



Dates to Diarise in Term 3

- UMAT2016 – Wednesday 26 July
- University / TAFE Open Days 2016 – throughout August
- Year 12 VTAC applications – throughout August and September

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What is VET in the VCE?

VET stands for *Vocational Education and Training*, and vocation refers to work or employment. **VET in the VCE** programs are designed to give students an exposure to practical skills and an understanding of what it is like to 'learn through doing'. So, students can opt to do a VET subject while completing their VCE and, in most cases, the VET qualification contributes towards the VCE and the ATAR.

Visit [VET in the VCE](#) or speak to Ms. Burton in the Careers office.



VTACmag 2018

Year 12 students should note that all information regarding applying for tertiary study in Victoria in 2018 is available on the **VTAC** website at www.vtac.edu.au, on a *free* App found in the Apple store or Google Play, and some information also published in the **VTACmag**, which will be available from newsagents in late July with a recommended retail price of \$7.95, or online now at www.pocketmags.com.au or the App Store. The **VTACmag** contains practical information about the VTAC process and preparing for study, in an engaging, friendly format suitable for Year 12 students considering tertiary study. Information will be clearly explained including feature articles of interest, such as interviews with prominent Victorians who complete Year 12 and further study in Victoria and a mentoring section where VTAC matches students with professionals. There are a few reference copies of the **VTACmag** in the Career Centre should students wish to browse through one before deciding on buying.



ABC of Applying for 2018

Year 12 students are encouraged to refer to their copy of the ***ABC of Applying*** booklet when it comes to making their VTAC application for study in 2018. The booklet provides information on *key dates, how the application process works, useful tips on scholarships, VTAC personal statements, and much more!* **Download the booklet at [ABC of Applying for 2018](#). This booklet will be distributed to all Year 12's at the VTAC assembly on 1 August.**



Key Dates for Tertiary Applications for 2018 Entry

Year 12 students are reminded that applications to university usually commence in term 3. Some important key dates are listed below:

State	Tertiary Admission Centre	Website	Application Opening Date	Application Closing Date
Victoria	VTAC	www.vtac.edu.au	7 August 2017	28 September 2017
Queensland	QTAC	www.qtac.edu.au	3 August 2017	26 September 2016
South Australia	SATAC	www.satac.edu.au	7 August 2017	29 September 2017
Western Australia	TISC	www.tisc.edu.au	7 August 2017	29 September 2017
NSW & ACT	UAC	www.uac.edu.au	2 August 2017	29 September 2017
Northern Territory	SATAC	www.satac.edu.au	7 August 2017	29 September 2017
Tasmania	Direct	www.utas.edu.au	Early August 2017	30 September 2017



MONASH University

Why Study Science at Monash?

The Faculty of Science lists 10 reasons as to why a student should consider science at Monash:

1. The science degree is flexible – students can study subjects across the scientific spectrum and even take units from other faculties such as Arts.
2. The faculty has a small student-to-staff ratio meaning that they can focus on students as individuals and give them proper support.
3. There is plenty of hands-on lab hours – it is not simply a theory course
4. Students learn from academics who are pioneering international research in their scientific disciplines.
5. 25 of the units offered by the science faculty take students from the classroom out into the field – to places as far flung as Heron Island, Borneo, and the Cinque Terre in Italy.
6. The faculty's approach to teaching is unique. For example, students who study geology by actually getting their hands dirty in the outdoor classroom – the [Field](#)

[Experience Rock Garden](#). Students studying biology will have access to the amazing outdoor reserve – allowing them to study the natural world in the great outdoors. Physics students benefit from an innovative group approach to learning that throws traditional lectures out of the window, developing skills in team-working, problem-solving and leadership.

