



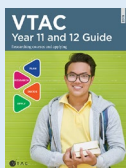
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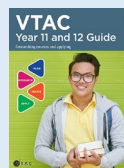


### Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- Year 10 – Real Industry Job Interviews – Tuesday October 29 – Plenty Ranges



### Reminder: VTAC 2020 Key Dates



<b>VTAC Personal Statement</b>	Friday 6 December 2019
<b>ATARs Released</b>	Thursday 12 December 2019
<b>CoP for December Round Offers closes</b>	Saturday 14 December 2019
<b>December Round Offers</b>	Wednesday 18 December 2019
<b>Change of Preference (COP) closes</b>	Friday 20 December 2019
<b>January Round International Offers</b>	Tuesday 7 January 2020
<b>January Round Domestic Offers</b>	Wednesday 15 January 2020
<b>February Offer Rounds</b>	Monday 3 February 2020 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](#)

[www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)



## **Tax File Number**

Year 12 students are reminded yet again that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Supported Place) university course next year without a Tax File Number (TFN). Students who do not have one are reminded to apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit [TFN Application](#)



## **Low Income Healthcare Card for Australian Students**

*Once you have finished school you are no longer a student and you may be eligible for a **Low Income Health Care Card**.*

*This card gives access to a range of concessions, not only on some health care items and possible concession fares on Victorian public transport services, but also on a range of other goods and services if you are on a low income.*

In particular, some TAFE and other short courses offer discounts for cardholders.

You may also be eligible for public transport concessions (note that if you are studying interstate you are not eligible for public transport concessions in Victoria).

Eligibility for a Low Income Health Care Card is based on YOUR income over the previous 8 weeks. As long as your income is less than \$4488 over that period (or \$561 per week) you should qualify. You will maintain the Low Income Health Care Card as long as your income does not exceed \$5,610.00 (or \$701.25 per week) in any 8 week period.

**It is highly recommended that all graduating Year 12 students consider applying for this card once the exams are over.**

Visit [Low Income Healthcare Card](#) and find out more.



MONASH University

## **News from Monash University**

### ➤ **Monash Maths Bridging**

***Monash Maths Bridging*** is available for students who narrowly miss the required study score in the mathematics prerequisite subjects for a Monash ***Engineering, Science, Business and Economics, Information Technology, or Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science*** undergraduate degree.

Students who receive a study score of 20-24 in VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4 are eligible to apply. Students must meet all other entry requirements for their preferred course.

Students will study face-to-face for 16 days, five hours a day. Expert tutors will be there to guide them along their learning journey.

Background knowledge and skills in algebra, graph sketching, elementary functions such as polynomial and trigonometric functions, and introductory calculus are essential. Time will not be spent introducing background knowledge and skills. The course will focus on immediate application and development.

**Monash Maths Bridging is only accepted by Monash University. It does not provide credit for other institutions.** Once students have successfully passed the Monash Maths Bridging course, they will be considered to have met the mathematic prerequisite for the selected courses listed above.

Should students receive a main round offer prior to completion of the Monash Maths Bridging course, they are encouraged to accept that offer to ensure they do not lose their place. Should a further round offer be made, students can choose to withdraw from their earlier offer and take this offer.

For more information visit [Monash Maths Bridging](#)

➤ **Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Science Bridging**

*What options do students have if they don't meet the maths or chemistry VCE prerequisites to get into pharmacy or pharmaceutical science?*

**Mathematical Methods VCE prerequisite**

- Applicants could study maths higher level units over their first year in a tertiary course. They can then apply to transfer into pharmacy or pharmaceutical science if they have achieved a minimum 70% average in the first year of the tertiary degree. Please note that credit is not currently given for transfers into pharmacy.
- The Open Universities Australia offers math units that may prove acceptable. Students are encouraged to visit [Open Universities](#) directly for advice.
- Overall, the maths must meet higher level maths equivalencies which applicants must investigate, and faculty course advisers should be able to assist here.

