

BSC CAREERS NEWS

ATAR and VCE results - Change of Preference (COP)

Congratulations!

2021 is almost over and it will be a year to remember not only for the completion of your secondary education but also for the challenges you have faced during the Covid pandemic.

The next few weeks bring excitement and hard work – keep focussed – aim high - think wide – the decisions you make over the weeks ahead are important.

Help and advice is at hand - this booklet aims to provide you with details, advice and hints on how to navigate this critical time. Take the time now to check your preferences and the information that is being released via University COP websites.

VCE results and ATAR release

Your VCE results and ATAR will be available on: **Thursday 16th December @ 7am**
Change of preference for main offers closes: **Monday 20th December at 4pm**

To access the VCE results and ATAR Service online or via the app, you need to register in advance at www.resultsandatar.vic.edu.au or by using the Results and ATAR app on your smartphone.

To ensure easy access to results you are advised to register early.

You will need your VCAA student number and personal details to register. You will be asked to create a secure password when registering, which will then be used to access your results. You only need to register once. The password you create can then be used for both the internet service and mobile app.

Please note: your VTAC account is separate to your registration for the VCE Results and ATAR Service.

BSC CAREERS HELP AND SUPPORT

Senior Hub and Careers staff will be available to talk to you and provide guidance and support.

Ongoing support during Change of Preference will be available via webex/telephone. Support will again be available during the offer period in January.

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As this is a particularly busy time, we ask that student's phone the Malgobilia hub or email to make an appointment. Please be patient – we will get back to you.

Where to get help from Universities?

All Universities, TAFE Institutes and tertiary providers offer help during COP.

You are advised to check the supports available on the University websites.

These include webinars/on campus tours/ individual counselling/seminars/chat lines/course information and change of preference events.

Can I speak to someone about my results?

In addition to BSC school staff VTAC and VCAA run a joint Post-Results and ATAR Service (PRAS) every year.

You can contact the service by:

- visiting pras.resultsandatar.vic.edu.au
- phoning (03) 9637 3877 or the
- toll-free number 1800 653 080
- emailing pras@edumail.vic.gov.au

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE

What is change of preference?

During specified periods you can add, remove or re-order the course preferences in your VTAC course application.

You may want to change your preferences if you have changed your mind about which course you most want to study, if a new course has become available and you would like to add it to your preference list, or if a course you had applied for has been cancelled and you want to replace it on your preferences list.

There is **no** cost involved in changing your preferences. Provided you have paid your course application processing fee, you can change your preferences as many times as you like within the specified periods.



Change of preference	From	To	Eligible for offers in
Change of preference will be open during these periods	3 August (9am)	20 December 2021 (4pm)	January offer round domestic
	14 January (4pm)	21 January 2022 (12pm)	February offer round 1 domestic
	1 February 2022 (4pm)	2 February 2022 (4pm)	February offer round 2 domestic
	8 February 2022 (4pm)	9 February 2022 (4pm)	February offer round 3 domestic
	14 February 2021 (4pm)	15 February 2022 (4pm)	February offer round 4 domestic



VTAC Careers Hub

Advice and support is also available at the VTAC Careers Hub. You can email to make an appointment at: careershubs@vtac.edu.au

TIPS FOR CHANGE OF PREFERENCE



Check the Uni websites for Guaranteed Pathways programs and links to exploring courses and bridging programs, ATAR finders etc

Higher ATAR than expected

If you are reassessing your options ensure that you are choosing courses that you are genuinely interested in and will lead to achieving your goals

Much lower ATAR than expected – don't despair.

This is a time to realistically assess your options and make informed choices about pathway courses that will lead to your desired course. You will increase your employment options and gain credit for your study along the way. *See points below.*

Slightly lower ATAR than expected

If this means there is some doubt about being offered a place you need to ensure you have backup options. Once again it is important to consider pathway courses and other course options such as general degrees in your interest area.

