



## **Dates to Diarise in Term 4**

- Year 12 VTAC late applications – throughout October until 4 November

### **Reminder: VTAC 2016 Key Dates**

SEAS applications close	Tuesday 4 October 2016
Scholarships through VTAC close	Friday 14 October 2016
VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 2 December 2016
ATARs Released	Monday 12 December 2016
COP for Early International Offers closes	Wednesday 15 December 2016
Early Round International Offers	Monday 19 December 2016
Change of Preference (COP) closes	Tuesday 20 December 2016
Main Round International Offers	Monday 9 January 2017
Main Round Domestic Offers	Wednesday 18 January 2017
Further Offer Rounds	Tuesday 7 February 2017 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](#)

[www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)



### **Reminder: Early Achievers' Program at ACU**

Year 12 students applying for the *Early Achievers' Program (EAP)* at ACU are reminded that applications close on Monday 17 October 2016, and offers will be made by the end of November 2016. Please note that failure to meet all the requirements for the EAP will result in not being considered for the program.

To find out more and/or to apply, visit [Early Achievers' Program](#)



**Tax File Number**

Year 12 students are reminded yet again that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Supported Place) university course next year without a Tax File Number (TFN). Students who do not have one are reminded to apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit [TFN Application](#)



➤ **New Bachelor of Software Engineering (Honours)**

*Create the smart systems of the future. You will acquire specialised skills in computing, robotics and cyberphysical systems, in preparation for a career as an innovative software engineer capable of developing the smart devices and systems of the future.*

From Trimester 1 2017, students will be able to study the four year **Bachelor of Software Engineering (Honours)**. This innovative course will focus on creating the smart software and systems of the future. The VCE prerequisites are: Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods (any) or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.

Find out more at [Bachelor of Software Engineering \(Honours\)](#)

➤ **Deakin University Accelerate Program**

Deakin Accelerate is a distinctive VCE higher education program that allows students to study two first-year university subjects during Year 12. Studying one subject per trimester, this selective program gives students a head-start into university studies and also provides a potential boost to their all-important ATAR score. Besides the challenge of taking on a university subject, this subject will also count as part of the VCE and contribute towards the ATAR as the fifth or sixth subject.

**KEY DATES FOR THE 2017 VCE ACCELERATE PROGRAM - Deakin**

Applications open	Now open
Applications close	12 December 2016
Offers	12 January 2017

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [Deakin Accelerate Program](#)



**La Trobe University - VCE Plus Program**

**VCE Plus** is an opportunity for high achieving VCE students to complete two first year university subjects and have them recognised as part of their VCE. Students enrolled in VCE Plus choose a pair of first year university subjects to study whilst completing Year 12 (one subject per semester). **VCE Plus** is offered at all La Trobe campuses and subjects are delivered online, face-to-face, or a combination of both.

**KEY DATES FOR THE 2017 VCE PLUS PROGRAM – La Trobe**

Applications open	Now open
Applications close	2 December 2016
Sem. 2 Year 11 results due to the university	16 December 2016
Final Day for Acceptance of Offers	31 December 2016

Find out more, including the subjects on offer at [La Trobe VCE Plus Program](#)



## News from Monash University

### ➤ Changes to Monash Psychology and Nutrition Degrees

1. **Psychology** - The Bachelor of Psychological Science Advanced (Honours) has undergone a name change and will now be titled ***Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)***, and the change has also been made in VTAC.

The key changes include the fact that more places will be available, and an estimated ATAR of 85+ is expected.

Entry to the honours component of the four-year course is guaranteed on successful completion of the degree and obtaining a minimum 70% average in four specific core units. Should students not satisfy this requirement or decide not to continue with an honours year they will be able to exit with a Bachelor of Psychological Science.

Should students not meet the academic requirement to continue to the honours year, they may be eligible to apply for other fourth-year psychology programs, in particular, the Graduate Diploma in Psychology at Monash University.

Find out more at [Bachelor of Psychology \(Honours\)](#)

2. **Nutrition** – There have been a few minor changes to the prerequisites for the ***Bachelor of Nutrition Science***, including a lower English study score requirement.

