

# Career News



## INFORMATION FOR YEAR 12 - VTAC APPLICATIONS

Students can start their VTAC applications on 02 August. VTAC administers applications for TAFE and Universities in Victoria. There have been many resources added to the Careers Web Page to assist students with their VTAC applications. These can be found under Senior School - on the SJC Subject and Pathways Expo page - scroll down. Students can also find VTAC information under Post School Options.

I will be starting VTAC presentations to Year 12 students, Week 4. Students are scheduled to attend careers during one of their Touch Stone classes over the following five weeks. I will also offer workshops at Careers on Wednesday afternoons from 5, in either period 5 or 6. Students will be told when these sessions are running in the coming week.

**VTAC has recorded an excellent presentation for Parents and Students** which covers everything you need to know about applying for courses, scaling, SEAS and scholarships. To access this presentation click on the link:- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Iydeb0Scvc&ab\\_channel=vtacmedia](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Iydeb0Scvc&ab_channel=vtacmedia)

*Cheers, Karen Shum*

## Apprenticeship and Traineeship Resources

### Australian Apprenticeship Pathways

You will be able to undertake apprenticeship aptitude tests, find local apprenticeship and group training centres, and learn about different trade occupations, [www.aapathways.com.au/](http://www.aapathways.com.au/)

### 4 steps to finding an apprenticeship or traineeship

Australian Apprenticeships Pathways has developed a fantastic 4-step process for students to follow when seeking an apprenticeship or traineeship, <http://bit.ly/39yUYmQ>

### My Skills

You can search for and explore vocational courses across Australia, learn about in demand jobs and watch videos of young people who have completed vocational training, [www.myskills.gov.au](http://www.myskills.gov.au)

## Interested in working in theatre, film or television?

Applications are now open, or will be opening soon for the following institutes:

### NIDA

National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA) offers courses in areas such as Acting, Costume Design, Design for Performance, Technical Theatre, Properties and Objects, and Staging. Applications are now open, [www.nida.edu.au](http://www.nida.edu.au)

### WAAPA

Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) offers courses in areas such as Aboriginal Performance, Acting, Arts Management, Dance, Music, Music Theatre, Performing Arts, and Production and Design. Applications are now open, [www.waapa.ecu.edu.au](http://www.waapa.ecu.edu.au)

### Victorian College of the Arts

Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) offers courses in areas such as Acting & Theatre, Dance, Design & Production, Film & Television, Indigenous Art & Culture, Music Theatre, Visual Art and Writing. Applications will open on Monday 2 August via VTAC, <https://bit.ly/30a6rqN>

Applications for most courses at these institutes will be based on an audition, interview and/or folio. Please take note of key application closing dates and provide all required information with your application.

## STEM Career quizzes

The following career quizzes have been taken from the Careers with STEM website

**Which engineer are you?** This quiz will tell you exactly where your future lies in Engineering. Will you be working with infrastructure, software or health? Take our quiz and find out! <https://bit.ly/2LuOyNn>

**What's your STEM + conservation career?** Want to use your science, tech, engineering or maths skills for good? Mix them with conservation to create a better future - and a future proof career. Take our quiz to find what STEM + conservation gig is right for you, <https://bit.ly/2WpW02O>

**What's your ocean career?** Could you make the ocean your office? From marine biologist to ocean engineer, there are stacks of exciting ocean careers in STEM. Let's see which one you'd make a splash in! <https://bit.ly/3x5IYnO>

**What's your cyber security career?** Think you might like to prevent and fight cyber crime for a living? Take this quiz to see what cyber security career path you should jump on, <https://bit.ly/3rE9vYb>

**Which forensic scientist are you?** There are more career possibilities in forensics than you might think. Take our quiz to see which branch of forensics you're in! <https://bit.ly/2K6lp5H>

**What's your STEM + X Career?** STEM + X is how you create your dream career. Take a STEM discipline and mix in your X (your passion or hobby) and you've got a one of a kind career! Take our quiz and we'll make finding your STEM + X super easy! <https://bit.ly/3BLogII>

## Applying for university courses?

### Unique Student Identifier (USI)

You will need to create a USI number to be able to apply for courses via the state-based Tertiary Admission Centres. To create yours, go to [www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi](http://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi)

If you have studied a VET subject at school or a short course, you will already have one – you can retrieve your number via [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au)

### Get a diary & wall planner

If you don't have a diary, now is the time to invest in one. There are many tasks to complete and dates to remember over a period of months when it comes to university applications.

