

CAREER NEWS

Wednesday 31 August 2016



Dates to Diarise in Term 3

- Year 12 VTAC applications – timely applications close 29 September



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.

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](#)

STUDY OPTIONS FOR HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS

Approved Higher Education Studies in Schools

What are approved Higher Education studies?

The VCAA provides for very able students to have an opportunity to undertake an approved higher education study as part of the VCE. Such studies are recognised as higher education studies contributing to completion of the VCE.

How are my approved higher education results included in the ATAR?

If you are undertaking such a study, it may count as an increment (fifth or sixth study) in the ATAR.

Who should apply?

If you:

- Are self-motivated and academically capable
- Want a head start with your university course
- Want to gain a first-hand experience of university life
- Achieve excellent results in Year 11



The University of Melbourne Extension Program

The program provides an academic challenge and allows you to explore a particular subject area at a more advanced level.

If you are interested in participating in the Extension Program during Year 12, register to attend the annual Extension Program Information Evening. This event will provide information about the application and enrolment process for the 29 different subject areas available in 2017 and will allow you to meet with academic staff who teach the Extension Program. There will also be an opportunity to ask former students about their experiences as an Extension Program student. Your parents or guardians are welcome to attend this event with you.

When: 5:45pm til 8:30pm on Tuesday 13 September 2016

Where: Melbourne School of Design, University of Melbourne Parkville Campus

<https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/info/school-students/extension-program>

The Extension Program is free. The University of Melbourne does not charge any fees for participation in the Extension Program. All course and subject fees, on campus teaching costs, student services, events and activities provided to Extension Program students are provided free of charge.

➤ **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!



Surveying pathway changes at University of Melbourne

Students are reminded that they can either study a Bachelor of Design or Bachelor of Science to lead to the [Master of Engineering \(Spatial\)](#) or the Master of Information Technology (Spatial) at the University of Melbourne in order to become a Graduate Surveyor. Students who choose the Bachelor of Design, will major in [Spatial Systems](#), and students who enrol in the Bachelor of Science will major in [Science - Spatial Systems](#). Find out more about careers in surveying at [Surveying - A life without Limits!](#)

➤ **Associate Degree of Arts**

The **Associate Degree of Arts** is a two year, full time program specifically designed for students who would benefit from a supported entry to tertiary study. The course provides a pathway into university and articulates into either the [Bachelor of Arts](#) or the [Bachelor of Criminology](#) with credit for prior learning. The Associate Degree may also be taken as a stand-alone qualification. This is an excellent option for some students, and students are encouraged to browse the following links to find out more: [Associate Degree of Arts](#)

➤ **Associate Degree of Education**

The two-year **Associate Degree of Education** teaches students skills they will need to be successful at university, such as communication skills, digital literacy, and critical thinking and teamwork skills. On successful completion of the, students are guaranteed entry into Deakin's [Bachelor of Education \(Primary\)](#). Students could also receive up to 14 credit points, reducing the number of units they need to study in their bachelor course – saving time and money.

The Associate Degree of Education may also be taken as a stand-alone qualification. Students are encourage to browse: [Associate Degree of Education](#)

These courses are targeted at students who do not satisfy the usual university entry requirements including students who have completed Year 12 but have achieved an ATAR score which is insufficient to gain normal entry into the bachelor degree. Applications for these two courses are to be made directly to Deakin University, and not through VTAC.

➤ **Deakin Ignited Scholarships**

Ignited scholarships are aimed at attracting more **female students** into non-traditional areas of study such as **Engineering, IT and Construction Management**.
See: www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/scholarships-and-awards



UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS

The **DIPLOMA OF LANGUAGES (DipLang)** is a great way to gain a **language qualification** while completing a degree. On offer: Ancient Greek, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian and Spanish. Students also have the option of a concurrent Diploma in **Informatics, Mathematical Sciences** or **Music**.

Information: www.students.unimelb.edu.au/achieve/concurrent-diplomas

MUSIC AT SOUTHBANK

In 2017 the University commences **construction of a new building for the Conservatorium of Music (MCM)** in the Melbourne Arts Precinct.



It will help **consolidate the existing MCM staff and students on the Southbank campus**. The existing Conservatorium building will be retained at Parkville. The new building will include a **443-seat auditorium** and a public square contributing to the **community space plan for the Melbourne Arts Precinct Blue-print**. In addition, the **Dodds Street Stables redevelopment** will redevelop the Dodds Street police stables into a **visual arts wing at Southbank**, creating a **new entry point to the University** and **opening the campus** to students, local business and residents. It is planned to be completed by mid-2017.



LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS

EDUCATION COURSE OVERHAUL

The accreditation system for initial teacher education (ITE) programs in Australia is experiencing a shake-up. Reforms requiring evidence-based accreditation of ITE programs are coming to ensure graduate teachers are better prepared and 'classroom ready'. La Trobe is making the mandatory changes but using this opportunity to make improvements across all major education offerings.



