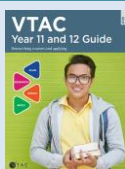


# St Andrews Christian College

Careers Newsletter

Friday 8 November 2019



## VTAC Key Dates - Reminder for Year 12 students

<b>ATAR and VCE Results Released</b>	Thursday 12 December 2019 7am
<b>Change of Preference for December Round Offers closes</b>	Saturday 14 December 2019 4pm
<b>December Round Offers</b>	Wednesday 18 December 2019 2pm
<b>Change of Preference opens</b>	Wednesday 18 December 4pm
<b>Change of Preference closes</b>	Friday 20 December 2019 4pm
<b>January Round Domestic Offers</b>	Wednesday 15 January 2020
<b>February Offer Rounds</b>	Monday 3 February 2020 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](#)

[www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

### **Change of preference**

Once you've applied for courses, you can change your preferences as many times as you like. This includes a short period after your ATAR is released and between each offer round. The majority of course offers are made in December and January, so it's best to plan your preferences early to maximise your chance of receiving the offer you want.

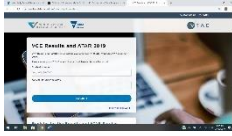
The **VTAC Personal Statement** is required and/or considered by some courses. It allows students to provide information about their -

- Motivation for study
- Work experience
- Community experience
- Academic performance
- Languages other than English

In most cases, students should only submit a VTAC Personal Statement if it is listed under essential requirements and admission criteria in the course information for any of the preferences on your VTAC course application.

Students may choose to submit a VTAC Personal Statement if they wish to provide further details to support their application.

The final submission date for December round offer is 6 December 5 pm.



## **Accessing VCE Results**

VCE study scores, ATAR and VTAC Scaled Study Scores will be available to students via the Results and ATAR website and the Results and ATAR app in December -

<https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/results/applicants.htm>.

Students will receive a statement of VCE study scores from the VCAA, and those who applied for courses through VTAC this year and have paid their VTAC processing fees will be sent an ATAR statement in the mail.

**Students who wish to receive their results online, will need to register at**

<https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/results/applicants.htm> before results are released.

**Registrations are open and students are encouraged to register.**

To register, students need their VCAA student number and will be requested to choose a secure password on registering.



## **Tax File Number**

Year 12 students are reminded that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Supported Place) university course next year without a Tax File Number (TFN). Students who do not have one are reminded to apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

**To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit [TFN Application](#)**



## **PARENTS INFO WEBINAR**

Want to be a guiding light for your student? Join us for our VTAC Unpacked for Parents webinar. We'll demystify VTAC, pathways, change of preference, course entry requirements and the December offer round. Find out what it all means for your student. **Thursday 21 November 6.30pm – 7.15pm**

**[Link to register](#)**

## **INFORMATION EVENINGS**

*Thinking study? Think Swinburne Info Evenings.*

**Wantirna Information Evening** – on *early education, trades and Diploma of Nursing*  
**Tuesday 26 November, from 4.00pm – 6.00pm**

**Hawthorn Information Evening** – course advice for every level of study  
**Wednesday 27 November, from 4.00pm – 6.00pm**

Register for either event at [Swinburne Information Evenings](#)

# Melbourne School of Theology and Eastern College Australia Open Night

Thursday, 21 November 6:30 - 8:30pm



Whether you're considering studying with us in 2020 or exploring your options, we welcome you to join us for our Open Night! Come visit the campus and chat with our friendly lecturers, have a taste of what it would be like to study with us! We'll be having supper together and you will be able to ask any questions you may have or sit in on a short talk. Register your interest now to be kept in the loop!

<https://www.mst.edu.au/event/opennight/>

[Program for Open Night](#)

[Register Here](#)



## Pathways Programs to University in 2020

There are many different ways to get to the same destination, and that applies to university too. Sometimes students do not quite meet the entry criteria to go straight into a university course – maybe their ATAR was not high enough, or they did not attain the minimum study score in a prerequisite subject. The encouraging thing is that many universities have recommended pathway courses to degrees they offer.

Below are some of these pathway schemes:

### ➤ Monash College to Monash University

A **Monash College** Diploma offers a direct pathway into second year at Monash University. Six diplomas are on offer that can lead students to a number of Monash University degree course in **arts, art & design, business, education studies, engineering, IT** and **science**. Students should note that entry requirements into Monash College and Monash University do apply.