**Chemistry VCE prerequisite**

- For students who have not met the chemistry prerequisite, Monash recommends they study two VCE equivalent chemistry units over their first year in a tertiary course to be considered as meeting the prerequisite. They can then apply to transfer into pharmacy or pharmaceutical science. They would also have to achieve a minimum 70% average in the first year of the tertiary degree. Please note that credit is not currently given for transfers into pharmacy.

**In summary, students really wanting to study pharmacy or pharmaceutical science at Monash University but do not meet the maths or chemistry VCE prerequisites, are encouraged to enrol in a tertiary course that gives them access to higher levels of maths and/or chemistry, with the aim of transferring across after one year. Students can also consider Graduate Entry Pharmacy (3 years) after completion of a Biomedical, Science or Pharmaceutical Science undergraduate degree.**

**Find out more about pharmacy and pharmacology at [Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Science at Monash](#)**



## **Study Assist**

Students are encouraged to browse the following link as the website provides information to students about Australian Government assistance for financing of tertiary study. There is very useful information on study loans, how one pays back those loans, scholarship opportunities, etc. A useful PDF titled *Beyond School Study Guide* published in September last year can also be found at - [Beyond School Study Guide](#)

**Visit**

[Study Assist](#)

### ***Useful links to Victorian University Support Services***

**Australian Catholic University –**  
[ACU Student Support Services](#)

**Deakin University -**  
[Deakin Student Support Services](#)

**Federation University of Australia -**  
[Federation Student Support Services](#)

**La Trobe University -**  
[La Trobe Student Support Services](#)

**Monash University -**  
[Monash Student Support Services](#)

**RMIT University -**  
[RMIT Student Support Services](#)

**Swinburne University -**  
[Swinburne Student Support Services](#)

**University of Melbourne -**  
[Melbourne Student Support Services](#)

**Victoria University -**  
[Victoria Student Support Services](#)



Swinburne University offers a **maths bridging program** called **MathsLink**.

**MathsLink: Methods** is a bridging program for students needing VCE Units 3 and 4 of Mathematical Methods to study at Swinburne.

Mathematical Methods is a prerequisite for many bachelor degrees in **aviation, engineering, and information and communication technology**. This bridging program is designed to help students who have not studied Mathematical Methods as part of their VCE to meet the prerequisite for entry into their chosen course.

**MathsLink: Methods** is taught predominantly online, however there are three day sessions that students must attend during Summer Term, plus a Test Session:

- Tuesday, 7 January 2020, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Tuesday, 21 January 2020, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Tuesday, 11 February 2020, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Monday, 17 February 2020, 9:30am - 12:30pm (test session)

**MathsLink: Methods** incurs a one-off \$400 fee\*\*, payable within the time frame as specified in the Swinburne University of Technology Academic Dates.

\*\* refunded as a credit to a course at Swinburne

On successful completion of this course, students will be eligible to make a direct application to Swinburne University for entry in 2020.

Applications for **MathsLink: Methods** close Friday 20 December 2019.

Find out more at [Maths Link Bridging Program: Methods](#)



## **VCE Extension Studies in 2020**

### **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.

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 are fees associated with the VCE Plus Program.

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

### **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.

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. However, some School Centres where an Extension subject is taught may charge a reasonable fee to cover teaching and administrative costs.

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

UQ offers a broad range of health courses including *Biomedical Science, Dental Science, Exercise and Nutrition Sciences, Exercise and Sport Sciences, Health Sciences, Health, Sport and Physical Education, Medicine, Midwifery, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Psychological Science, Social Work, and Speech Pathology.*

Browse [Health Courses at University of Queensland](#) to find out more.



### **Information Evenings**

*Thinking study? Think Swinburne Info Evenings.*

**Wantirna Information Evening** – on *early education, trades and Diploma of Nursing*  
**Tuesday 26 November, from 4.00pm – 6.00pm**

**Hawthorn Information Evening** – course advice for every level of study  
**Wednesday 27 November, from 4.00pm – 6.00pm**

Register for either event at [Swinburne Information Evenings](#)



### **Career as an Actuary**

*One of the main functions of actuaries is to help businesses assess the risk of certain events occurring and to formulate policies that minimize the cost of that risk.*

*For this reason, actuaries are essential to the insurance industry. This is a highly skilled profession, providing expertise that is in steady demand throughout the world.*

**The Good Universities Guide** \* suggests that successful Actuary's need to -

- enjoy problem solving
- be good at mathematics
- have strong written and verbal communication skills
- have the ability to think clearly and logically
- have focus and an eye for detail

To become an Actuary, a student typically has to study actuarial studies or actuarial science at university. To get into these courses one usually needs to gain their Year 12, a competitive ATAR, and have studied mathematics. Many universities expect or value at least Maths Methods, but Specialist Maths is often very highly regarded too.

