Reminder: VTAC 2016 Key Dates

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For a full list of cancelled, amended and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](https://www.vtac.edu.au)

Reminder: Early Achievers’ Program at ACU

Year 12 students applying for the *Early Achievers’ Program (EAP)* at ACU are reminded that applications close on Monday 17 October 2016, and offers will be made by the end of November 2016. Please note that failure to meet all the requirements for the EAP will result in not being considered for the program.

To find out more and/or to apply, visit [Early Achievers’ Program](https://www.acu.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](https://www.ato.gov.au)
News from Deakin University

- New Bachelor of Software Engineering (Honours)

Create the smart systems of the future. You will acquire specialised skills in computing, robotics and cyberphysical systems, in preparation for a career as an innovative software engineer capable of developing the smart devices and systems of the future.

From Trimester 1 2017, students will be able to study the four year Bachelor of Software Engineering (Honours). This innovative course will focus on creating the smart software and systems of the future. The VCE prerequisites are: Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods (any) or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.

Find out more at Bachelor of Software Engineering (Honours)

- Which Deakin Campus fits You?

The Melbourne Campus at Burwood is Deakin’s thriving metropolitan Campus, attracting more than 26 000 students, and 1500 staff. This Campus has a contemporary arts building, the prestigious Deakin University Art Gallery, Deakin Motion.Lab – Australia’s largest motion capture facility, an extensive Library, a gym and sports hall, restaurants, bar, internet café, health care services and campus retail.

Deakin’s Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds is Deakin’s second-largest campus and is home to Deakin’s Medical School and the Geelong Technology Precinct (GTP). It has many services and facilities including lecture theatres, library, computer laboratories, health care services, gym, sports hall, and retail and food outlets. There is also on-campus accommodation for over 700 students at this campus.

Deakin’s Geelong Waterfront Campus is located on the foreshore of Corio Bay in the central business district of Geelong. With more than 4330 students, campus features include state-of-the-art Computer Aided Design (CAD) laboratories and design studios, a cafeteria, library, and bookshop. The redevelopment of the Dennys Lascelles Building has increased the capacity of the Waterfront Campus, allowing the University to provide an expanded range of courses.

Deakin’s Warrnambool Campus is set on the banks of the picturesque Hopkins River, close to local surf beaches and popular tourist attractions, with all the facilities of a regional centre. It offers a friendly, close-knit community with an on-campus population of around 1100. On-campus facilities include a comprehensive library, excellent teaching and learning spaces, health care services, café, gym, bookshop, social areas, basketball, netball and tennis courts, and a golf course.

For more information on these campuses, visit Deakin Campuses
Changes to Monash Psychology and Nutrition Degrees

1. **Psychology** - The Bachelor of Psychological Science Advanced (Honours) has undergone a name change and will now be titled *Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)*, and the change has also been made in VTAC. The key changes include the fact that more places will be available, and an estimated ATAR of 85+ is expected. Entry to the honours component of the four-year course is guaranteed on successful completion of the degree and obtaining a minimum 70% average in four specific core units. Should students not satisfy this requirement or decide not to continue with an honours year they will be able to exit with a Bachelor of Psychological Science. Should students not meet the academic requirement to continue to the honours year, they may be eligible to apply for other fourth-year psychology programs, in particular, the Graduate Diploma in Psychology at Monash University.

Find out more at [Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)](https://www.monash.edu/psychology)

2. **Nutrition** – There have been a few minor changes to the prerequisites for the *Bachelor of Nutrition Science*, including a lower English study score requirement.

VCE Pre-requisites: English: Units 3 and 4; a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in English other than EAL, and Chemistry: Units three and four; a study score of at least 25 in Chemistry.

There will also be subject bonuses offered for the following VCE subjects (to an overall maximum of six points):

- A study score of 25 in Biology or 30 in Chemistry equals two aggregate points per study.
- A study score of 30 in Biology or 35 in Chemistry equals four aggregate points per study.
- A study score of 30 in one but no more than one of Food and Technology, Health and Human Development or Physical Education equals 1 aggregate point per study.

For more information, visit [Bachelor of Nutrition Science](https://www.monash.edu/nutrition)

- **New Bachelor of International Business Double Degrees**

*Students can now combine the Bachelor of International Business with a Bachelor of Business or a Bachelor of Arts, allowing them the opportunity to complete two degrees in just three years rather than the standard four.*

Available arts majors in a double combination:

- Chinese
- Japanese
- International relations
- International studies
- Politics
Find out more about the double degree offerings at Bachelor of International Business double degrees.

- New Business Analytics Major

Offered under the Bachelor of Commerce, this new study area will teach students how to pull data from various sources and how to visualise it, model it and learn about the world around them. It will give students a solid background in all aspects of data analysis. Demand for graduates with skills in statistics, computing and data analysis is growing across all industries. Business analytics graduates can work in finance, marketing, human resources, sport, fashion, media, education, government and law.