Find out more at [Monash College](#)

## ➤ **Monash University – Pathway Options to Monash University**

### **1. Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS)**

The ***Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS)*** is designed as an alternative pathway to university study. The one-year full-time course is particularly suited to students requiring additional learning support in their first year of study. The **DoTS** pathway equips students with the skills to *write essays, undertake research, solve problems, think critically, develop projects, and communicate* their ideas more effectively. This pathway opportunity is offered at the Peninsula campus of Monash University. Providing a direct pathway to Monash University, successful completion of **DoTS** allows students to apply to progress to the second year of a number of Monash University degrees. When applying for DoTS, students will have the flexibility to choose a stream that interests them from *Business, Education or Nursing*. It is this stream that forms the first year of their degree, and determines which Monash University degree they can pathway into. Students with a minimum ATAR of 50 and who attain a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL, and a VTAC Personal Statement, are eligible to apply.

Visit [DoTS](#) to find out more.

### **2. Diploma of Higher Education – Science or Education (DoHE)**

The ***Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE)*** is designed for students who want to study a Bachelor of education, or a course in science, inclusive of mathematics or related areas at **Monash University**, but did not get the ATAR they need, or they did not quite meet the entry requirements for entry, having perhaps missed a prerequisite, particularly mathematics. On successful completion of this one-year, full-time course, students can apply to enter the second year of education, education/science, or several mathematics and science courses, and gain credit for the subjects they have already studied. The Diploma of Higher Education – Science is offered at the Clayton campus. Students with a minimum ATAR of 60 and who attain a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL, and a VTAC Personal Statement, are eligible to apply.

Visit [DoHE](#) to find out more.

## ➤ **Diploma in General Studies (DiGS) to the University of Melbourne**

Completion of the one-year ***Diploma in General Studies (DiGS)*** gives domestic students a pathway into degree courses at the University of Melbourne. The Diploma in General Studies program is a sampler of the Melbourne bachelor's degrees, and provides students with the opportunity to study *biomedicine, commerce, design, science or agriculture*. The ***Diploma in General Studies (DiGS)*** gives students a year of breathing space to decide what they really want to do next, and provides a structured steppingstone to a meaningful outcome – whether that is employment or further study at the University of Melbourne. A minimum ATAR of 50, and English (20) or EAL (25) is required to be considered for the course, and the DiGS program is taught at the Dookie Campus.

Find out more at [Diploma in General Studies](#)

➤ **Deakin College to Deakin University**

**Deakin College** is a direct pathway to Deakin University, providing students with the experience that supports successful transition to further studies at the University. Deakin College offers:

Diploma programs in -

**Business, Commerce, Communication, Construction Management, Design, Engineering, Film, Television & Animation, Health Sciences, Information Technology and Science** lead into a number of second year Bachelor degrees at Deakin University.

**Deakin College** courses are conducted on three Deakin University campuses in Victoria: Melbourne Burwood Campus, Geelong Waterfront Campus and Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus. Being located on campus enables students to access and enjoy all facilities and services, creating a smoother transition to their degree at Deakin.

Find out more by browsing [Deakin College](#)

➤ **Deakin University to Deakin University**

**Deakin University** offers a number of pathway courses for domestic students into its bachelor programs. In other words, *pathways through Deakin*. These include courses such as [Associate Degree of Arts](#), [Associate Degree of Education](#), or [undertaking a single unit of study](#), which can be used as credit towards a degree. On completion of the Associate degrees, students have several options, including guaranteed transition and entry into:

- [Bachelor of Arts](#) (general stream students)
- [Bachelor of Criminology](#) (criminology stream students)
- [Bachelor of Education \(Primary\)](#).

Find out more at [Pathways through Deakin](#)

➤ **Pathways from TAFE to Deakin University**

The **Deakin Pathways Program** seeks to encourage increased participation in higher education, as well as providing a supported student transition to higher education through supported VET programs. These pathways provide students with a seamless transition from TAFE Diplomas / Advanced Diplomas to Deakin University degrees.

For further details in regards to the Deakin Pathways Program visit [TAFE to Deakin Pathways](#). Alternatively, email [pathways@deakin.edu.au](mailto:pathways@deakin.edu.au) for assistance or further advice.

