**CAREER NEWS** **Friday 20 October**

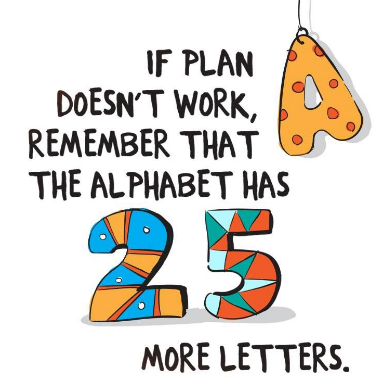
** Dates to Diarise in Term 4**

* Year 12 VTAC late applications – throughout October until 3 November

 **Reminder: VTAC 2018 Key Dates** 

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| **VTAC Personal Statement** | Friday 8 December 2017 |
| **ATARs Released** | Friday 15 December 2017 |
| **COP for Early International Offers closes** | Friday 15 December 2017 |
| **Change of Preference (COP) closes** | Wednesday 20 December 2017 |
| **Early Round International Offers** | Wednesday 20 December 2017 |
| **Main Round International Offers** | Tuesday 9 January 2018 |
| **Main Round Domestic Offers** | Tuesday 16 January 2018 |
| **Further Offer Rounds** | Friday 2 February 2018 onwards |

**For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit** [**VTAC Course Updates**](http://www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/courseupdates.html)

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

**ATOlogo 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**](http://auspost.com.au/travel-id/tax-file-number-applications.html)

***What if you think you won’t get a place at university?***

There are many alternatives. Some suggestions are:

* Contact your Career Practitioner
* Apply for a related TAFE course if you have not done so already
* Apply for a course at Monash College or Deakin College (see VTAC Guide)
* Complete a Diploma in Tertiary or Foundation Studies – e.g. at Monash University, RMIT and Victoria University
* Nursing - complete a Diploma of Nursing at TAFE
* Aim for a Supplementary Offer in January (see VTAC website)

Which Deakin Campus fits You?

The **Melbourne Campus at Burwood** is Deakin’s thriving metropolitan Campus, attracting more than 26 000 students, and 1500 staff. This Campus has a contemporary arts building, the prestigious Deakin University Art Gallery, Deakin *Motion.Lab* – Australia’s largest motion capture facility, an extensive Library, a gym and sports hall, restaurants, bar, internet café, health care services and campus retail.

Deakin’s **Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds** is Deakin’s second-largest campus and is home to Deakin’s Medical School and the Geelong Technology Precinct (GTP). It has many services and facilities including lecture theatres, library, computer laboratories, health care services, gym, sports hall, and retail and food outlets. There is also on-campus accommodation for over 700 students at this campus.

Deakin’s **Geelong Waterfront Campus** is located on the foreshore of Corio Bay in the central business district of Geelong. With more than 4330 students, campus features include state-of-the-art Computer Aided Design (CAD) laboratories and design studios, a cafeteria, library, and bookshop. The redevelopment of the Dennys Lascelles Building has increased the capacity of the Waterfront Campus, allowing the University to provide an expanded range of courses.

Deakin’s **Warrnambool Campus** is set on the banks of the picturesque Hopkins River, close to local surf beaches and popular tourist attractions, with all the facilities of a regional centre. It offers a friendly, close-knit community with an on-campus population of around 1100. On-campus facilities include a comprehensive library, excellent teaching and learning spaces, health care services, café, gym, bookshop, social areas, basketball, netball and tennis courts, and a golf course.  
 **For more information on these campuses, visit** [**Deakin Campuses**](http://www.deakin.edu.au/locations)

[](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/) **Low Income Healthcare Card for Australian Students**

*Once you have finished school you are no longer a student and you may be eligible for a* ***Low Income Health Care Card****.*

*This card gives access to a range of concessions, not only on some health care items but also on a range of other goods and services if you are on a low income.*    
  
In particular, some TAFE and other short courses offer discounts for cardholders.

You may also be eligible for public transport concessions (note that if you are studying interstate you are not eligible for public transport concessions in Victoria).

