

Weekly Career News

Term 3

Monday 16 July 2018

FOCUS ON OPEN DAYS

If you are considering studying at TAFE or university after school, it is **crucial** that you attend Open Days.

Throughout the year, vocational and tertiary institutions open their doors to the public and showcase their courses, accommodation, scholarships, pathway courses, student services and their 'point of difference'. At an Open Day, you will be able to:

Get a feel for the culture of the campus

Learn about courses and career options

Undertake campus and accommodation tours led by current students

Speak directly to student ambassadors and lecturers about the courses or careers you are interested in

Compare the course area you are interested in at different institutions

Learn about sports and societies you can join and be active in

Get course counselling and guidance

Attend information sessions and workshops

Watch live demonstrations

Listen to bands, eat lots of food, participate in activities and have fun!

Don't just pick a course at an institution without visiting the campus – you potentially will be spending several years studying there and spending tens of thousands of dollars on your course and accommodation. It's worth making the effort.



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By now you should have identified institutions you would like to visit, found out their open day dates and downloaded their open day programs.

Once you have the programs, make a list of the information sessions you would like to attend.

If you have time, try and attend information sessions on topics like pathways, scholarships, accommodation and overseas exchange programs.

If you are unsure what to ask on the day, Victoria University has developed some questions you can ask:

Are there any prerequisite subjects I need to study for this course?

What study scores/ATAR do I need to achieve to get into this course?

Do I need to attend an audition, have an interview or present a folio as part of the selection process?

Are there any other ways into this course other than through a VTAC application?

Can I do a vocational course first which might then lead into a university course?

What is the difference between TAFE and university study?

If I can't get into this course, is there a similar course at this institution I can apply for?

Can I study majors and/or minors in this course?

How many hours per week are spent in class and can I study part time?

Can I defer the course?

What kind of jobs do graduates of this course generally get?

Are there any scholarships available?

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The following is a list of Open Day dates for several institutions. On the websites, you will be able to register to receive information about the Open Day/s, go into draws to win prizes, watch videos from the 2017 days and download the Open Day planner for 2018.

July

- **Swinburne University**- Hawthorn (29), www.swinburne.edu.au/openday

August

- **La Trobe University**- Shepparton (3), Melbourne (5), Albury-Wodonga (12), Mildura (15), Bendigo (26), www.latrobe.edu.au/openday
- **Monash University**: Peninsula (4), Clayton & Caulfield (5), Parkville (19), <http://bit.ly/1pmUEzv>
- **RMIT**: Bundoora (5), City (12), <http://openday.rmit.edu.au/>
- **University of Tasmania**: Hobart (5), Inveresk & Newnham (12), <http://info.utas.edu.au/openday>
- **CQUniversity**: Online (15), Melbourne (16), <https://bit.ly/2rP34Cc>
- **Australian Catholic University**: Melbourne (12), Ballarat (26), www.openday.acu.edu.au/
- **University of Melbourne**, Parkville & Southbank (19), <https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/>
- **Deakin University**- Warrnambool (5), Geelong (19), Melbourne (26), <http://openday.deakin.edu.au/>
- **Victoria University**, Footscray (19), <https://openday.vu.edu.au/>
- **Federation University**, all campuses (26), <https://bit.ly/2uwYPgX>

List of Victorian Open Day dates for private providers and TAFE institutes: <https://bit.ly/2NQdoEY>

For Open Days at all other states and territories go to <https://bit.ly/2mh7bFu>

COMPETITIONS

UNSW Bragg Student Prize for Science Writing:

For students in Years 7 – 10. The theme this year is Technology & Tomorrow. Technology has transformed many aspects of society in a short period of time – take the invention of the Internet, which only became widely used in the late 1990s, and smartphones and tablets, which took off in the late 2000s. In other ways, some of the technologies predicted to be used in the 2020s are yet to appear, like flying cars and personal robots. Your task: in 800 words or less, describe the impacts of a particular technology on society. You can look at a technology of the past (even ancient past), describe a technology in use today, a new technology that is being developed, or outline your predictions for the technology of the future. Entries close on 28 August. For information and to apply, go to <http://bit.ly/1efclWA>

Urban Futures Competition: Are you a geography champion who wants to create beautiful and functional places for people to live? The world needs you to be a leader in creating vibrant, liveable and resilient cities for the future. With Melbourne's population moving beyond four and a half million, significant challenges and opportunities for planning, designing and managing our city arise. How will you help urban environments adapt to meet the future needs of our population? Your task is to provide a photo or image to communicate an urban problem you have identified, and explain the problem and your ideas for a solution in 200–300 words. You must be in Years 10 – 12 and all entries must be in by Sunday 9 September. For information on the competition and how you can enter, go to <http://tinyurl.com/knbumu6>

The Heywire competition is open to people aged 16 – 22, to submit a story about life in regional Australia. Your story can be created in any form of media: text, video, photography, or audio. If you are selected as one of the winners, your story will be featured on ABC Local Radio, ABC Radio National, ABC TV and abc.net. Entries close 16 September, www.abc.net.au/heywire

Swinburne University Ultimate Study Pack- win prizes! Students can enter online to win a study pack, which contains a MacBook, GoPro Hero6, Giant Bike, wireless headphones and Herschel backpack. All you have to do is register your details at the following website- <http://bit.ly/29BtGhP>

