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Welcome to this edition of the Careers Newsletter, which contains lots of information regarding events and opportunities for career exploration. I am available all week and am more than happy to assist students and parents with pathways and post-secondary options. I can be contacted via email on helen.madden@pvcc.vic.edu.au to make an appointment.

Don't forget also to check out our PVCC Careers website for additional information for both students and parents. You can find our site at: <https://careers.pvcc.vic.edu.au>

Items in the *Career News* include –

- VTAC Upcoming dates
- Useful tips and links for Year 12 graduates
- RMIT – Studying Science at RMIT
- Monash University – New Science and Global Studies degree
- University of Melbourne – New Commerce Major
- Medical Imaging courses in Victoria
- Swinburne University – New Bachelor degrees
- Swinburne University – Diploma to Degree Pathway Packages



Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- **Year 12 VTAC late applications** – 1 October to 1 November
- **Year 10 – Real Industry Job interviews** – Tuesday 22nd October



Reminder: VTAC 2025 Upcoming Key Dates

VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 6 December 2024
ATARs Released	Thursday 12 December 2024
Change of Preference (CoP) closes	Saturday 14 December 2024
December Round Offers	Monday 23 December 2024
January Round International Offers	Monday 6 January 2025
January Round Domestic Offers	Friday 10 January 2025
February Offer Rounds	Tuesday 4 February 2025 onwards

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

The VTAC website is www.vtac.edu.au

Useful Tips for Year 12 Graduates



LOST ON CAMPUS: Download this useful app from iTunes and Google Play for a Campus Map of many universities. You will be able to find every tutorial room, lab, lecture theatre, coffee shop, carpark, bus stop, even your nearest vending machines and free microwaves on campus - [Lost on Campus Maps](#)



iUSEpass - travel concession for International students:
International undergraduate students can save 50% on an annual myki with an international Undergraduate Student Education pass (iUSEpass) myki card.



How to be Successful in my First Year of Uni?

- I should attend orientation and transition activities – ***that way I can find out about support and advisory services available to me!***
- I need to seek assistance to learn expectations of my lecturers – ***I will have to learn about tertiary essay writing, using sources, avoiding plagiarism, and managing my time, etc.***
- I must remember to ask for help – ***no-one will necessarily be offering any!***
- I will need to be an independent learner – ***my lecturers and tutors will not be reminding me about deadlines!***
- I will need to take charge of my own learning – ***no-one will be checking up on me to see if I am keeping up with work or assignments!***
- I will need to organise my time effectively – ***there are no bells to remind me where to be!***
- I must remember that my classes may be much larger than what I have been used to at school – ***I will receive less individual attention!***
- I must make friends – ***building new friendship groups will help me cope and help me stay motivated!***
- I will be learning new skills that will be critical for my success – ***I will have to learn important research and referencing skills!***

Useful links to Victorian Universities' Student Support Services

Australian Catholic University	Student Services – ACU student life
Deakin University	Student life and Services - Deakin
Federation University	Student Support - Federation University Australia
La Trobe University	Support to Help You Thrive - La Trobe University
Monash University	Support - Monash University
RMIT University	Student Support - RMIT University
Swinburne University	University Student Support Services - Swinburne
University of Melbourne	Student Services directory - University of Melbourne
Victoria University	Advice & Support - Victoria University

Federation University's two specialised degree – Veterinary and Wildlife Science, and Environmental and Conservation Science – are now streamlined into the *new* [Bachelor of Science](#).

Students can now apply for the Bachelor of Science degree, and graduate with the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) or Bachelor of Science (Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation) depending on the majors they choose.

Other qualifications students may graduate with include –

- Bachelor of Science (Chemistry and Analytical Science)
- Bachelor of Science (Brewing and Food Science)
- Bachelor of Science (Geoscience)

[Science and Global Studies Double Degree](#)

Why study a double degree in science and global studies? This course is designed for students who aspire to be leaders in creating social change. Combining global studies with studies in fundamental science will give them the skill set to understand the complex challenges facing cultures and communities around the world and the opportunity to apply their knowledge to affect change. Through this combination, students will not just think globally but study globally as well with overseas travel a requirement of the course.

