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This edition of the Careers Newsletter contains lots of information for students to gain further insight into careers and pathways.

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

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### **Dates to Diarise in Term 4**

- **Year 12 VTAC very late applications – 3 November to 1 December**



## Reminder: VTAC 2024 Upcoming Key Dates



VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 1 December 2023
ATARs Released	Monday 11 December 2023
Change of Preference (CoP) closes	Wednesday 13 December 2023
December Round Offers	Thursday 21 December 2023
January Round International Offers	Friday 5 January 2024
January Round Domestic Offers	Friday 12 January 2024
February Offer Rounds	Tuesday 6 February 2024 onwards

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

The VTAC website is [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

## VCE RESULTS & ATAR

### Accessing VCE Results 2023

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 Monday 11 December 2023 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 who wish to receive their results online, will need to register at [Results and ATAR](#) 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.**



### Gallipoli Scholarship

*Valued at \$6,000, the Gallipoli Scholarship is open to the direct descendants of any service man or woman who has served in the Australian or New Zealand Defence Force in a conflict or peacekeeping operation, since the First World War to the present day.*

The Scholarship selection process is based 60% on necessitous circumstances, and 40% on academic merit.

**Applications open on 1 January and close on 28 February each year.**

All applicants are notified of their selection, or otherwise, by the end of March each year. Applications are submitted online via the website and require a number of documents to support the application.

Find out more at [Gallipoli Scholarship](#).



## Doxa Cadetship Program

*Our Cadetship program supports talented young people facing challenging life circumstances to complete university and gain the skills needed for an employable future.*

*The Cadetship program is open to Year 12 students transitioning to university and is a three to five-year program, dependent on the length of the degree and the sponsorship model.*

The Cadetship program is open to young people facing challenging life circumstances who have finished high school and are about to go to university. This may include, but is not restricted to:

- Experiencing financial hardship,
- Having an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage,
- Coming from a newly arrived migrant or refugee background,
- Having faced stressful life events,
- Coming from a rural or remote area and
- Being the first in their family to have the opportunity to study at university and pursue a professional career.

The cadetship programme provides young people with:

- Practical and personal support during their university course,
- The opportunity to connect with peers and industry professionals through work placement and social events and
- Personal development and training opportunities to enhance their employability.

For more information, download the [Brochure](#), or visit [Cadetship - Doxa Youth Foundation](#).

## Deakin College pathways to Deakin University

*With a uniquely nurturing student experience, Deakin College is your simplest path to Deakin University.*

Located across three Deakin University campuses - Melbourne Burwood, Geelong Waurn Ponds and Geelong Waterfront, Deakin College offers a range of 1-year diplomas that articulate to second year bachelor studies at Deakin University.

The diploma programs are equivalent to first year university. Each diploma consists of eight academic units, which students must complete and pass to receive the diploma.

Deakin College offers 10 [diplomas](#), and they all offer entry into a range of bachelor degrees.

**Students who do not attain the ATAR they require for a bachelor degree at Deakin University might like to browse the [Deakin College](#) website to find out more about the options offered as a pathway to Deakin University.**



## 2024 VCE Summer School Programs

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

Extensive, live, interactive and **ONLINE** 2-hour VCE preparation lectures.

**Dates:** Monday 22 January to Thursday 25 January 2024

Visit [VCE and HSC Exam Revision Lectures at Access Education](#) to find out more or to download a brochure for the 2024 program.

### ➤ **The School for Excellence Summer School**

Face-to-face, in person Head Start lectures.

**Dates:** Wednesday 10 – Tuesday 23 January 2024

**Venue:** The University of Melbourne (Parkville)

Visit [TSFX Summer School](#) to find out more about the 2024 program or to enrol.



## Useful Tips for Successful Interviews



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### **1 Don't waste the opening moments**

Many candidates lose the job in the first minute of the interview by not thinking carefully about their initial impact. Interviewers make a quick initial decision about your personality from the moment you arrive, based on how you look and sound. Dress as if you already work there and you've just been promoted. Make those initial seconds relaxed and upbeat as you can, even if you're just talking about your journey.

