

We wish the year 12 students all the best as they embark on their paths outside Ringwood Secondary College. Remember Careers staff will be available on site to assist with Career Counselling **on the 30th December from 8.30 to 3.00 and 31 December 8.30 to 12.30 pm**

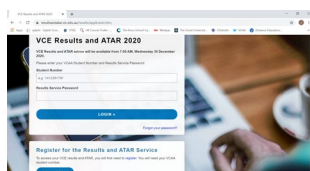
Please use the following school mobile numbers to book appointments and get assistance from the RSC Careers team.

<u>Mobile Phone Numbers</u>	0415 548 109
	0414 680 985
	0414 669 201
	0415 552 316

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.



Accessing 2020 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 on **Wednesday 30 December 2020 at 7.00am**. 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 in lower year levels who are completing a Unit 3&4 study can also register for the service to access their study score at the end of the year.

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 already open, and students are encouraged to register soon.

Note: 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 yet again 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](#)

USI Unique Student Identifier

A USI - Unique Student Identifier is a reference number that creates an online record of your training and qualifications attained in Australia. Current Year 12 students are reminded that you will need a USI number when applying for Commonwealth financial assistance when you enrol at university next year.

Some students who have already been studying a VET subject may already have one, and it is recommended students create or find their USI via <https://www.usi.gov.au/> ahead of time.



Australian Government

Study Assist

Students are encouraged to browse the following link as the website provides information to students about Australian Government assistance for financing of tertiary study. There is very useful information on study loans, how one pays back those loans, scholarship opportunities, etc.

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A useful PDF titled *Beyond School Study Guide* published in February this year can also be found at - [Beyond School Study Guide](#).

Visit [Study Assist to find out more](#).

RSC students who have completed a Cert 111 out of school need to bring in the original certificate (with a list of the modules) to the Careers Office, so that the qualification can be added to the VASS system and then can contribute to your ATAR.



Students

Once you have finished school you are no longer a student and you may be eligible for a **Low Income Health Care Card**. This card gives access to a range of concessions, not only on some health care items but also on a range of other goods and services if you are on a low income.

In particular, some TAFE and other short courses offer discounts for cardholders.

You may also be eligible for public transport concessions (note that if you are studying interstate you are not eligible for public transport concessions in Victoria).

Eligibility for a Low Income Health Care Card is based on YOUR income over the previous 8 weeks. As long as your income is less than \$4,568 over that period (or \$571 per week) you should qualify. You will maintain the Low Income Health Care Card as long as your income does not exceed \$5,710 (or \$713.75 per week) in any 8 week period.

It is highly recommended that all graduating Year 12 students consider applying for this card once the exams are over.

Visit [Low Income Healthcare Card](#) and find out more.

New and Cancelled Courses on VTAC: Please check the link to ensure that the courses on your VTAC list have not been cancelled, and check for any new courses.

<https://www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/courseupdates.html>



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

MathsLink 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's degrees in **aviation**, **engineering**, and **information and communication technology**.

This bridging program is designed to help students who have not studied Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4 as part of their VCE to meet the prerequisite for entry into their chosen course.

Students should note that the prerequisite for entry into VCE Maths Link is a passing grade in VCE Units 1 & 2 Mathematical Methods OR VCE Units 3 & 4 Further Mathematics.

MathsLink is taught online over six weeks from Monday 4 January – Friday 12 February 2021.

USEFUL STUFF



Websites/Links

- ✓ **Skills Spiderweb** – different jobs need different skills. The Skills Spiderweb shows 12 skills common across many different jobs.
<https://public.tableau.com/profile/occupation.and.industry.analysis#!/vizhome/OccupationSkillsSpiderweb/OccupationSkillsSpiderChart>
- ✓ **Myfuture** – a career information & exploration service providing current career information, articles and links to many resources
www.myfuture.edu.au
- ✓ **Careers Online** – career research, resume help, job hunting tips, job links, etc.
www.careersonline.com.au
- ✓ **Job Search Australia** – free online jobsite, searches can be made by region and state, occupational category, type of employment – casual, part-time, or full-time, and covers a range of occupations.
www.jobsearch.gov.au
- ✓ **Victorian Government Vacancies** – find out about government jobs and careers available at the Victorian Government of Australia.
www.careers.vic.gov.au

Year 11 and 10 Students

Considering Career in Medicine or Dentistry?

Starting Year 10, 11 or 12? Do your research EARLY. Find out what is required for medical entry in Australia and New Zealand. Give UCAT NIE a call on 1300 974 187 and speak to one of our knowledgeable NIE teachers about UCAT, medical interviews, a career in health, or pathways into medicine and dentistry.

Complete UCAT Courses - various levels of preparation and options available to meet individual student needs.

UCAT Preparation Workshop - 5 sections of the UCAT covered + full mock exam under timed conditions + introduction to medical interviews.

Ongoing UCAT Training - UCAT Kaplan Platform - Affordable and superior to any other training available worldwide.

UCAT Textbooks - recommended list of textbooks to support your UCAT and Interview preparation.

Medical Interviews Workshop - lift your performance above the competition, validating your sincerity and burning positive lasting impressions into the minds of the selection panel.

Coming up...

20 December 2020

Intensive UCAT Training Workshop - LIVE ONLINE INTERACTIVE

Do not delay any longer, make a start with your UCAT Preparation this month.

SIGN UP



2021 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: Monday 11 January to Friday 15 January 2021

Visit [Access Education Summer School](#) to find out more or to download a brochure for the 2021 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: Saturday 9 January to Sunday 24 January 2021

Visit [TSFX Summer School](#) to find out more about the 2021 program.