

BMG Careers News

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Dear Senior Students,

Farewell to the Year 12 cohort of 2018, may your upcoming examinations be successful and your futures, fruitful. Please make the most of life's opportunities, and know that there are always ways to reach your goals. This edition contains information that will see School Leavers with information on how to pathway into different course and career options. The 'Change of Preference' table included at the end of this newsletter will serve as a quick reference point for students to locate some last minute advice.

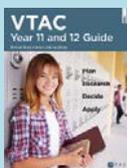
For other students, please take the time to plan ahead for 2019 and beyond. Familiarising yourself with the key 'University Terms' outlined in this newsletter is one way to prepare.

Kind regards,

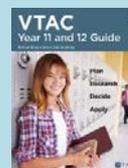
Ms. Alice Wu-Tollis
Careers Practitioner

Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- Year 9/10 Deakin Inspired Minds Presentation Evening – Wednesday 31st October
- Very late VTAC applications – 2 November to 7 December
- Current Year 9s to note 2019 Year 10 Work Experience Dates: 24th June to 28th June



Reminder: VTAC 2019 Key Dates



VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 7 December 2018
ATARs Released	Friday 14 December 2018
COP for Early International Offers closes	Saturday 15 December 2018
Change of Preference (COP) closes	Wednesday 19 December 2018
December International Round Offers	Wednesday 19 December 2018
Main Round International Offers	Tuesday 8 January 2019
Main Round Domestic Offers	Wednesday 16 January 2019
Further Offer Rounds	Monday 4 February 2019 onwards

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

Accessing VCE Results

VCE study scores, ATAR and VTAC Scaled Study Scores will be available to students via the Results and ATAR website and the Results and ATAR app in December - <https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/results/applicants.htm>. Students will receive a statement of VCE study scores from the VCAA, and those who applied for courses through VTAC this year and have paid their VTAC processing fees will be sent an ATAR statement in the mail.

Students who wish to receive their results online, will need to register at <https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/results/applicants.htm> before results are released. Registrations are already open and students are encouraged to register soon.

To register, students need their VCAA student number and will be requested to choose a secure password on registering.

What if you think you won't get a place at university?

There are many alternatives. Some suggestions are:

- Apply for some direct-entry courses (courses that do not use VTAC)
- Apply for a related TAFE course if you have not done so already
- Apply for a 'pathway' course – see suggestions in this newsletter eg: a Diploma in Tertiary or Foundation Studies – e.g. at Fed Uni's FAST Program, or Monash and RMIT's Diploma in Tertiary Studies.
- Aim for a Supplementary Offer in January (see VTAC website) – Preference wisely
- Visit institutions at their Change of Preference (COP) Information sessions or contact them to discuss your situation – see COP information in this newsletter.
- Contact Ms. Wu-Tollis at BMG

Pathways Programs to University in 2019

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:

Pathways to Australian Catholic University

ACU College to the Australian Catholic University

ACU College 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 ACU College courses are usually offered places in relevant bachelor programs.

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

[Certificate III in Individual Support \(Ageing\)](#) – (Pathway to the Diploma of Nursing)

[Diploma of Early Childhood & Education Care](#) – (Pathway to Bachelor of Early Childhood Education)

[Certificate IV in Educational Support](#) – (Pathway to Bachelor of Education (Primary) or Bachelor of Early Childhood Education)

[Certificate in Exercise Science](#) – (Pathway to Bachelor of Exercise & Sports Science or Bachelor of Physical Activity and Health Science)

[Diploma of Nursing \(Enrolled-Division 2 nursing\)](#) – (Pathway to Bachelor of Nursing)

[Diploma of Leadership and Management](#) – (Pathway to Bachelor of Business Administration or Bachelor of Commerce)

For more information on these courses, the cost and how to apply email

ACUCollege.Melbourne@acu.edu.au or call (03) 9953 3321, or browse [ACU College](#)

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** from Box Hill Institute to ACU, visit [Pathways from BHI to ACU](#)

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

For a list of **pathway courses** from Box Hill Institute to La Trobe University, visit [Pathways from BHI to La Trobe University](#)

For a list of **pathway courses** (some of which are guaranteed pathways) to Monash University from Box Hill Institute, visit [Pathways from BHI to Monash University](#)

Pathways to Deakin 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 *Business, Commerce, Communication, Construction Management, Design, Engineering, Film, Television & Animation, Health Sciences, 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 Waurin 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 for assistance or further advice.

Pathways to Federation University

The FAST Program

The Foundation Access Studies (FAST) program allows students to experience university study in a supportive environment. It aims to give students the skills and confidence to undertake degree level studies at Federation University Australia in the following semester.

FAST is open to people returning to study, or recent Year 12 graduates who are considering alternative entry options into University. It is not open to applicants of school age, but is designed for those who have left school or recently completed their secondary school studies.

