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This is the last edition of Careers Newsletter for 2017 - It is mainly directed at Year 12 students.

Good luck as you progress to higher levels at school, or for Year 12's, on to University, TAFE, an Apprenticeship or Traineeship, or to Employment. Remember that you are likely to have several careers throughout your working life so be prepared to gain further education throughout your lifetime.

YEAR 12 NEWS...

REMINDER...

- **YEAR 12 VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC) - timely applications closed on 28 September. Applications can still be made, but now cost \$103**

YEAR 12 AND VTAC...

- Late **course applications** can still be made, but now cost \$103 (till 3 November, 5pm). After that applications cost \$134 (till 8 December). The payment **deadline** for most applicants is **18 December (4pm)**.
- Course **preference changes** can be made till 12 noon 20 December, except for the period 4 – 19 November.
They can also be made **between Offer Rounds** in January and February
- The **first Offer Round** of courses will be on 16 January, the second on 2 February.
- You are advised to **accept your first offer of a tertiary place**.
Most applicants will only receive one offer.
Accepting an offer **does not stop you from receiving a later offer** for a course higher in your preference list.

I'M IN YEAR 12 - WHERE CAN I GET ASSISTANCE DURING 'CHANGE OF PREFERENCE' PERIOD?

The period after Year 12's receive their ATAR is known as **Change of Preference (COP)** - Friday 15 December till 12 noon on Wednesday 20 December. During this time tertiary institutions run **information sessions, COP Expos**, offer **phone assistance**, and will help you in any way they can. You can also obtain **assistance at school**. These institutions are offering the following (see online for more details).

NOTE: Some institutions will have phone contact available on **Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 December** as well as week days.

- **Australian Catholic University – Hotline:** 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228), including 12 noon - 4pm Sat 16 December
Information Sessions: Melbourne 12 noon – 3pm, Monday 18 December
Ballarat 4-6pm, Monday 18 December
- **Box Hill Institute – Hotline:** 1300 BOX HILL (1300 269 445)
- **Charles Sturt University – Hotline:** 1800 334 733
- **Chisholm – Hotline:** 1300 244 746



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- **Deakin University – Hotline:** 1800 693 888; COP events: 11am-2pm, Sunday 17 December (Burwood); 4-7pm, Monday 18 December (Geelong Waterfront)
See also www.deakin.edu.au/choose
- **Federation University - Hotline:** 1800 333 864
- **Holmesglen – Hotline:** 1300 693 888
- **Kangan – Hotline:** 13 8233
- **La Trobe – Hotline:** 1300 135 045
- **Melbourne Polytechnic – Hotline:** 9269 1200
- **Monash – COP Expo:** 3-7pm, Monday 18 December, Building H, Caulfield campus, 900 Dandenong Rd, Caulfield East
COP Hotline: 1800 MONASH (1800 666 274)
Or see www.monash.edu/cop
- **RMIT – Hotline:** 9925 2260
Visit Info Corner, 330 Swanston St, Melbourne (Cnr. La Trobe St)
COP Expo: 3-6pm, Monday 18 December (City campus)
www.rmti.edu.au/school-leaver
- **Swinburne – Hotline:** 1300 SWINBURNE
COP Expo: 11am-4pm, Monday 18 December
Live Chat via www.swinburne.edu.au/choose
- **University of Melbourne – Hotline:** 13 MELB (13 6352)
COP Day: Mon 18 December
See: <http://coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au/change-of-preference/>
- **Victoria – Hotline:** 1300 VIC UNI (1300 842 864)
- **William Angliss – Hotline:** 1300 ANGLISS (1300 264 547)

MORE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS...

Year 12's are encouraged **to apply for scholarships** on the VTAC website (**the deadline has been extended to 12 noon on Monday 16 October**). However, as previously noted, it is wise to look out for others such as:

- **AusNet Services Women in Power Engineering scholarships** – these support women to achieve tertiary qualifications in power engineering, preparing them for careers in the energy industry. Scholarships are awarded to successful female applicants entering the B. Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Honours) degree. They are valued at \$10,000 per year and include a mentoring program.
See: www.deakin.edu.au/ausnet-services-women-in-power-engineering-scholarship
- The **Global Science and Technology Program** aims to recognise and support high achieving students who would like to conduct part of their studies overseas. Successful applicants will receive a \$3,000 scholarship to assist with travel and will participate in the Deakin Global Citizenship Program. Available to students interested in studying any undergraduate course in the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment, with scholarships for those who get at least an ATAR of 80.00 and are admitted through VTAC.
See: www.deakin.edu.au/sebe/global



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- The **IGNITED Scholarship** aims to ignite women's interest in **areas traditionally dominated by men**. Each scholarship is valued at \$5,000 pa. They are awarded to successful applicants entering an approved undergraduate degree offered by the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment (eg Engineering, IT). **See:** www.deakin.edu.au/ignited-scholarship
- **Monash Asylum Seekers Scholarship** – Applications for the 2018 scholarship are open and close on Wednesday 20 December. This scholarship enables asylum seekers in Australia to gain Monash education.
Benefits:
 - Full tuition fees paid for the duration of the degree
 - \$5,000 yearly allowance**Eligibility:** based on need; must be an international student and holder of a Bridging Visa A or E
Submit an application form from: www.monash.edu/study/fees-scholarships/scholarships/find-a-scholarship/monash-asylum-seekers-scholarship-4094
- Other **Monash scholarships** – **Merit scholarships** are awarded based on academic achievement and have financial and academic benefits including membership of some of Monash's exclusive mentoring and leadership programs. No application is required as merit scholarships are granted when the required ATAR is achieved. To be eligible for consideration for a merit scholarship, students must have a Monash course listed in their VTAC preferences. **Equity scholarships** are for those who identify as Indigenous Australian or who are experiencing financial hardship or disadvantage. Applicants submit an application through VTAC (new closing date: 12noon, 16 Oct).