CHECKLIST

- Do your course preferences match your employment and career goals?
- Do you have the ATAR, study scores and prerequisites for the courses on your preference list?
- Have you met the extra requirements for all courses on your preference list?
- Do you have safety-net options, including pathways on your preference list?
- Are there additional courses you would like to add? – if you do decide to re-order or include other course choose carefully and only add those courses you would be prepared to accept a place in
- Have you made a time with your careers adviser to discuss a revised preference list?
- Have you been online or phoned a University COP number to chat about your options?

In all cases contacting the Universities for advice is the best option.

WHAT IF MY ATAR IS NOT HIGH ENOUGH?

If you are concerned that you will not be in a position to access the university course of your choice due to a lower than expected ATAR - this is **NOT** the finish.

The Covid pandemic has meant that Universities are now offering domestic students many pathways and alternative entry programs.

Firstly, **DON'T** think that you must remove courses from your VTAC application just because your ATAR doesn't seem high enough. ATAR's sometimes come down and it is not necessary to remove courses unless you have more than 8 preferences.

If you want to go to university but your ATAR concerns you, there are courses and pathways to consider applying for, some require you to include the course in your VTAC preference list, others are direct applications to the institutes (please check).

- The **FAST** program at Federation University is a one semester program that can be studied part time or full time. Successful completion guarantees entry into courses (not including Science or Engineering) at Federation University. www.federation.edu.au
- Completing the **Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DOTs)** or the **Diploma of Higher Education (DOHE)** at Monash University can lead to Undergraduate programs in arts, business, education, health promotion, nursing, science or social welfare. Applications for both of these pathway programs are through VTAC
- Complete a course at Deakin College in Commerce, Computing, Engineering, Health Sciences, Management, Media and Communication or Science
- Complete a UniLink Diploma at Swinburne (Arts and Communications, Business, Design, Engineering, Health Science, IT, Science)
- Complete a Diploma at La Trobe Melbourne in Biosciences, Business, Engineering, Health Sciences, IT or Mass Media Communications
- Complete a Tertiary Preparation Course at RMIT in engineering or science
- Consider studying a related university course with a lower ATAR; if you do well you MAY be able to transfer to your desired course later
- Start with a VET (TAFE) course in a related field; two years of VET often equals one at university
- Consider a regional campus. ATAR's are often lower, usually due to lower demand; most have accommodation
- For nursing consider first completing a Diploma of Nursing at TAFE or a private provider
- Complete a 2-year Associate Degree –several Universities offer these (eg Deakin - RMIT).

OFFERS

Please read the VTAC website and ensure that you fully understand the requirements for offers.

- **14th January 2022 @2pm**

Round one offers are emailed to applicants on the day of release and available in your VTAC account from 2pm the same day

To be considered for offers you must have **paid** your course application processing fee on time.

How are offers released?

Offer notifications are sent by email throughout the morning and early afternoon until 2 pm. Because of the volume of offers going out on that day, VTAC will stagger the email roll out, so don't be concerned if it's 12 noon and you haven't received an email but your friend has.

At 2pm, you will be able to log into your VTAC account and view your offer in the 'Course offers' section.

Your offer email is a notification that an offer has been made. The institution will contact you separately with instructions and deadlines for enrolling—usually within two business days. If you do not receive these instructions, you need to contact the institution and not VTAC.

All offers are provisional. Any offer you receive is subject to you:

- meeting eligibility requirements
- having provided full and correct information on your VTAC application, and
- attending enrolment at the time and date specified in your offer message.

If you don't meet these requirements, your offer may lapse or be withdrawn.

- To accept your offer you must enrol in the course.
- You are advised to accept an offer even if it is not near the top of your list as you will still be considered for courses higher on your preference list.
- Remember you can change your course preferences between offer rounds.
- You can contact the institutions where you didn't get a place to find out if you still have a chance second and subsequent rounds
- Supplementary offers are released in February after Round 2 (*see below*)

WHAT IF I DON'T GET AN OFFER?

Offer time is critical; despite being on holidays it is important to stay focussed.

Should you not receive a Round 1 offer now is the time to be proactive and take action!