### **2 Don't over-deliver**

Most candidates say too much. Interviewers are not that interested, and will usually accept a short, positive answer and move on. Practise compressing your evidence into good short stories no more than 3 minutes long setting out what problem you were handling, what you did, how you did it, and what the result was.

### **3 Don't act like a stranger**

Leave your coat, umbrella, and bag in reception. Just take in a slim folder into the interview room containing the documents you need, and you will look like an employee rather than a visitor.

### **4 Don't try to wing difficult questions**



## Occupational Therapy Degrees in Victoria in 2023

Occupational therapists assess and treat people who, due to illness, injury or circumstance, are limited in their ability to undertake everyday activities. They assist people to regain lost functions, develop their abilities and social skills, as well as maintain and promote independence in their everyday lives to enhance health and wellbeing - [Good Universities Guide - Occupational Therapist](#).

Occupational Therapy is offered at the following Victorian Universities –

UNIVERSITY	VCE REQUIREMENTS	ATAR 2023
<a href="#">ACU</a> M - Melbourne	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.	<b>83.50 (M)</b>
<a href="#">Charles Sturt</a> AW – Albury-Wodonga	No VCE prerequisites but completion of Year 12 is required, and an ATAR is used in selection	<b>70.80 (AW)</b>
<a href="#">Deakin</a> G – Geelong W’Front	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	<b>75.45 (G)</b>
<a href="#">Federation Uni</a> Gi – Gippsland	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in any English; Units 1 and 2: satisfactory completion in two units (any study combination) of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics; Units 3 and 4: satisfactory completion in one of Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development, Maths: Further Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods, Maths: Specialist Mathematics, Physical Education or Physics.	<b>58.15 (Gi)</b>
<a href="#">La Trobe</a> B – Bendigo M – Melbourne	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	<b>75.10 (B)</b> <b>87.45 (M)</b>
<a href="#">Monash</a> P - Peninsula	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 27 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	<b>85.15 (P)</b>



## Snapshot of Whitehouse Institute of Design in 2023

- 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 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 for high school students through VETDSS: 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 from the University of Melbourne

### ➤ **New Narrm Scholarship Program**

Melbourne has just launched its *new expanded scholarship and enrichment program, available to Indigenous Australian students and to students enrolling through Access Melbourne, our Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS).*

In 2024, the university will be welcoming its inaugural cohort of Narrm Scholars, who will benefit from a \$6,500 living allowance and tailored enrichment program designed to build their sense of belonging and connection with others in their wider cohort for the duration of their studies.

Narrm Scholarships will be awarded to all students in eligible guaranteed cohorts, while in 2024 we will be offering approximately 200 additional Narrm Scholarships across other Access Melbourne categories.

Find out more at [Narrm Scholarship](#).

### ➤ **Studying Biomedicine or Science**

#### 1. **Where can a Bachelor of Biomedicine Take Me?**

Biomedicine is an excellent foundation course for students keen to become experts in various fields of biomedicine. The Bachelor of Biomedicine prepares students for a range of health-related postgraduate programs, specialised graduate research, and a career contributing to the advancement of human health. Students often use Biomedicine as an undergraduate qualification into graduate study leading to professional careers in medicine, research, health sciences, and even engineering.

For more information, including YouTube clips, and links to graduate pathways a Bachelor of Biomedicine can take one, browse [UniMelb: Where can a Bachelor of Biomedicine Take Me?](#)

#### 2. **Where can a Bachelor of Science Take Me?**

A Bachelor of Science is the first step towards a dream career in science, engineering, health, or technology. Once a student has completed their Bachelor of Science degree, they can go on to gain employment, or begin a graduate degree and work towards a professional qualification. A Bachelor of Science degree can take a student in the direction they are passionate about, from food science to psychology.

Browse [Careers by Field](#) and [Tips on Choosing a Science Major](#) to discover more. For answers to Frequently Asked Questions, browse [Science Undergraduate Studies](#).