➤ **Pathway Diplomas and Associate Degrees to RMIT University**

RMIT offers a diverse range of pathway programs to assist students in reaching their study and career destination. The pathways at RMIT provide opportunities for students to transfer from one program to another, receive recognition for their existing skills and knowledge, and can be credited towards a degree.

Visit [Pathways to RMIT Degrees](#) and a new link [Pathways Tool to RMIT](#)

➤ **La Trobe College to La Trobe University**

**La Trobe College** is an alternative entry option to La Trobe University and provides a complete university experience within a personal and supportive environment and a fast-track pathway to an extensive range of degree options.

**La Trobe College** offers a range of Diploma courses, which are equivalent to La Trobe University's first year bachelor degree. Upon successful completion, students enter second year of their Bachelor Degree, choosing a degree from the university's five faculties.

**La Trobe College** offers pathway courses into *physiotherapy, speech pathology, OT.*

**Programs include:**

- Diploma of Bioscience
- Diploma of Business
- Diploma of Health Sciences
- Diploma of Information Technology
- Diploma of Media and Communications
- Diploma of Engineering
- Diploma of Psychology

Find out more at [La Trobe College](#)

➤ **UniLink Diplomas: Pathway to a Degree at Swinburne University**

**UniLink diplomas** are an option for students who miss direct entry to a degree or who would benefit from a more supportive style of learning. They are equivalent to the first year of university and can provide a pathway to the second year of a related Swinburne University bachelor degree. Students who successfully complete their diploma course are guaranteed a place in a range of business, information and communication technologies, and science degrees.

**UniLink diplomas are available in the areas of:**

- [arts and communication](#)
- [business](#)
- [design](#)
- [engineering](#)
- [health science](#)
- [information technology](#)
- [science](#)

Students wishing to undertake a UniLink course can apply through VTAC and must attain an ATAR of approximately 50, and meet any prerequisites, to be eligible for consideration.

**For more information about the range of UniLink courses on offer, visit [UniLink](#)**

➤ **ACU College to the Australian Catholic University**

**ACU College** is a department of the Australian Catholic University that delivers TAFE-level courses. These courses are complete qualifications but are also pathway programs into bachelor degrees at ACU. While the pathways are not guarantees, students who do well in the ACU College courses are usually offered places in relevant bachelor programs.

Some of the **pathway courses** **ACU College** offers domestic school leavers include:

[Certificate III in Individual Support](#) – (Pathway to the Diploma of Nursing)

[Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care](#) – (Pathway to the Diploma of Early Childhood & Education Care)

[Diploma of Early Childhood & Education Care](#) – (Pathway to Bachelor of Early Childhood Education)

[Certificate in Educational Support \(Pathway\)](#) – (Pathway to Bachelor of Education (Primary) or Bachelor of Early Childhood Education)

[Diploma of Nursing \(Enrolled-Division 2 nursing\)](#) – (Pathway to Bachelor of Nursing)

**For more information on these courses, the cost and how to apply email**

[ACUCollege.Melbourne@acu.edu.au](mailto:ACUCollege.Melbourne@acu.edu.au) or call (03) 9953 3321, or browse [ACU College](#)

➤ **Box Hill Institute Pathways to ACU, Deakin, La Trobe, and Monash**

Box Hill Institute places a strong emphasis on providing students with practical knowledge in their chosen area of study, preparing students for further study at Australian Catholic University (ACU), Deakin University, La Trobe University and Monash University.

For a list of **pathway courses** (some of which are guaranteed pathways) from Box Hill Institute to ACU, Deakin University, La Trobe University, and Monash University visit

[Pathways from Box Hill Institute to University](#)

➤ **Kangan Institute Pathways to University**

**Kangan Institute** has partnered with leading universities in Australia to give students over 30 guaranteed pathway options to higher education.

Diploma programs including in *accounting, business, early childhood education, logistics, management, nursing, beauty therapy, justice, and travel & tourism* lead into Bachelor degrees, with one or more years' credit) at a number of universities including *ACU, Charles Sturt University, Federation University, Flinders University, La Trobe University, RMIT, Swinburne, and Victoria University*.