There are many alternatives; you need to be contacting Universities and TAFE Institutes seeking out their advice and in some instances visiting the campuses to speak in person with student advisors (Covid-19 dependent)

You may need to change your preferences based on the advice you have received. Ensure you are aware of deadlines and make those changes to ensure you have every chance of receiving an offer in the next and subsequent rounds.

If you have given VTAC permission under 'supplementary offer' you may be contact by a University or TAFE with an offer for a course not on your preference list.

SUPPLEMENTARY OFFERS

Supplementary offers commence from February round 2 (applicants who have given permission and have not received an offer in a previous round may be eligible to receive a supplementary offer).

You may receive supplementary offers if you have:

- not received an offer listed on your course preferences, and
- given VTAC permission to release your application to all courses with vacancies.

You give this permission either at the time of applying, or you can do this later in your VTAC account.

GAP YEAR – DEFERRAL

- If you are planning to defer your course you **MUST** first check the institutions deferment policy.

Most Universities allow a deferral for 12-24 months however there are some courses that do not permit deferral.

Contact the institution immediately, follow the instructions in the offer package, ensure you get confirmation of your deferment in writing and follow any further instructions as directed by the institution.

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

by Dr. Seuss (*Careers counsellor and author*)

Congratulations!

Today is your day.
You're off to Great Places
You're off and away!

You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes
You can steer yourself any direction you
choose.
You're on your own. And you know what you
know.
And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to
go.

You'll look up and down streets.
Look'em over with care.
About some you will say, "I don't choose to
go there."
With your head full of brains and your shoes
full of feet,
You're too smart to go down any not-so-good
street.
And you may not find any you'll want to go
down.
In that case, of course you'll head straight out
of town.

Out there things can happen and frequently
do to people as brainy and footsy as you.

And when things start to happen,
don't worry. Don't stew. Just go right along
You'll start happening too.

OH! THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

The Career that you steer
It's happening to you and it's happening
here.

You'll be on your way up!
You'll be seeing great sights!
You'll join the high fliers who soar to high
heights.

You won't lag behind, because you'll have
the speed
You'll pass the whole gang and you'll soon
take the lead.
Wherever you fly, you'll be the best of the
best.
Wherever you go, you will top all the rest.

Except when you don't
Because, sometimes, you won't.

I'm sorry to say so but, sadly it's true
that hang-ups can happen to you.
You can get all hung up in a prickly perch.
And your gang will fly on
You'll be left in a Lurch.

You'll come down from the Lurch
with an unpleasant bump. And the chances
are, then, that you'll be in a Slump.

And when you're in a Slump, you're not in for
much fun.
Un-slumping yourself is not easily done.

You will come to a place where the streets are
not marked.
Some windows are lighted. But mostly they're
darked.
A place you could sprain both your elbow and
chin!
Do you dare to stay out? Do you dare to go in?
How much can you lose? How much can you win?

And IF you go in, should you turn left or right...
or right and three quarters? Or, maybe, not quite?
Or go around back and sneak in from behind?
Simple it's not, I'm afraid you will find,
For a mind-maker-upper to make up his mind.

Somehow you'll escape all that thinking and
thinking.
You'll find the bright places where Boom Bands are
jinking.

Oh, the places you'll go! There is fun to be done!
There are points to be scored. There are games to
be won.
And the magical things you can do with that ball
will make you the winning-est winner of all.
Fame! You'll be famous as famous can be,
with the whole wide world watching you win on TV.

Except when they don't.
Because, sometimes, they won't.
I'm afraid that some times
You'll play lonely games too.
Games you can't win 'cause you'll play against
you.

All Alone!
Whether you like it or not,
Alone will be something you'll be quite a lot.

But on you will go through the weather be foul
On you will go through your enemies' prow!

So be sure when you step.
Step with care and great tact
and remember that Career's a Great Balancing
Act.
Just never forget to be dexterous and deft.
And never mix up your right foot with the left.

And will you succeed?
Yes!
You will, indeed! (98 and $\frac{3}{4}$ percent guaranteed)

So...
Be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray
or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O'Shea
You're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!

Your Career is waiting So....get on your way!



