



## Dates to Diarise in Term 4



### 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](http://www.vtac.edu.au)



### Tax File Number (TFN)

*Any student will need a tax file number if he/she starts work (part-time and full-time) and all students planning on a tertiary education require one when they start.*

Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they cannot enrol in a CSP course (Commonwealth Supported Place: the Australian Government pays part of the course fees) at university without a Tax File Number, so **all students applying to CSP courses should have their Tax File Number organised before course offers in December.**

Visit [Apply for a TFN | Australian Taxation Office](#)



### 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.



### **How to be Successful in my First Year of Uni or TAFE?**

- 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, managing my time.***
- 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 – ***I must set reminders for where I need 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 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](#)



Students who do best at university or TAFE are not necessarily those with the highest ATARs but those with **persistence and determination, organisational and self-management skills** that also make sure they **ask for help**. 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 engaged in **learning communities and networks** have a more positive experience.

### Useful links to Victorian Universities' Student Support Services

Australian Catholic University	<a href="#">Student Services – ACU student life</a>
Deakin University	<a href="#">Student life and Services - Deakin</a>
Federation University	<a href="#">Student Support - Federation University Australia</a>
La Trobe University	<a href="#">Support to Help You Thrive - La Trobe University</a>
Monash University	<a href="#">Support - Monash University</a>
RMIT University	<a href="#">Student Support - RMIT University</a>
Swinburne University	<a href="#">University Student Support Services - Swinburne</a>
University of Melbourne	<a href="#">Student Services directory - University of Melbourne</a>
Victoria University	<a href="#">Advice &amp; Support - Victoria University</a>

### Links to University Clubs & Societies

Australian Catholic University	<a href="#">Clubs and Societies – ACU student life</a>
Deakin University	<a href="#">Clubs and Societies - Deakin</a>
Federation University	<a href="#">Clubs and Groups - Federation University Australia</a>
La Trobe University	<a href="#">Amenities and Facilities - La Trobe University</a>
Monash University	<a href="#">Clubs and Societies – Monash University</a>
RMIT University	<a href="#">Student life - RMIT University</a>
Swinburne University	<a href="#">Clubs &amp; Student Organisations   Swinburne</a>
University of Melbourne	<a href="#">Student Groups and Clubs - UniMelb</a>
Victoria University	<a href="#">Sport &amp; Social clubs - Victoria University</a>



### 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](#).

