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YEAR 12 NEWS

VTAC APPLICATIONS - You are reminded that applications for courses are now open on the VTAC website [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) and close on Thursday 29th September. Be sure to register and pay your application fee of $32 by 29th September or the fee rises to $100.00.

Once students have registered, they will need to make an appointment with either Rose or Nancy in the Careers Centre via Compass to assist with the course selection process.

Use CourseSearch as it is the primary source of course information. You will also find very useful VTAC videos about applying for courses, SEAS, scholarships, offers and changing preferences at [www.youtube.com/vtacmedia](http://www.youtube.com/vtacmedia).

You can apply for up to 8 courses, placing them in the order you most want them. You will be offered a place in the highest course in your list for which you meet the requirements.

Don't forget to check out the Selection Requirements for each course for which you apply. Many use only the ATAR for selection, however, a lot have other requirements such as an audition, folio presentation, interview or an extra form/documents that must completed as well. You will NOT be offered a place in any of these courses if you do not meet the selection requirements, regardless of your ATAR.

SEAS APPLICATIONS - Seas applications open on Monday 1st August and close on Tuesday 4th October. All Year 12 students are required to make an appointment with Elenore Pyke via Compass to complete their SEAS application, only after they have seen Rose or Nancy in the Careers Centre.

WHAT IF I DON'T GET THE ATAR REQUIRED FOR MY DESIRED COURSE?

Firstly, remember that even if you think the ATAR will be too high for you, still put your most desired course first in your VTAC application. ATAR’s sometimes come down on previous years, and some applicants get in on lower ATAR’s because of bonus points achieved, or with a successful SEAS application, so you might be surprised.

However, what can you do if you do not obtain a high enough ATAR to access your course(s)? Many universities offer pathways into university. For example, Deakin has Deakin College, Monash has Monash College, La Trobe has La Trobe Melbourne and Swinburne has UniLink. These institutions can be accessed with lower ATARs and usually provide pathways into university.

Many other pathways exist. For example, Monash offers some diploma programs (in business, science, education & nursing), the University of Melbourne offers a Diploma of General Studies as a pathway, ACU offers courses through ACUCOM, and
Swinburne, RMIT and Victoria Universities offer certificate and diploma courses in their VET divisions, often offering pathways to university. Some VET providers (eg Box Hill Institute) have formal pathways to university. Keep in mind as well, as noted in previous issues, that some universities allow students to access their courses on a lower ATAR as a result of their involvement in their communities (eg Aspire program at La Trobe and the Early Achievers Program at ACU).

MONASH ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (MADA) is holding workshops which offer a way to get tips on the application process for MADA courses. When: 26 & 27 Sept; Where: MADA (Caulfield campus); For: Year 11 & 12 students; Bookings:


YEAR 10 AND 11 NEWS - For students in Year 10 who will enter VCE next year and for Year 11 students considering subjects for 2017, go to www.vtac.edu.au and then find Explore Course Options under the heading Search for Courses. You will be able to enter an entire proposed VCE program and discover what tertiary courses are available to you (ie courses for which you have the prerequisite VCE subjects) or find out whether you need a particular VCE subject for a course you are considering. ALL YEAR 10 and 11 students are advised to use this EXCELLENT facility.

NEW SELECTION TEST INTO TEACHING COURSES - The Commonwealth Government now requires all students undertaking Initial Teacher Education courses in Australia to pass a literacy and numeracy test in order to obtain their degree. These tests will ensure all new teachers have the literacy and numeracy skills required to meet the demands of teaching. Information and sample questions: www.studentsfirst.gov.au/teacher-quality.

DO YOU HAVE AN AUDITION COMING UP? The Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) and the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music (MCM) offer Audition Preparation Workshops that will break down the audition process and equip you with information needed to succeed. These are practical sessions designed to provide you with the techniques and confidence to present yourself in the best light. Workshops are one or two day intensives and registrations are now open. Available in: dance, jazz improvisation, music theatre and theatre. Go to: BOOK NOW
WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE BERWICK CAMPUS OF MONASH? Monash has announced that it is closing its campus at Berwick. The good news is that it will taken over by Federation University (pending government approvals). Federation University is a combination of the former University of Ballarat and the former Gippsland campus of Monash University at Churchill. Federation University will offer 15 degree programs at Berwick in 2017 in the fields of business, education, nursing, IT and science. NOTE: Monash students enrolled at Berwick will continue to be taught by Monash staff and, subject to meeting the normal requirements, graduate with a Monash degree. Some Monash students may remain at Berwick in 2017, while others will transfer to Peninsula and Clayton campuses to complete their courses.

MONASH GUARANTEE NEW CATEGORY - As mentioned previously, Monash University offers guaranteed places in certain circumstances relating to where your school is located and to your financial circumstances. You will now be eligible for a guaranteed place at Monash if:
- you live in a low socio-economic area or
- your school is a Monash under-represented school or
- you have experienced financial disadvantage or
- you are an Indigenous Australian.
You can enter your address into the Monash online calculator to find out if you qualify. See: [www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/the-monash-guarantee](http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/the-monash-guarantee).