It's important to note that each state has its own dates, programs, forms, and processes. So, if you're applying to more than one state, you will need to be super organised – a wall planner will definitely help!

You will need to be mindful of open and close dates for:

- course applications
- special consideration (i.e., personal statement, medical forms, supporting statement from the school or your doctor/psychologist, OT)
- scholarships
- change of preference
- early entry programs
- offers
- additional selection criteria for courses (i.e., folio, audition, personal statement, design task, interview).

Your career adviser will be able to advise you on key dates – make sure you communicate with them regularly over the next several months.

### Explore your course options

The Good Universities Guide connects 400 job descriptions from The Good Careers Guide with every accredited course in Australia. Select a field of work and start exploring. [www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au](http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au)

## Gather resources

The state-based Tertiary Admission Centre will have fact sheets, 'how to' videos, and publications you can download. For example:

Victorian courses (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre)

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

YouTube channel, <https://bit.ly/3zseP3o>

## Year 12 Tertiary Dates: Victoria (August – October)

### August

	Early entry programs are now open for:
	Victoria University - VU Guaranteed <a href="https://bit.ly/2whSd6P">https://bit.ly/2whSd6P</a>
	Australian Catholic University - ACU Guarantee <a href="https://bit.ly/38PiLiA">https://bit.ly/38PiLiA</a>
	La Trobe University - Aspire <a href="https://bit.ly/2KdjGN1">https://bit.ly/2KdjGN1</a>
	Charles Sturt University- Charles Sturt Advantage <a href="https://bit.ly/2O1U244">https://bit.ly/2O1U244</a>
	RMIT University - Early Offer Program <a href="https://bit.ly/3etwSy3">https://bit.ly/3etwSy3</a>
<b>2</b>	<b>University applications - VTAC</b>
	Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC) applications open for undergraduate courses, scholarships, Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) etc., <a href="http://www.vtac.edu.au/">www.vtac.edu.au/</a>
	VTAC Webinars <a href="https://vtac.edu.au/events">https://vtac.edu.au/events</a>
	2: applying for tertiary courses and understanding the ATAR, 6.30pm
	3: understanding special consideration (SEAS) and scholarships, 6.30pm
<b>2</b>	<b>Early/guaranteed admission applications open for</b>
	RMIT <a href="http://bit.ly/2vAPiVT">http://bit.ly/2vAPiVT</a>
	University of Melbourne <a href="https://bit.ly/2gBAqPD">https://bit.ly/2gBAqPD</a>
	Monash University <a href="https://bit.ly/2x5nwBC">https://bit.ly/2x5nwBC</a>
	Swinburne University <a href="https://bit.ly/2WiPub5">https://bit.ly/2WiPub5</a>
	SNAP Access Melbourne
	Monash Guarantee
	Early Entry
<b>30</b>	<b>Early Entry</b>
	Applications close for RMIT Early Offer Program.
<b>31</b>	<b>Early Entry</b>
	Applications close for Charles Sturt University Advantage.
	Applications close for Swinburne University – Early Entry

### September

<b>17</b>	<b>Early Entry</b>
	Applications close for La Trobe Aspire
<b>24</b>	<b>Early Entry</b>
	Applications close for ACU Guarantee
<b>30</b>	<b>VTAC</b>
	Timely applications close for undergraduate courses.

### October

<b>8</b>	<b>Early/guaranteed entry applications close for</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Victoria University</li><li>▪ University of Melbourne</li><li>▪ RMIT</li></ul>

Over the past week, dates have changed for some universities due to COVID restrictions and many on campus events have now been postponed or replaced with virtual events.

Please check the following links to keep up to date with events, and also the university websites:

Victoria – [www.vtac.edu.au/opendays](http://www.vtac.edu.au/opendays)

NSW & ACT - [www.uac.edu.au/open-days](http://www.uac.edu.au/open-days)

## ADF Gap Year

Are you in Year 12 and feeling lost about what to do next year? It's not too late to apply for the Australian Defence Force Gap Year.

Not only will you earn over \$45,000 for the 12-months of employment, you will meet people from all over Australia, have amazing adventures, develop leadership and team work skills, and live at different locations away from home.