7. The [state-of-the-art science 'precinct'](#) is home to two student lounges just for science students, along with many other comfortable break-out spaces for studying and hanging out.
8. Monash University has spent millions in recent years on making its student facilities and buildings among Australia's best.
9. Science students are given lots of coaching and guidance to prepare them for the world after university, from learning leadership skills to writing their CV. There is a dedicated in-house careers consultant, alongside leadership and mentoring programs, to hone students' non-academic skills and help prepare them for their dream job.
10. Monash has a proven track record of providing a springboard to a huge range of careers and postgraduate research in science and beyond.

Browse [Facts about Science at Monash](#) and [Why study Science at Monash](#) to find out more!



Defence Jobs: Job Finder

The ***Defence Jobs: Job Finder*** website is a very useful tool to assist students who are interested in entering the Defence Force find a possible role or career that is suited to them. **Students are encouraged to browse [Defence Jobs: Job Finder](#)**

UAC Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS)

Students considering applying for a course at an **interstate university** or campus might like to consider also applying for the ***Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS)***. The ***Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS)*** enables schools to recommend current Year 12 students – who are also UAC applicants – for early offers of undergraduate admission. The aim of SRS is to help more Year 12 students gain access to higher education, especially those students who might otherwise not be offered a place.

SRS applications open on Wednesday 2 August 2017 and close at midnight on Friday 29 September 2017.

Students keen on finding out more should visit [UAC - Schools Recommendation Scheme \(SRS\)](#) and/or speak to Ms. Burton.

Visual Merchandising at Kangan

If you are a visually creative individual who loves all things fashion and retail, then our Diploma of Visual Merchandising qualification can lead to your perfect creative career as a Visual Merchandiser. Visual merchandising has become a vital feature in the promotional mix when it comes to creating a striking visual retail presence. Students who enrol in the nationally accredited **Diploma of Visual Merchandising** course will gain relevant skills in –

- designing, planning and implementation of visual merchandising concepts
- explore colour theory, graphics, drawing and multimedia
- design and construct safe and effective props and displays
- digital art and design
- graphic arts
- retail merchandising
- visual merchandising

This course may lead to employment as a -

- Retail store visual merchandiser
- Visual merchandising manager
- Photographic stylist
- Freelance visual merchandiser
- Exhibition/event display designer

Find out more by visiting [Creative Industries](#) and [Diploma of Visual Merchandising at Kangan Institute](#)

University of Wollongong



Bachelor of Pre-Medicine, Science and Health

The University of Wollongong (UOW) offers a 3-year **Bachelor of Pre-Medicine, Science and Health** as a pathway to graduate medical studies. The course is designed to give high-achieving students an excellent preparation for graduate medical studies at UOW or other institutions.

One of the strengths of the course is that there is a Foundations for GAMSAT subject in first year. **This subject explores core content for medical school entry including academic literacy, critical thinking skills and an understanding of what it takes to be a successful health practitioner.** It provides an excellent understanding of, and preparation for, the GAMSAT exam.

Also in the first-year students will also study foundational *anatomy, biology, chemistry, exercise physiology, nutrition and effective communication in healthcare settings*. In the second year, under the guidance of the course coordinator, students can tailor their interests by selecting one of eight study areas:

- Biomedical Research
- Exercise Science
- Health Informatics
- Health Practice
- Medical Radiation Physics
- Medical Science
- Molecular Medicine
- Nutrition

In the final year, there is a capstone subject which examines case studies across six topics in the same case-based learning format used by graduate medical schools. The case studies are explored via scientific summaries, clinical trial critiques, media reporting, essays, and debates.

Applicants need an indicative ATAR of 95 and have studied mathematics and chemistry, with biology being recommended. Students must apply through www.uac.edu.au and the UAC course code is 757500.