Students will get to choose from four global studies specialisations (*International studies, International relations, Human rights, or Intercultural Studies - including a language*), as well as a very comprehensive range of science majors.

Students are encouraged to browse [Science and Global Studies at Monash](#) to find out more.

[New Commerce Major for 2025](#)

The [Bachelor of Commerce](#) has introduced a *new* major, [Business Analytics](#), in which students can learn how to transform data into valuable business insights.

Business analytics professionals play a crucial role in helping organizations make these data-driven decisions using powerful tools including data visualisation, predictive and prescriptive analytics, and machine learning and deep learning across the applied business disciplines, including accounting, finance, human resource management and marketing. Students may choose to take this as a single or double major within the course.



News from Deakin University

➤ Casper Test Reimbursement

Do you intend studying Teaching at Deakin in 2025? If you have sat the Casper test and receive an offer to Deakin, you will be eligible for a reimbursement of the cost of this test.

The \$55 will be reimbursed after students commence at Deakin in Trimester 1 2025. Students do not need to apply for the payment; Deakin will identify and communicate with them at the point of admission.

Find out more at [The Casper Test](#).

➤ Pathways Finder

Don't downsize your dreams just because you didn't get the ATAR you wanted, or you don't meet the entry requirements for your chosen course. There are more pathways into university than you might think.

Deakin's **Pathways Finder** helps students discover all the opportunities available to them, so they can walk away with an achievable plan to make their dream course a reality.

Students are encouraged to spend some time familiarising themselves with this useful tool - [Pathways Finder](#).



Studying Science at RMIT

RMIT's Bachelor of Science offers you the flexibility and choice to complete a degree tailored to your interests.

This 3-year science degree begins with a suite of introductory subjects in which students learn and explore core science concepts across physical, life, data and mathematical science disciplines and develop and strengthen key scientific and transferable skills. Students get to choose from a range of nine majors and numerous minors and study their passions in science. Students may elect to study one major and some minors or opt for two majors.

Students may choose from the following list of majors to learn more:

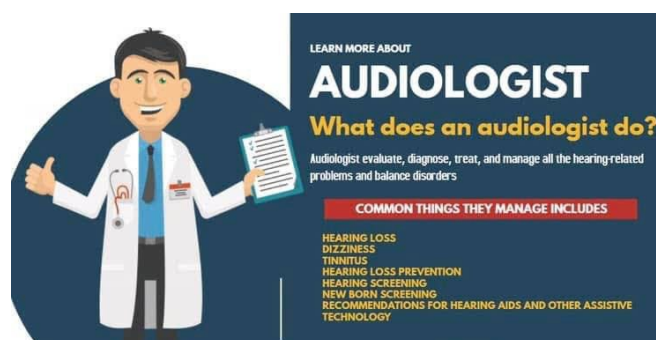
- [Biological sciences](#)
- [Biotechnology](#)
- [Chemistry](#)
- [Food science and technology](#)
- [Geospatial sciences](#)
- [Mathematics](#)
- [Nutrition sciences](#)
- [Physics](#)
- [Statistics](#)

Browse [Bachelor of Science](#) to learn more.



Virtual Tour of the New City Campus

Students interested in studying at Flinders University in Adelaide might be keen to watch this brief YouTube clip of a tour of the *new* City Campus - [Flinders University City Campus](#).



Medical Imaging Courses in Victoria in 2024

Medical imaging technologists operate X-ray and other imaging equipment, such as MRI and Ultrasound, to produce radiographic images which are used in the diagnosis and subsequent management of disease or injury. Below are links to the specialised medical imaging areas, some of which are detailed in the *Good Universities Guide*: [Nuclear Medicine Technologist](#), [Medical Imaging Technology](#), and a useful links - [So, you want to be a Sonographer?](#), and [Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences at Monash](#)

In Victoria students can study specific medical imaging courses (also known as medical radiography or medical radiations or sonography) at the following universities:

INSTITUTION	COURSE	VCE PREREQUISITES	2024 ATAR
CQU M - Melbourne Campus	Medical Sonography	Recommended study in English, Maths, Biology, Physics, Science	n/p (M)
Deakin University G - Waurm Ponds Campus	Medical Imaging	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 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 22 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics or at least 30 in Maths: General Mathematics.	87.30 (G)

