

## I'M IN YEAR 12 - WHERE CAN I GET ASSISTANCE DURING 'CHANGE OF PREFERENCE' PERIOD?

The period after Year 12's receive their ATAR is known as **Change of Preference (COP) – Fri 15 Dec till 12 noon on Wed 20 December**. During this time tertiary institutions run **information sessions, COP Expos**, offer **phone assistance**, and will help you in any way they can. You can also obtain **assistance at school**. These institutions are offering the following (see online for more details). NOTE: Some institutions will have phone contact available on **Sat 16 and Sun 17 December** as well as week days.

- **Australian Catholic University – Hotline:** 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228), including 12 noon - 4pm Sat 16 Dec; **Info Sessions:** Melbourne 12 noon – 3pm, Mon 18 Dec; Ballarat 4-6pm, Mon 18 Dec.
- **Box Hill Institute – Hotline:** 1300 BOX HILL (1300 269 445)
- **Charles Sturt University – Hotline:** 1800 334 733
- **Chisholm – Hotline:** 1300 244 746
- **Deakin University – Hotline:** 1800 693 888; COP events: 11am-2pm, Sun 17 Dec (Burwood); 4-7pm, Mon 18 Dec (Geelong Waterfront); see also [www.deakin.edu.au/choose](http://www.deakin.edu.au/choose)
- **Federation University - Hotline:** 1800 333 864
- **Holmesglen – Hotline:** 1300 693 888
- **Kangan – Hotline:** 13 8233
- **La Trobe – Hotline:** 1300 135 045
- **Melbourne Polytechnic – Hotline:** 9269 1200
- **Monash – COP Expo:** 3-7pm, Mon 18 December, Building H, Caulfield campus, 900 Dandenong Rd, Caulfield East; **COP Hotline:** 1800 MONASH (1800 666 274), or see [www.monash.edu/cop](http://www.monash.edu/cop)
- **RMIT – Hotline:** 9925 2260; **Visit** Info Corner, 330 Swanston St, Melbourne (Cnr. La Trobe St); **COP Expo:** 3-6pm, Monday 18 December (City campus); [www.rmit.edu.au/school-leaver](http://www.rmit.edu.au/school-leaver)
- **Swinburne – Hotline:** 1300 SWINBURNE; **COP Expo:** 11am-4pm, Mon 18 Dec; **Live Chat** via [www.swinburne.edu.au/choose](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose)
- **University of Melbourne – Hotline:** 13 MELB (13 6352); **COP Day:** Mon 18 Dec; **See:** <http://coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au/change-of-preference/>
- **Victoria – Hotline:** 1300 VIC UNI (1300 842 864)
- **William Angliss – Hotline:** 1300 ANGLISS (1300 264 547)

## I'M IN YEAR 12 - WHAT IF I DO NOT GET A HIGH ENOUGH ATAR TO GET INTO MY DESIRED COURSE?

**Many pathways and programs exist to assist in getting to where you want to go. Suggestions:**

- Complete a **Diploma of Tertiary Studies** at **Monash University** in either business, education or nursing (ATAR 50+) **OR** a Diploma of Higher Education (ATAR 65+); Indigenous pathways - See: [www.study.monash/how-to-apply/indigenous-student-applications](http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/indigenous-student-applications)
- Complete a course at **Monash College** in Art & Design, Arts (Human Behaviour or Psychology streams), Business or Commerce, Engineering or Science; search Courses on VTAC website
- Complete a course at **Deakin College** in Commerce, Computing, Engineering, Health Sciences, Management, Media and Communication or Science
- Complete a **UniLink Diploma** at **Swinburne** (Arts and Communications, Business, Design, Engineering, Health Science, IT, Science)
- Complete a **Diploma at La Trobe Melbourne** in Biosciences, Business, Engineering, Health Sciences, IT or Mass Media Communications
- Complete a **Tertiary Preparation Course** at **RMIT** in engineering or science
- Consider studying a **related university course** with a lower ATAR; **if you do well** you MAY be able to transfer to your desired course later
- Start with a **VET (TAFE) course** in a related field; two years of VET often equals one at university
- Complete a **Tertiary Studies Diploma** at **Melbourne Polytechnic** (Preston)
- **Complete a Certificate IV in Liberal Arts** – a pathway into a range of degrees. **Swinburne and Victoria Universities** have this Certificate
- Consider a **country/rural campus**. ATAR's are often lower, usually due to lower demand; most have accommodation (apply ASAP)
- For **nursing** consider first completing **Division 2** at TAFE or a private provider- eg. Box Hill, Chisholm, Federation, Goulburn Ovens, Holmesglen, RMIT or Swinburne
- **ACU** has certificate/diploma courses that can lead to degrees (through ACUcom) **See:** [http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/2014/other\\_courses/vocational\\_education\\_training\\_vet/](http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/2014/other_courses/vocational_education_training_vet/)
- Complete a **Victoria University Foundations@VU** alternative entry to higher education and diploma studies course - a 13 week course designed to build academic skills needed for tertiary study. **See:** [www.vu.edu.au/courses/foundations-at-vu-jyac](http://www.vu.edu.au/courses/foundations-at-vu-jyac)
- Complete a 2-year **Associate Degree** – want to study at university but not sure you will meet the entry requirements for a bachelor's degree? Several universities offer these (eg RMIT).