



Key dates, events and opportunities for May 2026. Confirm details directly with each institution before attending.

## VTAC — KEY DATES

### Mid-Year Applications — Courses Commencing Semester 2, 2026

Relevant for students seeking to start a tertiary course in Semester 2, 2026.

<b>8 Apr – 5 Jun 2026 (5pm)</b>	Mid-year course applications open and close. Fee: \$104.
<b>5 June 2026 (5pm)</b>	Mid-year SEAS applications and supporting documentation close.
<b>5 June 2026 (5pm)</b>	Final date to submit Personal Statement and supporting docs to guarantee consideration for June/July offer rounds.
<b>23 June 2026 (2pm)</b>	June Round 1 offers released via VTAC account.
<b>3 July 2026 (2pm)</b>	July Round 1 offers released.
<b>14 July 2026 (2pm)</b>	July Round 2 offers released.
<b>21 July 2026 (2pm)</b>	July Round 3 offers released.

### 2027 Course Applications — Upcoming Key Dates

For Year 12 students applying for courses starting in 2027. Begin preparing SEAS evidence now — documentation takes time.

<b>3 August 2026</b>	VTAC applications open for 2027 courses. Fee (timely, current Year 12): \$83.
<b>28 September 2026 (5pm)</b>	Timely applications close — lowest application fee.
<b>3 August 2026</b>	VTAC Equity Schemes (SEAS) and Scholarship applications open.
<b>9 October 2026 (5pm)</b>	SEAS and Scholarship applications close. Evidence must be submitted by this date.
<b>10 December 2026</b>	VCE results and ATAR released from 7:00am.
<b>23 December 2026 (10am)</b>	December offer round released.
<b>12 January 2027 (2pm)</b>	January Round 1 — main offer round for Year 12 students.

Full VTAC dates: [vtac.edu.au/dates.html](https://vtac.edu.au/dates.html) Year 12 Guide: [vtac.edu.au/guides/y12guide](https://vtac.edu.au/guides/y12guide)

## UNIVERSITY EVENTS & CAMPUS TOURS — MAY 2026

Campus visits are one of the most useful things you can do in Year 12 before finalising your VTAC preferences.



### RMIT University — High School Campus Tour: Brunswick Campus

Date: Wednesday 6 May 2026

Campus: RMIT Brunswick, 25 Dawson St, Brunswick VIC

Focus: Fashion and Design — RMIT's Fashion program is ranked #1 in Oceania. Explore specialist design studios and facilities.

Open to: Year 9–12 students and parents. Free. Next Brunswick tour: Wednesday 8 July 2026.

Confirm session start time on the RMIT website when registering.

Register: [rmit.edu.au — high-school-students campus tours](https://rmit.edu.au/high-school-students-campus-tours)

### University of Melbourne — Campus Tours (Parkville), Ongoing Through May

Available: Tuesday–Thursday throughout May, booking required.

Sessions: Tuesdays 10:00am, Wednesdays 11:00am, Thursdays 1:00pm (90 mins: 45-min presentation + 45-min tour).

Individual student tours: Mon–Fri, 9:00am–3:00pm, 1 hour, by appointment.

Covers courses, entry requirements, scholarships, and Access Melbourne. Tours led by current students.

Southbank campus (VCA, Melbourne Conservatorium of Music) available by separate arrangement.

Register: [study.unimelb.edu.au — school-visits](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/school-visits)

### Monash University — 2026 Secondary Student Events: Registrations Opening in May

Monash has confirmed registrations for their 2026 secondary school events calendar — including campus experience days, Discover Monash seminars, and course information sessions — will open in May 2026.

Campuses: Clayton, Caulfield, Peninsula (Frankston), Parkville.

Student-led campus tours and one-on-one phone consultations with Future Students advisors are available year-round.

Register interest now to receive direct notification when event dates go live.

Register: [monash.edu/discover/events/events-calendar](https://monash.edu/discover/events/events-calendar)

### Deakin University — Campus Tours, Ongoing Through May

Campuses: Geelong Waurn Ponds (~1.5 hrs), Geelong Waterfront, Melbourne Burwood, Warrnambool (~2 hrs).

