



Wednesday 13 September 2023

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

TERTIARY APPLICATIONS

As we wind down to the end of term 3, it's important to double check your TAFE and university application tasks. The following are tips to help you stay on track:

Check closing dates

Please see the next page for information on closing dates for:

Tertiary Admission Centres (Victoria, NSW/ACT) early entry programs
special consideration
scholarships

Note: some courses have September closing dates such as medicine and fine arts.

Additional forms, tests, auditions etc.

As discussed in the last Career News, you may need to complete additional tasks or tests to be eligible for selection into your dream courses (e.g., nursing, teaching, art, architecture, medicine, dentistry). Double check the selection requirements for the courses you're applying for.

Task list and calendar

Make a task list for each institute and place key dates on a calendar for all institutes (application fees, scholarships, accommodation, early entry etc.). Have separate task lists for each state if you've applied for courses in more than one.

Special consideration and scholarships

If you're applying for special consideration and/or scholarships, you may need to supply evidence such as:

record of school absences
financial disadvantage (Family Tax Benefit, Youth Allowance etc.)
rurality status
VCAA/NESA special provisions
a supporting letter from the school
a supporting letter from a health/medical practitioner
school/community involvement
a character or academic reference.

It's also important to note that scholarships at some universities will close soon.

Ensure you speak to key people at your school as soon as possible if you need staff to complete forms for you.

Applying for courses via Tertiary Admission Centres (TACs)

Once you've completed your course application, check the inbox in your TAC account for information on additional selection requirements for your preferences. It's crucial you complete these requirements by the due dates otherwise you risk being ineligible for entry into relevant courses.

Resources

Download resources from <https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/>

Other states

Access information about course applications via:

SA & NT	www.satac.edu.au
Queensland	www.qtac.edu.au
Western Australia	www.tisc.edu.au
Tasmania	www.utas.edu.au

SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATION SCHEME (SRS) – CLOSING SOON!

SRS is an umbrella early entry program that covers the following NSW and Canberra institutes:

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE)
Australian Catholic University
Australian College of Physical Education
Charles Sturt University
International College of Management, Sydney
Macquarie University
National Art School
SAE Creative Media Institute
Torrens University Australia
University of Canberra
University of New England
University of Newcastle
University of Notre Dame Australia
University of Technology Sydney
Western Sydney University

Participating institutions can use a range of criteria when making SRS offers, including your:

school's rating of your aptitudes
Year 11 grades
Educational Access Scheme application (if applicable).

How to apply

STEP 1: apply for up to 5 courses via the Universities Admissions Centre by 29 September, www.uac.edu.au

STEP 2: Via the UAC website, complete the SRS application and upload your Year 11 results. Applications close this Monday (18 September).

STEP 3: your school will complete a ratings form about your academic aptitudes.

STEP 4: make sure your UAC preferences are in the order you want to be considered for SRS by 4 November. Note – not all courses are eligible for SRS, so double check when ordering preferences.

STEP 5: conditional offers will be released on 10 November.

STEP 6: final offers will be released on 21 December.

TERTIARY DATES: VICTORIA

University applications – VTAC (now open)

Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC) applications are open for undergraduate courses, scholarships, Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) etc., www.vtac.edu.au/

Download early entry and VTAC guides via <https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/>

Early entry applications are now closed for La Trobe University: Aspire Year 11 Conditional Entry and Aspire Community Contribution.

September

VTAC – Special Consideration (SEAS)

15 Last date that VTAC guarantees they can contact applicants about incorrect or missing evidence/documents for SEAS. Applicants are encouraged to submit evidence before this date.

Early entry programs close

17 RMIT University – Early Entry

18 Australian Catholic University – ACU Guarantee

VTAC

28 Timely applications close for undergraduate courses. Applications close for courses that have early closing dates – Medicine at Monash University and Fine Arts courses at The University of Melbourne.

October

Early/guaranteed entry applications close for

6 Victoria University – VU Guaranteed

6 University of Melbourne – Access Melbourne

6 RMIT University - SNAP

6 Monash University – Monash Guarantee

9 Swinburne University – Early Entry

University applications – VTAC

6 Applications close for Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) and Scholarships.

December

Early entry applications close for

1 CQUniversity – Principal’s Recommendation Scheme

1 Federation University – Early Entry

13 Deakin University – Regional Access Scheme

VTAC Applications

1 Personal Statement applications close

11 VCE results and ATAR released

13 Last day to finalise course preferences (Vic students)

14 Last day to finalise course preferences (NSW students)

21 December round offers released

January offer round 1 released on 12 January 2024.