Satisfactory completion of the FAST program will guarantee entry into a wide range of Federation University Australia Higher Education programs at degree level. Graduates will also receive credit for one university level first year subject (course) from some faculties.

Find out more at [Foundation Access Studies \(FAST\) Program](#)

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, logistics, management, nursing, beauty therapy, justice, 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](#)

Pathways to La Trobe University

La Trobe College to La Trobe University

Programs include:

Diploma of Bioscience

Diploma of Business

Diploma of Health Sciences

Diploma of Information Technology

Diploma of Media and Communications

Diploma of Engineering

Diploma of Psychology

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

Melbourne Polytechnic to Deakin and La Trobe

Melbourne Polytechnic offers a range of pathway courses to a number of degrees offered at Deakin University and/or La Trobe University. Courses in *Arts, Business, Civil Engineering, Information Technology, and Visual Arts* are on offer.

Find out more at [Melbourne Polytechnic](#)

Pathways to Monash University

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](#)

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, and a VTAC Personal Statement, are eligible to apply.

Visit [DoTS](#) to find out more.

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 60 and who attain a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL, and a VTAC Personal Statement, are eligible to apply.

Visit [DoHE](#) to find out more.

Pathways to RMIT University

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](#).

Pathways to Swinburne University

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, and science degrees.

UniLink diplomas are available in the areas of:

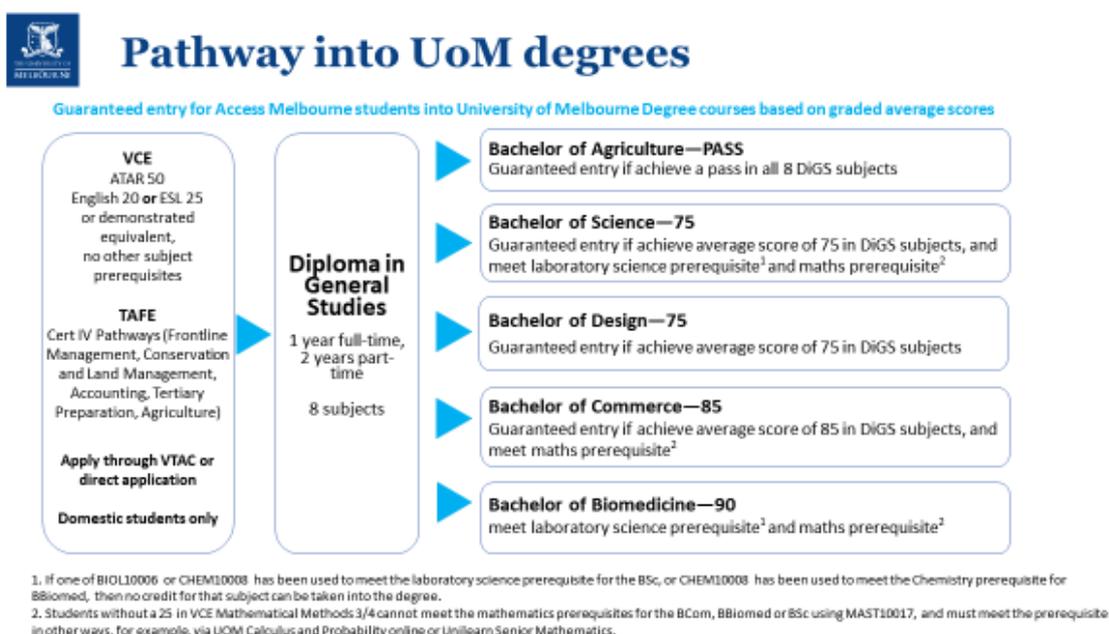
- [arts and communication](#)
- [business](#)
- [design](#)
- [engineering](#)
- [health science](#)
- [information technology](#)
- [science](#)

Students wishing to undertake a UniLink course can apply through VTAC and must attain an ATAR of approximately 50, and meet any prerequisites, to be eligible for consideration.

For more information about the range of UniLink courses on offer, visit [UniLink](#)

Diploma in General Studies (DiGS) to the University of Melbourne

Completion of the one-year **Diploma in General Studies (DiGS)** 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 *biomedicine, commerce, design, science or agriculture*. The **Diploma in General Studies (DiGS)** 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 DiGS program is taught at the Dookie Campus.



Find out more at [Diploma in General Studies](#)

Victoria University – Pathway Options

Victoria University offers a range of **diplomas to degrees' programs**. Pathways in *arts, business, education, engineering and science, health and biomedicine, law and justice, and sport and exercise* are available.

