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*“Mistakes lead to discovery,
discovery leads to opportunity
and opportunity ... well, it's up
to you now.”*

(Jim Iliovski)

Five Australian Universities Ranked in World's Top 50

Australia's universities continue to impress on the world stage, with five institutions ranked among the top 50 globally.

In June, the [QS Top Universities List 2021](#) was released. The QS is one of the top three most influential rankings lists in the world.

31	Australian National University
40	University of Sydney
41	University of Melbourne
44	University of New South Wales
45	University of Queensland

A further two Australian institutions, [Monash University](#) (55) and the [University of Western Australia](#) (92), cracked the top 100.

VTAC KEY DATES**Applications for 2021 entry**

Open – 3 August 2020 at 9am

Close – 30 September 2020 at 5pm

Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)

Open – 3 August 2020 at 9am

Close – 9 October 2020 at 5pm

VTAC Scholarships

Open – 3 August 2020 at 9am

Close – 9 October 2020 at 5pm

Offers

January Offers – 14 January 2021

February Offers – 1 February 2021

For more details regarding important dates, and applicable fees, please refer to

[VTAC Key Dates](#)

	Preferences	Courses
1	Dream	
2	Dream	
3	Dream	
4	Realistic	
5	Realistic	
6	Realistic	
7	Realistic	
8	Safety-Net	

How many courses can I apply for, and how should I order them?

You may apply for up to 8 preferences. You should order them from what you would most want – your dream course – down with a safety-net course last. **Make sure you have Plan A, Plan B and even Plan Z course preferences!!!**

How do I apply?

Applications to VTAC are made on-line on the VTAC website. There are no paper applications. The online application service can be accessed at www.vtac.edu.au

What is a CSP course?

A CSP course is a Commonwealth Supported Place and students pay part of the cost of their courses whilst the government pays the major part of the cost. All Australians, some New Zealand citizens and Australian Permanent Residents can apply for a CSP course

What do the course codes mean?

In the VTAC Guide, all CSP and Government-funded TAFE course codes end in “1” while local Full-Fee course codes end with “2”. Type “4” courses only apply to students older than 20 years of age. Course codes that end with “3” are for International Students.

What if I do not have the prerequisite subjects or meet the essential requirements?

A course preference will be disregarded by the course Selection Officer if an Essential Requirement has not been satisfied or you do not have a pre-requisite subject

Are the Lowest Selection Rank ATARs the same every year?

No, you should use the Lowest Selection Ranks from previous years only as a guide to the relative level of difficulty of gaining entry into a particular course. It is important to realise that Lowest Selection Ranks are always subject to fluctuations as a result of pressures of supply and demand and therefore accurately predicting future entrance scores is not possible.

What is SEAS?

SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme) is for all applicants whose education has been affected by long-term disadvantage such as disabilities, long-term illness, or difficult family circumstances.

Does VTAC decide if I get into a course?

No, VTAC does not decide who gets into a course, and that decision rests with each universities' selection officers and is based on having the correct prerequisites, essential requirements (if necessary) and the Lowest Selection Ranks ATAR.



CASPer is an online test designed to assess an applicant's personal and professional attributes. **CASPer** is a requirement of applying to many initial teaching training courses in Victoria:

[Take Casper](#)

A number of universities will be requiring students sit the **CASPer** online test as part of the selection into teaching degrees in 2021. Students are encouraged to browse [VTAC](#) and learn which courses will require the **CASPer** for selection.



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 most cases, the VET qualification contributes towards the VCE and the ATAR. Visit [Get VET in the VCE](#).

Job Focus – Border Force Officer



As described by The Good Universities Guide, a Border Force officers job is to manage the security and integrity of Australia's borders. They mainly work at international airports, seaports or outposts along the Australian coastline. Border Force officers check passengers and crew before clearing them for entry into Australia. They check international mail, passenger luggage and other cargo of ships and aircraft to prevent the illegal entry into Australia of prohibited, quarantined or dutiable goods.

There are a number of entry pathways into the Border Force. This includes entering as a Border Force Recruit, a graduate trainee or through general recruitment

Have a closer look at the Facts and Requirements [Here](#)

Nutrition and Dietetics Courses in Victoria in 2020

According to the Dietitian Association of Australia (DAA) - [Dietitian Association of Australia \(DAA\)](#), there is a distinction made between dietitians and other occupations in the nutrition and food science field, including that of nutritionist. The key difference between a dietitian and a nutritionist is that, in addition to or as part of their qualification in human nutrition, a dietitian has undertaken a course of study that included substantial theory and supervised and assessed professional practice in clinical nutrition, medical nutrition therapy and food service management.

