CAREER NEWS

Friday 22 August

Dates to Diarise in Term 3

- **University / TAFE Open Days 2025** – late July and throughout August
- **Year 12 VTAC timely applications** – throughout August and September
- **VTAC SEAS and Scholarship applications** – throughout August and September

Academic Excellence Scheme

The University of Sydney has a range of admission pathways and programs. One of these is the Academic Excellence Scheme which recognises high performance in English and mathematics by applying adjustment factors to boost a student's selection rank. Australian students who demonstrate excellence in high-level English or mathematics in their final Year 12 exams, can **add up to five adjustment factors to their ATAR** to raise their selection rank. Students who are eligible for adjustment factors, these will automatically be added to their ATAR (or equivalent). There is no additional application process.

News from La Trobe University

La Trobe has provided the following course updates:

Bachelor of Business – offering *new* majors and minors, with ten majors being offered
Bachelor of Commerce – now more flexible so students can have more choice
Bachelor of Food and Nutrition – two capstone subjects offered at the end of the degree

News from RMIT University

➢ RMIT Year 12 Selection Task Guide

Year 12 students applying for courses requiring a ***selection task*** as part of entry to an RMIT course next year are encouraged to read through the **RMIT Year 12 Selection Task Guide for 2026** PDF and note which courses require a selection task and the deadline they need to be submitted by.

➢ How to become a Graphic Designer at RMIT

Graphic designers are visual problem solvers with highly specialised technical, creative and conceptual skills and knowledge in visual communication. If you've ever looked at a poster, website, or advertisement and thought, "I'd love to be the one creating this, then a career as a graphic designer might be the job for you. From branding and packaging to digital media

and beyond, a graphic designer conceptualises, designs, and delivers the visual elements that make up our world. RMIT offers two graphic design undergraduate courses:

1. The Diploma of Graphic Design – a 1-year course that gives students access to industry standard software, and students gain in-depth knowledge of the design process to work in areas of visual and graphic design. Graduates may find work in areas such as advertising and promotion, art direction, branding and corporate identity, instructional design, packaging, signage and web design. Alternatively, students might continue on to further study.

2. Bachelor of Graphic Design – this 3-year course focuses on the shaping of visual communication across all aspects of contemporary society, from commercial, entertainment and education, to environmental, cultural and civic sectors. Students gain a solid grounding in the techniques and theoretical foundations of graphic design. In the second and third years of the program, students will extend these foundations into specific areas of practice by undertaking Major and Minor pathways of specialist study *in Illustration, Typography, Experience Design and Branding.* Graduates can expect to work within graphic design consultancies, multi-disciplined consultancies, publishing houses, new media/multimedia studios and advertising agencies.

Students are encouraged to browse How to become a Graphic Designer at RMIT to learn more.

- **Bachelor of Science (Geospatial Sciences major)**

The Geospatial Science major in the Bachelor of Science at RMIT equips you with the applied skills and knowledge required for discovering relationships between places, people and the environment, while gaining valuable real-world and industry experience.

With the Bachelor of Science at RMIT students get to enjoy a cross-disciplinary, flexible and personalised degree that allows them to pursue a range of diverse interest areas across science.

In the ***geospatial sciences*** major, students will meet many passionate and dedicated professionals who share their knowledge through invited lecturers, capstone project supervisions, internships and fieldwork. Students can undertake one-of-a-kind work placement locally, interstate and overseas, building a global network and boosting career opportunities. RMIT also partners with key players operating in the global geospatial market including Google, ESRI Australia, Trimble, Leica, and Hexagon.

Graduates of geospatial science can work for a diverse range of exciting industry and government organisations, including conservation, planning, mapping, demographic marketing, emergency services, statutory authorities, government, manufacturing, finance, insurance, agriculture, forestry, transportation, weather monitoring, climate change modelling.

Find out more at Bachelor of Science (Geospatial Sciences major).

