

Reminders:

- 'INSIDE MONASH' – Aug 15th Music, 31st Education; 31st Science and Careers, Sept 5th Education; Register: www.monash.edu/inside-monash
- INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCE AT MONASH – 27 July; kristel.keleher@monash.edu, 9905 8699.
- MURRUP BARAK CAMP - <http://murrupbarak.unimelb.edu.au/study/future-students/undergraduate-study/camps>
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY - Careers Night on 17 Aug; tina.morley@austin.org.au
- 'ASPIRE' applications are open at La Trobe University; close 31 August
- ACU- EAP applications now close Mon 31 July

1. OPEN DAYS – University and TAFE Open Days commence soon, with Swinburne's occurring on Sunday 30 July (10am-4pm). Open Days are a great way to find out about campus facilities and courses, to hear course presentations, and meet staff and students. You need to attend to help you decide which institution best suits you. **DATES:**

- AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) – Sun 13 August (Melbourne); Sun 27 August (Ballarat)
- BOX HILL INSTITUTE – Sun 20 August (Lilydale); Sun 27 August (Box Hill)
- DEAKIN UNIVERSITY – Sun 6 August (Warrnambool); Sun 20 August (Geelong); Sun 27 August (Melbourne)
- FEDERATION UNIVERSITY – Sun 27 August (Ballarat, Berwick and Gippsland)
- THE GORDON (Geelong) – Sun 6 August
- HOLMESGLEN – Thursdays – book visit on-line
- KANGAN TAFE – Experience Days; see website
- LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – Sun 6 August (Melbourne); Sun 27 August (Bendigo)
- MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC – Sat 19 August (Preston)
- MONASH UNIVERSITY – Sat 5 August (Peninsula); Sun 6 August (Caulfield and Clayton); Sun 20 August (Parkville – Pharmacy College)
- RMIT – Sun 13 Aug (City and Bundoora)
- SWINBURNE – Sun 30 July (Hawthorn)
- UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE – Sun 20 August (Parkville)
- VICTORIA UNIVERSITY – Sun 20 August (Footscray)
- WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE – Sun 13 August

2. HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR OPEN DAY VISITS – Don't wander aimlessly....try these:

- Get an **Open Day Guide** from the Institution's website before you attend Open Day, eg from [www.deakin.edu.au/open day](http://www.deakin.edu.au/open_day), www.openday.unimelb.edu.au, or www.monash.edu/openday and be there when relevant **information sessions** are scheduled
- Allow **sufficient time** for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
- Speak to **staff/students** about courses which interest you - note your **questions beforehand**
- Collect **information/brochures**
- Ask about **industry based learning (IBL)** or **work integrated learning (WIL)** opportunities; these can assist with gaining employment and are a feature of some courses and institutions. For example, some courses offer a 6 or 12-month paid work placement, often leading to a job
- Ask about **international study** opportunities – an increasingly popular option
- Consider **transport** issues; is the campus accessible from where you will live?
- Check out the **environment** where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
- Consider the **facilities** offered at each institution, particularly if you are considering a course where facilities available will be an important consideration (eg sporting, laboratories, etc)
- Check out **clubs and societies** on offer at each campus
- Consider a **rural campus** - ATAR's are often lower at rural campuses and they can offer other advantages (eg smaller classes). Accommodation is usually available on campus – book early.



NOTE: If you plan to apply for a course involving an **interview/folio presentation/audition** as part of the selection process, **attendance at Open Day is A MUST!** You might be asked **what you learned at Open Day.** This can be an awkward question to answer if you did not attend!



3. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CAREER AS A PSYCHOLOGIST?

Are you curious to know where a psychology degree could take you? The **Australian Psychological Society** Melbourne Branch Student Working Party is offering a 'Careers in Psychology' seminar for high school students, as well as undergraduate university students. **When:** 6-9pm, Thurs 3 August; **Where:** Cathedral Hall,



Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy; **Info:** melbapsstudents@gmail.com; **Register:** <http://www.psychology.org.au/Events/EventView.aspx?ID=18824>.

4. YEAR 12 NEWS

➤ WHEN CAN I APPLY FOR COURSES FOR 2018?

Applications are made on the **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)** website, **opening on 7 August**, with timely applications **closing on Sept 28** (5pm); (see www.vtac.edu.au). You will be able to apply for up to **eight courses**, placing them in **the order you most want them**. You will be offered a place in **the highest course in your list** for which you meet the **ATAR**, the **selection requirements** and any **pre-requisite subject requirements**. The **cost** of timely applications is \$35.00 (this increases greatly if you apply late).



➤ SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME

As we know, some **circumstances** can spoil a student's academic achievement. Tertiary institutions are aware of this and offer **alternative entry schemes** taking into account **short-term and long-term disadvantage**. Most are offered through the **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)** application process. **Note:** SEAS applications cannot be completed until you have made a VTAC course application. **See:**

www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html.

There are **four SEAS categories:**

- Category 1: **Personal information and location**
- Category 2: **Disadvantaged financial background**
- Category 3: **Disability or medical condition**
- Category 4: **Difficult circumstances.**

Applying for SEAS is only the first step. In addition to the application, some categories will require you to include an **impact statement** and **statement of support** from a responsible person

who can verify your claim. Applications open on 7 August and close on 10 October (5pm).

➤ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS THROUGH VTAC

Many institutions accept scholarship application through the VTAC website.



Applications open: 7 August; **close** 13 October (5pm).

➤ MONASH UNIVERSITY GUARANTEE AND SEAS

Monash operates two **access schemes**, the **Monash Guarantee** and the **SEAS** that can help you enter your preferred course, **even if your ATAR is below the clearly-in ATAR**. It is possible to be eligible for one or both schemes. The **Monash**



Guarantee can get you into a course even if you don't reach the course's clearly-in ATAR. You could be eligible if you have

experienced **financial disadvantage** or if you are an **Indigenous Australian** (Note: the Monash Guarantee also applies to students who **attend a Monash under-represented school**). Every course has a Monash Guarantee ATAR. **For Info:** <http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/the-monash-guarantee/monash-guarantee-atars>.

➤ PATHWAYS INFORMATION EVENING AT MONASH

Students who are concerned about their ATAR and wish to explore alternative options to get their dream Monash course are encouraged to attend this evening. **When:** 6.30-8pm, 23 August; **Where:** Level 3, Building K, Caulfield campus; **See:** <http://www.monash.edu/information-evenings/pathways>

➤ UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE - ACCESS MELBOURNE AND EQUITY PROGRAMS



The University of Melbourne is committed to providing education opportunities for students from a range of backgrounds. It has a number of programs that are

designed to increase the number of disadvantaged students enrolling at **the University of Melbourne**.

For details see: https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/access_melbourne_and_equity_programs

5. VTAC NEWS –

VTAC has an **updated App** called 'The VTAC App' which is free to download to **enable easy access to course information**. Just search for VTAC in the app store on your device.

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