VTAC Applications

Year 12 students applying for access & equity scholarships through VTAC need to make their submissions by NEXT **Friday 19 October 2012** at 5.00pm.

Students who have applied for courses with extra-requirements are reminded to meet the required deadlines or they will no longer be eligible to receive an offer of this course.

A reminder to all Year 12 students who made applications to VTAC that they can still make changes to their preferences up until **Friday 26 October 2012** at 5.00pm.

Year 12 students are reminded yet again that they cannot enrol in a CSP university course without a Tax File Number (TFN).

The VTAC website is [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au).

Charlie Bell Scholarship for Future Leaders 2013

The Charlie Bell Scholarship for Future Leaders honours Charlie Bell, the former McDonald’s Corporation CEO. Three scholarships are awarded, aimed at assisting people realise their academic and professional goals. One $15,000 scholarship is open to a current employee of McDonald’s; one $15,000 for a non-employee of McDonald’s and a third scholarship – valued at $10,000 – may be granted at the discretion of the Selection Committee. Applicants must be eligible to commence an undergraduate degree at an Australian University in Semester 1 2013 and be an Australian citizen or have permanent residency. **Applications close on 29 October 2012**.

News from Monash University

**Extension Studies**

*Monash Extension* (formerly the Monash Enhancement Studies program) allows high achieving Year 12 students to get a taste of university before finishing school - and be rewarded for it. Students complete a pair of first year university subjects as part of their final year school studies, allowing them to extend and enhance their learning in an area of interest. A reminder about the upcoming **Information Evening**

**Date:** Wednesday 17 October 2012  
**Time:** 7.00pm  
**Venue:** Monash University - Clayton Campus, Wellington Road in Clayton

For more information and to access the online registration visit  
[www.monash.edu/extension](http://www.monash.edu/extension)

**Key dates for the 2013 Extension Studies**

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**New Elite Internships with Humanities & Social Sciences from 2014**

The *Faculty of Arts* is proud to announce the addition of a suite of *new Internship Units* in the beginning of 2014. In response to student demand, the Faculty of Arts will offer students the opportunity to gain some valuable work experience domestically and internationally during their Arts degree.

Work experience allows students to get an insider’s view on a profession or organisation they are interested in, develop some professional skills, make important industry contacts, and apply the knowledge they have *learned at university*. The main component of the unit would involve undertaking a 144 hours equivalent placement in an approved organisation. During this period a project will be completed, which is agreed upon between the organisation and the faculty and the student.

Students with a good academic standing in their second or third years of their degree will be selected for this excellent opportunity.

More information will be available on the university website from the start of 2013. Visit [www.arts.monash.edu.au](http://www.arts.monash.edu.au)
New Opportunities in Commerce, Business and Economics
From 2013 Monash will be offering a range of new degrees to suit high achieving students.

Besides the Bachelor of Commerce Scholars Program, Monash will be offering double degrees with Bachelor of Commerce Scholars Program and Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Arts Scholars program and Bachelor of Commerce Scholars Program. As a Scholar, students will receive a $6000 per annum scholarship, mentoring by senior faculty staff, and access to a Scholar study room. They will also be eligible to attend guest lectures, workshops and seminars. For more information visit http://monash.edu/study/coursefinder/course/4419/

With opportunities for advanced study and individual research, the Bachelor of Economics Advanced with Honours offers local students a great start to their career. The course content is similar to the Bachelor of Economics but also includes two 12-week industry placements. Students selected for the course will receive a scholarship of $12,000 for each of the two placements. For more information visit www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/4430/

A new major in Management & Marketing will be available from 2013 at the Berwick campus. This major integrates the body of knowledge in these two areas for future business decision makers, providing an overview of all areas of business operation and encompasses a broad range of elements. This major may include industry based learning and practical study opportunities too.
Guaranteed ATAR for Entry to the Bachelor of Commerce

The University has introduced a Commonwealth Supported Place guarantee for the 2013 intake into the Bachelor of Commerce and the guarantee will be available to all domestic students who complete an Australian Year 12, or the IB in Australia, in 2012. Students achieve anATAR or notional ATAR of 95.00 or above and satisfy the course prerequisites, will be guaranteed a place in the BCom. Students with an ATAR above the minimum ATAR of 93.00 and below 95.00 may still be considered for a place in the course, depending on demand. For more information about the BCom, visit http://www.bcom.unimelb.edu.au/apply/entry-requirements.html

Extension Studies

High achieving students considering enrolling in an Extension Program in 2013 are invited to attend an Information Evening where the Extension Program will be elaborated on. The Extension Program is an opportunity for high achieving Year 12 students to study a university subject whilst at school which counts towards their ATAR, as well as experience university life.

Some of the subjects available on offer in 2013 include - Accounting, Art History, Biology, Earth Sciences, Economics, French, German, Hebrew, History, History and Philosophy of Science, Indonesian, Japanese, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics and Psychology. Subjects awaiting final VCAA approval are Ancient Greek, Advanced Ancient Greek, Ancient World Studies, Latin, and Advanced Latin.

