



Dates to Diarise in Term 3

- **University / TAFE Open Days 2026** – late July and throughout August
- **Year 12 VTAC timely applications** – early August until end September
- **VTAC SEAS and Scholarship applications** – throughout August and September



VTAC Year 12 Guide 2026

The [VTAC Year 12 Guide](#) is designed to lead students through the process of researching tertiary education and applying for courses, special consideration (SEAS) and scholarships.

Year 12 students are encouraged to browse the abovementioned website and may also choose to download the students [VTAC Quick Reference Guide for Year 12](#) and/or a [postcard](#) with key dates.



What is VET in the VCE?

VET stands for *Vocational Education and Training*, and vocation refers to work or employment. **VET in the VCE** programs are designed to give students an exposure to practical skills and an understanding of what it is like to 'learn through doing'.

So, students can opt to do a VET subject while completing their VCE and, in many cases, the VET qualification contributes towards the VCE and the ATAR.

Visit [VET in the VCE](#) to find out more.



News from La Trobe University

➤ **Studying Criminology at La Trobe**

Build a rewarding career with the criminology knowledge that is in demand. Gain expertise and build real-world skills for careers across corrections, policing, government and the community sector.

Create innovative solutions to social issues and build a safer community. Understand crime in its broader social context and how our responses are shaped by gender, race, power and money. Address real-world problems while gaining a deeper understanding of issues such

as family violence, international crime, youth justice, imprisonment and deaths in custody.

Courses include *Bachelor of Criminology*, *Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Psychological Science*, *Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Cybersecurity*, *Bachelor of Laws (honours)/Bachelor of Criminology*.

Find out more at [Study Criminology at La Trobe University](#).

➤ **Studying Law at La Trobe**

The world needs forward-thinking legal professionals. Build a rewarding career with the legal expertise that is in demand. Gain expertise in law and build real-world skills for careers across law firms, government, courts and the community sector.

The Bachelor of Laws (Honours) course subjects meet all Victorian Legal Admissions Board requirements for admission to the legal profession in Australia.

At La Trobe University, students deal with real clients and workplaces while they study through La Trobe's work-based learning framework.

Students get to learn from the best, so they can become a leader in their career:

- Get real-world experience with placements through La Trobe's network of industry partnerships, its Legal Internship Program, overseas study programs, and the Law Clinic.
- Put their legal skills to the test with La Trobe's leading moot program.
- Combine intellectual and skills-based legal training with a progressive approach to law.

Find out more at [Study Law at La Trobe University](#).

➤ **On-Demand Undergraduate Webinars**

*Missed out on a live webinar event? Now you can catch up at a time that suits you – from wherever you are – with on-demand webinars. Visit [Webinars, Study with us, La Trobe University](#) and watch webinars including *Dentistry, Paramedicine, Physiotherapy, Speech Pathology, and Occupational Therapy*.*



Pharmacy News from Monash

➤ **Useful Booklet**

Any place there are medicines, there are pharmacists. This means that the pool of opportunities for pharmacy graduates is large and diverse.

Monash University has published a very useful booklet outlining twenty-two pharmacy careers which are summarised below.

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| 1. Community Pharmacy | 6. Pharmaceutical Industry / Clinical Trials |
| 2. Hospital Pharmacy | 7. Locum Pharmacist |
| 3. Consultant Pharmacy | 8. Aged Care |
| 4. Primary care pharmacist | 9. Government and nongovernmental organisations |
| 5. Researcher / Academic | |

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| 10. Complex Care Coordinator | 17. Women's and Newborns' Pharmacist |
| 11. Drug Safety Officer | 18. Drug Information Specialist |
| 12. Entrepreneur Regulatory Affairs Associate | 19. Emergency and Acute Medicine Pharmacist |
| 13. Management and Mentorship | 20. Antimicrobial Stewardship |
| 14. Politics | 21. Pain Educator, Program Director or Consultant |
| 15. Military Pharmacist | |
| 16. Mental Health Pharmacist | |

Find out more details about these roles, click on [Careers in Pharmacy](#).

