CAREER NEWS

Reminder: VTAC 2024 Upcoming Key Dates	
VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 1 December 2023
ATARs Released	Monday 11 December 2023
Change of Preference (CoP) closes	Wednesday 13 December 2023
December Round Offers	Thursday 21 December 2023
January Round International Offers	Friday 5 January 2024
January Round Domestic Offers	Friday 12 January 2024
February Offer Rounds	Tuesday 6 February 2024 onwards
For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit <u>VTAC Course Updates</u> The VTAC website is <u>www.vtac.edu.au</u>	

VCE RESULTS & ATAR

Accessing VCE Results 2023

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 11 December 2023 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 <u>Results and</u> <u>ATAR before</u> results are released.

Registrations are 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.



Gallipoli Scholarship

Valued at \$6,000, the Gallipoli Scholarship is open to the direct descendants of any service man or woman who has served in the Australian or New Zealand Defence Force in a conflict or peacekeeping operation, since the First World War to the present day.

The Scholarship selection process is based 60% on necessitous circumstances, and 40% on academic merit.

Applications open on 1 January and close on 28 February each year.

All applicants are notified of their selection, or otherwise, by the end of March each year. Applications are submitted online via the website and require a number of documents to support the application.

Find out more at Gallipoli Scholarship.

Dixo Doxa Cadetship Program

Our Cadetship program supports talented young people facing challenging life circumstances to complete university and gain the skills needed for an employable future. The Cadetship program is open to Year 12 students transitioning to university and is a three to five-year program, dependent on the length of the degree and the sponsorship model.

The Cadetship program is open to young people facing challenging life circumstances who have finished high school and are about to go to university. This may include, but is not restricted to:

- Experiencing financial hardship,
- Having an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage,
- Coming from a newly arrived migrant or refugee background,
- Having faced stressful life events,
- Coming from a rural or remote area and
- Being the first in their family to have the opportunity to study at university and pursue a professional career.

The cadetship programme provides young people with:

- Practical and personal support during their university course,
- The opportunity to connect with peers and industry professionals through work placement and social events and
- Personal development and training opportunities to enhance their employability.

For more information, download the <u>Brochure</u>, or visit <u>Cadetship - Doxa Youth</u> <u>Foundation</u>.



Deakin College pathways to Deakin University

With a uniquely nurturing student experience, Deakin College is your simplest path to Deakin University.

Located across three Deakin University campuses - Melbourne Burwood, Geelong Waurn Ponds and Geelong Waterfront, Deakin College offers a range of 1-year diplomas that articulate to <u>second year</u> bachelor studies at Deakin University.

The diploma programs are equivalent to first year university. Each diploma consists of eight academic units, which students must complete and pass to receive the diploma.

Deakin College offers 10 diplomas, and they all offer entry into a range of bachelor degrees.

Students who do not attain the ATAR they require for a bachelor degree at Deakin University might like to browse the <u>Deakin College</u> website to find out more about the options offered as a pathway to Deakin University.



Higher Apprenticeship Program

The Higher Apprenticeship program offered at PwC is an alternative career pathway for those who do not wish to go down the university route.

It provides you with the opportunity to earn income while learning new skills and obtaining two technology VET (Vocational education and training) qualifications. Experts will coach you in their field whilst you learn in a hands-on environment.

To apply, individuals:

- Must have obtained a high school certificate (VCE or equivalent) by the time the program commences,
- Be Australian or New Zealand citizens, or Australian permanent residents, and
- Cannot possess a degree, Certificate IV qualification or higher at the time the program commences.

Prepare to apply for the PwC Higher Apprenticeship program by <u>finding where your skills</u> <u>fit</u> and familiarising yourself with <u>hiring process</u>.

Note: If you are considering university and planning to study a degree qualification, this Higher Apprenticeship pathway is not preferred. However, please refer to PwC's full range of <u>student programs</u>, including their <u>graduate program</u>.





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1 Don't waste the opening moments

Many candidates lose the job in the first minute of the interview by not thinking carefully about their initial impact. Interviewers make a quick initial decision about your personality from the moment you arrive, based on how you look and sound. Dress as if you already work there and you've just been promoted. Make those initial seconds relaxed and upbeat as you can, even if you're just talking about your journey.

2 Don't over-deliver

Most candidates say too much. Interviewers are not that interested, and will usually accept a short, positive answer and move on. Practise compressing your evidence into good short stories no more than 3 minutes long setting out what problem you were handling, what you did, how you did it, and what the result was.

3 Don't act like a stranger

Leave your coat, umbrella, and bag in reception. Just take in a slim folder into the interview room containing the documents you need, and you will look like an employee rather than a visitor.

4 Don't try to wing difficult questions

Don't duck predictable questions about your know-how and skill level – think carefully about good examples. Equally predictable questions cover things like strengths (talk about qualities that match the job) and weaknesses (talk about skills you are improving and make it clear that you're a fast learner).

John Lees has written a wide range of careers books. His 2013 titles are Just The Job!, his first systematic guide to job searching, and Knockout CV, a comprehensive guide to writing a winning CV.



Occupational Therapy Degrees in Victoria in 2023

Occupational therapists assess and treat people who, due to illness, injury or circumstance, are limited in their ability to undertake everyday activities. They assist people to regain lost functions, develop their abilities and social skills, as well as maintain and promote independence in their everyday lives to enhance health and wellbeing - Good Universities Guide - Occupational Therapist.

UNIVERSITY ATAR 2023 **VCE REQUIREMENTS** ACU 83.50 (M) Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of M - Melbourne at least 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics. **Charles Sturt** No VCE prerequisites but completion of Year 12 is required, and 70.80 (AW) AW - Albury-Wodonga an ATAR is used in selection Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at 75.45 (G) Deakin G – Geelong W'Front least 25 in English other than EAL. **Federation Uni** Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in any English; Units 1 58.15 (Gi) Gi – Gippsland and 2: satisfactory completion in two units (any study combination) of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics; Units 3 and 4: satisfactory completion in one of Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development, Maths: Further Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods, Maths: Specialist Mathematics, Physical Education or Physics. La Trobe Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at 75.10 (B) B – Bendigo least 25 in English other than EAL. 87.45 (M) M – Melbourne Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 27 in English (EAL) or at 85.15 (P) Monash P - Peninsula least 25 in English other than EAL.

Occupational Therapy is offered at the following Victorian Universities -



Snapshot of Whitehouse Institute of Design in 2023

- 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 <u>Sydney</u> and <u>Melbourne</u> campuses.
- Whitehouse Institute of Design offers specialist higher education degrees and vocational education and training certificate courses <u>courses</u>.
- The <u>Bachelor of Design</u> is delivered over six trimesters so students complete their degree in two years. Students undertake 5 subjects per trimester with subjects divided into 3 specialisations of design focus:

<u>Fashion Design</u>, or <u>Interior Design</u>, or <u>Creative Direction & Styling</u>.

- There are two <u>vocational courses</u> on offer for high school students through VETDSS: 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 <u>Whitehouse Difference</u> 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 - <u>partnerships</u>.
- <u>Awards and Scholarships</u> 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 <u>Study Assist</u>.