When: Wednesday 24 October 2012
Time: 6.00pm—8.30pm
Venue: Sidney Myer Asia Centre, Parkville Campus
Registration: Students should register to attend this event at www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/umep

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News from Swinburne University

Prerequisite changes
Bachelor of Engineering (Product Design Engineering)
Selection for 2013 will only be based on ATAR (students will not be required to attend an interview, as in previous years).

Associate Degree in Engineering
For 2013 entry, a study score of at least 20 in Maths (any) is required (previously a study score of at least 20 in Mathematical Methods was required).

Aviation Management
For 2013 entry, a study score of at least 20 in Maths (any) is required (previously, a study score of at least 20 in Mathematical Methods was required).

Reminders
Diploma of Nursing
Students currently completing Year 12 do not need to sit the VETASSESS test.

English study scores
The study score of the bachelor degrees has changed for 2013 selection. These degrees now require Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or at least 25 in any other English.
Deakin Nao!

The Games and Interactive Virtual Environments (GIVE) group in Deakin’s School of Information Technology has recently acquired four Nao humanoid robots (pronounced ‘now’) as part of its Future Technologies Initiative, a theme of teaching and research focusing on the new frontiers of interactive technology.

The Nao robot is a 57 cm humanoid robot with 25 degrees of freedom. It has inbuilt sensors, two cameras, and is capable of object recognition, face detection and recognition, text-to-speech, speech recognition, sound detection and localisation. Nao can speak eight languages and conduct speech recognition in seven of these, including English and Chinese.

The robots will be used to enhance teaching and learning to produce the next generation of technologists capable of designing and developing applications for embodied technologies: computing systems that interact with their environment through perception, reasoning and action.

To find out more about IT at Deakin, visit the School of Information Technology website at deakin.edu.au/scitech/it.

New Vertical Double Degrees at ANU

From the start of 2013 ANU students will be offered a first-of-its-kind degree, combining undergraduate and graduate study, across a range of disciplines, in one simple application. The new degrees mean a student can complete a bachelor and master’s degree in reduced time, complete several masters courses in a bachelor degree, and graduate from two degrees that will set them up for life.

Students who have already applied for ANU or are even thinking about ANU, these new degrees are worth looking at.

For more information visit http://students.anu.edu.au/think/verticaldouble.php
News from RMIT University

Changes to Art and Design Entrance Requirements
The following programs no longer require a folio for application:

- Bachelor of Arts (Photography)
- Diploma of Interactive Digital Media
- Diploma of Screen and Media

Selection mode for current Year 12 students is ATAR and two-stage process with a middle-band of approximately 20%.

For more information contact student recruitment on (03) 9925 2555 or email Student.recruitment@rmit.edu.au

New Bachelor of Arts (Criminology and Psychology)
RMIT has a new course commencing in 2013 – the Bachelor of Arts (Criminology and Psychology). This is a merger of the accredited psychology major with a major in applied criminology, giving students the knowledge and skills for a wide range of employment opportunities in the justice and human services sectors. This course prepares students to provide high quality services to clients of the criminal justice system, particularly those with mental health issues. Graduates of this program will be better prepared to deal with these issues at the frontline of organisations such as policing and correctional services, child protection and youth services.

The program is offered at the City campus and the VTAC code is 33651(CSP). To find out more, visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bp295
Animal Studies and Veterinary Nursing at NMIT

Despite Victorian Government budget cuts across the VET sector, NMIT's Animal Studies and Veterinary Nursing programs will expand in 2013.

NMIT can confirm that all of its Animal Studies and Veterinary Nursing programs will continue next year, including:

- Certificate II in Animal Studies
- Certificate III in Animal Technology
- Diploma of Animal Technology
- Certificate III in Companion Animal Services
- Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing

Future developments in the Animal Studies and Veterinary Nursing program include the creation of an NMIT Veterinary Nursing Clinic. It is anticipated that the clinic could be in operation by 2014 and would provide services to the public as well as valuable hands-on experience for Veterinary Nursing students.

For more information contact our Agriculture and Animal Science Department at http://www.nmit.edu.au/departments/agriculture_and_animal_science or call (03) 9269 8970.
Work in Advertising & Public Relations
How do community organisations communicate to the public as well as building their profile? How do corporations develop a brand and then protect it when crises arise? How do emergency bodies warn the public when danger threatens? How do health agencies shape campaigns to change behaviour on smoking, eating, and exercise? How do politicians shape or challenge public opinion? These are all roles fulfilled by strategic communication practitioners.

Employment in the fields covered by strategic communication is growing as government departments and agencies, charities, community groups and corporations all expand their various forms of communication. The Bachelor of Strategic Communication provides students with a thorough practical grounding in the realities and challenges of public relations. So, where can the Bachelor of Strategic Communication lead?

- Plan and deliver media campaigns.
- Be a media advisor for a large corporation, government, political party or charity.
- Promote health, social justice and environmental issues in Australia and Overseas.
- Design and create the persuasive media that will change attitudes and lives of people.
- Learn how to research and think critically about important social problems.

To find out more about this course, visit [http://www.latrobe.edu.au/courses/strategic-communication](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/courses/strategic-communication)