TALK AND TOUR IN THE SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS –

Like a tour of La Trobe with a Student Ambassador?

Then email Livio at l.sikora@latrobe.edu.au or ph. 9479 5844.



SWINBURNE NEWS

ADVICE – Wanting advice on Swinburne courses? Attend an **Advice Night**.

Hawthorn: 4-6pm, 13 September; **Wantirna:** 15 September.

<http://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose/vtac-advice-nights/>

AVIATION INFORMATION NIGHT

Meet industry professionals and graduates; learn about careers in aviation and Swinburne's aviation courses.

When: 7-9pm, Thurs 8 Sept; **Where:** AMDC301, Hawthorn campus

See: <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/events/departments/science-engineering-technology/2016/09/aviation-information-night.php>.

NEW BACHELOR OF SCREEN PRODUCTION IN 2017

This course will prepare you for careers in the **new media environment**. Gain skills to adapt to the global media industry as it forges **new broadcast models**. Learn digital literacy and media production skills for **multiple broadcast platforms**-smartphones, networked environments and social media applications.

<http://www.swinburne.edu.au/news/latest-news/2016/07/swinburne-to-offer-new-bachelor-of-screen-production.php>



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRAMATIC ART (NIDA)

NIDA, a leading institution for dramatic arts education and training, is offering: **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting, Costume, Design for Performance, Properties and Objects, Staging, and Technical Theatre and Stage Management; Diplomas in Live Production and Technical Services, Musical Theatre, Screen and Media (Specialist Make-up Services) and Stage and Screen Performance.**

You must demonstrate **commitment and passion** in relation to the **creative and cultural industries**.

NIDA wants applications from those of **diverse backgrounds** with varied levels of experience in theatre, film, television, or other area.

Applications close: 30 Sept; **Auditions/interviews:** Nov/Dec in capital cities; **Apply:** www.apply.nida.edu.au.



BUSINESS AND LAW AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Gain in-depth information about all **VU Business and Law** courses, and explore the **VU legal precinct**. **When:** 12 September; **Information:** www.vu.edu.au/vu-in-focus.



Pathways to Flinders University

Flinders has pathways to university if your year has not worked out as planned.

- ✓ Flinders Unileap – [Unileap](#)
- ✓ Bachelor of General Studies - [General Studies](#)
- ✓ Pathway courses - [Pathways](#)

Browse [Flinders University](#) to find out about all courses on offer!



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](#)



Careers in the Rail Industry

The **rail industry** has much to offer...more than you imagined! There are many careers in rail, including:

- Mechanical, Electrical & Civil Engineering
- Design, Drafting & Logistics
- Safety, Security & the Environment
- Customer Service, PR, Sales and Marketing
- IT, Systems, Project Management
- Signalling, Communications, CCTV
- Accounting, Commercial Management
- Human Resources and People Management

For more information about the many careers in the Rail Industry, visit [Rail Careers](#).



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](#)



**Food
Technology**

Courses in Agriculture

Growing enough food to sustain the world is one of the biggest challenges the world is facing in the 21st century. Below are a number of degrees that prepare students to become experts in the science of agriculture so they can take on an advisory role in agriculture and farming practices. For a comprehensive list of courses (including the

many double-degree options) on offer at universities, TAFEs and Private Providers, visit [VTAC](#).

INSTITUTION	COURSE NAME	VCE PREREQUISITES	MAJOR STUDIES
CHARLES STURT	General Studies (Science)	n/a	Agriculture, Allied health, Biomedical sciences, Environmental science, Equine science, Medical science, Nursing, Paramedicine, Wine science.
LA TROBE	Agricultural Sciences	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	Agribusiness, Agricultural biotechnology, Agricultural marketing, Agricultural science, Agriculture, Agronomy, Animal and plant biology, Plant and animal production, Soil science
	Agriculture & Technology	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	Agribusiness, Agricultural Studies, Agricultural enterprises, Agronomy, Animal management and nutrition, Aquaculture, Commodity marketing, Environmental management, Fish biology, Food quality and logistics, Future farming technologies, Genomics, International business, Mollusc and crustacean biology, Natural resource management, Research methods and project, Rural business management, Soil and water, Soil science and plant nutrition, Sustainability, Vineyard management, Viticulture and Winemaking, Wine chemistry, Wine evaluation.
UNI MELBOURNE	Agriculture	Minimum ATAR of 70.00. Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods (any) or Maths: Specialist Mathematics or at least 30 in Maths: Further Mathematics.	Agricultural economics, Plant and soil science, Production animal science.
WILLIAM ANGLISS	Food Studies	n/a but all applicants must submit a Pre-selection Form as part of selection into the degree	Agriculture and farming Systems, Culinary artistry, Culture and cuisine, Diet and health in society, Economics and global impacts, Food and gastronomy in literature and media, Innovation and entrepreneurship, Movements and social change, Sensory education.



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