CHANGES TO DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD) AT MONASH...

This year there are only two VTAC Codes for this course rather than three. Students who apply for the CSP will also be automatically considered for a Bonded Medical Place (BMP) which now means there is no separate VTAC code for BMP. Applicants should note that deferrals will not be allowed except in exceptional circumstances.

See: www.monash.edu.au/medicine.

I'M IN YEAR 12 - WHAT IF I DO NOT GET A HIGH ENOUGH ATAR TO GET INTO MY DESIRED COURSE?

Many pathways and programs exist to assist in getting to where you want to go.

Suggestions:

- Complete a **Diploma of Tertiary Studies at Monash University** in either business, education or nursing (ATAR 50+) **OR** a Diploma of Higher Education (ATAR 65+)
Indigenous pathways - **See:** www.study.monash/how-to-apply/indigenous-student-applications
- Complete a course at **Monash College** in Art & Design, Arts (Human Behaviour or Psychology streams), Business or Commerce, Engineering or Science; search Courses on VTAC website
- Complete a course at **Deakin College** in Commerce, Computing, Engineering, Health Sciences, Management, Media and Communication or Science
- Complete a **UniLink Diploma** at **Swinburne** (Arts and Communications, Business, Design, Engineering, Health Science, IT, Science)



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- Complete a **Diploma at La Trobe Melbourne** in Biosciences, Business, Engineering, Health Sciences, IT or Mass Media Communications
- Complete a **Tertiary Preparation Course** at **RMIT** in engineering or science
- Consider studying a **related university course** with a lower ATAR
If you do well you MAY be able to transfer to your desired course later
- Start with a **VET (TAFE) course** in a related field
Two years of VET often equals one at university
- Complete a **Tertiary Studies Diploma** at **Melbourne Polytechnic** (Preston)
- **Complete a Certificate IV in Liberal Arts** – a pathway into a range of degrees.
Swinburne and Victoria Universities have this Certificate
- Consider a **country/rural campus**. ATAR's are often lower, usually due to lower demand, most have accommodation (apply ASAP)
- For **nursing** consider first completing **Division 2** at TAFE or a private provider- eg. Box Hill, Chisholm, Federation, Goulburn Ovens, Holmesglen, RMIT or Swinburne
- **ACU** has certificate/diploma courses that can lead to degrees (through ACUcom)
See:
http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/2014/other_courses/vocational_education_training_vet/
- Complete a **Victoria University Foundations@VU** alternative entry to higher education and diploma studies course - a 13 week course designed to build academic skills needed for tertiary study.
See: www.vu.edu.au/courses/foundations-at-vu-iyac
- Complete a 2-year **Associate Degree:**
Want to study at university but not sure you will meet the entry requirements for a bachelor's degree?
Several universities offer these (eg RMIT).

YEAR 12: RESULTS and DECEMBER CHANGE OF PREFERENCE.

1. VCE Results and ATARS available online from **7am FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 2017**
2. VCE results and ATARS received in the mail by **WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER 2017.**
3. Mrs. Karlovic, the Pathways & Transitions Leader, will be available to students from Friday 15 December, in the Careers Office, from 10am to 4pm for assistance/counselling during results and Change of Preference Time. Each student is entitled to an appointment to assist with decision making regarding pathways, VTAC preference changes, etc. Appointments can be made prior to Friday 15th December as well as on the Friday morning via a telephone call to the College. Students can also make their way to the Careers Office to arrange an appointment or make a booking whilst attending the Year 12 Pathways Morning Tea (see below). Parents are also welcome to attend/make bookings. Every student is encouraged to take the time to have a meeting with Mrs Karlovic, in the Careers Office, during this crucial time.



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4. RESULTS/CHANGE of PREFERENCE/PATHWAYS MORNING TEA

DATE: Friday 15th December

TIME: 10am – 12.30pm

LOCATION: Student Services Centre, Outside the Careers Office

All Year 12 Students are invited to a morning tea to wind down after the rigours of Year 12 and to discuss their Results/Change of Preferences/Pathway Options.

Biscuits, donuts, coffee & tea will be available.

Students will also be able to book appointments with Mrs Karlovic during this time to discuss results, preference changes and pathway options.

5. Refer to the ABC of Applying 2018, pages 24-25, for further information regarding accessing of results.
6. VU Portfolio Early Entry Offer Program (EEOP) & RMIT SNAP Program Students will be notified early December. Please see me so we can then discuss your preferences, depending on the outcome.

Please use the services provided by the College.

Good Luck!

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