



Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- Year 12 VTAC very late applications – 6 November to 4 December



Reminder: VTAC 2021 Upcoming Key Dates

VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 4 December 2020
ATARs Released	Wednesday 30 December 2020
Change of Preference (COP) closes	Monday 4 January 2021
January Round International Offers	Thursday 7 January 2021
January Round Domestic Offers	Thursday 14 January 2021
February Offer Rounds	Monday 1 February 2021 onwards

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

The VTAC website is www.vtac.edu.au

TORRENS UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA Experience Speaker Series 2020

Torrens University invites students and parents to its exclusive annual *Speaker Series*. A great mix of industry experts and star guests will cover topics as diverse as *mental health awareness*, *the role of sport in communities*, *the rise of sustainable fashion* and the path to recovery for Australia's *tourism industry*. The series will run from Thursday 5 November – Thursday 10 December 2020.

For more information, and to register, visit [Torrens University Speaker Series 2020](#)



Australian Government
Services Australia

Low Income Healthcare Card for Australian 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 concessions, 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 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. As long as your income is less than \$4,568 over that period (or \$571 per week) you should qualify. You will maintain the Low Income Health Care Card as long as your income does not exceed \$5,710 (or \$713.75 per week) in any 8 week period.

It is highly recommended that all graduating Year 12 students consider applying for this card once the exams are over.

Visit [Low Income Healthcare Card](#) and find out more.



MONASH University

News from Monash University

➤ **New Way to Explore Engineering**

The Engineering Faculty has created a one-stop shop for key information about the different areas of engineering on *new* specialisation pages. Each area of engineering has a dedicated page providing a clear description of the specialisation, what is studied, career outcomes, student stories, links to video presentations, course maps, details of student experience programs and more. **Browse [Engineering Specialisations](#)**

➤ **New Biomedical Engineering Specialisation**

Monash is excited to introduce the *new* Biomedical Engineering specialisation to its [Bachelor of Engineering \(Honours\)](#). This specialisation is designed to equip students with the design and problem-solving skills of engineering, together with medical and biological sciences, in order to improve healthcare diagnosis, monitoring, therapy, and the creation of new medical instruments and devices. The VTAC Code is 2800328811 (CSP) and 2800328813 (International students). *More information will be available on the Monash website in the coming weeks.*

➤ **New Majors in Business and Commerce Degrees**

Monash Business School has added two new majors in the [Bachelor of Business](#) and one additional major in the [Bachelor of Commerce](#). ***Business Studies*** and ***Financial Econometrics*** have been added to the Bachelor of Business. There is also been a change to the Business Statistics major which has been renamed Business Analytics and Statistics to better reflect its content. The Bachelor of Commerce will have one new major added, ***Mathematical Foundations of Econometrics***

➤ **New double degree — Bachelor of Global Studies and Bachelor of IT**

Bachelor of Global Studies aims to create leaders who will *tackle our global challenges and create social change*. Students will apply learning in practical and professional 'real life' contexts and take part in a core overseas study trip. The highly practical Bachelor of IT will teach students to use IT effectively and to develop and manage IT-based systems. Topics include computer networks and security. Eligible students may apply for the industry-based

learning (IBL) placement program. The VTAC Code 2800311871 (CSP) and 2800311873 (International students). **Find out more, including the majors offered in each degree, at [Global Studies and Information Technology](#).**

➤ **New major — European Languages**

From 2021, students who wish to study languages such as *French, German, Italian and Spanish, and Latin American studies*, will be taught under a *new major* titled '**European languages**', giving language studies a global context. The language units, introductory through to proficient, will continue to be offered and there will be shared units which will provide a European and global focus and stronger intercultural literacy. Students wishing to take two languages can choose the extended major, and should also be mindful that a language entry level test will still be required. **Browse [European Languages](#).**



TUCKWELL
SCHOLARSHIP

Tuckwell Scholarship for 2022

Australian National University (ANU) launched the ***Tuckwell Scholarship Program*** in 2013. *The Tuckwell Scholarship Program at the ANU is the most transformational undergraduate scholarship program in Australia.* A Tuckwell is not just about a students' intellect. It is also about their desire and determination to use their natural abilities to realise their full potential so that they can make a difference in the world. All up one could say, **this is no ordinary scholarship! So, Tuckwell Scholar students will receive:**

- \$22,200 per annum (2020 rate) (increasing with inflation) for each year of the length of their undergraduate degree, to cover on-campus residential costs, books and general living expenses
- priority access guaranteed to ANU-approved student accommodation
- an annual allowance of up to \$2,000 to assist with their move to Canberra and to support two annual return journeys (e.g. airfares) between their home and the University for each year of their degree. The allowance will be dependent on the proximity of their family home to ANU.
- an allowance to help cover the transport costs for your parents to attend Commencement Weekend at the start of the program, and
- an [ANU Sports Centre membership](#) for the length of their degree.