Find out more at [Kangan Pathways to University](#)

➤ **Melbourne Polytechnic**

**Melbourne Polytechnic** offers a range of pathway courses to a number of degrees offered at La Trobe University, and limited pathways to Deakin University. Courses in *Arts, Business, Civil Engineering, Information Technology, and Visual Arts* are on offer.

Find out more at [Melbourne Polytechnic](#)

➤ **Victoria University – Pathway Options**

Victoria University offers a range of **diplomas to degree programs**. Pathways in *arts, business, education, engineering and science, health and biomedicine, law and justice, and sport and exercise* are available.

Find out more at [Diplomas to Degrees](#)

### **New Pathway to Physiotherapy**

From 2020, Monash University will be introducing the *new Doctor of Physiotherapy*, a three year graduate-entry degree based at the Peninsula campus. This offers students with a passion for physiotherapy another pathway to a qualification, if unsuccessful in their application to the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours).

A Monash *Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Science, or Health Sciences* degree is a great foundation for the Doctor of Physiotherapy. Students must meet specific unit requirements. Find out more at [Doctor of Physiotherapy](#)

### **Radiation Science (Informatics)**

*Do you want to improve healthcare through data and technology?* Monash is introducing a ***Bachelor of Radiation Science (Informatics)*** degree in 2020. This *new* degree will provide students with training across medical radiation sciences and information technology, including systems and data management. Students will be prepared for careers in the growing field of health informatics and at the forefront of the next IT-lead breakthrough in health.

Find out more at [Bachelor of Radiation Science \(Informatics\)](#)



### **News from Deakin University**

#### ➤ **New Bachelor of Human Resources Management (Psychology)**

The *Bachelor of Human Resource Management (Psychology)* will develop a students' understanding of human behaviour, giving them a broader perspective of the challenges faced in HR, while at the same time preparing them for the realities of modern business. This course is particularly beneficial to students who are open to careers in both human resources and psychology. By exploring the human mind in a business context, students will have a significant advantage when performing key functions in their role in human resources (HR), from recruitment and workplace negotiations, to creating high-performance environments.

To learn more visit [Bachelor of Human Resources Management \(Psychology\)](#).

#### ➤ **Scholarship Information from Deakin** **Deakin Academic Performance Scholarship**

Valued at up to \$8,000, this scholarship is awarded based on exceptional academic achievements. Students who attain an ATAR of 98 or above, and have Deakin as one of their preferences when the ATAR is released, will be automatically considered for this scholarship. Students must have Deakin University listed as one of their VTAC course preferences by Friday 6 December 2019 to be eligible for consideration.

Visit [Deakin Academic Performance Scholarship](#)



### IGNITED Scholarship

The *IGNITED Scholarship* has been created to ignite women's interest in industry areas traditionally dominated by men, including engineering, information technology and construction management.

This scholarship is open to female CSP students entering an approved undergraduate course offered by the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment. If successful, students will receive \$5,000 per year plus an academic mentor.

To find out more, and to apply, visit [IGNITED Scholarship](#)



### News from Victoria University

#### ➤ **New - Speech and Language Sciences / Master of Speech Pathology**

The *new Bachelor of Speech and Language Sciences / Master of Speech Pathology* course combines the practical and theoretical study of communication and swallowing disorders with human development, human rights, and principles of social justice to enable students to graduate as well-rounded practitioners. With plenty of opportunities for practical learning throughout the degree, students will be prepared for work across complex and diverse settings. VCE requirements for entry to this course are –

Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in two of Biology, Chemistry, Health and Human Development, any LOTE, any Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, Sociology or Texts and Traditions.

The VTAC code for applying is 4301011051

Find out more at [Bachelor of Speech and Language Sciences / Master of Speech Pathology](#)



### News from Monash University

#### ➤ **Monash Maths Bridging**

*Monash Maths Bridging* is available for students who narrowly miss the required study score in the mathematics prerequisite subjects for a Monash *Engineering, Science, Business and Economics, Information Technology, or Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science* undergraduate degree.

Students who receive a study score of 20-24 in VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4 are eligible to apply. Students must meet all other entry requirements for their preferred course.

Students will study face-to-face for 16 days, five hours a day. Expert tutors will be there to guide them along their learning journey.

Background knowledge and skills in algebra, graph sketching, elementary functions such as polynomial and trigonometric functions, and introductory calculus are essential. Time will not be spent introducing background knowledge and skills. The course will focus on immediate application and development.