For other information, including further study into graduate degrees, students are encouraged to browse [Where can a Bachelor of Science Take Me?](#)



## Tuckwell Scholarship for 2025

Australian National University (ANU) launched the *Tuckwell Scholarship Program* in 2013. *The Tuckwell Scholarship Program at the ANU is the most transformational undergraduate scholarship program in Australia.* A Tuckwell is not just about a students' intellect. It is also about their desire and determination to use their natural abilities to realise their full potential so that they can make a difference in the world. All up one could say, **this is no ordinary scholarship!**

### Scholarships are awarded based on four criteria:

- academic potential and achievements to date;
- other significant achievements to date, of any type;
- demonstration of the [Attributes of a Tuckwell Scholar](#); and
- a [desire to eventually give back to Australia](#).

**Applications will open in March 2024.**

For more information browse [Tuckwell Scholarship](#).



## University Terms

When students are looking into university study, they often come across words or terms they are unfamiliar with. 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's 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's 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 contributes towards the cost of that student's education.

**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. Deferment 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% loan fee applies.

**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 an area of interest. The Honours year can either be

integrated into a 4-year bachelor's degree or be offered as a separate year after completion of a 3-year bachelor's 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 the 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.

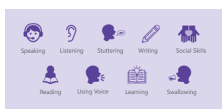
**Transcript** – this is the university academic record each student receives, like a school report.

**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's 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 may apply.

**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*.



## Speech Pathology and Audiology Degrees in Victoria in 2023

**Speech Pathologists** study, diagnose and treat communication and swallowing disorders, including difficulties with speech, language, fluency and voice. Four Victorian universities offer an undergraduate degree in Speech Pathology, and these courses on offer are listed below. A number of these universities also offer graduate courses in speech pathology.

**Audiologists** are health care professionals who identify, assess and manage disorders of hearing, balance and other neural systems.

Note: The University of Melbourne offers a [Master of Speech Pathology](#) and the entry requirement for this course is the successful completion of an undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline (Science, Biomedicine, Linguistics, Phonetics, Education, Psychology).

The University of Melbourne also offers a [Master of Clinical Audiology](#), and the entry requirements are an undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline (Science, Health Sciences, Biomedicine, Linguistics, Phonetics, Psychology, Music), or equivalent.

INSTITUTION	COURSE NAME	VCE PREREQS	ATAR 2023
<b>Australian Catholic University</b>  *Not accepted as a prerequisite from 2024 M – Melbourne	<a href="#">Bachelor of Speech Pathology</a>	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, Health And Human Development* or Physics.	<b>91.25 (M)</b>
<b>Federation University</b>  B – Ballarat G – Gippsland	<a href="#">Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)</a>	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in any English; Units 1 to 4: a study score of at least 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development, any Mathematics, Physical Education or Physics.	<b>n/p (B)</b> <b>n/p (G)</b>
<b>La Trobe University</b>	<a href="#">Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)</a>	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, Health And Human Development, any Mathematics, Physical Education or Physics.	<b>71.80 (B)</b> <b>86.95 (M)</b>
	<a href="#">Bachelor of Biomedicine and Master of Clinical Audiology</a> *	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	<b>80.40 (M)</b>
	<a href="#">Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Clinical Audiology</a> *		<b>77.45 (M)</b>

<p><a href="#">Master of Clinical Audiology</a> *</p> <p>B – Bendigo M – Melbourne</p>	<p><a href="#">Bachelor of Psychological Science and Master of Clinical Audiology</a> *</p>		<p>n/p (M)</p>
<p><b>Victoria University</b></p> <p>*Not Foundation Maths</p> <p>F – Footscray Park</p>	<p><a href="#">Bachelor of Speech and Language Sciences/Master of Speech Pathology</a></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>81.15 (F)</b></p>



## Snapshot of Kangan Institute in 2023

- 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 courses including [Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising](#).
- 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:
  - [Central Queensland University](#)
  - [Deakin University](#)
  - [Federation University](#)
  - [La Trobe University](#)
  - [RMIT](#)
  - [Torrens University](#)
  - [Victoria University](#)

