

Reminders

- **INSIDE MONASH'** – Aug 31st Education; 31st Science and Careers, Sept 5th Education; Register: www.monash.edu/inside-monash
- **'ASPIRE'** applications are open at La Trobe University; close 31 August
- VTAC Applications are open for Year 12; timely applications close 28 September
- **VTAC CLOSING APPLICATION DATE FOR SOME VCA COURSES** – applications for Animation, Dance, Film and Television, and for Screenwriting close at VTAC on **31 August**
- **SEAS applications close for Year 12's on 10 October (5pm)**

OPEN DAYS STILL TO COME



- **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU)** – Sun 27 Aug (Ballarat)
- **BOX HILL INSTITUTE** – Sun 20 August (Lilydale); Sun 27 August (Box Hill)
- **DEAKIN UNIVERSITY** – Sun 20 August (Geelong); Sun 27 August (Melbourne)
- **FEDERATION UNIVERSITY** – Sun 27 August (Ballarat, Berwick and Gippsland)
- **LA TROBE UNIVERSITY** – Sun 27 August (Bendigo)
- **MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC** – Sat 19 August (Preston)
- **MONASH UNIVERSITY** – Sun 20 August (Parkville – Pharmacy College)
- **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE** – Sun 20 August (Parkville)
- **VICTORIA UNIVERSITY** – Sun 20 August (Footscray)

1. YEAR 12 NEWS -

You are reminded that **applications for courses for 2018 are now open** on the VTAC website. You will



need your **VCAA student number** to create an account, the first step in the application process.

Timely applications close on 28 September (cost

\$35.00). Late applications cost \$103.00. **Special**

Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) applications are also open and can be completed following a VTAC course application (**close 10 October**). **Scholarship applications** done through VTAC **close on 13 October**. You can change your VTAC course application as much as you wish at no extra charge.

• CASPer: FOR INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION (ITE) COURSES

As noted previously, **applicants for all Victorian university ITE courses must undertake the CASPer test**. The test

requires applicants to **demonstrate personal attributes such as motivation to teach,**



strong interpersonal skills, willingness to learn, resilience, self-efficacy, conscientiousness and organisational skills. CASPer is taken **on-line and is composed of 12 sections**. Each section contains **video or word-based scenarios followed by three open-ended, follow-up questions**. Applicants have **five minutes to answer the questions that follow each scenario**. CASPer can only be taken **on-line; international students must complete it by 10 November 2017 and applicants for undergraduate and graduate-entry teaching Round 1 offers must complete it by 30 November 2017**. You will need to enter your **VTAC ID** when registering and will be asked to **provide government issued photo ID** eg passport, drivers licence or learner permit card. Your results will be sent directly to VTAC and the institutions to which you apply. Results are not given to the applicant.

NOTE: If you sit CASPer and get an offer and **defer**, you **do not have to sit the test again**.

When applying for courses, VTAC recommends applicants place some **pathway courses** in their **preference list** as they will not know the outcome of their CASPer test and therefore, whether they will be accepted into teaching courses. Eg - a **Bachelor of Arts** may be suitable for those interested in primary teaching or teaching Humanities or Studies of Society and Environment.

If you **deferred your place** in an education course in 2017 you **do not have to sit the test** before taking up your place in 2018

- **VTAC WEBINAR COMING** – if you have questions regarding VTAC and the application



process, you can join in a VTAC Webinar on Wed 13 September.

2. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS – • REASONS TO VISIT MELBOURNE OPEN DAY on 20th August

- ✓ **Connect** with academics and student services
- ✓ **Attend** course information sessions
- ✓ **Discover** museums and cultural collections
- ✓ **Soak up** the atmosphere
- ✓ **Register** at https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/users/sign_up and go in the draw to win an iPad Mini Pro or MacBook

• NEW INDIGENOUS GUARANTEE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE – From 2018, a new Access Melbourne guarantee for Indigenous students will be offered. For domestic undergraduate applicants who are a current Australian Year 12 applicant, who are recognised as an Indigenous Australian, and who satisfy the course prerequisites, the following ATARs will apply:

- ✓ 50.00 – Arts (Extended)
- ✓ 55.00 – Science (Extended)
- ✓ 70.00 – Design
- ✓ 75.00 – Science
- ✓ 75.00 – Arts
- ✓ 83.00 – Commerce
- ✓ 85.00 – Biomedicine

Note: Indigenous applicants will still be considered for entry below these ATARs.

• ACCESS MELBOURNE 2018 – Guaranteed entry for Access Melbourne applicants have been approved for 2018. Students from a rural or isolated area, or those who have a disadvantaged financial background could be eligible for a guaranteed place at Melbourne by applying through Access Melbourne – even if their ATAR is below the clearly-in rank.



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Eligibility:

- ✚ Students must have completed Year 12 in Australia or the International Baccalaureate in 2017
- ✚ Student is eligible for the consideration in one or both of the categories 'disadvantaged financial background' and 'from a rural or isolated area'
- ✚ The student satisfies the prerequisite subjects for their chosen course

✚ Achieved an ATAR or notional ATAR in 2017 of:

- ✓ 78+ guarantees a place in **Design or Science**
- ✓ 80+ guarantees a place in **Arts**
- ✓ 88+ guarantees a place in **Commerce**
- ✓ 92+ guarantees a place in **Biomedicine**

For more information see: <https://access.unimelb.edu.au/>

• DOOKIE OPEN DAY –

For students interested in studying **Agriculture at Melbourne**, the university is offering an opportunity for prospective students to visit their farm at Dookie. There will be course and career advice, information sessions, farmers market and various activities. **When:** Wednesday 18 October.

3. MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS -

• FREE VCE HHD and PSYCHOLOGY REVISION LECTURES AT MONASH –

The Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences is offering VCE revision lectures to assist **Year 12 students prepare for exams.** The lectures, delivered by qualified VCE teachers, are designed to **reinforce each term's learnings.** **When:** Health and



Human Development, 10am-3pm, Tues 26 Sept; **Psychology**: 10am-3pm, Wed 27 Sept; **See:** www.monash.edu.au/medicine/news/events/events/vce-revision-lectures

• CAREERS AND CREATIVITY DAY FOR ART, DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE -

The Monash Art, Design and Architecture (MADA) **Careers and Creativity Day** is a great way to **find out more about the courses available and the varied careers to which they can lead.** The day will start with a **panel discussion** between MADA's lecturers and alumni about their **career paths and job prospects.** The afternoon session will provide the opportunity to take part in a



hands-on workshops focusing on different areas of interest. Students interested in **Fine Art** will have the **application process explained**, covering the **folio** and what happens in the **interview.** **When:** Sat 16 September; **Where:** Caulfield campus; **Information and bookings:** www.monash.edu/mada/workshops.

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