Studying Agriculture at Melbourne

Agriculture is definitely more than farming, but what? As populations increase and climate change affects agriculture and the natural world, healthy, economically viable and sustainable food and fibre production is quickly becoming the most pressing issue of our time.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Agriculture at the University of Melbourne leave with a set of skills that set them up to be employable not only in agriculture, but also its supporting industries and agencies in Australia and around the world, in roles involving:

- Sustainable practice
- Water management improvement
- Responsible fertiliser use
- On-farm advising
- Food and fibre production increase
- Disease-resistant crop development
- Animal welfare
- Biosecurity
- Post-farm processing and marketing
- Agribusiness management and agricultural finance
- Government and industry policy.

Find out more about how Bachelor of Agriculture students prepare for the workforce, and the careers they enter.

The Bachelor of Agriculture is a 3-year course, taught at the Parkville Campus and includes an option to spend a semester at Melbourne's Dookie campus - a living laboratory, showcasing and experimenting on the cutting edge of agricultural science. Its researchers and students work together to test and learn in real-time.

Students study a common first year, before entering one of three majors:

- Agricultural Economics: learn how to analyse and advise on the business management and financial sustainability of agricultural enterprise
- Plant and Soil Science: understand the science of using plants for food, fuel, fibre and land reclamation and to address issues in plant health and sustainable agriculture
- Production Animal Science: prepare for a career in animal health and production, animal welfare or biosecurity. Learn about animal production industries, animal behaviour and disease, and how management strategies can optimise growth and welfare.

Watch this useful YouTube clip on studying agriculture and the Dookie Campus.

NOTE: Students keen on using the Bachelor of Agriculture as a pathway into Veterinary Medicine, must have completed the Production Animal Science major and have achieved high average marks, to be eligible to apply to study the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine with up to 25 points of credit.

Exercise Science & Sport Degrees in Victoria in 2025

Many of the courses listed below provide an accredited pathway for graduates to be eligible to register and practise as an Accredited Exercise Scientist with Exercise and Sports Science Australia (ESSA). These degrees are also often used as pathways to post-graduate study in courses such as the *Master of Clinical Exercise Physiology, Graduate Diploma or Master of Applied Sport Science, Graduate Certificate of Strength and Conditioning, Graduate Certificate of Sport Performance*, to name a few. **For a comprehensive list of courses, including double degrees, on offer at both TAFEs and universities, visit VTAC.**

UNIVERSITY	COURSES	VCE PREREQUISITE SUBJECTS IN 2025	ATAR 2025
ACU M - Melbourne	**Exercise & Sport Science**	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	**64.05 (M)**
	High Performance Sport	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English as an Additional Language or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	**59.15 (M)**
DEAKIN G – Waurn Ponds M – Melbourne **#** Sports Science School ranked 1st in the world	**Business (Sport Management)**	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	**80.05 (M)**
	Exercise & Sport Science #	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	**62.90 (G)** **70.00 (M)**
	Exercise & Sport Science (Hon) #		**76.60 (G)**
	Sport Development	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	**60.15 (M)**
FEDERATION B – Ballarat Be – Berwick Gi – Gippsland	**Exercise & Sport Science**	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 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 or Units 3 and 4 in one of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	**54.70 (B)** **55.65 (Be)** **50.90 (Gi)**
	Sport, Physical and Outdoor Education		**N/P (B)** **50.15 (Be)** **N/P (Gi)**
LA TROBE B – Bendigo M - Melbourne	**Sport and Exercise Science**	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Health and Human Development, any Mathematics, Physical Education, Physics or Psychology.	**65.70 (B)** **67.55 (M)**
	Sport and Recreation Management	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	**59.70 (M)**
SWINBURNE H - Hawthorn	**Exercise and Sport Science**	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English as an Additional Language (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics	**58.25 (H)**
VIC UNI F – Footscray S.A. – St. Albans	**Biomedical & Exercise Science**	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development, any Mathematics or Physical Education.	**57.40 (S.A.)** **61.15 (F)**
	Exercise Science – Clinical Practice	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	**N/P (F)**
	Exercise Science – Sport Practice		**55.00 (F)**
	Physical Education and Sport Science		**N/P (F)**
	Sport Management		**N/P (C)**
	Sport Science		**N/P (F)**