MONASH SCHOLARSHIPS - With Monash's scholarship programs, students can access a range of services and financial assistance.
- Merit scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement and have both financial and academic benefits. There is no application requirement as it is granted on the ATAR achieved, however, students must have Monash listed at least one VTAC preference to be considered.
- Equity scholarships are intended for those who identify as Indigenous Australian or Torres Strait Islander, or are currently experiencing financial hardships or disadvantage. Students must submit an application for equity scholarships through VTAC, along with necessary supporting documentation. Applications close on 14 October. See: [www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships). For a comprehensive list and details: [www.monash.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.monash.edu.au/scholarships).

MONASH PATHWAYS - Pathway courses allow students who may not reach the required ATAR or meet prerequisites, to gain entry into Monash. The Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS) and the Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE) are both equivalent to the first year of a university undergraduate degree and allow students to transition to the second year of their destination degree. Apply through VTAC. In addition, you must submit a Monash University Supplementary Information Form by 31 December.

Femmes in STEM - Hosted by the world's 4th ranked faculty of pharmacy and pharmacology, the Monash inaugural Femmes in STEM event allows girls to meet and be inspired by women changing the world through science. Hear about possible career paths, engage with some of the big scientific challenges of the future, and meet other girls who are just as keen on science as themselves. Who: Year 10-12 girls; When: 11am-2.30pm, Fri 23 Sept; Where: Cossar Hall, Monash Parkville campus; Register: [http://www.monash.edu/pharm/femmesinSTEM](http://www.monash.edu/pharm/femmesinSTEM)

- TAKE CTRL EVENT - Year 11 and 12 students are invited to a taste of Information Technology at the event Take CTRL. You will be able to meet Monash
IT staff, PhD students, and leaders from the IT industry to talk about career opportunities. Activities include: workshop, tour of the immersive data visualisation facility, CAVE2, and a presentation from a guest speaker about where a Monash IT degree can lead. When: 10am-4pm, Tues 27 Sept; Where: Monash Clayton; Details and to register attendance: [www.it.monash.edu/TakeCTRL](http://www.it.monash.edu/TakeCTRL); Questions: Taylor Maxwell ph 9905 5845, taylor.maxwell@monash.edu.

- **MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES** - Passionate about promoting good health, preventing disease or managing illness and disability? Consider a Bachelor of Public Health Science, the public health specialisation in the B. Health Sciences. Gain a solid foundation in health science, with an overview of health care and skill development in identifying, investigating, analysing and assessing health issues. Included: epidemiology, biostatistics, health program planning and health-data management. Careers: public health research, disease prevention, health promotion, health planning and management. See: [www.study.monash.edu](http://www.study.monash.edu)

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRAMATIC ART** - a leading institution for dramatic arts education and training, NIDA is offering the 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 need commitment and passion for the creative and cultural industries and NIDA wants differing levels of experience in theatre, film, television, etc. Applications close: 30 Sept; Auditions/interviews: Nov/Dec in capital cities- [www.apply.nida.edu.au](http://www.apply.nida.edu.au).

**RMIT UNIVERSITY NEWS** -

- **SCIENCE IN THE CITY LAB TOURS** - You are invited to visit RMIT's state-of-the-art laboratories to learn more about courses on offer. Discover how RMIT science courses provide the knowledge and practical skills to tackle real-world problems and advance the way we live, travel, learn and work. When: 11am-2pm, Mon 19 Sept; Information/registration: [http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/tours/2016/september/science-in-the-city-lab-tour](http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/tours/2016/september/science-in-the-city-lab-tour)


**UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS** -

- The **DIPLOMA OF LANGUAGES** (DipLang) is a way to get a language qualification while comp-leting a degree. On offer: Ancient Greek, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian and Spanish. You can also do a concurrent Diploma in Inform-atics, Mathematical Sciences or Music. See: [www.students.unimelb.edu.au/achieve/concurrent-diplomas](http://www.students.unimelb.edu.au/achieve/concurrent-diplomas)

- **MUSIC AT SOUTHBANK** - In 2017 the University commences construction of a building for the Conservatorium of Music (MCM) in the heart of 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 Blueprint. In addition, the Dodds Street Stables redevelopment will turn the Dodds Street police stables into a visual arts wing at Southbank, creating a new entry point to the University and opening the campus. Completion: mid 2017.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS -
• ASPIRE APPLICATION CLOSING SOON - Applications for the Aspire Early Admissions Program (EAP) close Wednesday 31 August - see http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire/about-aspire.
• 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 into place to make sure graduate teachers are better prepared and ultimately ‘classroom ready’. La Trobe is making the mandatory changes but also 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 lsikora@latrobe.edu.au or ph 9479 5844.

SWINBURNE NEWS -
• ADVICE - Looking for advice/suggestions about studying at Swinburne (Hawthorn or Wantirna)? If so, attend an Advice Night. Hawthorn’s Advice night at 4-6pm on 13 September and Wantirna’s on 15 September. See: http://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose/vtac-advice-nights/
• NEW BACHELOR OF SCREEN PRODUCTION 2017 - This will prepare you for careers in the fast-paced new media environment. Gain skills needed 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.

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.