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Key points about Results, Change of Preference and Course Offers 2026-2027

Dear Class of 2026,

Firstly, congratulations on completing your final exams and assessments during another extraordinary year. You should be proud of your hard work and resilience. As you head into a well-deserved break, please take note of the following important information about VCE results, ATARs, and course preferences.

1. **Accessing VCE and ATAR Results.**

All VCE and relevant VCE-VM students will receive a statement of their VCE study scores from VCAA.
VTAC will not automatically post ATAR statements. Instead, your ATAR will be provided digitally as the standard format. A printed copy can still be requested for a fee.

Online access to results

Your VCE study scores, ATAR, and VTAC scaled study scores will be available at **7:00 am on Thursday 10th December** via the Results and ATAR service:
https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/results/applicants.htm

- If you did not access results for a 3/4 subject in 2025, you must **register** before results are released.
- If you completed a 3/4 subject in Year 11, use your existing login. If you've forgotten your password, you can reset it.
- You will need your VCAA student number and personal details.
- If you can't find your VCAA number, check your email or contact the school.

Payment deadline for very late applications

If you've decided to make a very late application via VTAC, the final day to submit payment for a VTAC application is 5pm on Friday, 4th December 2026. If you need support with this application, please contact the Careers team.

Digital ATAR Statements (My eQuals)

The 2026 cohort will receive a fully paperless ATAR.
Paid VTAC applicants will receive an email from My eQuals on 15 December with instructions to view your official ATAR statement.

VTAC offers a print service for students who wish to receive a printed ATAR statement. This service is available for a fee.

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Students not applying through VTAC
You can still access your ATAR and results for free via the Results and ATAR website.

2. **Change of Preferences (VTAC)**
You may add, delete, or reorder preferences **now until 12:00 pm, Saturday 12 December**, and again between offer rounds.

After results are released, use the available information to review and adjust your preferences.

- The main Change of Preference period closes **12:00 pm, Saturday 12 December**.
- December round offers are released **10:00 am, Wednesday 23 December**.
- A short CoP window runs again until **12:00 pm on 24 December** before January offers.

CoP also reopens after each subsequent offer round in January and February.

3. Guidelines for Your Preference List

- It's fine to list one or two "dream" options above your expected ATAR.
- Preferences 3–5 should be realistic options close to your expected ATAR.
- Lower preferences should be "lateral entry" options—courses that let you pathway into your goal area.
- Always include a backup such as a TAFE pathway or an associate degree.
- Remember: **only list courses you are willing to accept.**

4. Career Counselling availability post results release.

All of the Career team (Mr Crameri, Ms Grant, Ms McCarthy and Ms Martin) will be available for interviews on the following days and times:

- Thursday 10 December — 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
- Friday 11 December — 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

To book an interview, phone school reception on those days and ask for Nel.

The Careers team will also be checking emails during the remainder of the holiday period, especially around the Change of Preference periods, in between the offer rounds if you have a concern you'd like to discuss.

5. **Check over your course's essential requirements now!**
Make sure that you meet any prerequisites or essential requirements for a course that you may be adding to your list and please check that you have met any essential requirements for your existing courses.

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6. **The Offer Rounds – December, January and February.**
You will get only one offer per round.

Many students will not need to change their preference order but if you do need to clarify any information, the universities are offering their own appointment times to assist with any specific queries. See link - https://vtac.edu.au/applying/courses/cop/cop-events

7. **Only list preferences you'd be willing to accept.**
Research thoroughly before confirming your preferences.
Attend Uni/TAFE information sessions, look at course outlines, speak to faculty staff, and check out campus facilities. Many institutions run events during the Change of Preference period.

8. **ALWAYS ACCEPT YOUR FIRST OFFER!**
Accept and enrol in your December round offer course, as per the instructions emailed to you by the University/TAFE (not VTAC). You may not get another offer!
If you accept your first offer it will not preclude you from being offered a higher preference in subsequent rounds.

9. **Tax File Number required for Enrolment.**
You will need to provide your **Australian Tax File number** as part of the enrolment process. If you do not have one, you need to go to the ATO website and apply (this could take a few weeks). **To apply and find out about participating Post Offices, visit TFN Application.**

10. **USI may be required also.**
You may also need your USI (Unique Student Identifier).
If you don't have one, create it here: https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi

11. **University/TAFE Enrolment.**
Enrolment is a totally separate part of the process and can be quite tricky. You must follow the instructions in a timely manner as per your email offer from the University, TAFE, or private provider. This will most likely be done online.
The University may also call you to offer help with enrolment when you receive your offer, so please answer your phone so as not to miss this opportunity for assistance.

12. **Intention to Defer.**
If you intend to defer, you must check the University/TAFE policy on deferral and follow the instructions from the University/TAFE.

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13. **January round offers.**
The January round is released on **12 January 2027**.
About 90% of offers are made by this time. You will only be considered for preferences **higher** than the course you were offered in December.
You may decline your original offer if you receive a more preferred one later.

14. **Attempting to access more than one offer.**
If you want to be considered for lower preferences or add new options, you may change preferences after each round (as long as prerequisites and requirements are met).

We strongly suggest accepting your December offer first.

Make changes early to avoid system slowdowns.
Key dates: https://www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html

15. **Low Income Healthcare 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.

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. If your income is less than $6,608 over that period (or $826 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 $8,260 (or $1,032.50 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.

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16. **Enjoy your new experience.**
Be open-minded, try to learn a new skill, and involve yourself in what the University/TAFE has to offer.
For example, take on a leadership role, volunteer, look for overseas exchange experiences, and keep an eye on internships and scholarship opportunities.
You need to actively look for work experience or internships and use their Careers Services!

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We hope to stay in touch, and you are always welcome back for a chat or to be involved in future Careers and Pathways events.

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