**Monash Maths Bridging is only accepted by Monash University. It does not provide credit for other institutions.** Once students have successfully passed the Monash Maths Bridging course, they will be considered to have met the mathematics prerequisite for the selected courses listed above.

Should students receive a main round offer prior to completion of the Monash Maths Bridging course, they are encouraged to accept that offer to ensure they do not lose their place. Should a further round offer be made, students can choose to withdraw from their earlier offer and take this offer.

For more information visit [Monash Maths Bridging](#)

### ➤ **Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Science Bridging**

*What options do students have if they don't meet the maths or chemistry VCE prerequisites to get into pharmacy or pharmaceutical science?*

#### **Mathematical Methods VCE prerequisite**

- Applicants could study maths higher level units over their first year in a tertiary course. They can then apply to transfer into pharmacy or pharmaceutical science if they have achieved a minimum 70% average in the first year of the tertiary degree. Please note that credit is not currently given for transfers into pharmacy.
- The Open Universities Australia offers math units that may prove acceptable. Students are encouraged to visit [Open Universities](#) directly for advice.
- Overall, the maths must meet higher level maths equivalencies which applicants must investigate, and faculty course advisers should be able to assist here.

#### **Chemistry VCE prerequisite**

- For students who have not met the chemistry prerequisite, Monash recommends they study two VCE equivalent chemistry units over their first year in a tertiary course to be considered as meeting the prerequisite. They can then apply to transfer into pharmacy or pharmaceutical science. They would also have to achieve a minimum 70% average in the first year of the tertiary degree. Please note that credit is not currently given for transfers into pharmacy.

**In summary, students really wanting to study pharmacy or pharmaceutical science at Monash University but do not meet the maths or chemistry VCE prerequisites, are encouraged to enrol in a tertiary course that gives them access to higher levels of maths and/or chemistry, with the aim of transferring across after one year. Students can also consider Graduate Entry Pharmacy (3 years) after completion of a Biomedical, Science or Pharmaceutical Science undergraduate degree.**

**Find out more about pharmacy and pharmacology at [Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Science at Monash](#)**



Swinburne University offers a maths bridging program called **MathsLink**.

**MathsLink: Methods** is a bridging program for students needing VCE Units 3 and 4 of Mathematical Methods to study at Swinburne.

Mathematical Methods is a prerequisite for many bachelor degrees in **aviation, engineering, and information and communication technology**. This bridging program is designed to help students who have not studied Mathematical Methods as part of their VCE to meet the prerequisite for entry into their chosen course.

**MathsLink: Methods** is taught predominantly online, however there are three day sessions that students must attend during Summer Term, plus a Test Session:

- Tuesday, 7 January 2020, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Tuesday, 21 January 2020, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Tuesday, 11 February 2020, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Monday, 17 February 2020, 9:30am - 12:30pm (test session)

**MathsLink: Methods** incurs a one-off \$400 fee\*\*, payable within the time frame as specified in the Swinburne University of Technology Academic Dates.

\*\* refunded as a credit to a course at Swinburne

On successful completion of this course, students will be eligible to make a direct application to Swinburne University for entry in 2020.

Applications for **MathsLink: Methods** close Friday 20 December 2019.

Find out more at [Maths Link Bridging Program: Methods](#)



## Medicine at Bond University

Bond University offers a Medical program with the following key features:

- The shortest pathway to becoming a Doctor in Australia – four years and eight months
- Students benefit from small class sizes meaning a more personalised experience
- Gain extended exposure to basic clinical specialties through a number of placements
- Students completing the medical program will be eligible for registration as a medical practitioner in any state or territory in Australia or New Zealand
- The Medical Program comprises of two parts:
  1. Bachelor of Medical Studies (BMedSt) – 2 years, 8 months
  2. Doctor of Medicine (MD) – 2 years

Both parts need to be completed, i.e. students cannot access the Doctor of Medicine (MD) without having first completed the Bachelor of Medical Studies

(BMedSt) and they cannot practise medicine with completing these two sequential degrees

- Selection into the Medical Program requires:
  1. VCE subjects: English/EAL, and Chemistry OR Maths OR Physics
  2. Competitive ATAR: around 97
  3. [Psychometric testing](#) (no UCAT required)
  4. Interview: short-listed students will be invited for a MMI interview - [Interview process](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Applications for 2020 entry will only open 16 January 2020 through [QTAC](#), with testing and interviews thereafter. The program will only commence in May 2020.