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

NOW OPEN

Australian Catholic University (ACU), Community Achievers Program: Selection is based on: written application about history of community service/ leadership/volunteerism, academic reports, referee. If you receive a place in the program, you will receive a guaranteed place in your desired course if you: achieve the required minimum ATAR set by the University and meet eligibility criteria for the course. Apply by 31 July, <https://bit.ly/2ErcsoG>

La Trobe University, Aspire Early Admissions Program: Selection is based on written application about history of community service/ leadership/ volunteerism, ATAR predicted by school, referee. If you receive a place in the program, you will receive a guaranteed place in your desired course if you: achieve the required minimum ATAR set by the University and meet eligibility criteria for the course. Applications close 31 August, <http://bit.ly/1cXetap>



Victoria University, VU Guaranteed: for eligible schools only. To check if your school is eligible, go to, <https://bit.ly/2uAJXxU>

University of New England, Direct Early Entry program: Selection is based on the recommendation from the applicant's school, not their final ATAR. The program is free, fully online, and students can start their university application now, <http://bit.ly/2aqFGGu>

OPENING SOON

University of Wollongong (UoW), Early Admissions Program: Selection is based on: written application about history of community service/ leadership/ volunteerism, Year 11 and 12 academic results, interview. If you receive a place in the program, you will receive a guaranteed place in your desired course before you receive your ATAR. Apply between 1 – 24 August, <https://bit.ly/2NQT5aD>

RMIT, Schools Network Access Program (SNAP): for eligible schools only. To check if your school is eligible, go to, <https://bit.ly/2vAPiVT>

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS): The following NSW and Canberra Institutions took part in this scheme in 2017. An updated list hasn't been released for 2018 yet.

- Australian Catholic University
- Australian National University
- Charles Sturt University
- International College of Management, Sydney
- Macquarie University
- National Art School
- SAE Creative Media Institute
- University of Canberra
- University of New England
- University of Newcastle
- University of Technology Sydney
- Western Sydney University

Students apply through a central portal via the UAC website. Each university has slight differences in the admissions process and differences in eligibility criteria and offers, so it is important to read the SRS Guide. Apply between Wednesday 1 August - Friday 29 September. For information, go to www.uac.edu.au/srs/

GUARANTEED ENTRY

Applications open on 6 August 2018.

The University of Melbourne, Access Melbourne: Guaranteed entry with a lower ATAR set by the University. Students must be from a rural area or a financially disadvantaged background and meet eligibility criteria for the course, <http://bit.ly/2gBAqPD>

Monash University, Monash Guarantee: Guaranteed entry with a lower ATAR set by the University. Students must be either an Indigenous Australian, live in a rural area, are financially disadvantaged, or attend a Monash list under represented school. Students must also meet eligibility criteria for the course, <http://bit.ly/2bablf6>

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SO YOU CAN
CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Are you currently in Year 12 and considering Tertiary study?

Victorian courses: The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) processes course applications on behalf of participating higher education institutions. From Monday 6 August, you will be able to create a VTAC account and apply for vocational and higher education courses. VTAC has developed a series of resources to assist students with their applications. The following are three examples:

- **Website:** The website and social media channels contain information about the application process, Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS), and scholarships etc., www.vtac.edu.au/
- **Instructional videos:** these outline how to set up a VTAC account, how to search for courses and how the preference system works, <http://bit.ly/2a9lzwg>
- **VTAC CourseSearch app:** You can download the app from Google Play or the App Store.

New South Wales and Canberra courses: The Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) processes course applications and early entry on behalf of participating higher education institutions. From Wednesday 1 August, you will be able to create a UAC account and apply for vocational and higher education courses. UAC has developed a series of resources to assist students with their applications.

- **The website** and social media channels contain information about the application process, Educational Access Schemes (EAS), Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) and scholarships etc., www.uac.edu.au/
- **MyUAC mobile app:** You can download the app from Google Play or the App Store.

Other states

Information and resources for other states can be accessed at the following websites:

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| SANT | www.satac.edu.au/ |
| Queensland | www.qtac.edu.au/ |
| Western Australia | www.tisc.edu.au/ |
| Tasmania | www.utas.edu.au/ |

Why is completing a vocational or higher education qualification after school so important? According to the My Career Match website:

- Of the 13 million jobs in Australia in 2020, 11 million (85%) will require a Certificate III or higher. Four million (30%) will require a Bachelor degree or higher.
- Many of the careers and jobs that are around today will disappear by the time students get their first job and many new careers will be created.

To read more about the future automation, globalisation and collaboration of the future workforce, read the following report by the Australian Foundation for Young Australians - <http://bit.ly/29ARTcf>

Gap Year in the Army, Navy and Air Force: The Australian Defence Force Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians who have finished Year 12 to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year in the Army, Navy or Air Force. You will earn more than \$45,000, have subsidised accommodation and full medical and dental coverage. The following roles still have spaces for applicants:

Army

- Air Defence Operator
- Warehouse Assistant
- Administration Assistant
- Artillery Operator
- Driver

Air Force

- Airbase Protection & Security
- Warehouse Storeperson

For information and to apply, go to <https://bit.ly/2uW1hzi>