[Good Universities Guide – Actuary\\*](#)

## **Medicine at Bond University**

Bond University offers a Medical program with the following key features:

- The shortest pathway to becoming a Doctor in Australia – four years and eight months
- Students benefit from small class sizes meaning a more personalised experience
- Gain extended exposure to basic clinical specialties through a number of placements
- Students completing the medical program will be eligible for registration as a medical practitioner in any state or territory in Australia or New Zealand
- The Medical Program comprises of two parts:
  1. Bachelor of Medical Studies (BMedSt) – 2 years, 8 months
  2. Doctor of Medicine (MD) – 2 yearsBoth parts need to be completed, i.e. students cannot access the Doctor of Medicine (MD) without having first completed the Bachelor of Medical Studies (BMedSt) and they cannot practise medicine with completing these two sequential degrees
- Selection into the Medical Program requires:

1. VCE subjects: English/EAL, and Chemistry OR Maths OR Physics
2. Competitive ATAR: around 97
3. [Psychometric testing](#) (no UCAT required)
4. Interview: short-listed students will be invited for a MMI interview - [Interview process](#)

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Applications for 2020 entry will only open 16 January 2020 through [QTAC](#), with testing and interviews thereafter. The program will only commence in May 2020.

Visit [Bond University Medical Program](#) to find out more.



### **Careers that began in Science**

The scientists profiled at the **University of Queensland** links below used their qualifications to get them into rewarding and diverse roles throughout the world. In their day-to-day work many graduates contribute towards solving global challenges such as climate change, curing illnesses, exploring space frontiers, developing new, life-saving drugs, and protecting the environment.

Through browsing the various profiles, students will learn about their career path, salary range, qualifications, and experiences of these scientists.

Visit [Science Career Profiles](#)



Students might like to also browse profiles by other study areas:

[Agriculture and Environment](#)

[Architecture and Planning](#)

[Health and Behavioural Sciences](#)

[Science and Mathematics](#)