Visit [Bond University Medical Program](#) to find out more.



## **University Terms**

When students are looking into university study, they often come across words or terms they are unfamiliar with. So, here are a few of the more commonly used terms to help students understand what is being talked about!

**Associated Degree** – an associate degree is generally a two-year qualification that is made up of two-thirds of a bachelor degree and may be offered by both TAFEs and universities. Students often use this as a steppingstone to the full Bachelor Degree.

**Assumed knowledge** – refers to subjects the university recommends or prefers a student to have studied at school before starting the course

**ATAR** – Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank – the figure used by UAC and VTAC to calculate the entrance ranking for a university course

**Bachelor Degree** – the award/qualification a student gains when they have completed studies in an undergraduate course, which takes between 3 or 4 years of full-time study. This is the traditional starting point of a university qualification.

**Bridging Course** – an introductory course to help students achieve the preferred entry level to a degree, e.g. a bridging maths course for students who do not have the preferred maths but need it to access a course

**Census Date** – the last day a student can withdraw from their university course and not owe fees

**Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)** – a student’s enrolment in a university degree for which the Commonwealth government makes a contribution towards the cost of that student’s education (formerly known as a HECS place)

**Credit** – if a student has previously studied – perhaps at TAFE – and has Recognised Prior Learning (RPL), the student may be able to receive credit for a subject or subjects in their course. Also often referred to as *Advanced Standing*.

**Double degree** – a student can choose to complete a double degree – this integrates studies in two degrees resulting in an award of two degrees, usually after a minimum of 4 years of study. Often also referred to as *Combined Degrees*.

**Defer** – a student may choose to delay starting their course. Deferring an offer of a place might mean delaying for 6, 12, 18 or 24 months. Deferral ensures the student is guaranteed their place in their selected course

**Elective** – a subject that is not core to the degree and is often from another faculty, e.g. a commerce student might choose psychology (from the Arts Faculty) as an elective  
**Faculty** – a department within a university devoted to a particular area of study – so, Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Science

**FEE-HELP** – a loan scheme for domestic students used to pay all or part of an eligible student’s tuition fees for university courses but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. A 20% - 25% loan fee may apply.

**HECS-HELP** – a loan scheme that assists domestic students with a CSP place to pay their contribution. Students may choose to pay their fees upfront, or choose to defer payment via the HECS-HELP loan scheme

**Honours** – many Bachelor degrees offer a fourth year – called an Honours year. The Honours year allows students to further focus on a particular area of interest. The Honours year can either be integrated into a 4-year Bachelor degree or be offered as a separate year after completion of a 3-year Bachelor degree

**Lecture** – a period of teaching given by a lecturer to a large group of students in a lecture theatre; can often be as many as 300 students in a lecture

**Major study** – an area within a course that allows in-depth study in a particular field. More than one major may be allowed in some courses

**Minor study** – a grouping of subjects allowing a broader understanding of a few subjects, with less emphasis on in-depth study

**Prerequisite** – a set of conditions – usually a completion of a subject – that must be met before enrollment in a subject or course is allowed.

**SA-HELP** – SA-HELP is a loan scheme that assists eligible students to pay for all or part of their student services and amenities fees – so, non-academic fees.

**Transcript** – this is the university academic record each student receives, like a school report

**Tutorial** – a period of teaching given to a small group of students – involving discussion and participation

**Undergraduate** – a student studying at university for a first level degree, e.g. a Bachelor degree

**VET Student Loans** – a loan scheme for domestic students used to pay all or part of an eligible student's tuition fees for TAFE courses, but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. A 20% loan fee applies.

**Workplace learning** – practical training in a workplace, such as internships or practical work experience. This is a hands-on experience – some universities call it *Industry Based Learning* or *Work Integrated Learning*.

### **Remember...**

Students who do best at university or TAFE are not necessarily those with the highest ATARs but those with **persistence, determination, organisational and self-management skills** that are also **assertive in asking for help**.

Make sure you choose a course you will enjoy and are interested in; otherwise you may experience problems with motivation.

Form **friendship** groups with other students so you can be active in groups that discuss work and share ideas. Students that are engaged in **learning communities and networks** have a more positive university experience.



