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Welcome to this edition of the Careers Newsletter. You will find lots of information in this edition including:

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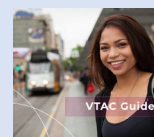
You can also check out our PVCC Careers website for important information for students and parents at: <https://careers.pvcc.vic.edu.au>

Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- **Year 12 VTAC very late applications – 4 November to 2 December**

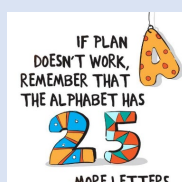


Reminder: VTAC 2023 Upcoming Key Dates



VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 2 December 2022
ATARs Released	Monday 12 December 2022
Change of Preference (CoP) closes	Wednesday 14 December 2022
December Round Offers	Wednesday 21 December 2022
January Round International Offers	Friday 6 January 2023
January Round Domestic Offers	Friday 13 January 2023
February Offer Rounds	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



VCE RESULTS & ATAR

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.



➤ **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](#)

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:

- \$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](#).



➤ **Access Education Summer School**

Dates: Monday 16 January to Friday 20 January 2023
Venue: Interactive, Live-Streamed Online 2-hour Lectures

Visit [Access Education Summer School](#) to find out more or to download a brochure for the 2023 program.

➤ **The School for Excellence Summer School**

Dates: Monday 9 January to Thursday 19 January 2023

Venue: The University of Melbourne (Parkville)

Visit [TSFX Summer School](#) to find out more about the 2023 program.



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 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).

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 – 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 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*



Find out more about the Study Abroad programs offered, by browsing the following links:

Australian Catholic University	https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/study-overseas
Deakin University	https://www.deakin.edu.au/students/studying/deakin-abroad
Federation University	https://federation.edu.au/international/education-partnerships/study-abroad
La Trobe University	https://www.latrobe.edu.au/students/opportunities/exchange
Monash University	https://www.monash.edu/study-abroad
RMIT University	https://www.rmit.edu.au/students/my-course/partners-outside-australia
Swinburne University	https://www.swinburne.edu.au/life-at-swinburne/study-abroad-exchange/
University of Melbourne	https://students.unimelb.edu.au/your-course/study-overseas
Victoria University	https://www.vu.edu.au/current-students/careers-opportunities/study-overseas



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 <https://www.topuniversities.com/student-info/scholarship-advice/scholarships-study-abroad>.



➤ **Where can a Bachelor of Biomedicine Take Me?**

Biomedicine is an excellent foundation course for students keen to become experts in various fields of biomedicine. The Bachelor of Biomedicine prepares students for a range of health-related postgraduate programs, specialised graduate research, and a career contributing to the advancement of human health. Students often use Biomedicine as an undergraduate qualification into graduate study leading to professional careers in medicine, research, health sciences, and even engineering.

For more information, including YouTube clips, and links to graduate pathways a Bachelor of Biomedicine can take one, browse [UniMelb: Where can a Bachelor of Biomedicine Take Me?](#)

➤ **Where can a Bachelor of Science Take Me?**

A Bachelor of Science is the first step towards a dream career in science, engineering, health, or technology. Once a student has completed their Bachelor of Science degree, they can go on to gain employment, or begin a graduate degree and work towards a professional qualification. A Bachelor of Science degree can take a student in the direction they are passionate about, from food science to psychology.

Browse [Careers by Field](#) and [Tips on Choosing a Science Major](#) to discover more. For answers to Frequently Asked Questions, browse [Science Undergraduate Studies](#).

For other information, including further study into graduate degrees, students are encouraged to browse [Where can a Bachelor of Science Take Me?](#)

[LEARN TO EARN FREE JOB READINESS PROGRAM](#)



As we head towards the end of year break, do you have students looking for a summer job? Our [Learn to Earn](#) program can help set your students up to land fantastic entry-level hospitality roles.

[Learn to Earn](#) is a free short training program for students made up of four basic short courses which equip students with the compliance skills and fundamental knowledge they need to gain employment in the hospitality industry. This course takes the place of our previous Ready 4 Work course.