➤ **Important Update**

The ***Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons) / Master of Pharmacy*** will be restructured to a **Doctor of Pharmacy** program. This is to bring Monash into line with the entry/practice standards of the Pharmacy Board and global standards. It will remain a 5-year program, with a heavier workload in the final year. **Details will be published in the coming weeks, so watch this space!**



Studying a Common First Year in Engineering

A number of Victorian universities offer a common first year in their Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree. The advantage of a ***common first year*** is that students get to explore various specialisations in their first year, preparing them to choose an engineering field in their second year. So, students get a taste of the various engineering specialisations on offer before deciding which to pursue from the second year.

Deakin University - [Engineering](#)

Deakin offers five engineering specialisations as part of their Bachelor of Engineering degrees, all of which participate in the common first year. The Bachelor of Software Engineering is a separate degree and does not have a common first year with the main Engineering degrees.

Monash University - [Engineering](#)

Monash offers ten engineering specialisations and, all but the Biomedical Engineering specialisation, participate in the common first year.

RMIT University - [Engineering](#)

RMIT offers ten specialisations, all of which are accessible after the common first year.

Swinburne University - [Engineering](#)

Swinburne offers eight engineering majors, and in the common first year, students complete a number of core units that assist them in choosing their major.



Cetacean Sisters Workshop

Marine Science Workshop Series for Secondary School Girls

Cetacean Sisters is a hands-on science program for secondary school girls, focused on dolphin and whale research and conservation in Port Phillip and beyond. Through workshops, mentoring, and real-world data examples, it inspires young women to explore STEM careers.

Held across five engaging sessions, this hands-on program explores the science of whales and dolphins through real-world activities, mentoring, and land-based learning on the shores of Port Phillip or Phillip Island.

Workshop Highlights:

- **Interactive Learning:** Each session includes practical, hands-on experiences focused on the cetaceans of local waters.
- **Expert Mentors:** Led by a local cetacean scientist and her experienced marine science team.
- **STEM Career Insights:** A valuable introduction to marine science pathways and what it's really like to work with wildlife.
- **Small Group Size:** Capped at 12 students to encourage mentoring and peer connection
- **Ongoing Support:** Includes free access to the online platform *Circle Community* app for 12 months of continued connection and learning.

Upcoming workshops:

- **Mount Martha**
 - Starting Saturday 15th August 2026
 - Sessions each Saturday, 10 am – 12pm, finishing September 12th.
- **Phillip Island**
 - Starting Monday 21st September 2026
 - Sessions each day, 10am-12pm, finishing September 25th.

Further information can be found [here](#). Workshop dates can be found and places booked via [Humanitix](#).



Civil Engineering Degrees in Victoria in 2026

Civil engineers plan, design, construct, operate and maintain roads, bridges, dams, water supply schemes, sewerage systems, transportation systems, harbours, canals, dockyards, airports, railways, factories and large buildings. They may perform some of the following tasks* - * [Good Universities Guide - Civil Engineering](#)

Universities in Victoria that offer undergraduate degrees in Civil Engineering include -

INSTITUTION	VCE REQUIREMENTS	ATAR 2026
Deakin University G – Geelong Warrnambool Campus M – Melbourne Campus Note: Bachelor of Engineering (Industry) (Honours) (12-month paid industry placement)	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 Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	67.05 (G) 70.25 (M)
Federation University MH – Mount Helen Campus	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 Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	L/N (MH)
La Trobe University Be - Bendigo M – Melbourne Campus	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 Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	66.80 (Be) 60.80 (M)
Monash University C – Clayton Campus Note: Engineering (Honours) - Masters Accelerated Pathway *	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 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; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in one of Chemistry or Physics.	85.00 (C) 90.50 (C)*
RMIT University C – City Note: A pathway course to the bachelor degree is the Associate Degree Engineering Technology	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 20 in one of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics. Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) ^^ has the same prerequisites.	80.45 (C) 73.00 (C) ^^
Swinburne University H – Hawthorn Campus *Professional Degree Note: A pathway course to the bachelor degree is the Associate Degree of Engineering	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 27 in English (EAL) or at least 23 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.	72.70 (H) 80.60 (H)*
Victoria University FP – Footscray Park **Not Foundation Mathematics	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 any Mathematics **	N/P (FP)

Visit [VTAC](#) for more information on these and other similar courses – including double-degrees.