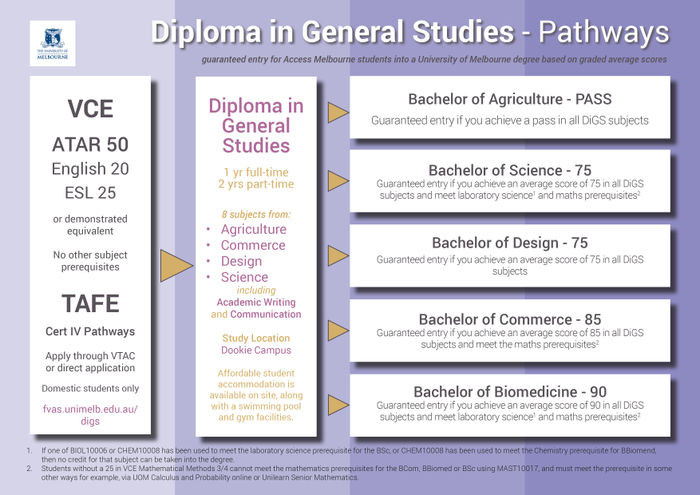
Eligibility for a Low Income Health Care Card is based on **YOUR** income over the previous 8 weeks.  As long as your income is less than $4368 over that period (or $546 per week) you should qualify.  You will maintain the Low Income Health Care Card as long as your income does not exceed $5460 (or $682.50 per week) in any 8 week period.

**It is highly recommended that all graduating Year 12 students consider applying for this card once the exams are over.**

**Visit** [**Low Income Healthcare Card**](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/low-income-health-care-card) **and find out more!**

 **Diploma of General Studies (DiGS)**

Find out more about the ***Diploma of General Studies (DiGS)*** at the University of Melbourne at [**Diploma of General Studies (DiGS)**](http://fvas.unimelb.edu.au/study/courses/diploma-in-general-studies/overview)



**CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (COP) DATES & CONTACTS 2017**

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| **INSTITUTION** | **CONTACT DETAILS** | **TIMES** | | **DATE** |
| **Australian Catholic University**  [**www.acu.edu.au**](http://www.acu.edu.au) | HOTLINE 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228) | 9.00am – 5.00pm | | Dec 15 (Friday) |
| 12.00pm – 4.00pm | | Dec 16 (Sat) |
| 9.00am – 5.00pm | | Dec 18 – 20 |
| ASK ACU Drop in Centre | 9.00am – 5.00pm | | Dec 15 (Friday) |
| 9.00am – 5.00pm | | Dec 18 – 20 |
| Info Session (Melbourne) | 12.00pm – 3.00pm | | Dec 18 (Monday) |
| Info Session (Ballarat) | 4.00pm – 6.00pm | | Dec 18 (Monday) |
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| **Australian College of Applied Psychology**  [**www.acap.edu.au**](http://www.acap.edu.au) | 1800 061 199 |  | | |
| COP Info Session | 6.00pm | | Dec 6 (Wednesday) |
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| **Box Hill TAFE**  [**www.boxhill.edu.au**](http://www.boxhill.edu.au) | 1300 269 445 |  | | |
| COP Information Evening | 2.00pm – 6.00pm | | Dec 18 (Monday) |
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| **CQU (Melbourne)**  [**www.cqu.edu.au**](http://www.cqu.edu.au) | HOTLINE 13 CQUni (13 2786) |  | | |
| 120 Spencer Street, Melbourne | 9.00am – 1.00pm | | Dec 15 (Friday) |
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| **Deakin College**  [**www.deakincollege.edu.au**](http://www.deakincollege.edu.au) | HOTLINE (03) 9244 5600  **Email:** [**dcoll-direct@deakin.edu.au**](mailto:dcoll-direct@deakin.edu.au) |  | | |
|  | Information Sessions | Same as Deakin University | Same as Deakin University | |
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| **Deakin University**  [**http://choose.deakin.edu.au/**](http://choose.deakin.edu.au/) | HOTLINE 1800 MY FUTURE (1800 693 888)  Online Live Chat Sessions | 8.00am – 7.00pm | | Dec 15 (Friday) |
| 10.00am – 2.00pm | | Dec 16 (Saturday) |
| 10.00am – 2.00pm | | Dec 17 (Sunday) |
| 9.00am – 5.00pm | | Dec 18 – 19 |
| 9.00am – 12.00pm | | Dec 20 (Wednesday) |
| Melbourne Campus at Burwood - Information Session | 11.00am – 2.00pm | | Dec 17 (Sunday) |
| Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus – Information Session | 4.00pm – 7.00pm | | Dec 18 (Monday) |
| Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus - Walk & Talk | 11.00am – 1.00pm | | Dec 18 (Monday) |
| Warrnambool Campus – Walk & Talk | 11.00am – 1.00pm | | Dec 19 (Tuesday) |
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| **Federation University**  [**http://federation.edu.au/future-students/information-for/information-for-schools/events**](http://federation.edu.au/future-students/information-for/information-for-schools/events) | HOTLINE 1800 333 864 |  | | |
| Info Day (Ballarat, Berwick & Gippsland Campuses) |  | | Dec 18 (Monday) |
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| **Holmesglen Institute**  **[www.holmesglen.edu.au/open](http://www.holmesglen.edu.au/open)** | HOTLINE 1300 693 888 |  | | |
| Change of preference Information Session | 9.00am – 7.00pm | | Dec 14 (Thursday) |
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| **JMC Academy** [**www.jmcacademy.edu.au**](http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/) | 1300 410 311 | 9.00am – 5.00pm | | Dec 15, 18 – 20 |
| Change of Preference Event | 3.00pm – 6.00pm | | Dec 18 (Monday) |
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| **La Trobe Melbourne**  [**https://www.latrobemelbourne.edu.au/change-of-preference**](https://www.latrobemelbourne.edu.au/change-of-preference) | HOTLINE (03) 9479 2417 | Same as La Trobe University | | Same as La Trobe University |
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| **La Trobe University**  [**http://www.latrobe.edu.au/prefer**](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/prefer) | HOTLINE 1300 135 045 | 7.00am – 7.00pm | | Dec 15 (Friday) |
| 9.00am – 5.00pm | | Dec 16 – 22 |
| Change of Preference (COP) Event | 10.00am – 2.00pm | | Dec 16 (Saturday) |
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| **Melbourne Polytechnic** [**www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au**](http://www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au) | HOTLINE (03) 9269 8400 |  | | |
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| **Monash University**  **[www.monash.edu.au/cop](http://www.monash.edu.au/cop)** | HOTLINE 1800 666 274 | 8.00am – 6.00pm | | Dec 15 (Friday) |
| 10.00am – 4.00pm | | Dec 16 – 17 |
| 9.00am – 6.00pm | | Dec 18 – 19 |
| 9.00am – 5.00pm | | Dec 20 (Wednesday) |
| Change of Preference Expo – Monash Caulfield Campus | 3.00pm – 7.00pm | | Dec 18 (Monday) |
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| **Navitas College of Public Safety**  [**www.ncps.edu.au**](http://www.ncps.edu.au) | HOTLINE 1800 783 661 |  | | |
| COP Info Session | 6.00pm | | Dec 6 (Wednesday) |
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| **Photographic Studies College**  **<http://www.psc.edu.au/>** | (03) 9682 3191 | 9.00am – 6.00pm | | Dec 15, 18 – 20 |
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| **RMIT University**  **[www.rmit.edu.au/school-leaver](http://www.rmit.edu.au/school-leaver)** | HOTLINE (03) 9925 2260 | 8.30am – 5.30pm | | Dec 15 (Friday) |
| 10.00am – 4.00pm | | Dec 16 (Saturday) |
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| COP Expo – City Campus | 3.00pm – 6.00pm | | Dec 18 (Monday) |
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| **Swinburne University**  [**www.swinburne.edu.au/choose**](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose) | HOTLINE 1300 275 794 | 10.00am – 3.00pm | | Dec 16 (Saturday) |
| Live Chats – book through website |  | |  |
| COP Expo Hawthorn Campus | 11.00am – 4.00pm | | Dec 18 (Monday) |
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| **Torrens University** [**http://www.torrens.edu.au/**](http://www.torrens.edu.au/) | 1300 575 803 or (03) 8199 3107 |  | | |
| COP Day 595 Lt Collins St Campus | 9.00am – 5.00pm | | Dec 15 (Friday) |
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| **University of Melbourne**  [**www.cop.unimelb.edu.au/2017**](http://www.cop.unimelb.edu.au/2016) | HOTLINE 13 63 52  <https://ask.unimelb.edu.au/app/ask?chat> Online Support | 9.00am – 5.00pm | | Dec 12 – 20 |
| Course Information Day Parkville Campus | 10.00am – 2.30pm | | Dec 18 (Monday) |
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| **Victoria University**  [**www.vu.edu.au/change**](http://www.vu.edu.au/change) | CHAT AND HOTLINE 1300 842 864 | 8.30am – 6.00pm | | Dec 15 (Friday) |
| 10.00am – 3.00pm | | Dec 16 (Saturday) |
| 10.00am – 3.00pm | | Dec 17 (Sunday) |
| 8.30am – 6.00pm | | Dec 18 – 19 |
| 8.30am – 12.00pm | | Dec 20 (Wednesday) |
| One-on-one Appointments | 9.00am – 5.00pm | | Dec 15 (Friday) |
| 10.00am – 3.00pm | | Dec 16 – 17 |
| 9.00am – 5.00pm | | Dec 18 – 19 |
| COP Expo at Footscray Park Campus | 3.30pm – 6.30pm | | Dec 19 (Tuesday) |
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| **William Angliss Institute**  [**https://www.angliss.edu.au/2018**](https://www.angliss.edu.au/2018) | HOTLINE 1300 ANGLISS |  | | |
| One-on-one consultations available | 9.00am – 5.00pm | | Dec 18 – 20 |

This information is only a guideline and it is important that students check dates and times themselves.