[Learn to Earn](#) includes four short courses:

1. [Food Handlers \(Hospitality Sector\)](#)
2. [ABC of Espresso Making](#)
3. [Food & Beverage Service](#)
4. [Responsible Service of Alcohol](#)

We currently have limited spots available in November and December intakes, so encourage your interested students to apply now.

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER
NOW](#)



An important tip for school leavers for getting a job is to create yourself a **LinkedIn** profile.

LinkedIn is like a professional Facebook account where you can blog, comment on professional discussions, and build a professional portfolio that aligns with your resume. This needs to be developed over a period of years before graduating from university, so start soon, and continue to work on it during university.

www.linkedin.com

Top Tips shared by a former head of LinkedIn, Cliff Rosenberg

PICK A PROFESSIONAL SHOT

Including a profile picture in your profile is a must. Putting a face to your name makes it 21 times more likely to be viewed, but first impressions last, so make sure your profile picture is professional.

INCLUDE A SUMMARY

Clearly outline your professional story; what your aspirations are and what qualifications you have to offer that others do not. This is your opportunity to demonstrate how your unique qualities make you perfect for your dream role. This is your elevator pitch.

BUZZWORDS ARE BUZZKILL

Are you motivated, creative, passionate? Great. So is everyone else on LinkedIn. Do yourself a favour — delete every single one of these buzzwords from your profile and replace them with keywords.

HIGHLIGHT YOUR EXPERIENCE

Illustrate your unique professional story and achievements by adding pictures, compelling videos and innovative presentations to your experience section. If you are just graduating, include your school history.

SHOWCASE YOUR SKILLS

Maintaining a relevant list of at least five skills on your profile will help others understand your strengths and match you with the right opportunities. Also add other certifications that highlight important skills.

STAY ACTIVE

Share content that excites you, such as a gripping video, a well-written news story or a particularly impressive presentation through status updates.



Don't have the Maths prerequisite for your dream course?

Swinburne University offers a **maths bridging program** called ***MathsLink***.

MathsLink is a bridging program for students needing VCE Units 3 and 4 Mathematics to study a course at Swinburne.

MathsLink is a 6-week intensive program delivered fully online, and students will be guided through the unit modules by specialised teachers.

MathsLink: *Methods* is recognised by Swinburne as the equivalent to VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3/4

MathsLink: *Further* is recognised by Swinburne as the equivalent to VCE Further Maths Units 3/4

MathsLink will commence Monday 3 January 2023. Due to the holiday season, it is **highly recommended** that students apply before Friday 23 December 2022.

MathsLink incurs a one-off \$400 fee is payable upon enrolment in MathsLink. Should a student pass MathsLink and enrol in a relevant Swinburne degree, or Associate degree, the \$400 MathsLink fee will be credited to their fees account.

On successful completion of this course, students will be eligible to make a direct application to Swinburne University for entry in 2023.

Find out more on **MathsLink: *Methods***: [MathsLink: Methods Bridging Program](#)

Find out more on **MathsLink: *Further***: [MathsLink: Further Bridging Program](#)

ENGINEERING & IT SHOWCASE

Join the School of Computing, Engineering & Mathematical Sciences to view final year students' technology projects. Sponsored by our industry partners, these projects will focus on innovations within the areas of engineering, computer science and information technology.

The evening will be hosted by Professor Wenny Rahayu, Dean of the School, and Professor Rob Pike, University Provost. Keynote speaker Evan Davey, is a computer science and IT La Trobe alumni and founding partner of Two Bulls, a digital product consultancy recently acquired by DEPT. The event will conclude with the presentation of School awards.

Date

Thursday 24 November 2022

Time

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Where

Union Hall, La Trobe University, Melbourne Campus (Bundoora)

RSVP

Please register for this free event via [Eventbrite](#) by 21 November

Refreshments will be provided

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