Find out more at [Diplomas to Degrees](#)

Job Pathways Charts

Students are encouraged to browse the following link for excellent example of potential career pathways that can begin with an **Australian Apprenticeship** - [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways](#)

Employment Workshops/Interviews

Many Year 12s and school leavers attended one-on-one interviews with Group Training Providers: WestVic Staffing Solutions and BGT Services on Friday 19th October – the day proved to be a success with a good uptake of many Year 12 students.

If you missed this opportunity, or wish to speak to an Apprenticeship/Traineeship consultant, please register your interest with Ms. Wu-Tollis as soon as practical so another appointment time can be arranged before the conclusion of the academic year.

PwC Higher Apprenticeship Program 2019

If you have an interest in IT/Tech/STEM, you are invited to join PwC for an interactive breakfast session to learn about new opportunities open to students to join straight out of high school!

You will meet with current Apprentices and hear how they have kick-started a career at PwC, and get a taste for what life is like inside one of the world's largest professional services firms.

This event is open to students in Years 12 as well as their parents. This is a great opportunity to gain insight into PwC's Higher Apprenticeship program and to be at the forefront of the next intake (Recruitment to start in 2019)

You will also get a tour of the office – one to be seen to be believed!

When: Friday 30th November, 8:30 am – 10:30 am AEDT

Where:

PwC Melbourne |
Level 19, 2 Riverside Quay, Southbank |
Melbourne Victoria | Australia

Event Program:

8:30am - Breakfast & networking
9:00am - Intro into PwC's Higher Apprenticeship Program
9:15am - Panel Q&A
9:45am - Office tour
10:15am - Close

Numbers are limited, please register via this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/coffee-tea-with-pwc-tickets-51133829661>

Free Priority TAFE Courses in 2019

A reminder that the Victorian Government announced its [Free TAFE initiative](#) earlier this year. A [list of courses eligible for this program](#) from VTAC institutions is available on the VTAC website, with links to the CourseSearch entry for each course. Note that this list may be continually updated.

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](#)

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. Visit [Study Assist](#)

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 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 \$4,448 over that period (or \$556 per week) you should qualify. You will maintain the Low Income Health Care Card as long as your income does not exceed \$5,560 (or \$695 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.

Didn't Meet the Mathematical Methods Prerequisite?

Monash Maths Bridging

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

Maths Bridging covers the properties of functions and their graphs, calculus processes of differentiation and anti-differentiation, and the application of these properties and processes.

Students will learn

- functions and their graphs and inverse functions
- exponential, logarithmic, and circular functions

- techniques and applications of calculus.

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.

Eligibility

- VCE Students who receive a study score of 20-24 in VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4. Students must also meet all other entry requirements for a Monash Engineering, Science or Business and Economics undergraduate degree.

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 selected Engineering, Science or Business and Economics degrees at Monash University.

If they meet all other course entry requirements they will be considered for a Round 2 offer into their preferred course.

Program details

Start date	Wednesday 2 January 2019
End date	Tuesday 22 January 2019
Exam	Wednesday 23 January 2019
Marking	Thursday 24 January 2019
Results	9.00am, Friday 25 January 2019
Cost	\$1,200 (not available for FEE-HELP)
Location	Monash College

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



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:

- Wednesday 2 January 2019, 9:30am – 4:30pm
- Thursday 24 January 2019, 9:30am – 4:30pm
- Thursday 7 February 2019, 9:30am – 4:30pm

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

** refundable if enrol in 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 2019. Applications for **MathsLink: Methods** close Tuesday 18 December 2018.

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

VCE Extension Studies in 2019

Deakin University – Deakin Accelerate

A big thank you goes out to former student, **Shantelle Cowan** for providing her insights and experiences of the Deakin Accelerate Program at the Year 10/11 Year Level Assembly last week.

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. Remember, the school must endorse your applications, and final student offers will be made at the decision of Deakin University.

Applications are due to Ms. Thornton or Ms. Wu-Tollis by Friday 9th November (Week 5).

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



News from Australian Catholic University

Bachelor of Media Production

Have you ever seen a video or digital content creator, social media manager, communications advisor or radio and film/television producer and wondered how they landed the job?

ACU's **Bachelor of Media Production** is an excellent pathway into these careers, and students graduate work-ready. The practical focus of this degree means that students will begin producing media from their first week on campus, and have opportunities to develop and deliver digital video, radio, podcasts and online features.

The third year of the course is dedicated to offering students real industry-focused experiences. Classes take place in the *new* media precinct, with its state-of-the-art computer lab, television and radio studios. Here students will work alongside industry and the community to make and distribute a wide range of media content. Students will work as part of a team to produce broadcast television productions and live-streamed community radio programs, as well produce and manage a dedicated online production channel.

Find out more at [Bachelor of Media Production](#)



News from Deakin University

Global Science and Technology Program

The SEBE Global Science and Technology Program (GSTP) gives students the opportunity to gain experience beyond the classroom and experience the world whilst studying.

