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### Reminders

- **'INSIDE MONASH' UNIVERSITY SEMINARS** – Final seminars in the series: **Science** - August 24; **Teaching** - September 13; **Details and bookings:** [www.monash.edu/inside-monash](http://www.monash.edu/inside-monash)
- **YEAR 12 VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC)** applications for 2017 courses open **Mon 1 August**; timely applications close **29 Sept** (see [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au))
- **MONASH ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (MADA) WORKSHOPS** - 26 & 27 Sept, MADA (Caulfield campus) for Year 11 & 12's; **Book:** [www.monash.edu/mada/workshops](http://www.monash.edu/mada/workshops).

1. **OPEN DAY REMINDER** – Make sure you attend **Open Days** this year. They are your opportunity to **'try before you buy'** your university or TAFE course. They commence **THIS weekend at Swinburne** (Hawthorn), 10am – 4pm. Remember to use **Open Day planners** before



attending. For example, **La Trobe University** has a handy tool for browsing the **Open Day activities** and lets you **build a personalised schedule** to follow on the day. You can download the **La Trobe Open Day app** which you can use to access your **timetable** as well as maps to help you get around.

### 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. YEAR 12 NEWS –

- **VTAC APPLICATIONS** - Applications for TAFE and university courses open on the Victorian

Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website on **Monday 1 August, 2016** at [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au). Use



**Course Searches** as it is the primary source of course information. You will also find very useful **VTAC videos** about applying for courses, SEAS, scholarships, offers and changing preferences at [www.youtube.com/vtacmedia](http://www.youtube.com/vtacmedia).

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 for which you meet the requirements. Don't forget to check out the **Selection Requirements** for each course for which you apply. Many use only the **ATAR** for selection, however, a lot have other requirements such as an **audition, folio presentation, interview or an extra form or documents** that must be completed as well. You will NOT be offered a place in any of these courses if you do not meet the selection requirements, regardless of your ATAR.

You have **until 29 September** for a 'timely' application. After that, the normal **application fee of \$32.00** rises to **\$100.00**

- When applying for courses you will be asked for a **contact email address**. You are advised NOT to use a your school email address
- Some **B. Fine Art** degrees at the **University of Melbourne** (Southbank campus) have earlier closing application dates; they close on **31 Aug for Animation, Dance, Film and Television and Screenwriting**. For



**Production, Music Theatre, Theatre Practice and Visual Arts, timely applications close on 29 Sept and no later applications are allowed.**

- **SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)** – This Scheme allows **selection officers** at universities and TAFE's to **grant special consideration** for course entry to applicants, but doesn't exempt you from meeting course requirements. SEAS **doesn't change** your educational results or qualifications **but enables course selection officers to consider circumstances** that may have affected your results or educational progress. There are **four categories of special consideration:**

- **Personal Information and Location**
- **Difficult Circumstances**
- **Disadvantaged Financial Background**
- **Disability or Medical Condition**

For information about SEAS **participating institutions, how to apply** (demonstration provided), **supporting evidence required** (with suggested tips) and other details, see: [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) and search for SEAS.

### 3. WHAT IF I DON'T GET THE ATAR REQUIRED FOR MY DESIRED COURSE?

Firstly, remember that even if you think the ATAR will be too high for you, **still put your most desired course first in your VTAC application.** ATAR's sometimes **come down** on previous years, and some applicants get in on lower ATAR's because of **bonus points** achieved, or with a **successful SEAS application**, so you might be surprised.



However, what can you do if you do not obtain a high enough ATAR to access your course(s)? Many universities offer **pathways** into university. For example, **Deakin** has Deakin College, **Monash** has Monash College, **La Trobe** has La Trobe Melbourne and **Swinburne** has UniLink. These institutions can be accessed with lower ATARs and usually provide pathways into university.

Many **other pathways** exist. For example, **Monash** offers some diploma programs (in business, science, education & nursing), the **University of Melbourne** offers a Diploma of General Studies as a pathway, **ACU** offers courses through ACUCom, and **Swinburne, RMIT and Victoria** Universities offer certificate and diploma courses in their VET divisions, often offering pathways to university. Some **VET providers** (eg Box Hill Institute) have formal pathways to university.

**Keep in mind as well**, as noted in previous issues, that some universities allow students to access their courses on a **lower ATAR** as a result of their **involvement in their communities** (eg **Aspire** program at La Trobe and the **Early Achievers Program** at ACU).



### 4. NEW COMMON FIRST YEAR FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS AT SWINBURNE

– In 2017 engineering students will begin their studies with a common first year. The B. Engineering (Honours) will teach students the fundamentals of engineering before they choose their major, ensuring they can make

informed choices about their career in industry. Those who enrol in the B. Engineering (Honours) (Professional) will also complete a guaranteed



12-month paid professional work placement. <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/course/bachelor-of-engineering-honours/>

### 5. NEW MAJORS IN HEALTH SCIENCE AT SWINBURNE

– In 2017 Swinburne's B. Health Science will include four new majors. The degree is designed to equip students for **careers promoting health and wellbeing**. New majors in **biomedical and clinical technologies, exercise science and nutrition** will be offered alongside a revised major in **biomedical science**. Student who enrol in the B. Health Science (Professional) will also complete a guaranteed 12-month paid professional work placement. **Find a course at:** <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/find-a-course/health/>

### 6. DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS –

- Find out more about your **professional personality**, about **life after finishing Year 12**, and about **how to improve your study habits**. Check out some of these latest articles featured in the Deakin digital content hub at: <http://this.deakin.edu.au/careers/whats-your-professional-personality-the-careers-quiz/>; <http://this.deakin.edu.au/careers/what-life-was-like-after-i-finished-year-12> and <http://this.deakin.edu.au/study/five-ways-to-get-on-top-of-your-study-workload>.
- Also remember to check out the **Deakin EXPLORE** facility at: <http://explore.deakin.edu.au>. Find out which **course suit your interests, major studies** available to you, and **how to qualify for a career** that interests you, plus a lot more.

### 7. SPOTJOBS CAREER EXPO COMING –

This Expo will showcase career opportunities from large employers and trades through to higher education. There will be free career advice, industry panels, interactive training demonstrations and exhibits, seminars, and a wealth of information and opportunities for further study. **When:** Fri 26 – Sun 28 August; **Where:** Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Southbank; **For details and a free ticket see:** [www.careerexpo.com.au](http://www.careerexpo.com.au).



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