute tram ride from RMIT University and offers fully furnished, self-contained apartments to suit a range of preferences. Facilities include a student lounge, e-library, high-speed internet, heated swimming pool and a *new* gym (currently under construction).

RMIT Village is conveniently located for RMIT's City campus (just a 10-minute walk) and Brunswick campus.

Applications for 2018 are open at [RMIT Village](#).

For more information call (03) 8330 2000 or e-mail info@rmitvillageom.com.au.

Did You Know?

Did you know that a TAFE qualification can be a springboard into Deakin University?

A TAFE qualification can place students in a fantastic position to gain entry into Deakin University. Many of Deakin's commencing undergraduate students come from backgrounds other than secondary school, including TAFE and the workforce.

Deakin has a core commitment to access, equity and life-long learning and has strong and long-standing working relationships with TAFE and other VET providers.

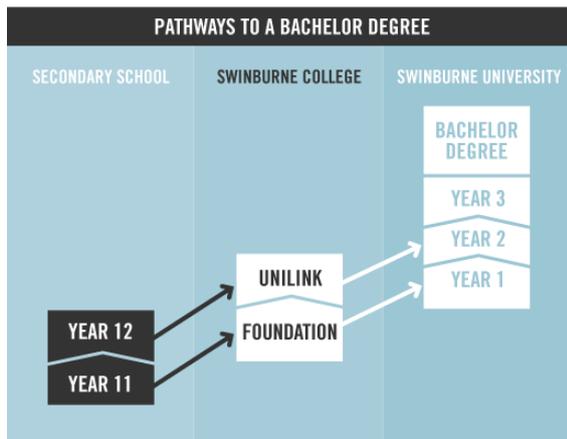
Learn more at [Deakin's Entry Pathways](#)



UniLink at Swinburne University

Students who do not quite have the ATAR to move straight into an undergraduate degree can enter at UniLink level. This is an invaluable pathway into higher degrees at Swinburne. UniLink is a direct pathway to second year at Swinburne University. It is equivalent to first year and will prepare students for second-year entry to their chosen bachelor degree.

Best of all, it only takes eight months to complete. Not only is this cost-effective, but it means students can finish their degree sooner rather than later.



UniLink diplomas are available in the areas of:

- [arts and communication](#)
- [business](#)
- [design](#)
- [engineering](#)
- [health science](#)
- [information technology](#)
- [science](#)

There are three intakes each year (February, June, and October), so students can progress to a related bachelor degree sooner rather than later.

Students wishing to undertake a UniLink course can apply through VTAC. For more information visit [Swinburne UniLink](#)