Includes: student-led walkthrough, on-campus accommodation, course information expo, and one-on-one course consultations.

Deakin Open Day 2026 expected in August — check [deakin.edu.au](https://deakin.edu.au) for confirmed dates.

Register: [deakin.edu.au/student-life-and-services/events/campus-tours](https://deakin.edu.au/student-life-and-services/events/campus-tours)

### Federation University — Campus Tours (Gippsland Campus, Churchill), Ongoing

Gippsland Campus, Northways Rd, Churchill VIC — closest major university to Leongatha (~40 mins).

Tours available across Gippsland, Mt Helen (Ballarat), and Berwick campuses. Strong regional focus and Early Offer Program.

Phone: 1800 333 864

Register: [federation.edu.au](https://federation.edu.au)

### La Trobe University — Campus Tours & Discover La Trobe Sessions, Ongoing

Campuses: Bundoora (Melbourne), Bendigo, Albury-Wodonga, Mildura, Shepparton.

Year-round campus tours and Discover La Trobe information sessions by booking.

La Trobe Aspire Early Offer Program is currently open — see Early Entry Programs section below.

Register: [latrobe.edu.au/events](https://latrobe.edu.au/events)

### Swinburne University — Campus Tours (Hawthorn), Ongoing

Campus: John Street, Hawthorn VIC. Guided tours year-round for prospective students.



Strong focus on technology, design, engineering, and business. Online virtual tours also available.

Phone: 1300 794 628

**Register:** [swinburne.edu.au/life-at-swinburne/campus-tours](https://swinburne.edu.au/life-at-swinburne/campus-tours)

## EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS — OPEN NOW

Secure a conditional university offer before your Year 12 exams. You can still apply through VTAC and change preferences at any time.

### Victoria University (VU) Early Entry — Open Now, Close 15 October 2026

Opened: 21 April 2026. Close: 15 October 2026 at 10:00pm AEST.

Eligible: Year 11 and 12 students studying VCE, VCE Vocational Major, Unscored VCE, or IB in Victoria.

Benefits: Conditional Offer + 5 bonus ATAR points (scored VCE Year 12) + scholarships:

- Achiever Scholarship: up to \$5,000 (VCE results)
- Community Leader Scholarship: up to \$5,000 (community contribution)
- Innovator Scholarship: up to \$5,000 (vision to improve the world)
- Explorer Scholarship: 1 year accommodation at UniLodge VU, Footscray Park

Also includes: Free ATARNotes+ subscription (\$249 value), one-on-one course advice, and VTAC preference guidance.

Response within 7 business days of applying.

**Register:** [vu.edu.au](https://vu.edu.au) — [vu-early-entry](https://vu.edu.au/early-entry)

### La Trobe University — Aspire Early Offer Program (Open Now, Close 11 September 2026)

Three streams:

- Community Contribution: rewards community involvement, leadership, and volunteering.
- Academic Impact: based on Year 11 academic results.
- Everyday Impact: no ATAR required.

Still need to apply through VTAC and meet course prerequisites to convert the offer.

**Register:** [latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire](https://latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire)

### Federation University — Early Offer Program (Open Now)

Guarantees an offer for eligible students who meet ATAR and course prerequisites.

Particularly relevant for Gippsland students considering the Churchill campus (~40 mins from Leongatha).

Standard VTAC application still required.

Phone: 1800 333 864

**Register:** [federation.edu.au](https://federation.edu.au)

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Many scholarships are based on financial need, community involvement, or regional background — not just academic results. Begin gathering SEAS evidence now.

### VU Early Entry Scholarships — Open Now, Close 15 October 2026

Automatically assessed through the VU Early Entry application — no separate form.

Achiever Scholarship: up to \$5,000 (VCE results).

Community Leader Scholarship: up to \$5,000 (community/school/family contribution).

Innovator Scholarship: up to \$5,000 (vision to improve the world).

Explorer Scholarship: 1 year accommodation, UniLodge VU, Footscray Park (for students relocating).



Register: [vu.edu.au](https://vu.edu.au) — [vu-early-entry](#)

### VTAC Equity Schemes (SEAS) & Scholarships — Prepare Now, Open 3 August 2026

SEAS provides special consideration if your education has been affected by circumstances outside your control — financial hardship, illness, family disruption, or regional/rural isolation (South Gippsland qualifies).  
Open: 3 August 2026. Close: 5pm, 9 October 2026.

