

# Elite Student Performer Entry Scheme

## Introduction:

Monash University is committed to supporting students to combine academic success with sporting or performing arts success. We know that for an elite athlete or performer their ATAR or WAM might not accurately reflect their academic ability. We acknowledge the commitment and time it takes to be at the elite level and how this can affect a student's studies.

## Description:

Additional consideration of up to 10 ATAR points or 10% WAM (or equivalent) can be awarded for entry into Monash University undergraduate and graduate degrees to applicants who:

- a. are an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident or holder of a permanent humanitarian visa
- b. meet the prerequisites (and any other published entry requirements) of the course
- c. are recognised as an elite athlete or performing artist as per the definitions below
- d. can demonstrate that they have undertaken elite training, competition and/or performances whilst preparing for entry to Monash University.

## Definitions:

1. To qualify as an Established Elite Athlete, at least one of the following criteria must be met:
  - a. National Squad member from a [Sport Australia recognised and funded sport](#).
  - b. AIS scholarship holder.
  - c. VIS scholarship holder.
  - d. Member of any of the following:
    - i. AFL Players Association.
    - ii. Australian Cricketers' Association.
    - iii. Rugby Union Players Association.
    - iv. Rugby League Professionals' Association.
    - v. Professional Footballers Australia.
    - vi. Australian Netball Players' Association (ANPA).
2. To qualify as an Established Elite Performer, regular participation in significant national or international performances, productions, installations, competitions or events is required.
3. To qualify as an Emerging Elite Athlete, at least one of the following criteria must be met:
  - a. State Squad member from a [Sport Australia recognised and funded sport](#).\*
  - b. Listed senior player in the top division of the following Victorian state based competitions (or interstate equivalent):
    - i. Victorian Football League (VFL and VFL Women's).
    - ii. NPL VIC (top division and seniors).
    - iii. NRL Victoria (first Grade).
    - iv. Rugby Dewar Shield (seniors).
    - v. Victorian Premier Cricket (first division and seniors).
    - vi. NBL1 South.

- vii. Premier League Hockey (senior team).
- viii. Victorian Netball League (VNL).

c. For time-based events such as swimming, athletics and rowing, students must meet the entry standards for the open age category and have competed at the most recent Australian Nationals

4. To qualify as an Emerging Elite Performer, participation in significant national performances, productions, installations, competitions or events is required.

\*For applicants currently undertaking Australian Year 12 (or equivalent), participation in underage state squads and competitions may be considered when assessing the required level of competition.

## Application process:

Applications are made direct to Monash University. To apply for the Scheme:

- Students must first have a registered VTAC account identification number.
- Applications are made directly to Monash University online.
- Supporting documentation and detailed achievements must be provided.
- Applications open on August 25 and close on October 17, 2025.
- Join our mailing list via the website, for key updates and reminders.
- Late applications cannot be received.

## Support available:

Once enrolled, Monash University also provides a range of support services and benefits to help students balance their commitments to both their studies and their sport/discipline, and we assist with preventing and/or managing any conflicts that may arise.

Support available includes, but is not limited to:

- Academic flexibility and support
- Course planning advice
- Access to funding programs
- Fitness Center access
- Networking opportunities
- Personal and professional development
- Workshops and other events

Information about the support available to elite athletes and performers once enrolled at Monash can be found at: [monash.edu/sport/clubs-and-varsity/elite-student-athletes](https://monash.edu/sport/clubs-and-varsity/elite-student-athletes)

## Contacts:

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