News from RMIT University

- Live Production and Technical Services

The Certificate IV in Live Production and Technical Services focuses on giving students highly practical live production and audio-visual skills that enable them to undertake a wide range of jobs in a diverse and growing industry. Students learn a range of skills including set-up, operation and maintenance of lighting, sound, presentation and TV equipment. Applications should be made through VTAC, and there is an interview as part of the selection criteria. Find out more at Live Production and Technical Services

- 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 gym. RMIT Village is conveniently located for RMIT’s City campus (just a 10-minute walk) and Brunswick campus. Find out more about facilities, fees, and how to apply at RMIT Village.

News from the University of Melbourne

- New Science Majors

Two new majors are being introduced to the Bachelor of Science in 2017: Data Science and Environmental Engineering Systems. Find out more about all 41 majors at Science Majors

- New Core Subjects in Commerce

Students commencing the Bachelor of Commerce in 2017 will be required to complete two additional compulsory subjects: Accounting Reports and Analysis, and Principles of Finance. Find out more at Bachelor of Commerce
Pathways Programs to University in 2017

There are many different ways to get to the same destination, and that applies to university too. Sometimes students do not quite meet the entry criteria to go straight into a university course—maybe their ATAR was not high enough, or they did not attain the minimum study score in a prerequisite subject. The encouraging thing is that many universities have recommended pathway courses to degrees they offer. Below are some of these pathway schemes:

**ACUcom at the Australian Catholic University**

*ACUcom* is a department of the Australian Catholic University that delivers TAFE-level courses. These courses are complete qualifications but are also pathway programs into bachelor degrees at ACU. While the pathways are not guarantees, students who do well in the *ACUcom* courses are usually offered places in relevant bachelor programs.

*ACUcom* courses are suited to students who—

- Want a TAFE level qualification
- Do not get the required ATAR to go straight into their chosen bachelor degree
- Want to use the TAFE to university pathway to a bachelor degree
- Want to try an area of study but are not sure they want to commit to a 3-year course

Some of the pathway courses *ACUcom* offers domestic school leavers include:

- **Diploma of Early Childhood & Education Care** – (Pathway to Bachelor of Education of Early Childhood)
- **Certificate IV in Educational Support** – (Pathway to Bachelor of Education)
- **Certificate in Exercise Science** – (Pathway to Bachelor of Exercise & Sports Science or Bachelor of Exercise and Health Science.
- **Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled-Division 2 nursing)** – (Pathway to Bachelor of Nursing)

For more information on these courses, the cost and how to apply email acucom.melbourne@acu.edu.au or call (03) 9953 3321, or browse ACUcom

**Box Hill Institute Pathways to ACU, Deakin, La Trobe, and Monash**

Box Hill Institute places a strong emphasis on providing students with practical knowledge in their chosen area of study, preparing students for further study at *Australian Catholic University (ACU), Deakin University, La Trobe University* and *Monash University*.

For a list of pathway courses to ACU from Box Hill Institute visit Pathways from BHI to ACU

For a list of pathway courses (some of which are guaranteed pathways) to Deakin University from Box Hill Institute, visit Pathways from BHI to Deakin University
For a list of pathway courses to La Trobe University from Box Hill Institute, visit Pathways from BHI to La Trobe University

For a list of pathway courses to Monash University from Box Hill Institute, visit Pathways from BHI to Monash University

- Deakin College to Deakin University

  **Deakin College** is a direct pathway to Deakin University, providing students with the experience that supports successful transition to further studies at the University. **Deakin College** offers:

  Diploma programs in Commerce, Computing, Engineering, Health Sciences, Management, Media and Communication, and Science lead into a number of second year Bachelor degrees at Deakin University.

  **Deakin College** courses are conducted on three Deakin University campuses in Victoria: Melbourne Burwood Campus, Geelong Waterfront Campus and Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus. Being located on campus enables students to access and enjoy all facilities and services, creating a smoother transition to their degree at Deakin.

  Find out more by browsing [Deakin College](#)

- Deakin University to Deakin University

  **Deakin University** offers a number of pathway courses for domestic students into its bachelor programs. In other words, pathways through **Deakin**! These include courses such as Associate Degree of Arts, Associate Degree of Education, or undertaking a single unit of study, which can be used as credit towards a degree.

  Find out more at [Pathways through Deakin](#)

- Guaranteed Pathways from TAFE to Deakin University

  The **Deakin Pathways Program** seeks to encourage increased participation in higher education, as well as providing a supported student transition to higher education through supported VET programs. These pathways provide students with a seamless transition from TAFE Diplomas / Advanced Diplomas to Deakin University degrees.

  For further details in regards to the Deakin Pathways Program visit [Deakin Pathways Program](#). Alternatively, email [pathways@deakin.edu.au](mailto:pathways@deakin.edu.au) for assistance or further advice!

