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Year 12 VTAC Applications Are Now Open

Our Year 12 students have begun the VTAC process an important step as they prepare for life beyond school. We encourage all families to sit down with their child over the coming weeks to talk through their plans and make sure their application is underway.

Key Dates: Monday 28 September, 5:00 pm

Other Key Dates:

- **Monday 28 September, 5:00 pm-VTAC timely applications close**
- **Friday 9 October- SEAS applications close**
- **Thursday 10 December- VCE results and ATAR released**

VTAC timely application deadline falls during the September school holidays, so please don't leave it until the last minute. Late applications attract higher fees, and technical problems in the final hours are common.

What is VTAC and why is it important.

VTAC (the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre) manages applications for most university, TAFE and higher education courses in Victoria.

Put simply, it is a one-stop website where Year 12 students apply for courses after school. Instead of applying separately to each university or TAFE, students use VTAC to:

- Apply for multiple courses in a single application
- List their course preferences in order of interest
- Apply for schemes such as SEAS (the Special Entry Access Scheme)
- Apply for scholarships offered through VTAC
- Receive and accept course offers

A helpful way to think about it: VTAC is the central booking system for university and TAFE courses. Students tell VTAC which courses interest them, and VTAC works with the institutions to process applications and make offers.

How the process works

Students begin by creating a VTAC account. Once the account is set up and the application fee is paid, they can start their SEAS application if they are eligible.

Importantly, selecting preferences and paying is not the end of the road. Students can still log back in and change their preferences after submitting so an early application does not lock anything in.

Why apply now, even if university isn't the plan?

Some students are considering employment, an apprenticeship or traineeship, or a gap year. Creating a VTAC account and submitting an application now still makes sense, because it keeps their options open at no real cost.

If a student receives an offer, they may be able to accept it and defer their place until the following year, depending on the institution's policy. Having an offer in hand and choosing not to take it up is a far better position than wishing they had applied.

Parent Tip

Encourage your child to set up their VTAC account early and to attend university and TAFE Open Days. Walking around a campus, talking with staff and current students, and asking questions about individual courses helps students make a genuinely informed decision rather than guessing from a website.

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Police Career Starters Program

I recently attended an online event announcing the Police Career Starters Program, a new recruitment pathway aimed at Year 12 students as they finish school. For students who have an interest in policing, this offers a way to begin that career directly after Year 12 rather than waiting several years.

Further details will be released to students as they become available. In the meantime, any Year 12 student who would like to know more is very welcome to come and see me in the Careers Office.

Victoria University Early Entry Still Open

Applications for [VU Early Entry](#) are still open to Year 11 and Year 12 students. The program is designed to give students a head start on university or TAFE, and includes:

- An early conditional offer
- Five bonus ATAR points
- Consideration for a \$5,000 scholarship or free accommodation
- A complimentary ATARNotes+ subscription (valued at around \$249)
- A 30-use gym pass for two
- ATAR-free pathways for VM students and those completing unscored VCE

Applying is free, and students are not locked in course preferences can be changed later. Eligibility conditions apply to the conditional offer, the bonus ATAR points and the ATAR-free pathways, so students should read the details on the VU website before applying.

Applications close 11 October 2026. Students are encouraged to apply well before exams rather than trying to fit it in around study.

If your child has questions about their VTAC application, preferences, SEAS eligibility or any of the opportunities above, please encourage them to come and see me in the Careers Office.

Other Early Entry Programs

Victoria University is not the only option. A number of other universities and TAFEs run their own early entry or early offer programs, each with different criteria, benefits and closing dates. The best starting point is the individual institution's website, as the details vary considerably from one provider to the next.

To help with this, the relevant booklets are available in three ways:

- On Teams, in the 2026 WCC Senior Future you Careers Page
- By email just ask and I will send them through
- In printed form, available in the Careers Centre

This week's events

ADF Indigenous Pathways Virtual Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Online

Date: September 14, 2026

Join the thousands of Australian Defence Force members who enjoy financial security, rewarding work and personal development in jobs that proudly represent their communities.

Join us for a virtual info session to learn about Indigenous opportunities in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

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Spaces are limited, so register ASAP!

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Accounting & Bookkeeping Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: September 14, 2026

Choosing a brand-new career path, knowing where to upgrade your skills or how to start doesn't need to be a decision you make alone.

Hosted by teachers who can answer questions and offer advice on your chosen field, our information sessions help you make an informed decision around your study and career options.

Find out more about a Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping.

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Hospitality Courses Information Session, Preston

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Melbourne Polytechnic, Preston Campus

Date: September 14, 2026

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Find out more about the following course(s):

- Certificate III in Commercial Cookery - Non-apprenticeship
- Certificate III in Hospitality
- Certificate III in Patisserie
- Certificate IV in Hospitality
- Certificate IV in Kitchen Management
- Diploma of Hospitality Management

[Find out more](#)

Federation Nursing & Individual Support Information Session, Horsham

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Wimmera Campus

Date: September 15, 2026

The session will cover both Certificate III in Individual Support and Diploma of Nursing.

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The Teachers will talk about the Programs, how many day per week and how long the course goes for, they will show a PowerPoint presentation and run through information on the courses, talk about Placement, Fee's and Charges, Uniforms, Scholarships, how to apply, entry requirements, applications, LLN, Interviews etc.

[Find out more](#)

VTAC Webinar: Applying for Equity Schemes and Scholarships

Organisation: Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre

Location: Online

Date: September 15, 2026

Have you been affected by educational disadvantage or want to find out more about financial support for your tertiary studies? Our webinar will guide you through the key opportunities available to support your journey.