VCE Pre-requisites: English: Units 3 and 4; a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in English other than EAL, and Chemistry: Units three and four; a study score of at least 25 in Chemistry.

There will also be subject bonuses offered for the following VCE subjects (to an overall maximum of six points):

- A study score of 25 in Biology or 30 in Chemistry equals two aggregate points per study.
- A study score of 30 in Biology or 35 in Chemistry equals four aggregate points per study.
- A study score of 30 in one but no more than one of Food and Technology, Health and Human Development or Physical Education equals 1 aggregate point per study.

For more information, visit [Bachelor of Nutrition Science](#)

### ➤ New Bachelor of International Business Double Degrees

Students can now combine the Bachelor of International Business with a Bachelor of Business or a Bachelor of Arts, allowing them the opportunity to complete two degrees in just three years rather than the standard four.

Available arts majors in a double combination:

- ✓ Chinese
- ✓ Japanese
- ✓ International relations
- ✓ International studies
- ✓ Politics

Find out more about the double degree offerings at [Bachelor of International Business double degrees](#).

➤ **New Business Analytics Major**

Offered under the *Bachelor of Commerce*, this *new* study area will teach students how to pull data from various sources and how to visualise it, model it and learn about the world around them. It will give students a solid background in all aspects of data analysis. Demand for graduates with skills in statistics, computing and data analysis is growing across all industries. Business analytics graduates can work in finance, marketing, human resources, sport, fashion, media, education, government and law.

➤ **Monash University - Extension Studies**

Monash *Extension Studies* allows high achieving Year 12 students to get a taste of university before finishing school - and be rewarded for it. Students complete a pair of first year university subjects as part of their final year school studies, allowing them to extend and enhance their learning in an area of interest. Students also received credit towards their ATAR.

KEY DATES FOR THE 2017 EXTENSION STUDIES - Monash	
Applications open	Now open
All applications close	15 December 2016
Year 11 results due to the university	15 December 2016**
Offers released	January 2017

\*\* if you want to know the outcome of your application by the end of 2016

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [Monash Extension Studies](#)



**News from RMIT University**

➤ **Live Production and Technical Services**

The *Certificate IV in Live Production and Technical Services* focuses on giving students highly practical live production and audio-visual skills that enable them to undertake a wide range of jobs in a diverse and growing industry. Students learn a range of skills including *set-up, operation and maintenance of lighting, sound, presentation and TV equipment*.

Applications should be made through VTAC, and there is an interview as part of the selection criteria. Find out more at [Live Production and Technical Services](#)

➤ **RMIT University – VCE Extend**

RMIT's **VCE Extend** allows Year 12 students to undertake university subjects while completing their VCE. These courses are VCAA-accredited towards VCE results and students may be eligible for credit in a related RMIT program.

Students will get a taste of university life, they attend lectures and study on campus with full access to all the services and facilities enjoyed by RMIT students. **VCE Extend** subjects are taught at the City campus and are counted towards students VCE and provide a boost to their ATAR. There are no fees or HECS for our VCE extension studies.

KEY DATES FOR THE 2017 HIGHER EDUCATION STUDIES - RMIT	
Applications open	Now open
All applications close	5 December 2016
Year 11 results due to the university	5 December 2016
Offers released	Early January 2017

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [RMIT VCE Extend](#)



**News from the University of Melbourne**

➤ **New Science Majors**

Two *new* majors are being introduced to the Bachelor of Science in 2017: **Data Science** and **Environmental Engineering Systems**. Find out more about all 41 majors at [Science Majors](#)

➤ **New Core Subjects in Commerce**

Students commencing the Bachelor of Commerce in 2017 will be required to complete two additional compulsory subjects: **Accounting Reports and Analysis**, and **Principles of Finance**. Find out more at [Bachelor of Commerce](#)

➤ **Extension Program**

The **Extension Program** is an opportunity for high achieving Year 12 students to study a university subject whilst at school which counts towards their ATAR, as well as experience university life.

KEY DATES FOR THE 2017 EXTENSION PROGRAM – University of Melbourne	
Applications open	Now open
Applications close	15 December 2016
Year 11 results due to the university	15 December 2016
Offers released	Early January 2017

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [Melbourne Extension Program](#)