Students who are interested in travelling as part of their degree, are encouraged to consider the **Global Science and Technology Program**. This scholarship program is open to all courses offered by the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment, and aims to recognise, reward, and support high achieving students interested in conducting part of their studies overseas, in order to develop new skills and a broader worldview. Successful applicants will receive a \$3000 scholarship to assist with travel costs and will participate in the Deakin Global Citizenship Program. The Global Science and Technology Program has a two-step application process.

There are two steps to applying for this program: applicants must attain an ATAR of 80 and must complete the Program Supplementary application form by 5pm, Friday 4 January 2019. Visit [Global Science and Technology Program](#) for more details.

AusNet Services Scholarship

If you're a female student interested in the ever changing energy landscape and shaping the future of power generation, management and distribution, we encourage you to apply for a Women in Power Engineering Scholarship.

Women in Power Engineering scholarships are on offer to support women to achieve tertiary qualifications in *power engineering*, preparing them for diverse and rewarding careers in the energy industry. Scholarships are awarded to successful female applicants entering Deakin's **Bachelor of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Honours)** undergraduate degree. Each scholarship is valued at \$10,000 per year over the normal duration of the course and includes vocational work and a mentoring program.

For full details about the scholarship, including selection criteria, how to apply and closing dates please visit: [AusNet Services Scholarship](#)

News from Holmesglen

Diploma of Screen and Media (Radio & Television)

Learn the skills for creating, producing and presenting both radio and television programs in this one-year Diploma of Screen and Media.

The ***Diploma of Screen and Media (Radio & Television)*** at Holmesglen Institute is a practical introduction to radio and television.

During the year, students will produce and present radio shows from the Chadstone campus radio studio. They will have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of Holmesglen's unique partnership with community television station Channel 31, which allows students to create and produce their own television series.

Students will also participate in industry work experience, develop presentation and voice skills, and learn how to promote their work.

Key study areas include *researching and writing for radio and television, recording and editing sound for news stories, ads and radio features, panelling and producing live radio, and filming and editing video packages for broadcast*. Students also get to gain experience in various crew roles in a multi-camera TV studio, and presenting on radio and TV.

The course also covers areas such as media law, creative thinking, job seeking and maximising social media engagement.

Find out more at [Diploma of Screen and Media \(Radio & Television\)](#)

There will be an **Open Thursday Session** late in November for students who are keen to find out more.

Date: Thursday 29 November 2018

Time: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Venue: Holmesglen Institute, Chadstone Campus, Room 1.1.18, Building 1,
Batesford Road in Chadstone

Register at [Radio & TV Open Day](#)

Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Science

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](#)

Changes to Entry Requirements into Bachelor Degrees

The application process for the **Bachelor Degree programs** has changed, and William Angliss no longer requires the Supplementary Form as a selection requirement for these courses. Applicants now only need to meet the ATAR requirements for most of the degrees, with the *Bachelor of Food Studies still requiring an interview* as part of the selection criteria.

Find out more at [Bachelor Degrees at William Angliss Institution](#)

[New Bachelor of Outdoor Leadership](#)

We're excited to announce VU's new Bachelor of Outdoor Leadership - the first of its kind in Australia! This new course addresses the needs of the entire outdoor sector and offers practical, work-integrated-learning opportunities and paid internships, which could lead to a job offer.

Delivered at the Footscray Park campus, this course covers everything students need for a career in outdoor leadership. **Find out more at [Bachelor of Outdoor Leadership](#).**



[News from University of Tasmania](#)

[Bachelor of Medical Research](#)

Students who have an interest in the human body, health and disease – and more importantly, expanding what we know about them – may find the Bachelor of Medical Research the perfect course to study. The **Bachelor of Medical Research** is a 3-year program taught at the Hobart campus of the University of Tasmania. The course prepares students for *careers in medical research* by providing an understanding of the structure and function of healthy human cells, tissues, organs and systems, as well as of the abnormal genetic, cellular and systemic changes that characterise human diseases and conditions.

Students are able to select options that prepare them for careers or further studies in a range of specialties such as *biochemistry, pathology, neuroscience, genetics, pharmacology and other areas of medical research and medical science*. The degree also emphasises the acquisition of research skills and students will have exposure throughout the degree to scientists actively involved in medical research.

Importantly, from 2019 onwards, the Bachelor of Medical Research at the University of Tasmania will be the sole entry point into the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery for tertiary applicants.

To find out more visit [Bachelor of Medical Research](#)



Important Changes for Entry to Medicine from 2020

For students intending to sit the UMAT in 2019 for entry to university in 2020, the test is changing. From 2019, the UMAT will be replaced by a new test, the UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test).

So, current Year 11 students who were intending on sitting the UMAT next year are advised that they will instead need to register for and sit the UCAT.