TERTIARY DATES: NSW & ACT

University applications – UAC (now open)

Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) applications are open for undergraduate courses, Equity Scholarships, Education Access Schemes (EAS) etc., www.uac.edu.au

Download early entry and UAC guides via <https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/>

Early entry applications are closed for the following universities: Charles Sturt University (Charles Sturt Advantage) and University of Technology, Sydney (UTS Early Entry Program).

Note: students can apply for early entry for these two universities via the UAC Schools Recommendation Scheme program.

September

Early entry applications close for:

15 University of New England – Early Entry

18 UAC - Schools Recommendation Scheme (covers 15 institutes)

18 Australian Catholic University – ACU Guarantee

30 Southern Cross University – Early Offer

University applications – UAC

29 Timely applications close for undergraduate courses. Applications close for some courses with early closing dates such as medicine.

November

University applications – UAC

3 Preferences close for Schools Recommendation Scheme

10 Offers released for Schools Recommendation Scheme

23 Educational Access Scheme - applications close for December Round 2 offers.

December

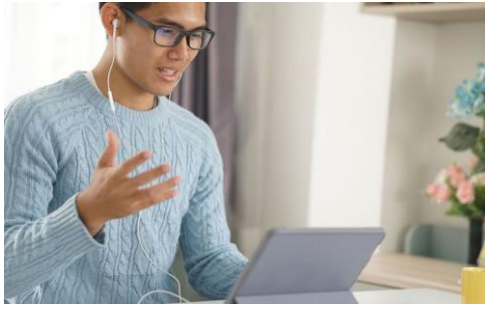
Early entry applications close for:

1 CQUniversity – Principal’s Recommendation Scheme

University applications – UAC

8 Equity Scholarships – applications close for December 2 Round of offers.

21 December Round 2 offers released (main round for Year 12 applicants).



GET HELP WITH YOUR VTAC PREFERENCES

How you order your university and TAFE preferences matter and it's crucial that you are happy with the order of your preferences and you have the correct backup courses in place.

As a reminder, you will only be entitled to receive one course offer per round. VTAC will offer you the highest course on your preference list that you're eligible for.

The following are examples of universities you can book a one-to-one appointment with to get help with your preferences:

Monash University

Science courses, <https://bit.ly/3LapDul>
Education courses, <https://bit.ly/3dfYae3>
Health courses, <https://bit.ly/3PAksYg>

Swinburne University

All courses, <https://bit.ly/3QNq1Ah>

La Trobe University

All courses, <https://consultation.latrobe.edu.au/s/>

SCHOLARSHIP

Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS)

Students applying for an AIQS accredited university degree in construction management are encouraged to apply for the Donald E Napier Scholarship. Victorian courses include:

RMIT UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours).

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours).

Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours)/Bachelor of Design (Architecture).

Applications close 31 October, www.aiqs.com.au



EXAM PREPARATION LECTURES

Australian Catholic University (ACU)

In September, ACU is offering free Year 12 VCE and HSC exam preparation webinars across a broad range of subjects. Register via www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events

Monash University

Monash is running free Units 3+4 VCE Science exam preparation lectures during September. There is a cost for each lecture, <https://bit.ly/3EhqhU8>

ALL STUDENTS

TAFE AND POLYTECHNIC APPLICATIONS

Students planning to study at a TAFE or Polytechnic institute next year are encouraged to contact the organisation/s to find out the following:

- When applications open and close
- What the application process entails (e.g., apply direct to the institute or via a Tertiary Admission Centre)
- If there are additional selection requirements such as a portfolio or interview.
- If there is an information session running.
- Back-up courses they should also apply for (e.g., Diploma of Nursing and Certificate III in Individual Support – Aged Care).

Applicants will most likely have to complete a literacy, language, and numeracy test once they apply for the course.

Note: some universities offer TAFE courses. For example -

Federation University
Victoria University
RMIT University
Swinburne University.

Speak to your school Career Adviser to narrow down the best institutes for the study areas you're interested in.



APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINEESHIP PATHWAYS

Students planning to start a traineeship or apprenticeship next year are advised to start preparing now.

Get specialised support

Register with local Group Training Organisations (GTOs) and Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) providers. Staff from these organisations are highly skilled and can assist you through all stages of finding, securing, and undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship. Search for organisations via www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au

Work experience

Speak to your work experience coordinator at school about completing work experience before the end of the school year.

Update your resume and create a cover letter

Work with your career adviser to update your resume and to create a cover letter you can tailor for job applications.

'Cold call' businesses

Why wait for an opportunity to present itself? Send your resume and a tailored cover letter to the businesses you would love to secure a traineeship or apprenticeship at.

Explore the Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website

This website contains fantastic resources for young people interested in pursuing a professional trade or traineeship. Some of the resources include:

- Job and training descriptions
- Career interest explorer
- Job pathway charts
- Information on apprenticeships and school-based apprenticeships
- Literacy and numeracy quizzes for different industries such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and hairdressing.



SUMMER SCHOOLS

National Computer Science School

This amazing ten-day summer school camp is for students entering Year 11 or 12 in 2024. The camp will be held at The University of NSW and the University of Melbourne between 6 -15 January 2024. The program includes fun teamwork activities, and the chance to meet industry professionals. Applications will close at 5pm this Friday (15 September). Register via <https://grocacademy.org/ncss>

Indigenous Australian Engineering School (IAES) 2024

The IAES will be held at Sydney between 14 – 20 January 2023. Year 10 – 12 participants will experience:

- a fully sponsored week-long program
- exploration of various engineering fields
- site visits, cultural activities, and more
- networking with industry professionals
- recreational fun on Sydney Harbour.

For information and to express an interest in the program, visit <https://bit.ly/3QZtLSX>

National Mathematics Summer School

The National Mathematics Summer School (NMSS) is a program for motivated and high-achieving school students that has been held each January since 1969. The 56th NMSS will be held in Canberra from 7 to 20 January 2024. The application process for the 2024 School will open later this year. Bookmark this page and check for updates - <https://nmss.edu.au/>

University of Melbourne - VCE Summer School

The University of Melbourne will run a two-week summer school in January for students entering Year 12 in 2024. Applications haven't opened yet, but students can read about the program and complete an expression of interest for the program via <https://bit.ly/47RACUg>



CAMPUS TOURS

Missed Open Days? The following are examples of universities running campus tours for prospective students and their families during September.

La Trobe University

19 – 21: Melbourne campus.
Register via www.latrobe.edu.au/events

Deakin University

20 – 27: all campuses.
Register via <https://bit.ly/3w4hpyr>

Monash University

21 – 28: all campuses. Register via www.monash.edu/discover
30: Science Precinct Tour, Clayton campus, <https://bit.ly/3L0t0VU>

Regional and Interstate students – book a personalised Science Precinct tour via sci-futurestudents@monash.edu

RMIT University

18 – 27: book a tour of the Melbourne, Brunswick or Bundoora campus during the term break via <https://bit.ly/3MWAGbA>

The following universities don't have set dates during the term break, but you can organise a personal tour of the campus.

Swinburn University

Book a tour of the Hawthorn campus during the term break via <https://bit.ly/3YSgHk7>

Australian Catholic University

Book a tour of the Melbourne, Ballarat, Canberra, or Sydney campuses via <https://bit.ly/3Hq5zAE>

The University of Melbourne

Book a tour of the Parkville campus via <https://bit.ly/3Ph6jz1>

Charles Sturt University

Book a tour of any campus via <https://bit.ly/3RkYKZF>



FILM COMPETITION

FLiCKERFEST 2024 FlickerUp national youth short film competition. Short film entries are invited from secondary school students or filmmakers under 18 years of age across Australia. Applications close Tuesday 7 November. For information and to apply, visit <https://flickerfest.com.au/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

SANTOS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

Agriculture

The University of Melbourne is running an exciting 3-day program at the Dookie campus between 29 November – 1 December 2023 for Year 9 and 10 students. Dookie campus is a working farm - a centre of agricultural research and teaching. You will join scientists and agricultural student mentors in hands on activities in the laboratory and paddock investigating real world issues.