Scholarships are awarded based on four criteria:

- academic potential and achievements to date;
- other significant achievements to date, of any type;
- demonstration of the [Attributes of a Tuckwell Scholar](#); and
- a [desire to eventually give back to Australia](#).

Applying for a Tuckwell Scholarship is a three-stage process which commences with an initial application from yourself and a recommendation from a schoolteacher. Applications will begin in March 2021.

For more information about the Tuckwell Scholarship Program visit [Tuckwell Scholarship](#).



University Terminology

When students are looking into university study, they often come across words or terms they are unfamiliar with. So, here are a few of the more commonly used terms to help students understand what is being talked about!

Associated Degree – an associate degree is generally a two-year qualification that is made up of two-thirds of a bachelor degree and may be offered by both TAFEs and universities. Students often use this as a steppingstone to the full bachelor's degree.

Assumed knowledge – refers to subjects the university recommends or prefers a student to have studied at school before starting the course

ATAR – Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank – the figure used by UAC and VTAC to calculate the entrance ranking for a university course

Bachelor Degree – the award/qualification a student gains when they have completed studies in an undergraduate course, which takes between 3 or 4 years of full-time study. This is the traditional starting point of a university qualification.

Bridging Course – an introductory course to help students achieve the preferred entry level to a degree, e.g. a bridging maths course for students who do not have the preferred maths but need it to access a course

Census Date – the last day a student can withdraw from their university course and not owe fees

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) – a student's enrolment in a university degree for which the Commonwealth government makes a contribution towards the cost of that student's education (formerly known as a HECS place)

Credit – if a student has previously studied – perhaps at TAFE – and has Recognised Prior Learning (RPL), the student may be able to receive credit for a subject or subjects in their course. Also often referred to as *Advanced Standing*.

Double degree – a student can choose to complete a double degree – this integrates studies in two degrees resulting in an award of two degrees, usually after a minimum of 4 years of study. Often also referred to as *Combined Degrees*.

Defer – a student may choose to delay starting their course. Deferring an offer of a place might mean delaying for 6, 12, 18 or 24 months. Deferment ensures the student is guaranteed their place in their selected course

Elective – a subject that is not core to the degree and is often from another faculty, e.g. a commerce student might choose psychology (from the Arts Faculty) as an elective

Faculty – a department within a university devoted to a particular area of study – so, Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Science

FEE-HELP – a loan scheme for domestic students used to pay all or part of an eligible student's tuition fees for university courses but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. A 20% - 25% loan fee applies.

HECS-HELP – a loan scheme that assists domestic students with a CSP place to pay their contribution. Students may choose to pay their fees upfront, or choose to defer payment via the HECS-HELP loan scheme

Honours – many Bachelor degrees offer a fourth year – called an Honours year. The Honours year allows students to further focus on a particular area of interest. The Honours year can either be integrated into a 4-year Bachelor degree or be offered as a separate year after completion of a 3-year Bachelor degree

Lecture – a period of teaching given by a lecturer to a large group of students in a lecture theatre; can often be as many as 300 students in a lecture

Major study – an area within a course that allows in-depth study in a particular field. More than one major may be allowed in some courses

Minor study – a grouping of subjects allowing a broader understanding of a few subjects, with less emphasis on in-depth study

Prerequisite – a set of conditions – usually a completion of a subject – that must be met before enrollment in a subject or course is allowed.

SA-HELP – SA-HELP is a loan scheme that assists eligible students to pay for all or part of their student services and amenities fees – so, non-academic fees.

Transcript – this is the university academic record each student receives, like a school report

Tutorial – a period of teaching given to a small group of students – involving discussion and participation

Undergraduate – a student studying at university for a first level degree, e.g. a Bachelor degree

VET Student Loans – a loan scheme for domestic students used to pay all or part of an eligible student's tuition fees for TAFE courses, but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. A 20% loan fee applies.

Workplace learning – practical training in a workplace, such as internships or practical work experience. This is a hands-on experience – some universities call it *Industry Based Learning* or *Work Integrated Learning*