QUICK FACTS:

- the UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) is a 2-hour computer-based test
- the UCAT will be offered on a choice of dates throughout the month of July 2019, rather than on one single date
- some pathways to medicine/dentistry/clinical sciences will not require the UCAT and some courses may require another test
- institutions that will require the UCAT are:

[The University of Adelaide](#)

Medicine, Dental Surgery, Oral Health

[Curtin University](#)

Medicine

[Monash University](#)

Medicine

[The University of Newcastle](#) / [University of New England](#)

Joint Medical Program

[The University of New South Wales](#)

Medicine

[The University of Queensland](#)

Medicine (provisional entry), Dental Science

[University of Tasmania](#)

Medicine

[The University of Western Australia](#)

Medicine (Direct Pathway), Dental Medicine (Direct Pathway)

[Western Sydney University](#)

Medicine

[The University of Auckland](#)

Medicine

[University of Otago](#)

Medicine, Dental Surgery

More information will follow in a subsequent newsletter but, until then, students are encouraged to browse [University Clinical Aptitude Test](#)

Careers in Insurance

Find out more about the wider insurance careers programs available at the **Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF)**. A supporting website [Careers in Insurance](#) features detailed information about the types of businesses in the industry and the range of roles and opportunities within insurance. Students are encouraged to visit this website for an interesting insight to insurance – be it insurance against *maritime pirates* or against *floods, hurricanes & droughts*.

Career as a Youth Worker

According to the Good Universities Guide*, Youth workers develop and facilitate programs to work with and support young people, either individually or in groups, in order to address social, behavioural, welfare, developmental and protection needs.

Tasks that youth workers often perform include -

- interview young people to identify problems and act as representatives for them, raising these issues with relevant government authorities
- assist with developing policies relating to young people
- provide support and advice to young people experiencing difficulties, such as family problems, unemployment, illness, drug abuse and homelessness
- arrange and provide counselling, food, shelter, or clothing
- assess risks and provide intensive short-term crisis counselling for victims of domestic violence or child abuse
- provide information about community services and resources available for young people
- write reports and submissions requesting funding for continuing programs and new projects
- evaluate data relating to the effectiveness of community support services
- work closely with teachers, social and welfare workers, local authorities, health professionals, refuge workers, parents and, in some instances, the police

Successful youth workers should have the following personal attributes:

- show initiative and leadership qualities
- have good interpersonal and communication skills
- be able to work independently
- have a non-judgmental attitude
- be able to plan and organise

For a more information, students are encouraged to browse

* [Good Universities Guide - Youth Worker](#)

Students can study Youth Work degrees at the following institutions in Victoria:

Institution	Course & Prerequisite Subjects	ATAR 2018
Australian Catholic University	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	58.85
RMIT	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	75.50
Victoria University	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	n/a

For a list of other youth-related courses, such as social work or human services, visit [VTAC](#).

Career as a Park Ranger

Park rangers control, supervise and manage national parks, scenic areas, historic sites, nature reserves and other recreational areas **

Park rangers may perform the following tasks:

- assist with guided tours and promote an understanding and appreciation of the natural and cultural features of the park
- supervise public visits and inform visitors about park facilities, advising of park rules and regulations, and enforcing these when necessary
- patrol waterways, roads and tracks to observe and report on the park environment, including the condition of animals and plants
- ensure endangered animals and plants are protected, and assist with related research projects
- ensure parks, park facilities and equipment are clean and properly maintained
- assist with wildlife management projects, including surveys and monitoring of wildlife
- participate in search and rescue operations
- supervise and coordinate fire management, weed eradication and pest-control programmes
- investigate and report to supervisors on matters relating to park management
- support local communities in protecting their cultural heritage and in developing sustainable land management practices
- conduct research into the protection and recording of Indigenous and historical sites
- supervise and train park staff and volunteers, and oversee crews of general maintenance workers and contractors
- undertake administrative and clerical duties
- prepare, review and implement reports, submissions, management plans, development proposals and environmental impact assessments

** [Good Universities Guide - Park Ranger](#)

There are several professional associations park rangers can be part of, and in Victoria it is [Parks Victoria](#).