Apply through your VTAC account after lodging a course application.

Action now: Begin gathering evidence — statements from responsible persons, financial and medical documentation take time to prepare.

Register: [vtac.edu.au/access/scholarships.html](https://vtac.edu.au/access/scholarships.html)

### University of Melbourne — Access Melbourne (ATAR Adjustment, Year-Round)

Reduces the ATAR required for your course if you're from a disadvantaged background.

Eligible groups include students from regional/rural areas including South Gippsland, low-socioeconomic backgrounds, and first-in-family university students.

Automatically assessed via your VTAC SEAS application — no separate application needed.

Financial bursaries also available for students in financial difficulty.

Register: [study.unimelb.edu.au](https://study.unimelb.edu.au) — [access-melbourne](#)

### Youthrive Victoria — Rural University Scholarships

For Victorian Year 12 students planning to attend university and return to rural Victoria after graduation.

Selection criteria: financial need, leadership capacity, desire to return to rural Victoria, community service, and academic ability.

Contact: [info@youthrivevic.org.au](mailto:info@youthrivevic.org.au) | (03) 6281 8303

Register: [youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships](https://youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships)

### Deakin University — Scholarships (Rolling Applications)

Merit, financial need, community, and regional scholarships available.

Many automatically assessed when you list Deakin in your VTAC preferences.

Regional and rural scholarships are particularly relevant for Gippsland students.

Register: [deakin.edu.au/courses/fees-scholarships/scholarships](https://deakin.edu.au/courses/fees-scholarships/scholarships)

## AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE — CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The ADF offers 300+ career roles across the Navy, Army, and Air Force — trades, medicine, engineering, law, intelligence, combat, and more. You are paid to train, receive free medical and dental, and earn qualifications applicable in civilian life. Minimum joining age: 17.

### Victoria Police — In-Person Careers Information Session

Date: Tuesday 5 May 2026

Location: Victoria Police Centre (VPC), 637 Flinders St, Docklands VIC

What: Career pathways for police officer, Protective Services Officer (PSO), and Police Custody Officer (PCO) roles. Q&A with serving members. Covers training and the recruitment process.

Register: [Register via Eventbrite](#)

### Victoria Police — Life at the Academy: Online Webinar

Date: Thursday 7 May 2026

Format: Online — attend from anywhere.



What: Deep dive into daily life at the Victoria Police Academy for police officers, PSOs, and PCOs. First-hand accounts from those who have been through Academy training.

Register: [Register via Eventbrite](#)

### Victoria Police — Inside the Recruitment Process: Online Webinar

Date: Thursday 21 May 2026

Format: Online — attend from anywhere.

What: Step-by-step guide to the Victoria Police application — how to submit a strong application, what each stage involves, and tips for success.

Register: [Register via Eventbrite](#)

### Victoria Police — Get Fit with Victoria Police: Online Webinar

Date: Tuesday 26 May 2026

Format: Online — attend from anywhere.

What: Fitness requirements to join Victoria Police, effective training strategies, and introduction to the revamped POLICEFIT app.

Register: [Register via Eventbrite](#)

### ADF Mobile Careers Centre (MACC) — Ballarat Pop-Up

Dates: Tuesday 28 April – Friday 1 May 2026 (1 May falls in May)

Time: 12:00pm – 5:00pm AEST each day

Location: Civic Park, Ballarat Central VIC (~2.5 hours from Leongatha)

What: Walk-in sessions with currently serving ADF members. Learn about specific roles, paid training, lifestyle, benefits, and the application process. No appointment needed.

Upcoming regional MACC visits: check [adfcareers.gov.au/events](http://adfcareers.gov.au/events) for the next dates near Gippsland.

ADF Careers Hotline: 13 19 01 (Mon–Fri 8am–9:30pm, Sat 8am–7pm AEST). The ADF can also arrange a presentation at MMCRC — speak to Ms Fuller.