Monash University C – Clayton Campus	Radiation Sciences	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 27 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	79.95 (C) *
	Radiography and Medical Imaging	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 35 in English (EAL) or at least 30 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in one of Biology or Physics; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	97.20 (C)
RMIT University B – Bundoora Campus	Medical Radiations (Nuclear Medicine)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL or at least 30 in English as an Additional Language (EAL); Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics; Units 1 and 2: satisfactory completion in one of Biology or Chemistry or Units 3 and 4: one of Biology or Chemistry.	78.25 (B)
	Medical Radiations (Radiation Therapy)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL or at least 30 in English as an Additional Language (EAL); Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics; Units 1 and 2: satisfactory completion in one of Biology or Chemistry or Units 3 and 4: one of Biology or Chemistry.	76.30 (B)
	Medical Radiations (Radiography)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL or at least 30 in English as an Additional Language (EAL); Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics; Units 1 and 2: satisfactory completion in one of Biology or Chemistry or Units 3 and 4: one of Biology or Chemistry.	90.15 (B)



Snapshot of Kangan Institute in 2024

- With more than 30,000 enrolments each year, [Kangan Institute](#) is a major training provider for the *automotive, health and nursing sectors and indigenous education*.
- Kangan has a strong presence in a range of industries such as *fashion, business* as well as *justice and legal*.

- Kangan has four [campuses](#) which offer a wide range of courses in a variety of fields, ranging from certificates to diplomas.
- Kangan has hundreds of [courses](#) on offer, which include [apprenticeships and traineeships](#), and [short courses](#).
- Kangan offers fashion and textile courses.
- The [Textile and Fashion Hub](#) at Kangan Institute offers sampling & short run manufacturing services, industry relevant training courses for designers and small businesses as well as customised industry training for manufacturers, and a series of exciting short courses.
- Kangan offers the [Diploma of Justice](#) course, as well as a [Certificate IV in Legal Services](#) course.
- Students studying at Kangan Institute will undertake their training in some of the most state-of-the-art training centres in Victoria.
 - ✓ [Automotive Centre of Excellence](#)
 - ✓ [Gunung-Willam-Balluk Indigenous Learning Centre](#)
 - ✓ [Essendon Health Hub](#)
 - ✓ [Richards Restaurant](#)
 - ✓ [Textile and Fashion Hub](#)
 - ✓ [Creative and Digital Skills Hub](#)
- Kangan Institute has also partnered with leading universities in Australia to give students [guaranteed pathway options to higher education](#). The university pathways partners include:
 - [Deakin University](#)
 - [Federation University](#)
 - [La Trobe University](#)
 - [Torrens University](#)
 - [Victoria University](#)



Links to University Clubs & Societies

Australian Catholic University	Clubs and Societies – ACU student life
Deakin University	Clubs and Societies - Deakin
Federation University	Clubs and Groups - Federation University Australia
La Trobe University	Amenities and Facilities - La Trobe University
Monash University	Clubs and Societies – Monash University
RMIT University	Student life - RMIT University
Swinburne University	Clubs & Student Organisations Swinburne
University of Melbourne	Student Groups and Clubs - UniMelb
Victoria University	Sport & Social clubs - Victoria University



Scholarships to Study Abroad

*Looking to study abroad but worried about the costs? Good news! There are hundreds of **scholarships to study abroad**, including general scholarships and more specialized funding schemes. Some are offered by government agencies, some by individual universities, and others by external funding organizations and charitable enterprises.*

The **Top Universities website** is an excellent resource to learn more about what scholarships are on offer. Students can search for **region-specific scholarships** or **country-specific scholarships**. Students can even search for **subject-specific scholarships**.

Students are encouraged to browse [Scholarships to study abroad | Top Universities](#)

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.

Low Income Health Care Card for Australian and PR 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 [benefits](#), 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 may 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 before applying. As long as your income is less than \$6,152 over that period (or \$769 per week) you are eligible to apply. You will be eligible to keep the Low Income Health Care Card as long as your income does not exceed \$7,690 (or \$961 per week) in any 8 week period prior to renewing your card.

