

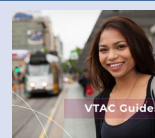


### Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- Year 12 VTAC application fee payment – **due by 6 December** (Only paid applications will be forwarded to institutions to be considered for an offer).



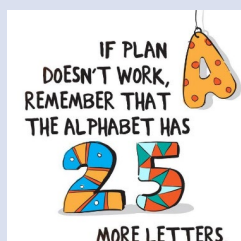
### **Reminder: VTAC 2023 Upcoming Key Dates**



<b>VTAC Personal Statement</b>	Friday 2 December 2022
<b>ATARs Released</b>	Monday 12 December 2022
<b>Change of Preference (CoP) closes</b>	Wednesday 14 December 2022
<b>December Round Offers</b>	Wednesday 21 December 2022
<b>January Round Domestic Offers</b>	Friday 13 January 2023
<b>February Offer Rounds</b>	Wednesday 1 February 2023 onwards

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

The VTAC website is [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)



## **VCE RESULTS & ATAR**

### **Accessing VCE Results**

VCE study scores, ATAR and VTAC Scaled Study Scores will be available to students via the Results and ATAR website and the Results and ATAR app on Monday 12 December 2022 at 7.00am. Students will receive a statement of VCE study scores from the VCAA, and those who applied for courses through VTAC this year and have paid their VTAC processing fees, will be sent an ATAR statement in the mail.

Students who wish to receive their results online, will need to register at [Results and ATAR](#) before results are released.

Registrations are already open, and students are encouraged to register soon.

**Note:** To register, students need their VCAA student number and will be requested to choose a secure password on registering.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

## **News from Australian Catholic University**

### ➤ **Pathways to ACU Webinar**

*If you didn't receive the ATAR you wanted, it's all good – there's more than one way into university. Learn about the entry pathways to ACU, including diplomas, that can give you access straight into the second year of your preferred bachelor's degree.*

**Date:** Thursday 8 December 2022

**Time:** 12.00pm – 1.00pm AEST

Register at [Pathways to ACU Webinar](#)

### ➤ **ACU Essential for Parents Webinar**

*Choosing what and where to study is heavy going. This webinar will lighten the load for you and your student. You'll learn about our student support services, admissions process, and work-integrated learning options, as well as the strong graduate employability an ACU degree offers.*

**Date:** Thursday 8 December 2022

**Time:** 6.00pm – 7.00pm AEST

Register at [ACU Essential for Parents Webinar](#)



**TUCKWELL**  
SCHOLARSHIP

## **Tuckwell Scholarship for 2024**

**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 scholarship 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:**

- \$23,000 per annum (2022 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 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 their 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 2023 and submissions must be made before the April 2023 deadline.*

**For more information browse [Tuckwell Scholarship](#).**



**Quantum Computing School Summer Camp January 2023**

*Applications open soon for the 2023 SQA Quantum Computing Summer Camp — delivered by Qubit by Qubit (QxQ), a leading educational organisation in quantum, in collaboration with Sydney Quantum Academy (SQA).*

Join this school summer camp to dive into quantum computing during a 1-week program designed for high school students. Learn about the fascinating world of quantum physics, to explore quantum phenomena like superposition and entanglement. The summer camp includes special workshops where you'll learn how to code quantum gates and circuits — the building blocks of quantum algorithms using IBM's quantum coding language, Qiskit.

**Held virtually on from 16 to 20 January 2023 with a bonus day in person, the summer camp will be open to Australian high school students (9-12) and recent school leavers.**

No prior quantum or coding knowledge is required or expected, and there are many full scholarships available! Scholarships are prioritised for students underrepresented in STEM.

**For more info and to express your interest visit [Quantum Computing School Summer Camp](#)**



## **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.

**Associate 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 stepping stone to the full Bachelor 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 contributes towards the cost of that student's education (formerly known as a HECS place).

**Concurrent Diploma** – undertaken at same time as an undergraduate degree, it allows students to develop knowledge in an area outside their main study discipline to enhance their employability options.

**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 usually 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** – 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 usually 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*.