Register: [adfcareers.gov.au/events](http://adfcareers.gov.au/events)

### ADF Gap Year — Applications Open Now (Ages 17–24)

A 12-month commitment to the Navy, Army, or Air Force — experience military life without a long-term obligation.

20+ roles including officer training, engineering, logistics, warehousing, combat, security, and administration.

Full military pay and benefits, free medical and dental, travel across Australia.

~50% of Gap Year participants go on to a full ADF career. Applications currently open.

Eligibility: Australian citizen or permanent resident, aged 17–24.

Register: [adfcareers.gov.au/careers/gap-year](http://adfcareers.gov.au/careers/gap-year)

### Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) — Fully Funded Degree + Officer Career

Complete a full undergraduate degree at UNSW (engineering, science, IT, arts, business, law) while serving as an ADF Officer-in-training.

You receive a salary while you study and graduate directly into an ADF officer position — no HELP debt.

Military training alongside your degree at the ADFA campus in Canberra.

ADFA Open Day 2026 — date TBC. Register your interest now to be notified.

Register interest for ADFA Open Day 2026 on the ADF Careers website.

Register: [adfcareers.gov.au](http://adfcareers.gov.au) — [ADFA](#)

## APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS



Specific current and recent opportunities in the Gippsland region. Contact employers or TAFE Gippsland directly to confirm availability, as listings change.

### **South Gippsland Shire Council — Arboriculture Apprentice (Rural Tree Crew), Leongatha**

Employer: South Gippsland Shire Council, Leongatha VIC

Type: 3-year apprenticeship with TAFE Gippsland training component.

Role: Tree maintenance and management across Council's parks, gardens, and road reserves. Chainsaw operation, elevated work platform, general arboriculture.

Outcome: Nationally recognised qualification. Position typically becomes ongoing once qualified.

Open to school leavers. Work experience placements (aged 15+) also available through the Council.

Contact South Gippsland Shire Council: 9 Smith St, Leongatha | (03) 5662 9200

**Register:** [southgippsland.vic.gov.au — vacant-positions](https://southgippsland.vic.gov.au/vacant-positions)

### **Carpentry Apprenticeship — Gippsland Region (via AGA/MAS National)**

Employer: AGA (Australian Group Apprenticeships) placing apprentices with host employers in Gippsland, Moe, Longwarry, and surrounding areas.

Type: Certificate III in Carpentry. 3–4 year apprenticeship.

Mentoring and support from experienced tradespeople throughout.

Visit the Gippslander job board for current Gippsland listings, or contact TAFE Gippsland's Skills and Jobs Centre: 1300 133 717.

**Register:** [gippslander.com.au/jobs/apprenticeship](https://gippslander.com.au/jobs/apprenticeship)

### **Engineering Traineeship — Gippsland Dairy Professionals**

Employer: Gippsland Dairy Professionals, Korumburra/Gippsland VIC

Type: Certificate III in Engineering.

Hands-on work in agricultural and dairy engineering with a supportive regional team.

Search 'Gippsland Dairy Professionals' on SEEK, or contact TAFE Gippsland on 1300 133 717.

**Register:** [seek.com.au — Leongatha apprenticeships](https://seek.com.au/Leongatha-apprenticeships)

### **Gippsland Water — School-Based Apprenticeship & Traineeship (SBAT)**

Employer: Gippsland Water, regional water utility (Traralgon)

Type: School-Based — complete while still in Year 12. Credit toward your VCE/VCE VM.

Combines on-the-job training with TAFE. Nationally recognised qualification upon completion.

Fields: Water and natural resources management, environmental operations.

Intake: Advertised periodically — monitor Gippsland Water's website.

**Register:** [gippswater.com.au — career-pathways](https://gippswater.com.au/career-pathways)

### **TAFE Gippsland — Skills and Jobs Centre (Leongatha Campus)**

Free walk-in career and apprenticeship matching service at the Leongatha campus.

Consultants match you directly with local Gippsland employers in trades, construction, plumbing, electrical, hospitality, and hairdressing.

Pre-apprenticeships available — trial a trade before committing.

SBATs (School-Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships): at least one day per week on-the-job while still in Year 12.

