



Reminder: VTAC Key Dates



Timely applications through VTAC	Thursday 29 September 2016
SEAS applications close	Tuesday 4 October 2016
Scholarships through VTAC close	Friday 14 October 2016

Also, students applying for courses that have **extra requirements** (i.e. submitting a folio, a pre-selection kit, arranging an interview, etc.) are reminded that failure to meet the deadline date for these means students may no longer be eligible for selection into their desired course.

Students eligible to apply for **SEAS** are also reminded that they cannot apply for SEAS until they have made their VTAC application, so putting their VTAC application in soon would be to their advantage!

The VTAC website is www.vtac.edu.au.

It is important that Year 12 students apply for courses on the VTAC website.
I would like all Year 12 RSC students, considering studying in 2017 or 2018 to apply by the 9th September.

News



Studying in the USA Information Session

Education USA Melbourne is holding an **Undergraduate Information and Sports Scholarships Session** for students who wish to find out more about going to university in the USA.

Date: Thursday 29 September 2016

Time: 3.00pm – 4.30 pm

Location: U.S. Consulate General, Level 6, 553 St Kilda Road in Melbourne

Students must register their attendance – for more information, please visit [Study in the USA Information Session](#)



MONASH University

Science Precinct Guided Tours

Due to the increased interest after the recent Open Day, the Faculty of Science at Monash University has decided to run a series of **Science Precinct Guided Tours** in the upcoming school holidays. There are numerous days and times available, and to register for one of these tours, visit [Science Precinct Tours](#)



Career as a Veterinarian

Students keen on a career as a Veterinarian might like to browse the following very useful links - [Career as a Veterinarian](#) (shared with us by Essendon Vet Clinic) and a **virtual tour** of the **Veterinary Hospital at the University of Melbourne** - [University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital](#)

➤ **What is an Apprenticeship?**

An apprenticeship or traineeship is a ***training contract between an employer and an employee*** in which the apprentice or trainee learns the skills needed for a particular occupation or trade.

An apprenticeship or traineeship can be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis and can be used as a valuable stepping stone to start a career in an industry you want to work in.

There are more than 500 occupations offering apprenticeships or traineeships – in traditional areas as well as a diverse range of emerging careers.

➤ **Why undertake an Australian Apprenticeship?**

- ✓ You get paid as you work
- ✓ You gain “Hands on” experience
- ✓ This is a real alternative to tertiary study
- ✓ Creates a pathway - *Cert II to Advanced Diploma*
- ✓ The training you receive is relevant to the industry
- ✓ Nationally Recognised Qualification

➤ **How long does it take to complete an Apprenticeship?**

Apprenticeships used to take up to around four years, depending on the occupation or industry. These days, apprenticeships are ***‘competency based’***, which means that you can complete your apprenticeship early when you reach the required level of skill. However, **licensed trades** – ***electrical, floristry, plumbing and building*** – are not yet ‘competency based’ and still require you to be an apprentice for four years in order to obtain registration in that trade.

Visit [Australian Apprenticeships](#) to find out more!

WPC

WPC Group & Box Hill Institute have teamed up and are holding an apprenticeship information evening on Wednesday 21st September from 6.30 - 8.30pm to inform students and parents of the benefits of an apprenticeship through WPC Group and Box Hill Institute.

Currently WPC Group employs over 550 apprentices and trainees Australia wide and has a number of vacancies in Melbourne’s Eastern suburbs ready to be filled, we are also looking for next year’s intake of apprentices who are eager to get their career started.

The event will be held at:
474 Elgar Road, Box Hill Victoria.
Wednesday 21st September
6:30pm – 8:30pm

MEGT

On Wednesday, the 7th September, at lunchtime in the Careers Office, a representative from MEGT will be visiting Ringwood Secondary College. Students interested in starting an apprenticeship in 2017 need to attend. Mr Aitken will answer any questions and provide valuable advice regarding apprenticeships and the services that MEGT offer.

See Ms Doherty in the careers room if you have any questions.