## **2020 VCE Summer School Programs**

### ➤ **Access Education Summer School**

The **Access Education Summer School** program is a unique opportunity for students studying Units 3 & 4 to experience university life while preparing for the demands of the VCE year ahead. The format of the program is that extensive and detailed 3 ¼ hour VCE preparation lectures will be given, and subject specific study notes prepared by the lecturer will also be made available.

**Dates:** Tuesday 14 January to Friday 17 January 2020

**Venue:** Deakin University – Burwood Campus

Visit [Access Education Summer School](#) to find out more or to download a brochure for the 2020 program.

### ➤ The School for Excellence Summer School

*The School for Excellence (TSFX) Summer School* offers a comprehensive summer school program preparation, each lecture will thoroughly address Unit 1 or 3 materials in advance of school, and expose students to critical analytical/problem solving strategies and skills so as to maximise Unit 1 or 3 scores.

Students attending the programs receive detailed notes, fully worked examples and exercises to complete at home. The lectures are prepared and delivered by qualified, currently practicing VCE teachers and markers from top ranking schools who possess the knowledge and experience to demonstrate the means by which students can achieve higher scores.

**Dates:** Tuesday 7 January to Friday 24 January 2020

**Venue:** The University of Melbourne

Visit [TSFX Summer School](#) to find out more about the 2020 program.



## VCE Extension Studies in 2020

### Deakin University – Deakin Accelerate

*Deakin Accelerate* is a distinctive VCE higher education program that allows students to study two first-year university subjects during Year 12. Studying one subject per trimester, this selective program gives students a head-start into university studies and also provides a potential boost to their all-important ATAR score.

Besides the challenge of taking on a university subject, this subject will also count as part of the VCE and contribute towards the ATAR as the fifth or sixth subject. There are no tuition fees for Deakin Accelerate.

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [Deakin Accelerate](#)

### La Trobe University - VCE Plus Program

*VCE Plus* is an opportunity for high achieving Year 11 VCE students to complete a pair of first-year university subjects in their Year 12 and have them recognised as part of their VCE. Students enrolled in VCE Plus choose one subject per semester. *VCE Plus* is offered at all La Trobe campuses and subjects are delivered online, face-to-face, or a combination of both. There are fees associated with the VCE Plus Program.

Find out more, including the subjects on offer at [VCE Plus Program](#)

## RMIT University – VCE Extension

**RMIT's VCE Extension** allows Year 12 students to undertake university subjects while completing their VCE. These courses are VCAA-accredited towards VCE results and students may be eligible for credit in a related RMIT program.

Students will get a taste of university life, they attend lectures and study on campus with full access to all the services and facilities enjoyed by RMIT students. **VCE Extension** subjects are taught at the City campus and are counted towards students VCE and provide a boost to their ATAR. RMIT charges no fees for RMIT Extension courses.

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [VCE Extension](#)

## University of Melbourne – Extension Program

The **Extension Program** is an opportunity for high achieving Year 12 students to study a university subject whilst at school which counts towards their ATAR, as well as experience university life. The University of Melbourne does not charge any fees for participation in the Extension Program. However, some School Centres where an Extension subject is taught may charge a reasonable fee to cover teaching and administrative costs.

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [Extension Program](#)

## Gap Year Ministry Training

Want to experience a gap year programme like no other?

Jump promises to be an action-packed year that will change your life: January to April - ministry in the heart of Sydney, April to June - Launceston, Tasmania, June to August - Perth, Western Australia, September to November - Overseas Placement and November - back in Sydney.

Those who apply must be:

- a follower of Jesus
- willing to learn and serve
- an active member of a local church
- willing to experience cross-cultural ministry in Australia and overseas
- 18-23 on December 31st, 2019

Church Support - WEC Australia expects that anyone who is applying to do the Jump gap year will be a fully committed Christian and will have the blessing and the prayer support of their local church.

Accommodation and Cost - Throughout the year, whilst you are based in Australia you will be resident at one of the WEC Centres. A year of Jump will cost each participant \$6,550, which will cover all flights, accommodation and expenses to do the course, although this could vary depending on the location of your overseas placement. This can be paid up front or on a monthly basis.

Applications for Jump 2020 must be received by Friday 13th December 2019.

<https://wec.com.au/sitm/jump>