Phone: 1300 133 717

**Register:** [tafegippsland.edu.au — apprenticeships](https://tafegippsland.edu.au/apprenticeships)

## **JOBS FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS**

### **Victorian Youth Employment Scheme (YES) — 2026 Intake OPEN**



12-month paid traineeship program for Victorians aged 15–29 in Victorian Government departments. Roles: business administration, community services, sport and recreation, landscape gardening, building and maintenance.

Nationally recognised qualification + on-the-job mentoring + genuine pathway into public sector employment.

**Register:** [careers.vic.gov.au — graduate-and-employment-programs](https://careers.vic.gov.au/graduate-and-employment-programs)

### **Jobs Victoria — Free Career Counselling and Employment Support**

Free career counselling for Victorians looking for work, underemployed, or uncertain about next steps after school.

Career counsellors provide personalised guidance, job-search skills, and connections to local employers.

Targeted programs for young people in regional Victoria.

**Register:** [jobsvictoria.com.au](https://jobsvictoria.com.au)

### **South Gippsland Shire Council — Work Experience Program**

Structured work experience for students aged 15+ across Council services: administration, parks and gardens, engineering, and community services.

Excellent way to build a CV and establish connections with one of the region's largest local employers.

Contact South Gippsland Shire Council: (03) 5662 9200

**Register:** [southgippsland.vic.gov.au — employment](https://southgippsland.vic.gov.au/employment)

## **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Most structured internship programs target university students. The below are either open to school leavers now or relevant to plan ahead for.

### **Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) — Apprenticeship Program 2027 (Opening Early 2026)**

Paid apprenticeship with Australia's national cyber intelligence agency.

18 months. 3–4 days per week on the job + Certificate IV study, fully funded by ASD.

Pay: ASD Level 2 salary + 4% service allowance + 15.4% superannuation. Progresses to ongoing full-time ASD Level 3 on completion.

Fields: ICT, cyber security, intelligence, and administration.

Open to school leavers. Must be an Australian citizen (security clearance required).

2026 intake is closed. 2027 program applications expected to open mid-2026 — register interest now.

Register interest at [asd.gov.au/careers](https://asd.gov.au/careers) to be notified when 2027 applications open.

**Register:** [asd.gov.au/careers — starting-my-career](https://asd.gov.au/careers)

### **Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) — Summer Internship Program 2026–27**

12-week full-time placement applying economics, public policy, finance, or accounting to real Victorian Government projects.

Streams: Economics and Public Policy, and Accounting and Finance.

Applications expected to open: July–August 2026. Plan ahead if you're entering university in 2027 in these fields.

Contact: [internships@dtf.vic.gov.au](mailto:internships@dtf.vic.gov.au)

**Register:** [dtf.vic.gov.au/internships](https://dtf.vic.gov.au/internships)

### **Victorian Government — Australian Disability Network Internship**

Paid work placements in Victorian public sector departments for students or recent graduates with disability.

Advertised in March (winter semester) and August (summer semester).



## Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College

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Minimum 152 hours (~4 weeks full-time).

Register: [careers.vic.gov.au](https://careers.vic.gov.au) — [graduate-and-employment-programs](#)

## KEY CONTACTS & RESOURCES

**Careers:** Mrs Kate Dwyer [kdwyer@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kdwyer@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au), Mrs Cassie Raschle [craschle@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:craschle@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au), Mrs Melissa Preston [mpreston@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mpreston@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au)— book a session during study periods in Term 2

**MMCRC Careers Website:** [mmcrccareers.com](https://mmcrccareers.com)

**VTAC:** [vtac.edu.au](https://vtac.edu.au) Phone: (03) 9926 1020 (Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm)

**TAFE Gippsland (Leongatha):** [tafegippsland.edu.au](https://tafegippsland.edu.au) — Phone: 1300 133 717

**ADF Careers:** [adfcareers.gov.au](https://adfcareers.gov.au) — Hotline: 13 19 01

**Victoria Police Careers:** [police.vic.gov.au/careers](https://police.vic.gov.au/careers)

**Jobs Victoria:** [jobsvictoria.com.au](https://jobsvictoria.com.au)

**National Careers Institute (free 45-min guidance, ages 15–24):** [nationalcareers.edu.au](https://nationalcareers.edu.au)

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