

Reminders:

- 'INSIDE MONASH' – Aug 15th Music, 31st Education; 31st Science and Careers, Sept 5th Education; Register: www.monash.edu/inside-monash
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY - Careers Night 17 Aug; Tina Morley, tina.morley@austin.org.au
- 'ASPIRE' applications are open at La Trobe University; close 31 August

OPEN DAYS STILL TO COME -

- AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) – Sun 13 August (Melbourne); Sun 27 Aug (Ballarat)
- BOX HILL INSTITUTE – Sun 20 August (Lilydale); Sun 27 August (Box Hill)
- DEAKIN UNIVERSITY – Sun 6 August (Warrnambool); Sun 20 August (Geelong); Sun 27 August (Melbourne)
- FEDERATION UNIVERSITY – Sun 27 August (Ballarat, Berwick and Gippsland)
- LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – Sun 6 August (Melbourne); Sun 27 August (Bendigo)
- MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC – Sat 19 August (Preston)
- MONASH UNIVERSITY – Sat 5 August (Peninsula); Sun 6 August (Caulfield and Clayton); Sun 20 August (Parkville – Pharmacy College)
- RMIT – Sun 13 August (City and Bundoora)
- UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE – Sun 20 August (Parkville)
- VICTORIA UNIVERSITY – Sun 20 August (Footscray)
- WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE – Sun 13 August

1. YEAR 12 NEWS –

- **VTAC APPLICATIONS** - Applications for TAFE and university courses open on the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website on **Monday 7 August, 2017** at www.vtac.edu.au. Use **CourseSearch** and **VTAC**



App from the iOS App store and Google Play (free) as 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.

You can apply for **up to eight 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 Data** 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 be 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.
- You have **until 28 September** for a 'timely' application. After that, the normal **application fee of \$35.00** rises to **\$103.00**
- Some **B. FINE ARTS** degrees at the **University of Melbourne** (Southbank campus) have an **EARLIER VTAC APPLICATION CLOSING DATE**; applications close on **31 Aug for Animation, Dance, Film and Television and Screenwriting**. For the others, **applications close on 28 Sept** and there are **no later applications**.
- For information about SEAS **participating institutions, how to apply, supporting evidence required** (with suggested tips) and other details, see: www.vtac.edu.au and search for SEAS.
- **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. Courses at these institutions can be accessed with lower ATARs and usually provide pathways into related university degrees



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 (ACU Community)
- **Swinburne, RMIT and Victoria** Universities offer certificate/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 noted previously, 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).

- **ENTRY TO INITIAL TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS** – All universities are integrating a **CASPer assessment** as a requirement of their **admission process** for initial teacher qualifications for 2018 entry. **CASPer** helps program leaders make more **informed and data-driven admission decisions**, resulting in stronger, higher



quality students and graduates. The purpose of the **CASPer** assessment is to determine students' non-academic suitability for teaching. Course entries on the VTAC website (www.vtac.edu.au) indicate if this assessment must be undertaken as part of an admission process to teacher education courses. Information including **sample scenarios** can be found at www.takecasper.com and www.altusassessments.com/. Dates for completing CASPer are expected to be in late October and early November. You will need a webcam and microphone. Cost: \$80.00.

- 2. NEW BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING HONOURS (INDUSTRIAL) AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY** – La Trobe has announced that their Engineering undergraduate degree has been updated for 2018 and will

be offered as a **Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Industrial)**. La Trobe is currently the only university in Australia offering an undergraduate degree in Industrial Engineering. This degree will prepare students for

engineering roles which **improve business practices** and **systems** using up-to-date and advanced technologies. Graduates will drive innovation and industry growth, as our increasingly high-tech world transforms. **Career outcomes include** jobs in advanced technology enterprises, start-up technology companies, health care, transport, aerospace, mining and defence.



- 3. NEW ARCHITECTURE DEGREE AT SWINBURNE** - A new [Bachelor of Design \(Architecture\)](#) will launch in 2018 at Swinburne, while a Master of Design (Architecture) will follow the first cohort of graduates. Swinburne wants their graduates to be future focused, preparing them to still be working in the industry in 40 years' time. The new courses will focus on digital technology, sustainability, smart cities, social innovation and architecture that promotes or enhances health and wellbeing. The courses will build on Swinburne's expertise across architectural practice, design, history and theory, construction, interior architecture, computer-aided design, sustainability, social housing policy and design for health." For more information, see: [Built Environment and Architecture](#).



Architecture is also offered at **Deakin (Geelong), Monash, RMIT and the University of Melbourne**. Also, the **Advanced Diploma of Building (Architectural)** is offered at several TAFE Institutes. This Diploma takes two to two and half years to complete, as opposed to the five-year architecture qualification. The Diploma is also a **pathway** into architecture.

- 4. NEW DEGREES AT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY FOR 2018** –

- **Bachelor of Nutrition Science** – nutritionists help communicate nutrition science to the public and advise the community about food choices for healthy eating. Studies include the nutritive value of foods, nutrients that bodies need as different stages of development, and the role nutrients and diet play in health promotion and disease prevention.

- **Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Counselling** – developed in response to industry needs to meet a recognised and increasing requirement for counselling skills in the nursing profession.



The counselling qualification will assist nurses to better support the provision of holistic care.

- 5. CHANGES TO THE B. HEALTH SCIENCE AT MONASH** – From 2018, instead of choosing a specialisation, students now enrol straight into the degree of their choice: **B. Health Sciences, B. Public Health, B. Radiation Sciences** or **B. Paramedicine**.

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