Find out more about eligibility for the Bachelor of Pre-Medicine, Science and Health at [Bachelor of Pre-Medicine, Science and Health at UOW](#). For frequently asked questions about this degree, visit [FAQs about Bachelor of Pre-Medicine, Science, and Health](#)



Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Science Courses

Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science undergraduate courses for school leavers offered in Victoria include –

UNIVERSITY	COURSE	VCE PREREQUISITES	ATAR FOR 2017
La Trobe University B – Bendigo Campus	Pharmacy	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in Chemistry; and a study score of at least 25 in any Mathematics.	65.80 (B)
Monash University P – Parkville Campus C – Clayton Campus	Pharmacy (Hons) and Master of Pharmacy	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 35 in English (EAL) or at least 30 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in Chemistry; and a study score of at least 25 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods (any) or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	91.05 (P)
	Pharmaceutical Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in Chemistry; and a study score of at least 25 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods (any) or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	84.10 (P)
	Pharmaceutical Science Advanced Honours	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in Chemistry; and a study score of at least 25 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods (any) or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	90.70 (P)
	Chemical Engineering/ Pharmaceutical Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in Maths: Mathematical Methods (any); and a study score of at least 25 in Chemistry.	92.80 (C)
RMIT University B – Bundoora campus C/B – City/Bundoora R.C. – Range of Criteria	Chemical Engineering/ Pharmaceutical Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 20 in Chemistry; and a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods (any) or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	n/a (C/B)
	Pharmacy (Honours)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in Chemistry; and a study score of at least 25 in any Mathematics.	81.05 (B) + Supplementary Form
	Pharmaceutical Sciences	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 20 in Chemistry; and a study score of at least 20 in one of any Mathematics or Physics.	77.00 (B)
Victoria University St. A – St. Albans	Pharmaceutical and Health Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in Chemistry; and a study score of at least 25 in one of Biology or Health and Human Development.	n/a (St. A)

Log onto [VTAC](#) to find out more about these and other similar courses!

Note: Monash University has been ranked second in the world for Pharmacy and Pharmacology behind Harvard University in the QS 2017 World University Rankings by Subject list. (<https://www.monash.edu/news/articles/monash-excels-in-q5-world-university-subject-rankings>)



Open Days 2017



INSTITUTION	DATE	TIME	CONTACT DETAILS
Australian Catholic University Melbourne Campus Ballarat Campus	Sun 13 August Sun 27 August	10am – 4pm 10am – 3pm	1300 ASK ACU Email: opendayvic@acu.edu.au http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/future_students/undergraduate/experience_uni_before_you_start/open_day
Australian College of Applied Psychology	Sun 13 August	10am – 2pm	1800 061 199 http://www.acap.edu.au/
Australian National University	Sat 26 August	9am – 4pm	http://www.anu.edu.au/study/choose-anu/anu-open-day-2017
Bond University	Sat 22 July	2pm – 6pm	1800 074 074 https://bond.edu.au/open-day
Box Hill Institute of TAFE Lilydale Campus Box Hill Campus	Sun 20 August Sun 27 August	10am – 3pm	1300 269 445 www.boxhill.edu.au/openday
Deakin University & Deakin College Warrnambool Campus Geelong Campus (Wairn Ponds & Waterfront) Melbourne (Burwood) Campus	Sun 6 August Sun 20 August Sun 27 August	9am – 3pm 9am – 3pm 9am – 3pm	1800 334 733 http://openday.deakin.edu.au/
Federation University of Australia Mount Helen Campus; Berwick, and Gippsland	Sun 27 August	10am – 3pm	1800 333 864 http://federation.edu.au/future-students/study-at-feduni/open-day
Holmesglen Institute Open Thursday's – all campuses	10 August 21 September 2 November 14 December	Various times	1300 MY FUTURE Online bookings are essential http://www.holmesglen.edu.au/open
JMC Academy	Sat 12 August	9.30am – 4pm	9624 2917 www.jmcacademy.edu.au
La Trobe University & La Trobe Melbourne Shepparton Campus Melbourne (Bundoora) Campus Albury-Wodonga Mildura Campus Bendigo Campus	Fri 4 August Sun 6 August Sat 12 August Wed 16 August Sun 27 August	4pm – 7pm 10am – 4pm 3pm – 6.30pm 4pm – 7pm 10am – 3pm	1300 135 045 http://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday
Melbourne Polytechnic Preston Campus	Sat 19 August	10am – 4pm	9269 1200 https://www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au/
Monash University Peninsula Campus Clayton & Caulfield Campuses Parkville Campus (Pharmacy Focus)	Sat 5 August Sun 6 August Sun 20 August	10am – 3pm 10am – 4pm 10am – 3pm	1800 666 274 www.monash.edu.au/openday
Photographic Studies College	Sun 13 August	10am – 3pm	9682 3191 https://www.psc.edu.au/
Navitas College of Public Safety 123 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne CBD	Sun 13 August	10am – 2pm	1800 783 661 www.ncps.edu.au
RMIT City, Bundoora & Brunswick Campuses	Sun 13 August	10am – 4pm	9925 2260 www.rmit.edu.au/openday
Swinburne University Hawthorn	Sun 30 July	10am – 4pm	1300 SWINBURNE www.swinburne.edu.au/openday
Torrens University Melbourne Campus	Sat 12 August	11am – 3pm	1300 575 803 http://www.torrens.edu.au
University of Melbourne Parkville & Southbank Campuses	Sun 20 August	10am – 4pm	1800 801 662 https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/
University of Sydney	Sat 26 August	9am – 4pm	http://openday.sydney.edu.au/
Victoria University Footscray Park campus	Sun 20 August	10am – 3pm	1300 VIC UNI https://www.vu.edu.au/about-vu/news-events/events/open-day-2017
William Angliss Institute of TAFE	Sun 13 August	9.30am – 3pm	1300 ANGLISS http://www.angliss.edu.au