So, in Australia, all dietitians are nutritionists however nutritionists without a dietetics qualification cannot take on the expert role of a dietitian.

Victorian universities offering undergraduate courses in nutrition, food science and/or dietetics include:

UNIVERSITY	COURSE	VCE PREREQ' SUBJECTS	ATAR 2020
ACU (M) – Melbourne	Nutrition Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	58.60 (M)
Deakin (M) - Melbourne	Nutrition Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	65.15 (M)
	Nutrition Science (Dietetics Pathway)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	85.65 (M)
Federation (Mt. H) – Mt. Helen (G) - Gippsland	Food & Nutritional Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any Mathematics or at least 20 in any Science; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any English.	52.65 (Mt, H) n/a (G)
La Trobe (M) – Melbourne	Applied Science/Dietetic Practice	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	80.20 (M)
	Human Nutrition	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in two of Biology, Chemistry, any Mathematics, Physical Education or Physics.	68.55 (M)

Monash (C) - Clayton	Nutrition Science - Scholars Program (Dietetics Pathway)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 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 Biology or Chemistry.	92.05 (C)
	Nutrition Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 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 Biology or Chemistry.	76.40 (C)
RMIT (C/B) - City/Bundoora	Science (Food Technology & Nutrition)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any Mathematics.	65.60 (C/B)
SWINBURNE (H) - Hawthorn	Nutrition and a Master of Dietetics	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL or at least 30 in English (EAL).	61.45 (H)
Victoria (F) - Footscray	Human Nutrition	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 Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development, any Mathematics or Physical Education.	n/a (F)

For a comprehensive list of courses, including double degrees, on offer at both TAFEs and universities, visit [VTAC](#).



Careers with Stem have a few [quizzes](#) designed to help you find a degree that fits.

1. Which area of science should I study?
2. Which area of engineering should you study?
3. The ultimate maths careers quiz: Which area of maths should I study?

By all means don't make this your only source of investigation, but it could be an interesting way to narrow down your university preferences.



Debunking Myths around VET Pathways

University is the only pathway to a sustainable career. Apprenticeships and traineeships don't offer the same financial opportunities as other pathways. VET is too hard physically.

As parents, how many times have you thought or heard these statements?

The Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information service (AATIS) have debunked these and other common myths around VET Pathways in this blog post. Mark Dean, Research and Data Officer at AATIS who has researched industry 4.0 and the future of work talks about how VET Pathways are a sustainable career choice of the future, and the various benefits of embarking on one. Read the complete post [here](#).

About the Australian Apprenticeships and Information Service (AATIS)

The Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service (AATIS) offers pathway information to students, job hunters, career advisors and employers. Their Australian Apprenticeships website, app and resources are used and recommended by schools, parents, friends and other career-influencers. To learn more, visit their [website](#).

*Watch this YouTube clip for an interesting snippet regarding
[Ten jobs you might be interviewed for in 2050](#)*



2020 Open Days



2020 Open Days – are you ready?

You can access a list of [Open Days Here](#) (scroll down to your state) or better still visit your School Careers Website > Post School Options > University > Open Days / Virtual Tours for access to all institutions and their information as it is updated.

This year will look and feel somewhat different due to COVID-19 and Social Distancing rules. For this reason, 2020 Open Days are mostly virtual. It is beneficial for you to be ready and be organized.

1. **Have a list of open days** and choose which ones you need to attend and link to your calendar or diary.
2. **Pre-register and record login instructions** and any other required information. Remember to sign up for updates as things can change.
3. Before the event starts, **make sure you set yourself up** somewhere with good internet, privacy/minimal interruptions and have everything you might want at hand, like snacks, music and most importantly a list of questions. You will be able to talk to lecturers and current students, so make the most of it.
4. Uni's are going to great effort to make the day as engaging as possible, so be prepared and **have some fun exploring**.
5. Keep in mind you may not get straight on if the maximum number of users have logged on at that time. **Don't give up!** Just come back and try again later. If problems persist contact support on that institution's website.

Don't forget to check out the "Calendar of Events" on our School Careers Website