



KURUNJANG CAREER NEWS

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Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- Year 12 VTAC late applications – 1 October to 1 November



Reminder: VTAC 2025 Upcoming Key Dates



VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 6 December 2024
ATARs Released	Thursday 12 December 2024
Change of Preference (CoP) closes	Saturday 14 December 2024
December Round Offers	Monday 23 December 2024
January Round International Offers	Monday 6 January 2025
January Round Domestic Offers	Friday 10 January 2025
February Offer Rounds	Tuesday 4 February 2025 onwards

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

The VTAC website is www.vtac.edu.au

Useful Tips for Year 12 Graduates



LOST ON CAMPUS: Download this useful app from iTunes and Google Play for a Campus Map of many universities. You will be able to find every tutorial room, lab, lecture theatre, coffee shop, carpark, bus stop, even your nearest vending machines and free microwaves on campus - [Lost on Campus Maps](#)



iUSEpass - travel concession for International students:

International undergraduate students can save 50% on an annual myki with an international Undergraduate Student Education pass (iUSEpass) myki card.

Visit [International Student Travel Concession](#)



How to be Successful in my First Year of Uni?

- I should attend orientation and transition activities – ***that way I can find out about support and advisory services available to me!***
- I need to seek assistance to learn expectations of my lecturers – ***I will have to learn about tertiary essay writing, using sources, avoiding plagiarism, and managing my time, etc.***
- I must remember to ask for help – ***no-one will necessarily be offering any!***
- I will need to be an independent learner – ***my lecturers and tutors will not be reminding me about deadlines!***
- I will need to take charge of my own learning – ***no-one will be checking up on me to see if I am keeping up with work or assignments!***
- I will need to organise my time effectively – ***there are no bells to remind me where to be!***
- I must remember that my classes may be much larger than what I have been used to at school – ***I will receive less individual attention!***
- I must make friends – ***building new friendship groups will help me cope and help me stay motivated!***
- I will be learning new skills that will be critical for my success – ***I will have to learn important research and referencing skills!***

Useful links to Victorian Universities' Student Support Services

Australian Catholic University	Student Services – ACU student life
Deakin University	Student life and Services - Deakin
Federation University	Student Support - Federation University Australia
La Trobe University	Support to Help You Thrive - La Trobe University
Monash University	Support - Monash University
RMIT University	Student Support - RMIT University
Swinburne University	University Student Support Services - Swinburne
University of Melbourne	Student Services directory - University of Melbourne
Victoria University	Advice & Support - Victoria University

Links to University Clubs & Societies

Australian Catholic University	Clubs and Societies – ACU student life
Deakin University	Clubs and Societies - Deakin
Federation University	Clubs and Groups - Federation University Australia
La Trobe University	Amenities and Facilities - La Trobe University
Monash University	Clubs and Societies – Monash University
RMIT University	Student life - RMIT University
Swinburne University	Clubs & Student Organisations Swinburne
University of Melbourne	Student Groups and Clubs - UniMelb
Victoria University	Sport & Social clubs - Victoria University



Scholarships to Study Abroad

Looking to study abroad but worried about the costs? Good news! There are hundreds of **scholarships to study abroad**, including general scholarships and more specialized funding schemes. Some are offered by government agencies, some by individual universities, and others by external funding organizations and charitable enterprises.

The **Top Universities website** is an excellent resource to learn more about what scholarships are on offer. Students can search for **region-specific scholarships** or **country-specific scholarships**. Students can even search for **subject-specific scholarships**.

Students are encouraged to browse [Scholarships to study abroad | Top Universities](#)

Remember...

Students who do best at university or TAFE are not necessarily those with the highest ATARs but those with **persistence, determination, organisational and self-management skills** that are also **assertive in asking for help**. Make sure you choose a course you will enjoy and are interested in; otherwise, you may experience problems with motivation. Form **friendship** groups with other students so you can be active in groups that discuss work and share ideas. Students that are engaged in **learning communities and networks** have a more positive university experience.

Low Income Health Care 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.

In particular, 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. As long as your income is less than \$6,152 over that period (or \$769 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 \$7,690 (or \$961 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.



Useful Websites and Links

- [Your Career](#)
a website launched by the National Careers Institute, and become more informed about career ideas, career industries, and how to become job ready.
- [MyFuture](#)
a career information & exploration service providing current career information, articles and links to many resources.
- [Careers Online](#)
career research, resume help, job hunting tips, job links, etc.
- [Workforce Australia](#)
free online jobsite, searches can be made by region and state, occupational category, type of employment – casual, part-time, or full-time, and covers a range of occupations.
- [Victorian Government Vacancies](#)
find out about government jobs and careers in the Victorian Government.

Snapshot of Whitehouse Institute of Design in 2024

- 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 core and 2 supporting 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: the 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](#).