There are 10 places left and accommodation is available at an additional cost. Book your place via www.scienceexperience.com.au

University of Melbourne

The Science Experience will be held between The Science Experience will be held between 22 – 24 January 2024 at The University of Melbourne and is for students heading into Year 9 or 10 in 2024. Students will get to experience university life with lectures, laboratory experiments and hands-on experiences run by our top researchers and scientists, all whilst exploring our world-class facilities. There are 10 places left, www.scienceexperience.com.au

EXPERIENCE DAYS - GAMING

The Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) is running experience days for prospective students who are interested in game development, 3D animation, and visual effects. The event will be held on the following dates:

Melbourne: 20 September
Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide: 4 October.

Register via <https://aie.edu.au/>



UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS

ENDEAVOUR COLLEGE OF NATURAL HEALTH

Endeavour College offers courses in the following study areas: Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine, Acupuncture Therapies, Chinese Medicine, and Complimentary Medicine. The College is running virtual information sessions during September for prospective students, www.endeavour.edu.au/events/

WHITEHOUSE INSTITUTE OF DESIGN

Illustration & Portfolio Workshop

Whitehouse is running the following workshops in September at the Melbourne campus:

18	Illustration & Portfolio Workshop
19	Adobe Portfolio Workshop
20	Foundation Sewing Workshop (3-day program)

The workshops are for aspiring designers and recommended as a starting point for those wishing to develop their illustration skills and create a portfolio for application to the Bachelor of Design program. For information on costs and to register your place, visit <https://whitehouse-design.edu.au/workshops>

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

ACU is running the following online 'Talk with Industry' seminars in September. Hear from professionals working in the following careers and learn about courses at ACU.

20	Exercise Science & High-Performance Sport
21	Arts and humanities
26	Psychologists, Youth Workers, and Social Workers
27	Nutritionists and Dietitians
5 Oct.	Nurses, Midwives, and Paramedics

Register your place for the events above via www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events

BUSINESS CAMP

The ASE Group is running an inspirational 3-day camp for young people (7 – 15 years) who are interested in exploring the world of entrepreneurship and starting their own business. It will run at locations in Sydney and Brisbane during September. There is a cost for the camp. For information and to register, visit www.ase.edu.au/businesscamp

PASSIONATE ABOUT BEAUTY?

Box Hill Institute is running an exciting program for Year 11 and 12 students interested in studying beauty therapy in the future. The event will be held at the Box Hill campus on 28 September. Register via www.boxhill.edu.au

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MUSIC (AIM)

Performance and Songwriting Workshop

The Institute is running a music performance and songwriting workshop for students in Years 9 – 12 at the Melbourne campus on 21 and 22 September. Cost is \$275. Register via <https://aim.edu.au/>

SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY

A Day in the Life of a Swinburne Student

Students are invited to attend a Day in the Life of a Swinburne Student session to find out about life after school. You will participate in talks, presentations, hands-on workshops in your future study area, and more. The following are events running in September.

19	STEM student: engineering, science, IT.
20	Creative student: design, film & television, games & animation, media & communication.
21	Business student
21	Health student: health and psychology.

For information on the above programs and to register your place, visit <https://bit.ly/3qVcBLi>

MONASH UNIVERSITY

Campus tours

Monash is running campus tours for prospective students and families during September.

Discover Monash

Monash is running the following exciting course information sessions in September:

14	Discover Politics, Philosophy, Economics and Global Studies
27	Discover IT

Register your place for the above events via www.monash.edu/discover

VCE revision lectures

Monash is running VCE revision lectures in the following subjects: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematical Methods during the September holidays. Book your place via <https://bit.ly/3K0xds0>

Business Explorer Program

This is a free program for students who are keen to explore course and career options in business. The next event will run on 27 September at the Clayton campus – registrations will close on 15 September, or when capacity is reached, www.monash.edu/business/business-explorer

Fine Art, Design & Architecture Experience Day

This on-campus event is for students interested in studying Fine Art, Design or Architecture. Students will participate in hands-on workshops and learn about Monash courses. The program will run on 26 & 27 September at the Caulfield campus. Spaces will fill quickly. Register your place via <https://bit.ly/3YDbNHu>

START YOUR CAREER IN FASHION

Kangan Institute is running a three-day camp for students interested in pursuing careers in fashion. The program will run between 18 – 20 September at the Cremorne campus (Victoria). Information and RSVP - www.kangan.edu.au