- Kangan Institute Pathways to University

  **Kangan Institute** has partnered with leading universities in Australia to give students over 30 guaranteed pathway options to higher education.
Diploma programs including in accounting, business, early childhood education, justice, logistics, management, nursing, and travel & tourism lead into Bachelor degrees, with 1 or more years’ credit) at a number of universities.

Find out more at [Kangan Pathways to University](#)

- **La Trobe Melbourne to La Trobe University**

  *La Trobe Melbourne* is an alternative entry option to La Trobe University and provides a complete university experience within a personal and supportive environment and a fast-track pathway to an extensive range of degree options.

  La Trobe Melbourne offers a range of Diploma courses, which are equivalent to La Trobe University’s first year bachelor degree. Upon successful completion, students enter second year of their Bachelor Degree, choosing a degree from the university's five faculties.

  Programs include:

  - Diploma of Bioscience
  - Diploma of Business
  - Diploma of Health Sciences
  - Diploma of Information Technology
  - Diploma of Mass Media and Communications
  - Diploma of Engineering

  Find out more at [La Trobe Melbourne](#)

- **Monash College to Monash University**

  A *Monash College* Diploma offers a direct pathway into second year at Monash University.

  Six diplomas are on offer that can lead students to a number of Monash University degree course in arts, art, design and architecture, business, engineering, IT and science. Students should note that entry requirements into Monash College and Monash University do apply. Find out more at [Monash College](#)

- **Monash University – Pathway Options**

  1. **Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTs)**

     The *Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTs)* is designed as an alternative pathway to university study. The one-year full-time course is particularly suited to students requiring additional learning support in their first year of study. The DoTS pathway equips students with the skills to write essays, undertake research, solve problems, think critically, develop projects, and communicate their ideas more effectively. This pathway opportunity is offered at the Peninsula campus of Monash University. Providing a direct pathway to Monash University, successful completion of DoTS allows students to apply to progress to the second year of a
number of Monash University degrees. When applying for DoTS, students will have the flexibility to choose a stream that interests them from Business, Education or Nursing. It is this stream that forms the first year of their degree, and determines which Monash University degree they can pathway into. Students with a minimum ATAR of 50 and who attain a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL are eligible to apply. Visit DoTS to find out more!

2. Diploma of Higher Education – Science or Education (DoHE)
The Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE) is designed for students who want to study a Bachelor of education, or a course in science, inclusive of mathematics or related areas at Monash University, but did not get the ATAR they need, or they did not quite meet the entry requirements for entry, having perhaps missed a prerequisite, particularly mathematics. On successful completion of this one-year, full-time course, students can apply to enter the second year of education, education/science, or several mathematics and science courses, and gain credit for the subjects they have already studied. The Diploma of Higher Education – Science is offered at the Clayton campus. Students with a minimum ATAR of 65 and who attain a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL are eligible to apply. Visit DoHE to find out more!

- Pathway Diplomas and Associate Degrees to RMIT University
RMIT offers a diverse range of pathway programs to assist students in reaching their study and career destination. The pathways at RMIT provide opportunities for students to transfer from one program to another, receive recognition for their existing skills and knowledge, and can be credited towards a degree. Visit Pathways to RMIT Degrees!

- UniLink Diplomas: Pathway to a Degree at Swinburne University
UniLink diplomas are an option for students who miss direct entry to a degree or who would benefit from a more supportive style of learning. They are equivalent to the first year of university and can provide a pathway to the second year of a related Swinburne University bachelor degree. Students who successfully complete their diploma course are guaranteed a place in a range of business, information and communication technologies (ICT), and science degrees.

UniLink diplomas are available in the areas of:

- arts and communication
- business
- design
- engineering
- health science
- information technology
- science
Students wishing to undertake a UniLink course can apply through VTAC and must attain an ATAR of approximately 50 to be eligible for consideration. For more information about the range of UniLink courses on offer, visit UniLink.

- **Diploma of General Studies (DoGS) to the University of Melbourne**
  Completion of the one-year *Diploma in General Studies (DoGS)* gives domestic students a guaranteed entry into degree courses at the University of Melbourne. The Diploma in General Studies program is a sampler of the Melbourne bachelor’s degrees, and provides students with the opportunity to study science, commerce, design, science or agriculture. The Diploma in General Studies gives students a year of breathing space to decide what they really want to do next, and provides a structured stepping stone to a meaningful outcome – whether that is employment or further study at the University of Melbourne. A minimum ATAR of 50, and English (20) or EAL (25) is required to be considered for the course, and the DoGS program is taught at the Dookie Campus. Find out more at Diploma of General Studies.

- **Victoria University – Pathway Options**
  Victoria University offers a range of **guaranteed diplomas** to degrees. Pathways in **arts, business, education, engineering and science, health and biomedicine, law and justice, and sport and exercise** are available. Find out more at Guaranteed Diplomas to Degrees.