SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW!

You have finished your exams, schoolies has been and gone... so what happens now?

The short answer is that we wait and see what happens.

In this quick reference is a timeline for the release of ATAR’s and offers and how you can access Mrs Siva for help if you need it.

GETTING YOUR RESULTS

Your VCE study scores, ATAR and VTAC Scaled Study Scores will be available to you via internet and SMS services. All current VCE students will receive a statement of VCE study scores from the VCAA. However, only students who have applied for courses through VTAC this year and have paid their VTAC processing fees will be sent an ATAR statement in the mail.

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR RESULTS ONLINE

To view your results online, log on to resultsandatar.vic.edu.au using your VCE student number and Results Service PIN. The default Results Service PIN is the first four digits of your birthdate, however you are strongly encouraged to change this prior to the release of results (see below). Results will be available online from 12 December.

Note: The Results Service PIN is separate from your VTAC PIN.

PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY: CHANGE YOUR PIN

In order to ensure that your privacy is protected, VTAC strongly recommends that you change your PIN. If you don’t change your PIN, anyone with knowledge of your VCE student number and birthdate will be able to access your ATAR and VCE results.

You can change your Results Service PIN from the link in your VTAC user account. Your new PIN will work with all results and ATAR services.

HOW TO REGISTER TO RECEIVE YOUR RESULTS BY SMS

To get your results by SMS on the morning they are released, register by sending your VCE student number (without the letter) and PIN to 19 787 888 ($1.10 incl. GST). Registration opens early-November. You must have the bill payer’s permission to use this service.

TIMELINE FOR THE RELEASE OF ATAR’S AND OFFERS 2017

8 November 2016
> Change of Preference closes
> VTAC closes until results come out

12 December 2016
> VCE results and ATAR released
> VTAC is open for Change of Preference

20 December 2016
> Change of Preference closes
> VTAC portal closes

18th January 2017
> Round One Offers are made via email
> Everyone should accept their first offer!

7th February 2017
> Round Two offers are made
> February onwards - supplementary offers are made

TOO MANY NEW WORDS!!!

If you are feeling a bit overwhelmed by all of the new words you are expected to understand (tutorial, lecture, major, minor), RMIT has a fantastic glossary that you can use.
Go to: www1.rmit.edu.au/policies/glossary
IF YOU NEED HELP AFTER YOUR RESULTS ARE RELEASED...

Mrs Siva will be at the College and available to help with any questions you may have regarding your preferences for University/ TAFE.

However it is essential to make an appointment. The best way is to email: amanda.siva@academy.vic.edu.au or you can also call directly on 9412 7113. If there is no answer, please leave a message with your name and phone number and your call will be answered as soon as possible. Mrs Siva will be in the office on the following days:

Monday 12th December: 9.00am - 3.00pm
Wednesday 13th December: 9.00am - 3.00pm
Thursday 14th December: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Remember the following:

• Your preferences were done in a very careful and considered manner with Mrs Siva. There is only a need to change them if you are likely to NOT GET AN OFFER AT ALL.

• The courses listed higher on your preferences than the one you were offered are still LIVE and maybe offered to you in supplementary rounds so don’t delete them.

• Come and ask Mrs Siva for help. That is what she is here for!

UNIVERSITY AND TAFE OFFERS

• First round offers will be made on 18th January. You MUST accept your first offer, even if it is not your first preference. You are NEVER guaranteed supplementary offers so if you don’t enrol in your round one offer, you may miss out entirely. Approximately 90% of courses are filled in the first round!

• Enrolment is totally separate from VTAC. Details about how to enrol in your course will be sent to you via email and mail in January. Make sure you read the instructions carefully. To confirm your place in a course you MUST ENROL PROPERLY!

• If you want to defer, you must do this at enrolment. Don’t just ignore your offer or it will be given to someone else.

Universities all have different starting times, but TAFEs usually start in the first week of February.

Check your Letter of Offer to confirm details!

THE COST OF STUDY

University/TAFE will be very different to school. It is unlikely you will attend 5 days from 8.30am - 3.30pm so you will have time to work in a part-time job.

This is important because even though you are not paying for your University or TAFE fees up front, you will still need to pay for:

• Accommodation if you move away from home

• Textbooks and study supplies

• Transport

• Food Mum won’t be making your lunch!

• Entertainment

• Clothing/personal items

And if you get your license, you may need money for:

• Car/Petrol

• Servicing your car

• Toll Roads if you use them

• Insurance

You will need to make a budget and stick to it!

To help you with this, here are some useful sites:

→ MONEY SMART BUDGET PLANNER

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Money Smart program has a great Budget Planner which can be used online or downloaded and edited offline. There’s also a great smart phone app for iPhone and Android that includes a savings and loans calculator. There is also a free app from Money Smart that allows you to track your spending to see where your money goes!


→ YOUTH ALLOWANCE

If you’re 18-24 years old, a local student and studying full time, you may be eligible for Youth Allowance. To find out more go to: www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/youth-allowance

→ HEALTH CARE CARD

If you’re receiving Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY or Austudy, you may be eligible for a Health Care Card. The card helps people on low incomes and entitles you to cheaper medical services, prescriptions, public transport, electricity, telephone (depending on the provider) and car registration. For more information visit: www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/health-care-card

→ VICTORIAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONCESSION CARD

If you’re a full-time, local, undergraduate student, you’re entitled to a Victorian Transport Concession Card that provides you with cheaper public transport. You can apply for one as soon as you receive your students ID from University/TAFE. Go to: ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/concessions/students/

→ HECS AND FEE HELP

As Australian Citizens, you are all eligible for HECS-HELP (University) or VET FEE-HELP (TAFE). For more information about both of these schemes go to the Study Assist website: http://studyassist.gov.au/sites/Study Assist

You are required to begin repaying your HELP debt when your income is above the minimum repayment threshold, which is $54,126 for the 2015-16 income year, $54,868 for the 2016-17 income year. You pay it back in small amounts on top of the normal tax that you are required to pay as a wage earner in Australia.