



Welcome to this issue of Career News, a comprehensive resource for students and parents to explore tertiary course options, career choices, open days, workshops and important dates.

Reminder: VTAC 2017 Upcoming Key Dates

- Timely applications through VTAC Thursday 28 September 2017
- SEAS applications close Tuesday 10 October 2017
- Scholarships through VTAC close Friday 13 October 2017

- Also, students applying for courses that have extra requirements (i.e. submitting a folio, a pre-selection kit, arranging an interview, etc.) are reminded that failure to meet the deadline date for these means students may no longer be eligible for selection into their desired course.

- Folio and interview Course Presentations - Monday 16 October 3.30-5.00 @ De La Salle College



Non-Academic Selection for Initial Teacher Education Courses

The Victorian Framework for Selection into Initial Teacher Education requires that as of 2018, entry into all Education courses must include a non-academic selection component – to attract high quality candidates from diverse backgrounds into the teaching profession.

This new requirement applies to all new admissions into our four year Bachelor of Education (Honours) including double degrees, and Master of Teaching. CASPer is taken online at set times and runs for 90 minutes. The test is made up of 12 sections. Each section contains either a video-based scenario, or a word-based scenario followed by three probing questions. Applicants must answer all three questions within 5 minutes. Students can take an optional 15 minutes break half way through the test.

CASPer does not assess the grammar and spelling of responses, only the applicant's responses to the ethical and professional dilemmas put forward. There will be no changes to the academic selection standards and assessment - CASPer is an additional criteria assessed after applicants have demonstrated they meet the minimum academic standards. Students will not receive their CASPer score. All institutions will apply CASPer grading in different ways. Monash will be applying a threshold score.

When applying for CASPer, applicants will need to advise the following

– VTAC number: if they applied through VTAC

- VTAC will also contact all applicants to ensure they are aware of the test requirements and that they register. Students may only take the test once per academic calendar.

CASPER Information for all Teaching Courses

- Sample tests: takecasper.com/sample-casper-content.
- Test dates published at: takecasper.com/test-dates
- For more CASPer information Test costs \$80 (AUD) vtac.edu.au/files/pdf/publications/CASPer.pdf



MathsLink: Methods

MathsLink: Methods is a bridging program for students needing VCE Units 3 and 4 of Mathematical Methods to study at Swinburne.

Mathematical Methods is a prerequisite for many bachelor degrees in aviation, engineering, and information and communication technology. This bridging program is designed to help students who have not studied Mathematical Methods as part of their VCE to meet the prerequisite for entry into their chosen course.

MathsLink: Methods is taught predominantly online, however there are three day sessions that students must attend during Summer Term:

- Tuesday 2 January 2018, 9:30am – 4:30pm
- Wednesday 24 January 2018, 9:30am – 4:30pm
- Thursday 8 February 2018, 9:30am – 4:30pm

MathsLink: Methods incurs a one-off \$400 fee**, payable within the time frame as specified in the Swinburne University of Technology Academic Dates. Fee is refundable if the student goes on to enrol in a course at Swinburne.

On completion of this course, students will be eligible to make a direct application to Swinburne University for entry in 2018. Applications for MathsLink: Methods close 20 December 2017. Find out more at Maths Link Bridging Program: [Maths Link Bridging Program: Methods](#)

ACUcom is a department of the Australian Catholic University that delivers TAFE-level courses. These courses are complete qualifications but are also pathway programs into bachelor degrees at ACU. While the pathways are not guarantees, students who do well in the ACUcom courses are usually offered places in relevant bachelor programs.

ACUcom courses are suited to students who;

- Want a TAFE level qualification
 - Do not get the required ATAR to go straight into their chosen bachelor degree
 - Want to use the TAFE to university pathway to a bachelor degree
 - Want to try an area of study but are not sure they want to commit to a 3-year course
- For more information visit [ACUcom](#) and [ACUcom Courses](#)



Step on Campus' School Holiday Tours

Deakin Step on Campus is running again in Term 3 school holiday and students are invited to attend. Students will be taken on a 45-minute tour of their chosen campus by a current Deakin student. Students can find out more about university life, study areas and what it's really like to be a student at Deakin!

Dates: 25, 28 September, 2 and 5 October

Times: 10.00am, 12pm and 3.00pm

Locations: Geelong, Melbourne, Warrnambool

For registrations and to find out more about Deakin Step on Campus visit [Deakin Step on Campus](#)



Psychology is a popular field of study in Australia and is taught at universities in every state and territory. With diverse workplace settings and areas of expertise, psychology can be a highly rewarding and satisfying career choice. Psychologists who complete postgraduate studies in specific areas of psychology may be eligible to receive area of practice endorsement from the Psychology Board of Australia. Find out more at [Australian Psychological Society \(APS\) - Careers in Psychology](#)

Students are reminded that, for the most part, the only VCE prerequisite subject for university entry is an English. Students should verify this at VTAC.



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Don't miss this opportunity! Your Next Interview could shape your Future!

Contact Mrs Fitzpatrick - cfitzpatrick@delasalle.vic.edu.au.

Folio and Interview Course Presentations

Interview Skills Workshop

Date : Monday 16th October 3.30 to 5pm.

Sign up with Mrs Fitzpatrick in the Careers Centre

Limited places available

Don't miss this opportunity

CASPer Teaching Test

How much does it cost to sit CASPer?

CASPer costs \$80 to sit and is valid for all institutions you apply to, in a single application cycle.

How do I sit CASPer?

CASPer can only be taken online, on specific dates between September and January, however for guaranteed consideration for courses commencing in 2018, tests **must be sat prior to:**

- 28 September 2017 for undergraduate Early Round offers (non-Year 12 applicants only)
- 30 November 2017 for undergraduate and graduate-entry teaching Round 1 offers
- Results from tests sat after these dates may be considered in subsequent rounds, depending on course availability.
- The computer used to take the test must have a webcam and audio output to allow for online invigilation. Full technical requirements are listed on takecasper.com

You will need to enter your VTAC ID when registering and will be asked to provide government issued photo ID e.g. a passport, driver license or

learner permit card. If you don't have valid government issued photo ID please contact support@takecasper.com

Your results are sent directly to VTAC and the institutions to which you are applying. Results are not provided to the applicant.

To register to sit the test visit

- <http://vtac.edu.au/files/pdf/publications/CASPer.pdf>