### **CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (CoP) DATES & CONTACTS 2019**

<b><u>INSTITUTION</u></b>	<b><u>CONTACT DETAILS</u></b>	<b><u>TIMES</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>
<b>Australian Catholic University</b> <a href="https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/Events/Know-your-options">https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/Events/Know-your-options</a>	HOTLINE 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228) and online chat	9.00am – 6.00pm	12 - 13 December (Thur & Fri)
		9.00am – 6.00pm	16 – 20 December (M – F)
	<b>Expo Info Session (Melbourne)</b>	2.30pm – 4.30pm	12 December (Thursday)
	<b>One-on-one Consultations (Ballarat)</b>	10.00am – 4.00pm	12 – 13 December (Thur & Fri)
<b>Australian College of Applied Psychology</b> <a href="http://www.acap.edu.au">www.acap.edu.au</a>	1800 061 199		
	<b>Course Information Session (Melbourne Campus)</b>	6.00pm	3 December (Tuesday)
		6.00pm	16 January 2020 (Thursday)
	Online Information Session (Criminology)	7.00pm	22 January 2020 (Wednesday)
	Online Information Session (Psychology)	6.00pm	22 January 2020 (Wednesday)
	Online Information Session (Counselling)	6.00pm	21 January 2020 (Tuesday)
<b>Box Hill TAFE</b> <a href="https://www.boxhill.edu.au">https://www.boxhill.edu.au</a>	1300 269 445	8.00am – 6.00pm	16 – 19 December
		8.00am – 5.00pm	20 December (Friday)
	<b>CoP Information Evening, Elgar Campus</b>	4.00pm – 7.00pm	16 December (Monday)
<b>CQU (Melbourne)</b> <a href="http://www.cqu.edu.au">www.cqu.edu.au</a>	HOTLINE 13 CQUni (13 2786)		
	CoP Online Chat Sessions	8.00am – 1.00pm	14 December (Saturday)
		9.00am – 1.00pm	16 December (Monday)
	<b>CoP Event - CQUni Melbourne, 120 Spencer Street, Melbourne</b>	9.00am – 1.00pm	13 December (Friday)
<b>Deakin College</b> <a href="http://www.deakincollege.edu.au">www.deakincollege.edu.au</a>	HOTLINE (03) 9244 5600		
	Email: <a href="mailto:dcoll-direct@deakin.edu.au">dcoll-direct@deakin.edu.au</a>		
	<b>Information Sessions – Melbourne and Geelong Waurin Ponds</b>	11.00am – 6.00pm	13 December (Friday)
	<b>Information Session – Melbourne Campus</b>	9.00am – 12.00pm	14 December (Saturday)
<b>Deakin University</b> <a href="http://www.deakin.edu.au/choose">www.deakin.edu.au/choose</a>	Change of preference hotline <b>1800 MYFUTURE</b> (1800 693 888)	7.00am – 7.00pm	12 December (Thursday)
		8.00am – 7.00pm	13 December (Friday)
		8.00am – 4.00pm	14 December (Saturday)
		9.00am – 5.00pm	16 – 20 December (M – F)
	Live chat sessions at <a href="http://www.deakin.edu.au/choose">www.deakin.edu.au/choose</a>	7.00am – 9.00pm	12 December (Thursday)
		8.00am – 8.00pm	13 December (Friday)
		8.00am – 5.00pm	16 – 17 December (Mon – Tue)
		8.00am – 8.00pm	18 – 19 December (Wed – Thu)
		8.00am – 5.00pm	20 December (Friday)
		<b>Melbourne Campus at Burwood – CoP event</b>	11.00am – 6.00pm

		9.00am – 12.00pm	14 December (Saturday)
	<b>Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus – CoP Event</b>	11.00am – 6.00pm	13 December (Friday)
	<b>Warrnambool Campus – CoP Event</b>	11.00am – 6.00pm	13 December (Friday)
Federation University <a href="https://enquiriesportal.federation.edu.au/ask/">https://enquiriesportal.federation.edu.au/ask/</a>	HOTLINE 1800 333 864		
Holmesglen Institute <a href="http://www.holmesglen.edu.au">www.holmesglen.edu.au</a>	Change of Preference HOTLINE 1300 693 888		
JMC Academy <a href="https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/contact-us">https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/contact-us</a>	9624 2929 <a href="mailto:melbourne@jmc.edu.au">melbourne@jmc.edu.au</a>	9.00am – 5.00pm	9 – 14 December (Mon – Sat)
La Trobe University <a href="https://www.latrobe.edu.au/choose">https://www.latrobe.edu.au/choose</a>	HOTLINE 1300 135 045	7.00am – 7.00pm	12 – 13 December (Thur – Fri)
		8.00am – 5.00pm	14 December (Saturday)
		8.30am – 5.30pm	16 – 17 December (Mon – Tue)
		8.30am – 7.00pm	18 – 19 December (Wed - Thur)
		7.00am – 5.30pm	20 December (Friday)
	<b>Drop-in One-on-one Consultations (Future Students Centre)</b>  Email <a href="https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/one-on-one-consultations">https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/one-on-one-consultations</a>	9.00am – 6.00pm	12 – 13 December (Thur – Fri)
		9.00am – 4.00pm	14 December (Saturday)
		9.00am – 5.00pm	16 – 17 December (Mon – Tue)
		9.00am – 7.00pm	18 December (Wednesday)
		9.00am – 4.00pm	19 – 20 December (Thu – Fri)
Melbourne Polytechnic <a href="http://www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au/contact">www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au/contact</a>	HOTLINE (03) 9269 8400 and Online Chat		
Monash University <a href="http://www.monash.edu.au/cop">www.monash.edu.au/cop</a>	HOTLINE 1800 666 274	9.00am – 6.00pm	12 December (Thursday)
		9.00am – 6.00pm	13 December (Friday)
		10.00am – 4.00pm	14 December (Saturday)
		9.00am – 5.00pm	16 – 17 December (Mon – Tue)
		9.00am – 6.00pm	18 December (Wednesday)
		8.00am – 6.00pm	19 December (Thursday)
		8.00am – 5.00pm	20 December (Friday)
	<b>Change of Preference Event – Monash Peninsula Campus</b>	4.00pm – 7.00pm	12 (December) Thursday
<b>Change of Preference Event – Monash Caulfield Campus</b>	1.00pm – 5.00pm	13 December (Friday)	
Photography Studies College <a href="http://www.psc.edu.au/">http://www.psc.edu.au/</a>	(03) 9682 3191	9.00am – 5.00pm	12 – 13, 16 – 20 December
	For queries and/or appointments call 9682 3191 or email Steph Doran at <a href="mailto:sdoran@psc.edu.au">sdoran@psc.edu.au</a>	Various times	
RMIT University	HOTLINE (03) 9925 2260	8.30am – 7.00pm	12 December (Thursday)