We will speak about equity schemes and scholarships application, what it is, who is eligible and how to apply.

We will also speak about merit based and access based scholarships, explaining the differences and also how to research scholarships and apply.

Whether you're a student, a parent, or an educator, this webinar is designed to provide clarity and support you as you prepare your application for equity schemes and scholarships.

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Drama & Theatre Arts Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: September 15, 2026

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Find out more about the following course(s):

- Diploma of Live Production and Technical Services - Costume
- Diploma of Live Production and Technical Services - Live Production
- Diploma of Screen and Media - Specialist Make-Up Services
- Diploma of Theatre Arts

[Find out more](#)

CDW Studios Online Information Session

Organisation: CDW Studios

Location: Online

Date: September 16, 2026

Discover our industry-recognised pathway into the entertainment design industry!

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This free online session is designed for anyone interested in building a creative career in the entertainment design industry, becoming a professional artist for games, movies, animation and VFX.

[Find out more](#)

ADF Trade Careers Information Session, Albury

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Albury ADF Careers Centre

Date: September 16, 2026

Whether you're starting your trade career from scratch or are looking for new avenues for your skills, you'll receive world-class training in the Australian Defence Force from experts in your field.

You'll have the opportunity to gain nationally accredited qualifications that benefit you for life.

To find out more about available Trade roles, come along to an info session and speak with current serving personnel.

It is highly recommended you book as soon as possible to avoid missing out as places are strictly limited!

Please arrive no later than 15 minutes early to allow time for check-in. Due to building access restrictions, late arrivals will not be permitted entry after the session begins.

[Find out more](#)

Mission Control at Parliament House for Year 7-12 Students

Organisation: Australian Space Agency

Location: Parliament House, Parliament of Victoria

Date: September 16, 2026

The space sector is set to triple in size by the year 2028 and will have a role in many diverse industries including agriculture, meteorology, precision mapping and health. What industries would it take to make Mars our home?

In this program, students will think critically about the skills and knowledge needed for a successful mission to Mars. After debating and voting on industries to send on the mission, in a way that mirrors Victoria's parliamentary process, they will work collaboratively to complete a hands-on design challenge as they consider how to sustainably power operations, feed the population, and communicate across the far reaches of space.

This program is a collaboration between Science Gallery Melbourne, Australian Space Agency and Parliament of Victoria.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Pharmacy: Hear how the degree is changing at Monash

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Online

Date: September 16, 2026

Our Pharmacy program is changing. Find out everything you need to know about the new Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) / Doctor of Pharmacy. We'll cover the course structure, opportunities for professional experience and personal development while you study, and career outcomes.

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We'll discuss courses, careers, and what it's like to be a part of the Parkville Campus community. We have identified some of the most commonly asked questions and invited students to address them and share their study experiences and advice with you.

[Find out more](#)

Le Cordon Bleu Melbourne Open Day 2026

Organisation: Le Cordon Bleu Australia

Location: Le Cordon Bleu, Melbourne Campus

Date: September 17, 2026

Now is your chance to discover how Le Cordon Bleu Australia can help kickstart your career in cuisine, pâtisserie, hotel management, restaurant management or business.

Our Melbourne campus will host an Open Day in October so you can explore our courses on offer and find out how we can help you succeed in the fast-paced food and hospitality world.

Marvel at our professional chef lecturers who will host cooking demonstrations in cuisine and pâtisserie and see first-hand why our culinary courses are elite. There will also be sensory experiences, information booths, plus those who apply on the day will have their \$250 application fee waived!

[Find out more](#)

ADF Trade Careers Information Session, Newcastle & Online

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Newcastle ADF Careers Centre

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Discover IT: New courses, industry experiences and more at Monash

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Online

Date: September 17, 2026

Hear directly from our Course Directors as they introduce our new courses spanning trending and emerging areas in technology, and learn about the innovative learning model that sets the Faculty of IT apart.

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This includes guaranteed real-world experience and industry immersion through our professional practice units and Work-integrated Learning credit points built into each IT degree. We will also talk about our shift toward more flexible, student-driven assessments and how we're adopting AI-enriched, human-centred learning.

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Information Technology & Security Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

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Find out more about the following course(s) at Melbourne Polytechnic:

- Certificate III in Information Technology

[Find out more](#)

AIE Information Evening for Future Students, Melbourne

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Location: Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Melbourne Campus

Date: September 17, 2026

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, film, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Information Evening.

The evening will include presentations on different areas of industry to get into as well as information about AIE full-time and part-time courses and entry requirements. We will be showing off AIE student work and our staff and teachers will be available to chat with you about our courses and how AIE can get you into a creative career.

[Find out more](#)

Whitehouse Institute of Design Fashion Illustration Workshop – Melbourne

Organisation: Whitehouse Institute of Design

Location: Whitehouse Institute of Design, Melbourne Campus

Date: September 19, 2026

In this 1-day workshop, you will gain an understanding of how to complete Fashion Illustrations. At the end of this workshop, you will have covered illustration content ready for an application to study a creative degree and receive a certificate of completion.

The workshop focuses on the following areas of skill development:

- Fashion illustration techniques and methods
- Application of pencils, professional markers, and felt-tip pens for professional rendering

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- Fabric texture and surface rendering
- Exploring an individual design aesthetic.

This workshop is for aspiring designers as a starting point for those wishing to develop their illustration skills.

[Find out more](#)