Not everyone can attend every Open Day and various Institutions hold their Open Days on the same date! If you can't attend an Open Day and you are interested in a particular institution, you may visit at other times. If you wish to speak to a particular person, it is essential to make an appointment first

***This information was correct at the time of publication.
Students are encouraged to confirm times themselves.***

Getting the most out of an Open Day

Most institutional Open Days are held in late July and August (see over the page for Open Day dates). However, you are more than welcome to contact an institution to arrange a visit any time.

What happens on an Open Day?

On Open Day you can visit an institution when it's at its best. Everyone is there – academics, lecturers, current students and information officers. More importantly, you can talk with academics, lecturers and current students about what certain courses are actually like, and what is required to get into them.

Who should attend an Open Day?

Anyone who is considering studying at a tertiary level in the next few years should attend.

Why should you attend an Open Day?

Apart from the opportunity to obtain course information there are many other reasons why attending an Open Day is a good idea:

- You are going to feel more comfortable arriving at a university or TAFE institute on the first day of classes if you have been there before.
- What is really involved in the course or courses you are interested in?
- If you have to move away from home, where are you going to live?
- Will you be happier studying in a large metropolitan institution or a smaller, perhaps rural institution?
- What does the place 'feel' like? Is it a bustling environment with lots of activity or a quieter, more relaxed campus set in landscaped grounds?
- How are you going to get there? Is it close to public transport or should you start saving now for a car?

If you don't know the answers to any of these questions, then you should attend an Open Day!

How to make the best of Open Days?

To make your Open Day visits fun and informative, here are some pointers:

- Write down a list of questions you would like to ask about particular courses
- Be there early. Crowds tend to develop as the day progresses
- On arrival, get a map from a central point and ask for directions to the relevant faculties or schools
- Ask questions!
- Don't spend the day collecting printed information only. Use the opportunity to speak directly with academics before applications close
- Introduce yourself to selection officers if you feel it is appropriate, but don't be pushy
- Check out the residential colleges, if available. After all, it is you that will be living there.
- Walk around the campus. Have a good look! See what sporting facilities and other services are available.
- Enjoy the visit!