

**Reminders:**

- 'INSIDE MONASH' SEMINARS – Science - Aug 24; Teaching - Sept 13; For details, and to book go to: [www.monash.edu/inside-monash](http://www.monash.edu/inside-monash)
- NURSING AT DEAKIN – Info session: Burwood 20 July OR 23 July; Geelong 20 July or 23 July; Warrnambool 22 July; Book: Ph 9244 6032; See: [www.deakin.edu.au/nursing-midwifery](http://www.deakin.edu.au/nursing-midwifery).

**1. OPEN DAY REMINDER** – University and



TAFE Open Days are just around the corner. These are an opportunity to check out campuses and courses which interest you. Year 10 is a great time to commence these visits. Some students will spend more time checking out a \$5,000 used car than checking out an investment in education which may cost \$20,000 or more....

**Some Open Day Dates for 2016:**

- Sun 31 July – Swinburne University
- Sat 6 Aug – Monash (Peninsula)
- Sun 7 Aug – Deakin University (Warrnambool); La Trobe University (Bundoora); Monash University (Caulfield & Clayton)
- Sun 14 Aug – Australian Catholic University (Melbourne), La Trobe University (Bendigo); RMIT University; William Angliss Institute
- Sun 21 Aug – Box Hill (Lilydale campus); Deakin University (Waterfront & Waurn Ponds); University of Melbourne; Monash (Parkville)
- Sun 28 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Box Hill Institute (Box Hill); Deakin University (Burwood); Federation University; Victoria University (Footscray campus)

**2. GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAYS** –

Don't wander aimlessly....try these ideas:

- Get an **Open Day Guide**, eg from [www.deakin.edu.au/openday](http://www.deakin.edu.au/openday), or [www.openday.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.openday.unimelb.edu.au), and be there when relevant **information sessions** are on
- Allow enough **time** for your visit, eg two hours
- Speak to **staff/students** about courses which interest you - note your **questions beforehand**
- Collect **information/brochures**
- Are there **Industry based-learning** (IBL) opportunities?
- Ask about **international study** opportunities
- Consider **transport** issues
- Check the **environment** where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?

- What **facilities/clubs** are offered?
- Consider a **rural campus** - ATAR's are often **lower** at rural campuses and they often offer other advantages (eg smaller size/classes).

**NOTE:** If you plan to apply for a course involving an **interview/folio presentation/audition** as part of the selection process, **attendance is A MUST!** You may be asked **what you learned at Open Day.**

**3. YEAR 12's – APPLYING FOR COURSES** –

Applications are usually made on the **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)** website, and **open** on Mon **1 August**, with timely applications **closing** on **29 Sept** (see [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)). You can 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** where you meet ATAR/Selection/pre-requisite requirements.



As we know, some **circumstances** can spoil a student's academic achievement. Tertiary institutions know this and offer **alternative entry schemes** taking into account **short- and long-term disadvantage**. While many are offered through the single **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)** application process, others require **application to the institution**. **Note:** SEAS applications cannot be completed until a VTAC course application is made. See: [www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html)

**4. MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS –**

- **MONASH GUARANTEE AND SEAS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS** – Monash operates two **access schemes**, the **Monash Guarantee** and the **SEAS** that can help students enter a 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>.



**SEAS adjusts your ATAR** in recognition of **circumstances** that may have affected your education. See: <http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/special-entry-access-scheme>.

- **MONASH ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (MADA)** is holding **workshops** which offer a way to get tips on the **application process** for MADA courses. **When:** 26 & 27 Sept; **Where:** MADA (Caulfield campus); **For:** Year 11 & 12 students; **Book:** [www.monash.edu/mada/workshops](http://www.monash.edu/mada/workshops).
- **NEW VERTICAL DOUBLE ARTS DEGREES** – This will mean you can get a **Bachelor of Arts degree and relevant Master’s degree in four years**. The offering will be accessed, either **commencing directly** into a planned vertical course program or **electing to move** into the double degree structure while undertaking the Bachelor’s degree. Students will need to achieve a 75% average in their first two years (full-time) to progress to Master’s level.
- **NEW PATHWAYS INTO LAW** – For students



with the **determination to succeed** in the B. Laws but **just miss out on the clearly-in ATAR, and identify** as an **Indigenous Australian**, live in a **low socio-economic area** OR have **experienced financial hardship**. The new courses allow

students to study law units from day one so they can try law before committing to the full degree. New courses:

- ✚ **Bachelor of Arts (Law pathway)**
- ✚ **Bachelor of Commerce (Law pathway)**
- ✚ **Bachelor of Science (Law pathway)**

In the first year they will study **four first year law subjects** along with **four Arts, Commerce or Science subjects**. Students who **pass all eight units with a credit (60%) average** in all four law units and a **credit (60%) average overall**, will be **guaranteed a place** in either **B. Laws/B. Arts, B. Laws/B. Commerce or B. Laws/B. Science** OR **second year of the B. Laws (Honours) single degree**. **Information and eligibility:** [www.monash.edu/law/future-students/undergraduate/pathways](http://www.monash.edu/law/future-students/undergraduate/pathways).

- **MONASH BUSINESS SCHOOL** – has a City location at **Level 7, 271 Collins St Melbourne**. Learn about their **B. International Business** degree at **Open House**, Sun 14 Aug. **Register:** [www.business.monash.edu/programs/undergraduate-programs/find-out-more/business-open-house](http://www.business.monash.edu/programs/undergraduate-programs/find-out-more/business-open-house).

- LA TROBE UNIVERSITY’S ASPIRE PROGRAM** – Applications are open. The program recognises **the positive impact** a student has had on their local community. To help you apply, La Trobe has updated the **‘How to Apply’ page** with tips and a **sample application**. **Frequently asked questions:**

- **What ATAR must I achieve for the Aspire program?** Most courses have a **minimum**

**ATAR of 50**, although some professional degrees have higher requirements

- **Do I have to arrange anything for my school recommendation?** No, **La Trobe will contact the school** so you only need to advise which school you attend



- **Do I still have to apply through VTAC if I get an Aspire offer?** Yes – your **Aspire course should be your highest eligible preference**. If you list a different course that you are eligible for **above** your Aspire offer, you will be made an offer into the different course and your Aspire offer will become **void**.

**For Info and to apply:** [www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire)

## 6. DEAKIN INFORMATION SESSIONS

**Health Sciences:** Geelong Wednesday 20 July; Burwood Saturday 27 July; RSVP <http://www.deakin.edu.au/health-social-development/short-courses/short-course-details/school-events>

**Food and Nutrition:** Burwood Sat 16 July, <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/deakin-university-food-and-nutrition-science-information-session-tickets-25732782445>

**Exercise & Sports Science,** Burwood Saturday 23 July; <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/deakin-university-exercise-and-sport-science-information-sessions-tickets-25717693313>

## 7. MORE THAN YOUR ATAR AT ACU

– ACU’s new **Passion for Business (P4B)** and **Passion for Law and Commerce (P4law-commerce)** programs are **not** just about your ATAR; they are about providing a **unique opportunity for students with a passion for business or law**. If you are in Years 11 or 12 and you want to get an early competitive edge with a guaranteed entry to ACU, see [www.acu.edu.au/P4B](http://www.acu.edu.au/P4B) or [www.acu.edu.au/p4law-commerce](http://www.acu.edu.au/p4law-commerce).

## 8. ARE THERE REGULATIONS WHEN EMPLOYING A CHILD?

Yes! Some people are unaware that employing a child under 15 years of age involves **strict regulation**, with **heavy penalties** (up to \$10,000) for **breaching** them (for the employer or the parent/guardian who allows it). If a child is offered work, it would be wise to be aware of, and follow, these regulations. **See:** [www.workforce.vic.gov.au](http://www.workforce.vic.gov.au) – go to Hiring and Managing Staff, then to Employing Children, OR call a **Child Employment Officer** on 1800 287 287.



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