There are a number of courses in Victoria that prepare students for a career as a park ranger. Some of these include –

INSTITUTION	COURSE
Box Hill Institute	Bachelor of Biosecurity Science
Chisholm Institute	Diploma of Conservation and Land Management
Deakin University	Bachelor of Environmental Science - Environmental Management & Sustainability
Holmesglen Institute	Diploma of Conservation and Land Management
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Outdoor Recreation Education
Melbourne Polytechnic	Diploma of Conservation and Land Management
RMIT University	Diploma of Conservation and Land Management
Swinburne University	Diploma of Conservation and Land Management

For a comprehensive list of all similar courses, visit [VTAC](#)

Career in Public Relations

INSTITUTION	COURSE NAME	VCE PREREQs	MAJOR STUDIES	ATAR 2018
DEAKIN B – Burwood G – Geelong Wairn Ponds	Communication (Public Relations)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	Campaigns and event management, Ethical communication, Marketing communication, Media and communication, Media relations, Professional writing, Public affairs, Public relations, Public relations management, Social media, Strategic communication.	61.40 (B) 60.35 (GW)
LA TROBE M - Melbourne	Media and Communication (Public Relations)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	Public relations, Strategic communication.	55.10 (M)
RMIT C – City	Communication (Professional Communications)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in any English.	Advertising, Asian studies, Cinema studies, Communication, Journalism, Literature, Media production, Politics, Popular culture, Public relations.	82.00 (C)
	Communication (Public Relations)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 32 in any English.	Business practice, Communication management, Communication research, Leadership, Marketing communication, Professional practice, Public relations, Strategic planning, Writing.	80.45 (C)
SWINBURNE H – Hawthorn * - Professional degree	Media and Communication	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	Advertising, Cinema and screen studies, Creative writing and literature, Digital advertising technology, Games and interactivity, Journalism, Media industries, Public relations, Social media.	80.80 (H) * 60.20 (H)

Public relations officers plan, develop, put into place and evaluate information and communication strategies that present an organisation to the public, clients and other stakeholders. They also promote good information flow within their organisation - [Good Universities Guide - Public Relations Officer](#).

Several universities in Victoria offer **public relations degrees**, or **public relations** as a major in other degrees - some of these are listed below.

For a comprehensive list of courses offering public relations (including the many double-degree options) on offer at universities, visit [VTAC](#).

The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019

The World University Rankings 2019 were recently released with the world's top ten universities being in the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The *Times Higher Education [World University Rankings 2019](#)* includes more than 1,250 universities, making it the biggest international league table to date. This table is also the only global university performance table to judge **research-intensive universities** across all of their core missions: teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook.

Noting that the rankings are based on **more than 1,250 research-intensive universities**, the Australian universities that rank in the top 500 on the world stage are:

32	University of Melbourne
42	Australian National University
59	University of Sydney
69	University of Queensland
84	Monash University
96	University of New South Wales
134	University of Western Australia
135	University of Adelaide
196	University of Technology, Sydney
201 - 250	James Cook University
	Macquarie University
	Queensland University of Technology
	University of South Australia
	University of Wollongong
251 - 300	University of Canberra
	Flinders University
	Griffiths University
301 – 350	Curtin University
	La Trobe University
	Newcastle University
	Victoria University
351 -400	Deakin University
	University of Tasmania
	Western Sydney University
401 - 500	Australian Catholic University
	Murdoch University
	RMIT University
	Swinburne University

Medical Reception Course

Medical Administration Training (MAT) provides contemporary courses in **medical reception and medical terminology**, as well as incorporating a Pracsoft medical computer tutorial. The **medical reception course** is nationally accredited and has been developed to assist the health industry by training people in the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to perform the role of a medical secretary/receptionist in the medical setting.

For more information about MAT, and the range of courses it offers, visit [Medical Administration Training](#)

University Terms

When students are looking in to university study, they often come across words or terms they are unfamiliar with. So, here are a few of the more commonly used terms to help students understand what is being talked about!

Associated Degree – an associate degree is generally a two-year qualification that is made up of two-thirds of a bachelor's degree and may be offered by both TAFEs and universities. Students often use this as a stepping stone to the full Bachelor Degree.

Assumed knowledge – refers to subjects the university recommends or prefers a student to have studied at school before starting the course

ATAR – Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank – the figure used by UAC and VTAC to calculate the entrance ranking for a university course

Bachelor Degree – the award/qualification a student gains when they have completed studies in an undergraduate course, which takes between 3 or 4 years of full-time study. This is the traditional starting point of a university qualification.

Bridging Course – an introductory course to help students achieve the preferred entry level to a degree, e.g. a bridging maths course for students who do not have the preferred maths but need it to access a course

Census Date – the last day a student can withdraw from their university course and not owe fees

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) – a student's enrolment in a university degree for which the Commonwealth government makes a contribution towards the cost of that student's education (formerly known as a HECS place)

Credit/Advanced standing – if a student has previously studied – perhaps at TAFE – and has Recognised Prior Learning (RPL), the student may be able to receive credit for a subject or subjects in their course. Also, often referred to as *Advanced Standing*.

Double degree – a student can choose to complete a double degree – this integrates studies in two degrees resulting in an award of two degrees, usually after a minimum of 4 years of study. Often also referred to as *Combined Degrees*.