Electrical Engineering Degrees in Victoria in 2026

Electrical engineers design, develop and supervise the manufacture, installation, operation and maintenance of electrical systems. They work on systems for the generation, distribution, utilisation and control of electric power. They also work on electronic systems used for computing, communications and other industrial applications. (Good Universities Guide)

Read more at [Good Universities Guide - Electrical Engineer](#)

Electrical engineering degrees are offered at several Victorian universities, and students are encouraged to browse [VTAC](#) for a comprehensive list of courses.

INSTITUTION	VCE PREREQUISITE SUBJECTS	ATAR 2026
Deakin University G – Geelong Waurin Ponds M – Melbourne Note: Bachelor of Engineering (Industry) (Honours)**	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 Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics. ** 12-month paid industry placement	65.50 (G) 70.40 (M)
Federation University B – Ballarat Campus Be – Berwick Campus Gi – Gippsland Campus	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 Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	L/N (B) L/N (Be) 79.50 (Gi)
Monash University Note: Engineering (Honours) - Masters Accelerated Pathway* Cl – Clayton Campus	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 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 Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in one of Chemistry or Physics.	85.00 (Cl) 90.50 (C)*
RMIT University Electrical Electronic & Computer Systems Engineering Engineering (Honours) C – City Campus	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.	80.30 (C)
	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.	80.00 (C)
	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.	73.00 (C)
Swinburne University Engineering (Honours) Engineering (Professional) H – Hawthorn Campus	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 27 in English as an Additional Language (EAL) or at least 23 in English other than EAL.	72.70 (H)
	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 27 in English as an Additional Language (EAL) or at least 23 in English other than EAL.	80.60 (H)
Victoria University * Not Foundation Maths F – Footscray Campus	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 any Mathematics.*	N/P (F)

Snapshot of Victoria University (VU) in 2026

- More than 45,000 students from around the world study at one of VU's campuses in the heart of the city, and across Melbourne's western suburbs - [VU Campuses](#). VU also has a campus in Sydney and in Brisbane offering courses for international students.
- VU has a number of academic colleges including *arts & education, business, engineering, health & biomedicine, law & justice, sport & exercise science* - [VU Teaching Colleges and Schools](#).
- VU has very strong industry connections with over 900 industry partnerships, including sporting partnerships with *Western Bulldogs, Melbourne Victory, Western Health, FIFA*, and various others - [VU Industry Connections](#).
- VU has agreements with over 50 *exchange partner* institutions worldwide, and students can often gain credit towards their degree by studying for a year or a semester with one of the international exchange partners - [VU Study on Exchange](#).
- VU is a dual-sector institution, offering both vocational training (TAFE) and higher education with very accessible transition between courses at all levels. These *pathways* mean that a student's dream qualification is within reach, regardless of their study background, prior experience, or their ATAR score - [VU Pathways](#).
- VU is one of Australia's leading sport universities, ranking #6 globally for sport science education in the [Shanghai Rankings 2025](#), and 2nd in Victoria.
- VU sport students may gain behind-the-scenes access at *Real Madrid Football Club* through a partnership - [VU Real Madrid Partnership](#).
- The [Victorian Law School](#) sits within the College of Arts, Education, Business, Law and IT., and offers a number of courses from certificates and diplomas to postgraduate degrees, giving students more options to achieve their goals while balancing life and study commitments through flexible pathways.
- VU's unique degree is the only course in Victoria that allows you to become an osteopath [accredited with the Australasian Osteopathic Accreditation Council \(AOAC\)](#) in just 4.5 years and at a masters level.
- VU is the only university offering a *dermal therapies degree* of its kind in Australia - [VU Dermal Sciences Degree](#).
- VU offers a number of courses linked to clinical practice and have dedicated clinics where current students put into practice that which they have learnt. Courses linked to clinics include *dermal therapies, massage, osteopathy, psychology* - [VU Health Clinics](#).
- Victoria University (VU) is the first university in Australia, and the largest in the world, to deliver courses by the [VU Block Model](#) – students study one subject at a time, in four-week blocks. That means students can focus their efforts, master their skills, and receive real-time feedback before moving on to the next subject.

