



## Dates to Diarise in Term 4



### Reminder: VTAC 2022 Upcoming Key Dates

<b>VTAC Personal Statement</b>	Friday 3 December 2021
<b>ATARs Released</b>	Thursday 16 December 2021
<b>Change of Preference (CoP) closes</b>	Monday 20 December 2021
<b>January Round Domestic Offers</b>	Friday 14 January 2022
<b>February Offer Rounds</b>	Tuesday 1 February 2022 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)

### University Clubs & Societies

<b>Australian Catholic University</b>	<a href="#">Clubs &amp; Societies</a>
<b>Deakin University</b>	<a href="#">Clubs &amp; Societies</a>
<b>Federation University</b>	<a href="#">Clubs &amp; Societies</a>
<b>La Trobe University</b>	<a href="#">Clubs &amp; Societies</a>
<b>Monash University</b>	<a href="#">Clubs &amp; Societies</a>
<b>RMIT University</b>	<a href="#">Student Life</a>
<b>Swinburne University</b>	<a href="#">Clubs &amp; Student Organisations</a>
<b>University of Melbourne</b>	<a href="#">Student Groups &amp; Clubs</a>
<b>Victoria University</b>	<a href="#">Sport &amp; Social Clubs</a>



## University Terms

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 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. Deferral 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*



## **Park Ranger Courses in Victoria in 2021**

***Park rangers' control, supervise and manage national parks, scenic areas, historic sites, nature reserves and other recreational areas \*\****

Park rangers may perform the following tasks:

- assist with guided tours and promote an understanding and appreciation of the natural and cultural features of the park
- supervise public visits and inform visitors about park facilities, advising of park rules and regulations, and enforcing these when necessary
- patrol waterways, roads and tracks to observe and report on the park environment, including the condition of animals and plants
- ensure endangered animals and plants are protected, and assist with related research projects
- ensure parks, park facilities and equipment are clean and properly maintained
- assist with wildlife management projects, including surveys and monitoring of wildlife
- participate in search and rescue operations
- supervise and coordinate fire management, weed eradication and pest-control programmes
- investigate and report to supervisors on matters relating to park management
- support local communities in protecting their cultural heritage and in developing sustainable land management practices
- conduct research into the protection and recording of Indigenous and historical sites
- supervise and train park staff and volunteers, and oversee crews of general maintenance workers and contractors
- undertake administrative and clerical duties
- prepare, review and implement reports, submissions, management plans, development proposals and environmental impact assessments

**\*\* [Good Universities Guide - Park Ranger](#)**

There are several professional associations park rangers can be part of, and in Victoria it is [Parks Victoria](#). There are a number of courses in Victoria that prepare students for a career as a park ranger. Some of these include –

INSTITUTION	COURSES IN 2021
Box Hill Institute	<a href="#">Diploma of Conservation and Land Management</a>
Deakin University	<a href="#">Bachelor of Environmental Science - Environmental Management &amp; Sustainability</a>
	<a href="#">Bachelor of Wildlife and Conservation Biology</a>
Federation University	<a href="#">Diploma of Conservation and Land Management</a>
	<a href="#">Bachelor of Environmental and Conservation Science</a>
Holmesglen Institute	<a href="#">Diploma of Conservation and Land Management</a>
La Trobe University	<a href="#">Bachelor of Outdoor Education</a>
Melbourne Polytechnic	<a href="#">Diploma of Conservation and Land Management</a>
RMIT University	<a href="#">Diploma of Conservation and Land Management</a>
Swinburne University	<a href="#">Diploma of Conservation and Land Management</a>

For a comprehensive list of all similar courses, visit [VTAC](#).

## **Snapshot of Holmesglen Institute in 2021**

- Holmesglen was formed in 1982 and has grown.
- Holmesglen offers over 500 [courses](#) from eight [campuses](#) at six locations, including Chadstone, Moorabbin and Glen Waverley, Bourke Street in the city, St Kilda Road, Futuretech in North Melbourne, and Eildon.
- Holmesglen has invested over \$25 million the last few years in building world-class facilities at the Moorabbin Campus. These include four large teaching wards, microbiology, and bioscience laboratories, two simulation suites, a community apartment, an allied health laboratory, lecture theatres, general teaching spaces, a co-operative learning centre, computer laboratories and teaching and administrative staff offices. The facilities have state-of-the-art equipment, reflective of industry standards.
- In 2017, Healthscope opened Australia's first TAFE-based hospital, the Holmesglen Private Hospital. The [Holmesglen Private Hospital](#) is actually located at the Holmesglen Institute's Moorabbin campus and provides clinical practice as well as teaching and research for nursing and allied health students.
- The [Learning Skills Centre](#) at Holmesglen is there to help students with their studies. This includes academic referencing, assignment support, note taking, presentation skills, report writing, research skills, study skills, summarising skills, time management.
- Many of the Allied Health programs offered by Holmesglen are taught at the [Moorabbin Campus](#). These include –
  - ✓ [Allied Health Assistance](#)
  - ✓ [Community Service](#) (including courses in Disability, Mental Health, and Youth Work)
  - ✓ [Nursing](#)
  - ✓ [Pathology and Laboratory Technology](#)
- Students interested in studying Aged Care or Individual Support, are encouraged to browse the following link - [Five tips to a Rewarding Career in Aged Care](#)
- Holmesglen [partners](#) with industry, which is a hallmark of what Holmesglen offers, and covers all areas of its teaching and learning disciplines. We ensure this connection extends to our learners through partnerships and placements that enable students to experience contemporary work practices and work in relevant and stimulating environments.
- Holmesglen offers both [Free TAFE and Job Trainer](#) courses.