Defer – a student may choose to delay starting their course. Deferring an offer of a place might mean delaying for 6, 12, 18 or 24 months. Deferment ensures the student is guaranteed their place in their selected course

Elective – a subject that is not core to the degree and is often from another faculty, e.g. a commerce student might choose psychology (from the Arts Faculty) as an elective

Faculty – a department within a university devoted to a particular area of study – so, Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Science

FEE-HELP – a loan scheme for CSP students used to pay all or part of an eligible student’s tuition fees for university courses but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or text books. A 20% - 25% loan fee applies.

HECS-HELP – a loan scheme that assists students with a CSP place to pay their contribution. Students may choose to pay their fees upfront, or choose to defer payment via the HECS-HELP loan scheme

Honours – many Bachelor degrees offer a fourth year – called an Honours year. The Honours year allows students to further focus on a particular an area of interest. The Honours year can either be integrated into a 4-year Bachelor degree or be offered as a separate year after completion of a 3-year Bachelor degree

Lecture – a period of teaching given by a lecturer to a large group of students in a lecture theatre; can often be as many as 300 students in a lecture

Major study – an area within a course that allows in-depth study in a particular field. More than one major may be allowed in some courses

Minor study – a grouping of subjects allowing a broader understanding of a few subjects, with less emphasis on in-depth study

Prerequisite – a set of conditions – usually a completion of a subject – that must be met before enrollment in a subject or course is allowed.

SA-HELP – SA-HELP is a loan scheme that assists eligible students to pay for all or part of their student services and amenities fees – so, non-academic fees.

Transcript – this is the university academic record each student receives, like a school report

Tutorial – a period of teaching given to a small group of students – involving discussion and participation

Undergraduate – a student studying at university for a first level degree, e.g. a Bachelor degree

VET Student Loans – a loan scheme for CSP students used to pay all or part of an eligible student’s tuition fees for TAFE courses, but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or text books. A 20% loan fee applies.

Workplace learning – practical training in a workplace, such as internships or practical work experience. This is a hands-on experience – some universities call it *Industry Based Learning* or *Work Integrated Learning*

Change of Preference (COP) Dates & Contacts 2018

This information is only a guideline and it is important that you check dates and times yourself

INSTITUTION	CONTACT DETAILS	TIMES	DATE
Australian Catholic University http://www.acu.edu.au/connect-with-acu/events/known-our-options-information-sessions	HOTLINE 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228)	9.00am – 5.00pm	14 December (Friday)
		9.00am – 5.00pm	17 – 19 December
	Expo Info Session (Melbourne)	12.00pm – 2.30pm	17 December (Monday)
	Expo Info Session (Ballarat)	4.00pm – 6.00pm	17 December (Monday)
Australian College of Applied Psychology www.acap.edu.au	1800 061 199		
	Course Information Session (Melbourne Campus)	6.00pm	6 December (Thursday)
		6.00pm	15 January 2019 (Tuesday)
	Online Information Session (Psychology)	6.00pm	23 January 2019 (Wed)
	Online Information Session (Criminology/Policing)	7.00pm	23 January 2019 (Wed)
	Online Information Session (Counselling)	6.00pm	24 January 2019 (Thurs)
Box Hill TAFE https://www.boxhill.edu.au/bod-events/box-hill-information-session-181217/	1300 269 445		
	COP Information Evening, Elgar Campus	4.00pm – 7.00pm	17 December (Monday)
CQU (Melbourne) www.cqu.edu.au	HOTLINE 13 CQUni (13 2786)		
	COP Expo, 120 Spencer Street, Melbourne	9.00am – 1.00pm	14 December (Friday)
Deakin College www.deakincollege.edu.au	HOTLINE (03) 9244 5600 Email: dcoll-direct@deakin.edu.au		
	Information Sessions	Same as Deakin University	Same as Deakin University
Deakin University www.deakin.edu.au/choose	Change of preference hotline 1800 MYFUTURE (1800 693 888) & Live chat sessions at www.deakin.edu.au/choose	8.00am – 7.00pm	14 December (Friday)
		10.00am – 2.00pm	15 December (Saturday)
		10.00am – 2.00pm	16 December (Sunday)
		9.00am – 7.00pm	17 December (Monday)
		9.00am – 7.00pm	18 December (Tuesday)
	Melbourne Campus at Burwood - Information Session	11.00am – 2.00pm	16 December (Sunday)
	Geelong Waterfront Campus – Information Session	5.00pm – 7.00pm	17 December (Monday)
	Geelong Wauran Ponds Campus - Walk & Talk	11.00am – 1.00pm	17 December (Monday)
Federation University https://enquiriesportal.federation.edu.au/ask/	HOTLINE 1800 333 864	9.00am – 5.00pm	14 – 20 December
	Info Day (all campuses)	2.00pm – 7.00pm	17 December (Monday)
Holmesglen Institute www.holmesglen.edu.au	Change of Preference HOTLINE 1300 693 888		
JMC Academy www.jmcacademy.edu.au	1300 410 311 or 9624 2929 or Melbourne@jmc.edu.au	9.00am – 5.00pm	14, 17 - 19 December
La Trobe University https://www.latrobe.edu.au/choose	HOTLINE 1300 135 045	8.00am – 7.00pm	14 December (Friday)
		10.00am – 3.00pm	15 December (Saturday)
		10.00am – 2.00pm	16 December (Sunday)
		8.00am – 6.00pm	17 – 19 (December)
	Drop-in One-on-one Consultations (Future Students Centre)	9.00am – 5.00pm	14, 17 - 19 December
		10.00am – 2.00pm	15 & 16 December
Melbourne Polytechnic www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au/contact	HOTLINE (03) 9269 8400 and Online Chat	8.00am – 6.00pm	14, 17 – 21 December
		9.00am – 4.00pm	15 December (Saturday)
	Face-to-face Drop Ins – Plenty Valley & Northland 9269 1200	9.00am – 5.00pm	15 December (Saturday)
		10.00am – 5.00pm	16 December (Sunday)

