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apply for courses through VTAC (www.vtac.edu.au). Once you have applied, you can change your application as you wish. The fee goes from $29 to $95 if you first apply after 30 Sept. The first round of offers of places will occur on 18 January, 2016. You can adjust your preferences after each offer round. Irrespective of whether you have received an offer of a place already or not. There will be five rounds of offers. Change of preference will close a few days before each offer round and reopen the day after each offer round.

Keeping up to date with course changes, dates and events - sign up for a VTAC social media channels. Subscribe to the VTAC applicant blog by email or RSS: blog.vtac.edu.au; follow of Twitter: @vtacguide or Like on Facebook: facebook.com/vtacguide

MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS

CHANGES AT MONASH – Monash is offering a revitalised course portfolio. Popular double degrees are still available, and students can still commence specialist studies from first year. Go to www.study.monash to find out about all Monash courses and a full list of majors and specialisations. You can make course comparisons, and find the right course for you. For example, journalism is now offered as a major (eight units) or an extended major (12 units) within the Bachelor of Arts. This offers you the flexibility to structure your other Arts and non-Arts electives to suit your interests (eg a student can choose to do a second Arts major or minor, such as a language, or choose to take studies in a different discipline such as marketing or IT).

LANGUAGES AT MONASH – Monash offers a very comprehensive language program. Students can enter with no language background through to an advanced background. Languages can be studied in the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Global Studies, or students can complete a Diploma of Languages along with an undergraduate degree.

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING – is now a specialisation in the Bachelor of Engineering.

HEALTH SCIENCES – The new B. Health Sciences is a parent course with four specialisations – emergency health, human services, public health and radiation sciences. For the first year and a half students will study three common units at the Caulfield campus, as well as an additional specialist unit completed at different campuses – emergency health at Peninsula, human services and public health at Caulfield, and radiation sciences at Clayton. NOTE: Social work is no longer offered as an undergraduate Monash course; those interested in Social Work are advised to study the B. Human Services followed by the Master of Social Work.

NUTRITION AND DIETETICS – As noted previously, the B. Nutrition and Dietetics is not offered for entry in 2016. Students interested in pursuing this career are advised to undertake the B. Nutrition Science, followed by the Master of Dietetics.

MONASH GUARANTEE – This ensures fair entry for students to Monash, promising a course offer or access to a reserved place for students who have experienced financial disadvantage, attend an under-represented school or are Indigenous Australian. See: www.monash.edu/guaranteedentry.
PATHWAYS TO MONASH – When applying through VTAC it’s wise to have a plan for if you don’t get your hoped-for ATAR. Some pathways to Monash are: the Diploma of Tertiary Study (DoTS), a one-year course allowing you to begin studying towards a Monash degree; the Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE) for students wanting to study science or science education but didn’t get the required ATAR. You will need an ATAR of at least 50 for DoTS and 65 for DoHE (also complete an online supplementary form). See: www.study.monash/courses/entry-pathways-domestic

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Many are aware that Melbourne operates on a different model from other Victorian universities. Students who study there start with a degree in either Agriculture, Arts, Biomedicine, Commerce, Environments, Fine Arts, Music, Oral health or Science. Once the initial degree is completed students can head into the workforce, do a professional qualification at masters level or complete a graduate research degree.

WHAT IS THE BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICINE? It is a three-year degree concerned with the processes and systems that create, sustain and threaten life. It offers 13 majors across biomedical disciplines and is a good choice if you want to enter health professions. Some of these are clinical audiology, dental surgery, medicine, nursing science, optometry, physiotherapy, social work and speech pathology. As with other degrees, it includes studying mandatory breadth subjects outside the Faculty. Major studies are determined during second year to commence in third year. Most graduates go on to study medicine, others to research in an Honours year, others into physiotherapy, Engineering (eg Bioengineering Systems), IT (eg Health Informatics), Dentistry, etc. NOTE: Some choose to do a Bachelor of Science at Melbourne as a pathway into health degrees.

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS


PATHWAYS TO DEAKIN – Deakin has several pathway options for those who do not obtain the required ATAR for the degree of their choice: TAFE pathways, Deakin College and Associate degrees. See: http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/study-options-and-pathways/pathways-to-deakin

SCHOLARSHIPS – Deakin’s new scholarships include the Vice Chancellor’s Academic Excellence Scholarship, Deakin’s Scholarships for Excellence, and the Deakin Student Support Grant. More information at: http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/scholarships-and-awards

COGNITIVE SCIENCE – Will be offered as a new major sequence in 2016 in the Bachelor of Computer Science at Burwood. Subject areas include: psychology, understanding the mind, thinking systems and cognition science, human behaviour and computer interaction, and data visualisation and decision making. See: http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/computer-science

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY NEWS

TEACHING AT ACU – ACU offers alternative pathways into a number of their degrees. For example, there are several options for becoming a teacher. See: www.acu.edu.au/pathways

BACHELOR OF DIGITAL MEDIA – A new degree in 2016. It will enable students to work across a range of careers by developing skills in video and audio production, social media production and journalism/text production to meet the demands of today’s changing media industry.

BACHELOR OF TEACHING/B. EXERCISE SCIENCE – New in 2016, this is for students wanting a career combining physical activity and a love of teaching. Depending on the subjects, students will graduate with health, PE and personal development teacher qualifications, and a second teaching method.

BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE DOUBLE DEGREES – The Biomedical Science degree will be offered with Applied Public Health, Law and Business Administration from 2016.
RMIT NEWS

PATHWAYS – Like other universities, RMIT offers pathway programs to help you reach your study and career ideas. You can often transfer from one program to another, with recognition of your existing skills and knowledge. More information see: https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/applying-to-rmit/local-student-applications/pathways/recognised-pathways/

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND IT ANIMATION – Choosing the right computer science and IT degree depends on how your wires are connected. RMIT has launched a new animation that will inform you about the difference between computer science and information technology programs at RMIT. See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOlBH4B8Vv4

SCIENCE IN THE CITY LAB TOURS – see RMIT’s laboratories and range of programs; When: 11am-2pm, Mon 21 Sept; See: https://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/tours/2015/september/science-in-the-city-lab-tour/

RMIT MEDICAL RADIATIONS SCHOLARSHIPS – The Department of Health (Victoria) is offering five scholarships of $10,000 in nuclear medicine. See: http://www1.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/nuclear

NUCLEAR MEDICINE WORKPLACE VISITS – visit nuclear medicine departments that support the B. Applied Science (Medical Radiations) program. When/Where: 10am-12 noon, Thurs 24 & 25 Sept at St Vincent’s Hospital; 2-4pm, Thurs 24 & Fri 25 Sept at the Austin Hospital. Register: http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/tours/2015/september/nuclear-medicine-lab-visit-stvincents/