2012 VCAA Results

Year 10 and 11 students who may have sat Unit 3/4 exams are reminded that the study scores come out on Monday 17 December 2012. To access these results students should do as follows:

- Log on to resultsandatar.vic.edu.au any time from 7.00am, Monday 17 December to 12noon on Monday 24 December 2012 (AEDST). This service is free and operates 24 hours a day.

- Type in your VCAA student number and where a PIN is required, Year 12 students type in the PIN you chose, and Year 10 and 11 students should type in the first four digits of your birth date, e.g. 22 August = 2208

It should be pointed out that the school is not in a position to release results or ATARs to parents or other parties as the results are the property of the student. Students and parents are certainly encouraged to make an appointment to discuss possible changes to preferences and other issues arising out of results, however. The ATAR statement from VTAC and the results from VCAA will be in the mail from Tuesday 18 December 2012.

Change of Preference - Box Hill Institute

For students wanting to know more about their options or who may not have considered Box Hill Institute in their first preference list send them along to our Change of Preference Evening.

**When:** Tuesday 18 December 2012

**Time:** 4.00pm – 7.00pm

**Where:** The Atrium in-between building 3 & 4 Elgar Campus, 465 Elgar Road Box Hill Institute

For more information or for phone call enquiries call 1800 Box Hill (269 4455)
News from Deakin University

Business Scholars Program

Current Year 12 students who attain an ATAR of 90 or more are encouraged to apply for the new Business Scholars Program. Selection is based on academic excellence and the ATAR achieved.

To be eligible students must:

✓ have completed units 3 and 4 with a study score of at least 35 in English (ESL) or 30 in any other English
✓ apply for entry to the Business Scholars Program for their preferred campus through VTAC
✓ lodge a Business Scholars Program Preference Form - http://www.deakin.edu.au/buslaw/students/docs/bsp-suppform.pdf to Deakin via email to bl-scholarship@deakin.edu.au by Friday 21 December 2012

VCE Extension Studies

For the first time Deakin University is offering a VCE Extension Studies Program and this program offers students studying VCE Health and Human Development and VCE Psychology the opportunity to study these university units concurrently with their VCE 3 and 4 subjects.

The benefits of studying VCE Extension Studies at Deakin

• Units undertaken can be used for credit in a large number of Deakin degrees
• Students are able to study on-campus or online
• Access to high quality online learning system
• Students will have access to all of Deakin’s services and facilities including learning resources for each unit
• Join in live online tutorials
• Two week-end workshops throughout each unit and special discussion groups just for the VCE Extension Studies students.

Units Available

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Eligibility

- Students must have completed or studying VCE Units 3 & 4 Human Health and Development to be eligible for Health Behaviour/Health Information and Data
- Students must have completed or studying VCE Units 3 & 4 Psychology to be eligible for Introduction to Psychology A/ Introduction to Psychology B

To qualify for the program, above average results are required including a recommendation from your teacher. Permission from a Parent/Guardian is also required.

How to apply

To apply and undertake Deakin University’s VCE Extension Studies students must download and complete the application form from the website listed below, and submit by **Wednesday 19 December 2012**. For more information or to access the application form, visit [http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/extension-studies/?utm_source=edm-careers-advisers-bulletin&utm_medium=text&utm_term=extension-studies&utm_campaign=extension-studies](http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/extension-studies/?utm_source=edm-careers-advisers-bulletin&utm_medium=text&utm_term=extension-studies&utm_campaign=extension-studies)
Updates for Medicine & Physiotherapy Applicants

**MBBS interviews** - All students have now been contacted regarding whether they were successful in obtaining an MBBS interview. Please note that students may re-order their preferences for MBBS courses and add further courses as long as they have at least one MBBS VTAC code in their preference list already, however it is now too late to add an MBBS course during COP if they have not listed any Monash MBBS courses previously.

Students who were unsuccessful in obtaining an interview should call 1800 MONASH to discuss alternative allied health courses and pathway options.