<a href="http://www.rmit.edu.au/change-of-preference">www.rmit.edu.au/change-of-preference</a>	Calls and online chats Face-to-face Drop-in Service	8.30am – 7.00pm	13 December (Friday)	
		10.00am – 4.00pm	14 December (Saturday)	
		8.30am – 5.30pm	18 – 20 December (Wed – Fri)	
	Visit RMIT in Person	9.00am – 7.00pm	12 December (Thursday)	
		9.00am – 7.00pm	13 December (Friday)	
		10.00am – 4.00pm	14 December (Saturday)	
Swinburne University <a href="http://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose">www.swinburne.edu.au/choose</a>	HOTLINE 1300 275 794	8.00am – 6.00pm	12 - 13 December (Thur – Fri)	
		10.00am – 4.00pm	14 December (Saturday)	
	Live Chats – book through website			
	<b>CoP Event Hawthorn Campus</b>	10.00am – 3.00pm	13 December (Friday)	
University of Melbourne <a href="http://www.cop.unimelb.edu.au">www.cop.unimelb.edu.au</a>  Closes Tuesday 24 December- reopens Thursday 2 January 2020	HOTLINE 13 63 52 & STOP 1 Drop-In 757 Swanston Street	9.00am – 5.00pm	Monday	
		9.00am – 6.00pm	Tuesday & Wednesday	
		10.00am – 5.00pm	Thursday & Friday	
		10.00am – 2.00pm	14 & 21, 27, 30 & 31 December	
	Live Chat - <a href="https://ask.unimelb.edu.au/app/ask?chat">https://ask.unimelb.edu.au/app/ask?chat</a>	12.00pm – 6.00pm	Monday – Friday	
		10.00am – 2.00pm	27, 30 & 31 December	
	<b>Course Information Day Parkville Campus</b>	10.00am – 2.30pm	13 December (Friday)	
Victoria University <a href="http://www.vu.edu.au/change">www.vu.edu.au/change</a>	CHAT AND HOTLINE 1300 842 864	3.00pm – 7.00pm	18 December (Wednesday)	
		9.00am – 7.00pm	19 December (Thursday)	
		9.00am – 2.00pm	20 December (Friday)	
	CHAT AND HOTLINE 1300 842 864	9.00am – 7.00pm	16 – 17, 20 – 22 January 2020	
		9.00am – 3.00pm	24 January 2020	
		<b>One-on-one Consultations</b>	12.00pm – 7.00pm	12 December (Thursday)
		<b>*Post CoP consultations will be available during the lead-up to the January Offer Round</b>	9.00am – 12.00pm	13 December (Friday)
			3.00pm – 2.00pm	14 December (Saturday)
William Angliss Institute <a href="http://www.angliss.edu.au">www.angliss.edu.au</a>	(03) 8595 5334 <a href="mailto:enquiry@angliss.edu.au">enquiry@angliss.edu.au</a>			
	<b>One-on-one consultations available</b>	9.00am – 5.00pm	12 – 13, 16 – 19 December	