



2014 VCAA Results

Year 12's, and Year 10 and 11 students who may have sat Unit 3/4 exams, are reminded that the study scores come out on **Monday 15 December 2014**. To access these results students can:

- Log on to [Results and ATAR](#) any time from **7.00am, Monday 15 December to 12noon on Monday 22 December 2014 (AEDST)**. This service is *free* and operates 24 hours a day.
- Type in your **VCAA student number** and where a **PIN** is required, Year 12 students type in the PIN you chose, and Year 10 and 11 students should type in the **first four digits of your birth date**, e.g. 22 August = 2208

It should be pointed out that the school is not in a position to release results or ATARs to parents or other parties as the results are the property of the student. The ATAR statement from VTAC and the results from VCAA will be in the mail from Tuesday 16 December 2014.



UniLink Diplomas

In 2015 **UniLink diplomas** will offer both Commonwealth supported places (CSP) and direct full-fee paying (DFP) places to students.

CSP will be merit-based for students who achieve a minimum 50 ATAR and meet the prerequisites for the course. Year 12 students are reminded that CSP course code in VTAC ends in '1'.

Students are guaranteed entry into a DFP UniLink diploma as long as they achieve a minimum 50 ATAR and meet the prerequisites for the course. The DFP course code in VTAC ends in '2'.

Students are encouraged to include both course codes in their list of preferences if they wish to study a UniLink diploma. **All UniLink courses are listed on the [VTAC Course Search](#)**



Free Public Lecture: The No-Bell Prize

Melbourne Neuroscience Institute is pleased to announce the '**No-Bell Prize**' as its final public lecture for 2014, and it invites any interested budding scientists to the event!

How difficult is it for neuroscience-related academics and researchers to speak in layman's terms when describing their research? Attendees can watch on as six of academics go up against the bell in a fast-paced competition to crown the 'No-Bell Prize', and witness just how challenging communicating science research can be!

Date: Tuesday 9 December 2014
Time: 5.15pm – 6.30pm
Venue: Auditorium, Melbourne Brain Centre, 30 Royal Parade Kenneth Myer Building in Parkville

For more details and to book a seat, visit [No Bell Prize Lecture](#)



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ANU Change of Preference Advisory Day

Year 12 students who have applied to study at ANU in 2015 might like to take up an opportunity to attend an Advisory Day in Melbourne and speak one-on-one with the ANU staff.

Date: Tuesday 16 December,
Time: 10.00am–2.00pm
Venue: Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI), Federation Square, Flinders Street in Melbourne

To register for a one-on-one appointment visit [ANU Melbourne Advisory Day](#)
For more information about change of preference at ANU visit [ANU COP](#)



Keeper for a Day Programs

Are you thinking of a career in working with animals? Would you like the opportunity to go behind the scenes with some precious and endangered Australian animals?

Both **Healesville Sanctuary** and **Werribee Open Range Zoo** are running '**Keeper for a Day**' programs these upcoming school holidays! These programs are geared towards showcasing what it is like to work with animals and for students get to watch keepers and learn what a

rewarding job they have!

To find out more or to register for the Werribee Open Range Zoo Program, visit [Werribee Open Range Program](#)

To find out more or to register for the Healesville Sanctuary Programs, visit [Healesville Sanctuary Vet for a Day](#) OR [Healesville Sanctuary Keeper for a Day](#)



Australian College of Sports Therapy

The **Australian College of Sports Therapy (ACST)** delivers training in four course areas within the Sports, Recreation and Healthcare industry. This growing area provides work opportunities in dynamic and evolving environments such as sports clubs, clinics, health & recreation retreats, gyms, spas, personal training studios, among many others.

Year 12 students keen on working in the health profession but who perhaps do not quite attain the ATAR for entry into courses such as physiotherapy or chiropractic medicine, might like to consider a course at ACST as an alternative. Courses offered include –

- Advanced Diploma of Sports Therapy
- Advanced Diploma of Myotherapy
- Diploma of Remedial Massage

Find out more at [Australian College of Sports Therapy](#)



Medical Administration Training

Medical Administration Training (MAT) provides contemporary courses in *medical reception and medical terminology*, as well as incorporating training in PRACSOFT Medical Accounts Software. The *medical reception course* is nationally accredited, and has been developed to assist the health industry by training people in the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to perform the role of a medical secretary/receptionist in the medical setting. For more information about MAT, visit [Medical Administration Training](#)