**Physiotherapy interviews** - All students who were successful in obtaining an interview have now been contacted. Students who have not received any notification of an interview should call 1800 MONASH to discuss alternative allied health courses and pathway options. It is now too late for students to add Physiotherapy in their preference list during COP.

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### Monash University – Berwick Campus

The Berwick campus is renowned for its strong sense of community and outstanding learning support. The Berwick campus is home to a specialised suite of industry-driven undergraduate and postgraduate programs sought after by employers in Australia and overseas.

Students can choose either a specialist single or double undergraduate degree in **business**, **arts**, **applied media**, **social science**, **social welfare**, **education**, **nursing and health**, and postgraduate studies also available in **education**. Courses being offered at the Berwick campus are demand-driven: driven by student demand as well as industry demand.

**Undergraduate courses offered at Berwick include** –

- Bachelor of Professional Communication
  - Bachelor of Business
  - Bachelor of Education (P - 10)
  - Bachelor of Education (Special Education)
  - Bachelor of Nursing (Community Health)
  - Bachelor of Social Welfare
  - Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS) – pathway course to Monash University degree

For more information, visit [http://berwick.monash.edu.au/](http://berwick.monash.edu.au/)
**RMIT UNIVERSITY**

**News from RMIT University**

- **How to defer an RMIT offer in 2013**
  CSP students, who receive an offer for a TAFE or degree program at RMIT, can apply to defer their offer. Students wishing to defer, must not enrol, but instead apply to defer by the enrolment deadline as specified in their Letter of Offer. For more information, visit [www.rmit.edu.au/students/enrolment/defer](http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/enrolment/defer).

- **Extension Studies 2013**
  Extension studies allow Year 12 students to undertake university subjects while completing their VCE. Extension studies also gives students a taste of university, they attend lectures and study on campus with full access to all the services and facilities enjoyed by RMIT students. These courses are VCAA-accredited towards Year 12 VCE results, and students will also receive credit for studying the course should they enrol in a related RMIT program.


- **New Programs for 2013**
  RMIT will be offering a number of new programs across its science, engineering and health areas in 2013.

  **Advanced Diploma of Oral Health (Dental Hygiene)** will provide graduates with the education and training in contemporary dental hygiene practice, enabling them to work in both private and government sectors. Students will practice clinically at the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne including clinical placements.

  **Associate Degree in Health Sciences** has two major streams in health promotion or health information management, and will develop a unique range of skills and knowledge relevant to the health industry. The program includes an industry-based project ensuring that you are work-ready upon graduation.

  **Associate Degree in Applied Science** has introduced two streams. It will provide graduate with the knowledge and skills to work in the biotechnology, food and biomedical industries. This program can pathway into a number of degrees.

  **Bachelor or Engineering (Electronic Product Design)** is a multidisciplinary engineering program that brings together knowledge and expertise from electronic engineering, mechanical engineering, industrial design and graphics design. This program will teach students how consumer electronic products meet specific needs, are easy to use and are environmentally friendly.
A reminder that RMIT also has a number of new double degrees

- Bachelor of Applied Science (Aviation) and Bachelor of Business (Management)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Automotive Engineering) and Bachelor of Business (Management)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) and Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) and Bachelor of Design (Industrial Design)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical Engineering) and Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Pharmaceutical Science)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Advanced Manufacturing and Mechatronics) and Bachelor of Business (International Business)
- Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology) and Bachelor of Biomedical Science
- Bachelor of Science (Food Technology) and Bachelor of Business (Management)

Visit [www.rmit.edu.au/seh](http://www.rmit.edu.au/seh) to see a full list of programs from the science, engineering and health areas.
Qantm College Open Day

Qantm College provides specialist courses in animation, games design, games programming, interactive digital media, graphic design and digital video production. Students keen on learning more about Qantm College should attend an Open Day which showcases the work of the graduating Qantm students. Attendees will have an opportunity to view the work as well as to talk to students, staff and tour the Qantm College facilities.