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

Visit [Low Income Health Care Card - Services Australia](#) and find out more about all the benefits, your eligibility, and how to apply.



Useful Websites and Links

- [Your Career](#)
a website launched by the National Careers Institute, and become more informed about career ideas, career industries, and how to become job ready.
- [MyFuture](#)
a career information & exploration service providing current career information, articles and links to many resources.
- [Careers Online](#)
career research, resume help, job hunting tips, job links, etc.
- [Workforce 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.
- [Victorian Government Vacancies](#)
find out about government jobs and careers in the Victorian Government.

Snapshot of Whitehouse Institute of Design in 2024

- Originally named the Whitehouse School, the institute was opened in 1988 in Sydney with the first accredited course being taught in 1992.
- Today Whitehouse is home to a creative community with diverse interests, talents, and backgrounds at both the [Sydney](#) and [Melbourne](#) campuses.
- Whitehouse Institute of Design offers specialist higher education degrees and vocational education and training certificate courses - [courses](#).
- The [Bachelor of Design](#) is delivered over six trimesters so students complete their degree in two years. Students undertake 5 core and 2 supporting subjects per trimester with subjects divided into 3 specialisations of design focus:
[Fashion Design](#), or
[Interior Design](#), or
[Creative Direction & Styling](#).
- There are two [vocational courses](#) on offer: the Certificate III in Design Fundamentals and Certificate IV in Design and both provide a direct entry to the Bachelor Design should students wish to further upskill.
- When browsing the [Whitehouse Difference](#) students will note that the institute has strong industry connections – nationally and internationally.
- Students are encouraged to travel internationally and accept global exchange programs in Japan, London and Paris, with some of the best international design schools - [partnerships](#).
- [Awards and Scholarships](#) are available to prospective and current students.
- Students choosing to move interstate can seek assistance from Whitehouse who can help advise students where and how to look for their living accommodation and home before their studies commence.
- The Whitehouse Institute is a private college, but students can access FEE-HELP which is a government loan scheme that helps eligible Australian fee-paying students (full-time or part-time) pay their tuition fees – [Study Assist](#).





News and events

New Bachelor Degrees for 2025

We are excited to announce three new bachelor degrees in the ever-expanding areas of fashion, biomedical science and nutrition. All three degrees are available to apply for via VTAC and available via the Early Entry Program.

Bachelor of Design (Fashion)

Focusing on digital solutions, novel fabrics and ethical practices, our Bachelor of Design (Fashion) will foster the innovation needed to transform the fashion industry. Students will graduate with the industry exposure and skills to enter this exciting and creative field, and will become frontrunners in its sustainable and tech-forward future. Entry for the Bachelor of Design (Fashion) is by folio, not by ATAR score.

[Find out more](#)

Bachelor of Biomedical Science

Through hands-on, tech-focused learning and industry experience, the Bachelor of Biomedical Science immerses students in this critical arena of healthcare. With access to cutting edge equipment, including virtual reality and digital dissection, they'll graduate ready for the biomedical workforce, or for postgraduate physiotherapy, occupational therapy and medicine.

[Find out more](#)

Bachelor of Nutrition

Lab-based study meets progressive food trend analysis in the Bachelor of Nutrition. In this always-evolving field, students will examine the science of nutrition and uncover new ideas in the relationship between food and human health, with pathways into industry or postgraduate dietetics.

[Find out more](#)

Diploma to Degree VTAC Packaged Pathways

If your students have opted to complete an unscored VCE or VCE Vocational Major and have a goal to complete a Bachelor Degree, they can now access Diploma and Degree packaged pathways available on VTAC.

Our Diploma to Degree VTAC Pathways are:

- [Animation](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Computer Science](#)
- [Construction Management](#)
- [Criminal Justice and Criminology](#)
- [Cyber Security](#)
- [Design](#)
- [Early Childhood and Primary Teaching](#)
- [Early Childhood Teaching](#)
- [Information and Communication and Technology](#)
- [Media and Communication](#)
- [Primary Teaching](#)
- [Screen Production](#)

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