

Year 12 students need to keep the following dates in mind as the term progresses.

Key dates for 2016-2017 applications

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| Applications open \$32 for current Year 12 students \$50 for all others | 9am, Monday 1 August 2016 |
| Timely applications close | 5pm, Thursday 29 September 2016 |
| SEAS applications close | 5pm, Tuesday 4 October 2016 |
| Scholarship applications close | 5pm, Friday 14 October 2016 |
| Round 1 offers released | Wednesday 18 January 2017 |

Full list of dates: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html>

Check the application and supplementary forms dates closely, as some courses close early:

eg University of Melbourne faculty of VCA: Fine Arts

(Dance, Film and Television, Animation, Screen Writing) close 31st August.

If you have not applied by the 31st August then you are not guaranteed an audition time.

It has been a busy beginning to the term; year 11, 10 and 9 subject selections have been completed. We are now in the process of interviewing every year 12 student for the second time.

Year 12

☐ VTAC APPLICATIONS –Applications for university, private providers and VET

(opened on Monday 1 August through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre.

Any Year 12 student wishing to apply for courses needs to visit

<http://www.vtac.edu.au>. Timely applications close on 29 Sept. After that the application fee rises from \$32 to \$100. Students can apply for up to 8 courses, placing them in the order of priority. First round offers are released on the 18 January 2017. Students need to ensure that they satisfy the prerequisites and the selection criteria for all courses for which you are applying.

- **Ringwood Secondary Students** have been asked to register for **VTAC account by the 11th August**. The process should not take longer than 10 minutes. This ensures that if any issues arise we have ample time to rectify any problems. Once students have a VTAC number then they can make a course application. All VTAC applications should be completed by the **29th August**. Students are requested to book an interview time with a member of the careers team and bring with them to the interview the **Future Planning Form**
- **SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)** – The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) **2017** <http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas.html> has a section about SEAS. Read this to see if you are eligible for **any special consideration** for your course application. There are **four categories of disadvantage**. **NOTE:** SEAS applications are made on the VTAC website, but can only be done after applying for courses. **Category 1 of the SEAS application.**
- **EARLY CLOSING DATES:** Some courses close early and it is important to check the details carefully.
 - FINE ARTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE** –Some specialisations of the **B. Fine Arts** at the VCA **Southbank campus** require VTAC applications to be completed earlier than the usual closing date (5pm (EST), 29 Sept). The specialisations of **Animation, Film and Television, and Screenwriting** require applications by 5pm (EST) on the **31st August**. The **Dance** specialisation has a timely closing date of 31st August to guarantee a live audition.
- Check dates for **Early Access** applications. Programs at La Trobe University and ACU allow students to document their community work. Students' contribution to the community is then taken into consideration and some students will be offered positions before results are released as long as they satisfy the prescribed ATAR requirements listed on the university websites. La Trobe University's Aspire program close **31 st August** and ACU's Early Achievers Program close **17th October**. Check their website for details.
- **THINKING OF SCHOLARSHIPS AFTER YEAR 12?** Most institutions listed on VTAC have a number of scholarships available to applicants. Scholarships either require a direct or VTAC application. Read the VTAC website, and institution websites. Students will be emailed a list of some of the scholarships available later this week.

- **PUGGY HUNTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME** – This government initiative encourages and assists Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander undergraduate students in health-related disciplines to complete their studies and join the workforce (Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander health work, medicine, midwifery, nursing, dentistry/oral health and allied health (not pharmacy)). You must enrol in a course Cert IV and above. Info: <https://www.acn.edu.au/phmss> (
- **ACCESS MELBOURNE – ‘Access Melbourne’** (University) provides educational opportunities for students from a range of backgrounds enrolling in undergraduate degrees. The University has a **selection guarantee** for eligible applicants in the following Access Melbourne categories: (**Disadvantaged financial background** (**Applicants from rural or isolated areas** (Those who complete an Australian Year 12 or the IB in 2016 and are eligible for one or both categories, are **guaranteed a Commonwealth Supported Place** in undergraduate degrees, providing (they meet the course prerequisites and achieve the following ATAR or notional ATAR: **Arts ATAR 80, Design and Science – ATAR 78+; Commerce – ATAR 88+; Biomedicine – ATAR of 95+**. If a student’s ATAR is below these, they will still be considered for a place. Applicants eligible for other **Access Melbourne** categories will be considered individually; www.access.unimelb.edu.au.

Yr 10 to VCE Course Selection Interviews

Over the past few weeks, a transition program for Year 10 to VCE has been organised. Students were given an overview of course selection processes, VTAC information and VET programs, culminating in the VCE information evening held on 13 July. We remind students of the importance of submitting VCAL/VCE/VET applications on time. Students need to return their course selection sheet to the Senior School Office as soon as possible.

APS Careers in Psychology Seminar

The Student Committee of APS will be conducting a seminar for aspiring psychologists. They will offer an insight into several specialist areas of psychology.

When: Wednesday 24th August 2016

Time: 6.00 to 9.00pm

Venue: Cathedral Hall, Australian Catholic University, 20 Brunswick St, Fitzroy

More information on <http://psychology.org.au/Events/EventView.aspx?ID=16940>