**When:** Saturday 8 December 2012  
**Time:** 11.00am – 3.00pm  
**Where:** Qantm College Melbourne, 235 Normanby Road, South Melbourne


Skill Shortages

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) monitors the labour market for a range of skilled occupations to identify and report on shortages. This research provides information at the national, state and territory level only. The Department also conducts surveys of employers in specific regions to identify their recruitment experiences.


VET FEE-HELP – Information for Students

Students considering studying diploma and advanced diploma courses, as well as graduate certificate and graduate diploma courses and do not have the fees to pay upfront, might like to apply for VET FEE-HELP.

VET FEE-HELP is a student loan scheme for the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector – educational institutions offering the abovementioned courses - that is part of the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). VET FEE-HELP assists eligible students undertaking these courses with an approved VET provider, to pay for all or part of their tuition costs.

VCE 2013 Summer Schools - January 2013

- **Access Education Summer School**
  Access Education runs a *VCE Summer School* to prepare students studying Units 3 & 4. Presenters are chosen for their extensive knowledge, communication abilities and passion for their subject.

- **Neap VCE Summer School Program**
  Get a head start on your VCE! The aims of the Summer School are to give students a head start on topics and concepts from the Units 3/4 course for each subject, and to revise key concepts from Units 1 and 2 that form an essential base for each subject. There is also an emphasis on helping students understand each subject’s assessment criteria. Strategies, problem-solving and exam techniques will also be a focus so that students can further develop these skills throughout the semester as they work towards their exams. Each student also receives comprehensive lecture notes.

- **The School for Excellence Summer School**
  Offering comprehensive preparation, each lecture will thoroughly address Unit 1 or 3 materials in advance of school, and expose students to critical analytical/problem solving strategies and skills so as to maximise Unit 1 or 3 scores.
  Students attending the programs receive comprehensive notes, fully worked examples and exercises to complete at home. The lectures are being prepared and delivered by qualified, currently practising VCE teachers and markers who possess the knowledge and experience to demonstrate the means by which students can achieve higher scores.
Tertiary Transitions Course at Swinburne University
Swinburne University offers a useful program in advanced study skills. The course in Tertiary Transition Skills offers a supportive and practical small-group environment, where students can familiarise themselves with the typical skills needed to best manage the pressures and challenges of studying at university.

The program focuses on developing skills in the areas of:

**Academic writing:** The skills program will explain the most common essay and report formats, how to structure and craft an essay, and how to establish and develop an argument in a piece of writing.

**Critical analysis:** Students will develop the ability to critically evaluate existing research, choose the best sources to reference or paraphrase, and then to develop their own voice; delve deep and enquire.

**Research skills:** The program covers how to research effectively online and in the library (using databases and catalogues).

**Note taking and learning modes:** The course explains lectures and tutorials, including practical sessions so students will feel prepared when they attend their first classes and know how to take notes effectively.

**Establishing study patterns:** University is not just lectures and tutorials. Students have to be independent learners. The program offers an explanation of what will be required of students outside of the lecture theatre, and how to best organise their workload and manage their time.

**Referencing:** The course covers in-text references, bibliographies and reference lists, so students won’t lose marks unnecessarily.

**Quoting, summarising and paraphrasing:** During the program students will learn how to use references without risking plagiarism.

**Group work:** The course includes practical advice on how to work effectively in a team and as a team.

**Oral presentation skills:** The program will help students discover how to deliver presentations confidently and successfully.

**Exam preparation:** The course will offer advice on how to manage nerves, review key learning’s and prepare for every situation, so students feel confident and perform at their best.
**Stress management**: The program includes help students on how to get and stay organised, manage their workload and keep stress under control – and where to find help when they need it.

This course is *free* to any student who does not hold a diploma, advanced diploma, undergraduate degree or postgraduate qualification and who enrolls in this course prior to semester 1, 2013. This intensive course will run prior to university commencing early February 2013. **To find out more and/or to express an interest in enrolling, visit [www.swinburne.edu.au/uniskills](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/uniskills).**