Monash University www.monash.edu.au/cop	HOTLINE 1800 666 274	9.00am – 5.00pm	14 December (Friday)
		11.00am – 3.00pm	15 – 16 December
		9.00am – 6.00pm	18 December (Tuesday)
		9.00am – 5.00pm	19 December (Wed)
	Change of Preference Expo – Monash Caulfield Campus	9.00am – 6.00pm	17 December (Monday)
Photographic Studies College http://www.psc.edu.au/	(03) 9682 3191	9.00am – 5.30pm	14, 17 – 19 December
	One-on-One Consultations - bookings essential via 9682 3191 or dfischer@psc.edu.au	Various times	17 – 19 December
RMIT University www.rmit.edu.au/change-of-preference	HOTLINE (03) 9925 2260 Calls and online chats	8.30am – 5.30pm	14 December (Friday)
		10.00am – 4.00pm	15 & 16 December
		8.30am – 5.30pm	17 & 18 December
		8.30am – 12.00pm	19 December (Wed)
	Face-to-face Drop-in Service	9.00am – 5.00pm	14, 17 - 18 December
		9.00am – 12.00pm	19 December (Wed)
	Tours of City Campus	4pm, 4.30pm, 5pm	18 December (Tuesday)
		9am, 9.30am, 10am	19 December (Wed)
COP Expo – City Campus	2.00pm – 5.00pm	17 December (Monday)	
Swinburne University www.swinburne.edu.au/choose	HOTLINE 1300 794 628	8.00am – 6.00pm	14, 17 - 18 December
		10.00am – 3.00pm	15 December (Saturday)
		8.00am – 12.00pm	19 December (Wed)
	Live Chats – book through website		
COP Expo Hawthorn Campus	10.00am – 3.00pm	17 December (Monday)	
Torrens University http://www.torrens.edu.au/	HOTLINE 1300 575 803 or 0466 949 649 Flinders Campus 196 Flinders Street, Melbourne Option Sessions: on campus phone live online	8.00am – 7.00pm	14 December (Friday)
		10.00am – 2.00pm	15 – 16 December
		9.00am – 7.00pm	17 – 18 December
		9.00am – 12.00pm	19 December (Wed)
University of Melbourne www.cop.unimelb.edu.au	HOTLINE 13 63 52	10.00am – 5.00pm	14, 20, 21 December
		10.00am – 3.00pm	15 December (Saturday)
		9.00am – 5.00pm	17 December (Monday)
		9.00am – 6.00pm	18 & 19 December
	Live Chat - https://ask.unimelb.edu.au/app/ask?chat	10.00am – 7.00pm	14 December (Friday)
		10.00am – 3.00pm	15 December (Saturday)
		9.00am – 7.00pm	17, 18, 19 December
		10.00am – 7.00pm	20 & 21 December
Course Information Day Parkville Campus	10.00am – 2.30pm	17 December (Monday)	
Victoria University www.vu.edu.au/change	CHAT AND HOTLINE 1300 842 864	8.30am – 6.00pm	14 December (Friday)
		10.00am – 3.00pm	15 December (Saturday)
		10.00am – 3.00pm	16 December (Sunday)
		8.30am – 6.00pm	17 – 18 December
		8.30am – 12.00pm	19 December (Wed)
	One-on-one Appointments	9.00am – 8.00pm	17 & 18 December
		9.00am – 12.00pm	19 December (Wed)
COP Expo at Footscray Park Campus	3.00pm – 6.00pm	17 December (Monday)	
William Angliss Institute www.angliss.edu.au	(03) 8595 5334		
	One-on-one consultations available	9.00am – 5.00pm	14, 17 – 19 December