VCE 2015 Summer Schools

➤ Access Education Summer School

The **Access Education** Summer School program is a unique opportunity for students studying Units 3 & 4 to experience university life while preparing for the demands of the VCE year ahead. The format of the program is that extensive and detailed 3 ¼ hour VCE preparation lectures will be given, and subject specific study notes prepared by the lecturer

will also be made available. The presenters have been chosen for their extensive knowledge, communication abilities and passion for their subject. Subjects on offer are *Biology, Chemistry, English, Further Maths, Health & Human Development, Legal Studies, Maths Methods, Physical Education, Physics and Psychology*.

Dates: Tuesday 20 – Friday 23 January 2015

Venue: Monash University (Clayton Campus)

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

➤ **Neap VCE Summer School Program**

Get a head start on your VCE! The aims of the **Neap Summer School** are to give students a head start on topics and concepts from the Units 3/4 course for each subject, and to revise key concepts from Units 1 and 2 that form an essential base for each subject. There is also an emphasis on helping students understand each subject's assessment criteria. Strategies, problem-solving and exam techniques will also be a focus so that students can further develop these skills throughout the semester as they work towards their exams. Each student also receives comprehensive lecture notes. Subjects on offer include *Chemistry, English, Biology, Legal Studies, Specialist Maths, Psychology, Accounting, Physics and Maths Methods CAS*

Dates: Thursday 8 – Thursday 22 January 2015

Venue: Monash University (Clayton Campus)

Visit [NEAP Summer School](#) to find out more about the 2015 program.

➤ **The School for Excellence Summer School**

The School for Excellence (TSFX) offers a comprehensive summer school program preparation, each lecture will thoroughly address Unit 1 or 3 materials in advance of school, and expose students to critical analytical/problem solving strategies and skills so as to maximise Unit 1 or 3 scores.

Students attending the programs receive detailed notes, fully worked examples and exercises to complete at home. The lectures are prepared and delivered by qualified, currently practising VCE teachers and markers from top ranking schools who possess the knowledge and experience to demonstrate the means by which students can achieve higher scores. Subjects on offer include *Accounting, Biology, Business Management, CAS, Technology Applications, Chemistry, EAL, Economics, English, Further Mathematics, Health & Human Development, Legal Studies, Literature, Mathematical Methods, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, and Specialist Mathematics*.

Dates: Sunday 4 January – Friday 23 January 2015

Venue: University of Melbourne and Monash University (Clayton Campus)

Visit [TSFX Summer School](#) to find out more about the 2015 program.



YHA Fact Sheet

YHA Australia is part of the world's largest backpacker accommodation network and has recently published a very useful **fact sheet** for students going travelling or on working holidays. Below are some interesting travel tips:

Top Travel Tips

1. Want to earn money while you travel? Australia has working holiday agreements with many countries – see www.immi.gov.au - be aware that some visas must be applied for before you leave Australia though.
2. Make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after you plan to return, and check entry requirements for countries you plan to visit e.g. tourist visas, US pre-authorisation.
3. Visit the doctor at least 6 weeks before you leave to get vaccinations and prescription medication.
4. Let your bank know you're going overseas so they don't cancel your card when they see an overseas transaction.
5. If you can't afford travel insurance you can't afford to travel!
6. Register with www.smartraveller.gov.au
7. Always give a family member or friend a copy of your itinerary so they can contact you in an emergency.
8. Book your first couple of nights' accommodation ahead for peace of mind when you get off the plane and have to find your way around a new city, a new country.
9. Always aim to arrive in a new town during the daylight hours as it is more difficult to get your bearings at night.
10. It can be cheaper to organise transport passes before you leave Australia, e.g. Busabout hop-on hop-off between major European Cities, Greyhound Canada/ USA, Eurail train network.
11. Pack lightly - you'll be surprised how little you can comfortably travel with, and roll clothes when packing.
12. Sometimes the best plan is 'no plan'... don't be too locked into a pre-arranged schedule that you have no time for spontaneous experiences!
13. Look at alternative low cost options to communicate with home – email, SKYPE, Facebook, Facetime, WhatsApp, Viber, WeChat (on Wi-Fi or from an internet café), prepaid local or international SIM cards.

For more information about YHA and to access many other useful tips, visit [Travel Tips](#)