Nutrition And Dietetics Degrees in Victoria in 2025

According to the Dietitian Association of Australia (DAA) - Dietitian or nutritionist | Dietitians Australia, there is a distinction made between dietitians and other occupations in the nutrition and food science field, including that of nutritionist. The key difference between a dietitian and a nutritionist is that, in addition to or as part of their qualification in human nutrition, a dietitian has undertaken a course of study that included substantial theory and supervised and assessed professional practice in clinical nutrition, medical nutrition therapy and food service management. **So, in Australia, all dietitians are nutritionists however nutritionists without a dietetics qualification cannot take on the expert role of a dietitian.**

Victorian universities offering undergraduate courses in nutrition, food science and/or dietetics include:

UNIVERSITY	COURSE	VCE PREREQ' SUBJECTS	ATAR 2025
ACU (M) – Melbourne	Nutrition Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	**60.95 (M)**
Deakin (M) - Melbourne	Nutrition Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	**65.50 (M)**
	Nutrition Science (Dietetics Pathway)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	**90.00 (M)**
Federation Online only	Food and Nutrition	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any English; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of any Mathematics or any Science.	**N/P Min 50.00**
La Trobe (M) – Melbourne	Food and Nutrition	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	**60.00 (M)**
	Food and Nutrition/Master Dietetic Practice	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	**86.05 (M)**
Monash (C) – Clayton Master of Nutrition and Dietetics	Nutrition Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	**71.45 (C)**
	Nutrition Science - Scholars Program (Dietetics Pathway)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	**90.05 (C)**
RMIT (C/B) – City/Bundoora	Food Technology & Nutrition	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL or at least 27 in English as an Additional Language (EAL); Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	**70.35 (C/B)**
SWINBURNE (H) – Hawthorn	Nutrition	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in English other than EAL or at least 25 in English as an Additional Language.	**61.65 (H)**
	Health Science (Nutrition Major) and a Master of Dietetics	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in English other than EAL or at least 25 in English as an Additional Language.	**57.80 (H)**
Victoria (F) - Footscray **Not Foundation Maths	Human Nutrition	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English as an Additional Language (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Health and Human Development, any Mathematics** or Physical Education.	**N/P (F)**
	Nutritional Science/Master of Dietetics	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English as an Additional Language (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.	**84.40 (F)**

Note: Food Science and Nutrition are often offered as majors/minors in courses in *biomedicine, exercise science, health,* and *science degrees*, etc.

Students are encouraged to browse VTAC for a comprehensive list, including double degrees.

Snapshot of Griffiths University in 2025

- Situated in Queensland, Griffith University began offering courses just under 50 years ago, and today is ranks in the top 2% of universities in the world - rankings.
- Griffith's teaching and research spans six campuses in South East Queensland and all disciplines, while it has a network of more than 200,000 graduates extending around the world.
- Griffith University offers future-focused degrees that are developed in consultation with industry, based on cutting-edge research, and taught by Australia's most awarded teachers.
- Students are encouraged to browse degrees to find out about the many undergraduate, as well as postgraduate, courses on offer.
- Griffith offers over 600 scholarships that help make university a reality for a variety of new and continuing students. Students could be eligible for different scholarships based on their background, chosen study area, hardships they've experienced, or their achievements so far.
- Students seeking to live in student accommodation can choose to live on campus at the Nathan or Gold Coast campus, or off campus with one of the university's off campus partners.
- Student life is geared towards a balance of study as well as access to clubs and societies, etc.