Friday 14 September 2018

Dates to Diarise in Term 3

Year 12 VTAC applications – throughout August and September

Reminder: VTAC 2019 Upcoming Key Dates

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Also, students applying for courses that have essential requirements (i.e. submitting a folio, a pre-selection kit, arranging an interview, etc.) are reminded that failure to meet the deadline date for these means students may no longer be eligible for selection into their desired course.

Students eligible to apply for SEAS are also encouraged to apply for VTAC Scholarships.

The VTAC website is [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au).

Alternative Schoolies Program

*Make your Year 12 celebration something worth remembering!*

For those students who want to mark the end of their very long school education with something different, with something more than just a week-long party, picture this: you travel to a developing
country and immerse yourself in the culture, you make a positive impact to your world (which is your oyster!) and you do this alongside volunteers from all over the globe. Sound pretty great? Welcome to your Alternative Schoolies – quite literally a world away from your typical schoolies week!

Find out more at Alternative Schoolies Program

News from La Trobe University

Choose Clever Workshops
La Trobe University will be running a series of Choose Clever Workshops in the upcoming school holidays. These workshops will be interactive, hands-on, and designed to give prospective students a greater confidence in what they will study in 2019. Each workshop will include a presentation from an academic or course advisor, along with a panel of speakers – current and graduated students – who will share their experiences at university and working within the industry.

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Register for these workshops at Choose Clever Workshops

Flexible Campuses Talk & Tours
Students are invited to participate in a personalised consultation and tour of La Trobe’s Bendigo campus these school holidays. This is an opportunity to meet with staff and have course and career questions answered, as well as enjoying a walking tour of its biggest regional campus. These tours will take place Monday 24 September – Thursday 27 September 2018.

Book a place at Bendigo Campus Talk & Tours

Federation University – Courses at Berwick Campus
Federation University offers numerous undergraduate degrees at its Berwick Campus – in the fields of Arts & Social sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Nursing, Information Technology, and Science and Maths.

Students are encouraged to browse Federation University - Berwick to find out more about all the courses on offer.
RMIT Village

*RMIT Village* is located near Melbourne CBD. It is only a 5-minute tram ride from RMIT University and offers fully furnished, self-contained apartments to suit a range of preferences. Facilities include a student lounge, e-library, high-speed internet, heated swimming pool and a *new* gym (currently under construction).

*RMIT Village* is conveniently located for RMIT’s City campus (just a 10-minute walk) and Brunswick campus.

Applications for 2019 are open at *RMIT Village*.
For more information call (03) 8330 2000 or e-mail info@rmitvillageom.com.au.

News from Monash University

➢ **Monash Maths Bridging**

*Monash Maths Bridging* is available for domestic students who narrowly miss the required study score in the mathematics prerequisite subjects for a Monash *Engineering, Science or Business and Economics, Information Technology, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science, Law (for Law/Commerce double degrees)* undergraduate degree.

*Maths Bridging* covers the properties of functions and their graphs, calculus processes of differentiation and anti-differentiation, and the application of these properties and processes.

**Students will learn**

- functions and their graphs and inverse functions
- exponential, logarithmic, and circular functions
- techniques and applications of calculus.

Students will study face-to-face for 16 days, five hours a day. Expert tutors will be there to guide them along their learning journey.

**Eligibility**

- VCE Students who receive a study score of 20-24 in VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4. Students must also meet all other entry requirements for a Monash Engineering, Science or Business and Economics undergraduate degree.

*Monash Maths Bridging* is only accepted by Monash University. *It does not provide credit for other institutions.* Once students have successfully passed the Monash Maths Bridging course, they will be considered to have met the mathematic prerequisite for selected Engineering, Science or Business and Economics degrees at Monash University.

If they meet all other course entry requirements they will be considered for a Round 2 offer into their preferred course.
Program details

Start date: Wednesday 2 January 2019
End date: Tuesday 22 January 2019
Exam: Wednesday 23 January 2019
Marking: Thursday 24 January 2019
Results: 9.00am, Friday 25 January 2019
Cost: $1,200 (not available for FEE-HELP)
Location: Monash College

For more information visit Monash Maths Bridging

Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Science

What options do students have if they don’t meet the maths or chemistry VCE prerequisites to get into pharmacy or pharmaceutical science?

Mathematical Methods VCE prerequisite

- Applicants could study maths higher level units over their first year in a tertiary course. They can then apply to transfer into pharmacy or pharmaceutical science if they have achieved a minimum 70% average in the first year of the tertiary degree. Please note that credit is not currently given for transfers into pharmacy.
- The Open Universities Australia offers math units that may prove acceptable. Students are encouraged to visit Open Universities directly for advice.
- Overall, the maths must meet higher level maths equivalencies which applicants must investigate, and faculty course advisers should be able to assist here.

Chemistry VCE prerequisite

- For students who have not met the chemistry prerequisite, Monash recommends they study two VCE equivalent chemistry units over their first year in a tertiary course to be considered as meeting the prerequisite. They can then apply to transfer into pharmacy or pharmaceutical science. They would also have to achieve a minimum 70% average in the first year of the tertiary degree. Please note that credit is not currently given for transfers into pharmacy.

In summary, students really wanting to study pharmacy or pharmaceutical science at Monash University but do not meet the maths or chemistry VCE prerequisites, are encouraged to enrol in a tertiary course that gives them access to higher levels of maths and/or chemistry, with the aim of transferring across after one year. Students can also consider Graduate Entry Pharmacy (3 years) after completion of a Biomedical, Science or Pharmaceutical Science undergraduate degree.

Find out more about pharmacy and pharmacology at Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Science at Monash

A Career in Public Relations

Public relations officers plan, develop, put into place and evaluate information and communication strategies that present an organisation to the public, clients and other stakeholders. They also promote good information flow within their organisation - Good Universities Guide - Public Relations Officer. Several universities in Victoria offer public relations degrees or public relations as a major in other
degrees - some of these are listed below. For a comprehensive list of courses offering public relations (including the many double-degree options) on offer at universities, visit [VTAC](https://www.vtac.vic.edu.au).

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<td>Communication (Public Relations)</td>
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<td>Campaigns and event management, Ethical communication, Marketing communication, Media and communication, Media relations, Professional writing, Public affairs, Public relations, Public relations management, Social media, Strategic communication.</td>
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<td>LA TROBE</td>
<td>Media and Communication (Public Relations)</td>
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<td>Advertising, Asian studies, Cinema studies, Communication, Journalism, Literature, Media production, Politics, Popular culture, Public relations.</td>
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<td>Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 32 in any English.</td>
<td>Business practice, Communication management, Communication research, Leadership, Marketing communication, Professional practice, Public relations, Strategic planning, Writing.</td>
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<td>SWINBURNE</td>
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<td>Advertising, Cinema and screen studies, Creative writing and literature, Digital advertising technology, Games and interactivity, Journalism, Media industries, Public relations, Social media.</td>
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