The following roles still have spaces available:

### Army

- Army Combat
- Army Support
- Army Officer

### Air Force

- Administration Assistant
- Air Force Security
- Airfield Defence Guard
- Aviation Support Technician
- Warehouse Storeperson

### Navy

- Mechanical Engineer
- Mechanical Engineering Submariner
- Maritime Aviation Warfare Officer
- Maritime Warfare Officer
- Maritime Warfare Officer Submariner
- Navy Sailor
- Electronics Engineer
- Electronics Engineering Submariner

For more information and to start your application, go to <http://bit.ly/1dVvxxV>

## Year 12 Tertiary Dates – NSW & ACT (Term 3)

### August

Examples of early entry programs now open:

Schools Recommendation Scheme (multiple universities)	<a href="https://bit.ly/34XIdkl">https://bit.ly/34XIdkl</a>
Australian Catholic University – ACU Guarantee	<a href="https://bit.ly/38PiLiA">https://bit.ly/38PiLiA</a>
Charles Sturt University – Advantage	<a href="https://bit.ly/2UmOlgt">https://bit.ly/2UmOlgt</a>
Southern Cross University – STAR Early Offer	<a href="https://bit.ly/2AADGZO">https://bit.ly/2AADGZO</a>
University of Wollongong – Early Admission	<a href="http://bit.ly/3aduHuc">http://bit.ly/3aduHuc</a>
University of New England – Early Entry	<a href="https://bit.ly/32O4b8s">https://bit.ly/32O4b8s</a>

University applications - UAC

Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) applications are open for undergraduate courses, Equity

## Planning on studying teaching in the future?

If you are planning on applying for an undergraduate education degree in the future, you will need to be aware of selection criteria for each state.

Victorian courses

### Achieve a minimum ATAR of 70

Some universities will require a higher ATAR. You may be able to access entry into courses with a lower ATAR if you are eligible for ATAR adjustment points.

### Complete the CASPer test

This is an online video-based situational judgment test. The test is designed to measure ethics, empathy and communication (selected universities will require this), <https://takealtus.com/>

### Achieve prerequisites

Meet the requirements for prerequisite subjects.

### Achieve minimum study scores

This will vary between universities.

### For NSW based courses

#### Teaching Questionnaire

You may need to complete a Teaching Questionnaire via the Universities Admissions Centre.

#### Motivation to Teach

You may need to complete a Motivation to Teach statement direct to the university.

### Achieve prerequisites

Meet the requirements for prerequisite subjects.

### Achieve minimum study scores/bands

This will vary between universities.

Please contact the universities you will be applying to for specific information.

## Humanities – scholarship and global programs

If you would love to study a humanities degree and receive a scholarship, paid industry experience, or funded overseas immersion program, you may like to explore the following four university degree options.

### Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation), Australian Catholic University

Based at North Sydney Campus, this liberal arts degree will give ambitious students a deep understanding of western literature, philosophy, art, politics, religion, science and history, and how these help us to understand our world and the dialogue between cultures.

The Ramsay Centre is funding 30 scholarships valued at \$30,000 per year (\$90,000 total) across the duration of the degree. Applications will open soon for the 2022 intake, <https://bit.ly/3f7vKO6>

### Bachelor of Arts (Professional), Swinburne University

This course offers 18 majors, 28 co-majors from other faculties and 42 minors. Students are guaranteed one-year of paid industry experience as part of the degree, and it will take 4-years full time to complete the course.

Applicants will need to achieve an ATAR of approximately 80 to be considered for admission, <http://bit.ly/1UTb3pZ>

### International Sustainability Experience, La Trobe University

All students studying a humanities degree at La Trobe will be eligible to apply for the International Sustainability Experience program once COVID restrictions on international travel are lifted. Successful applicants will receive a funded two-week overseas experience located in the Asia Pacific region.

Eligible degrees include Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Media and Communication, Bachelor of International Relations, Bachelor of Language and Linguistics etc., <http://bit.ly/3d1uEni>

### Global Immersion Guarantee Monash University

The Monash Global Immersion Guarantee (GIG) provides a guaranteed two-week overseas study experience for all first year Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Global Studies students, with the cost of airfares, accommodation and local travel covered as part of the program.

Students will study the impact of the global movement of people and goods on environmental sustainability. The program is postponed but should re-open once COVID restrictions on international travel are lifted, <https://bit.ly/37ThuFk>

## Career events

### Deakin University

Find out about accommodation at Deakin University by tuning into an online webinar during July, <https://bit.ly/2RRPCj2>

### Australian Defence Force

For career information session dates, visit [www.defencejobs.gov.au/events](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events)

### Victoria Police

For career information session dates, visit <https://bit.ly/3uBvCOQ>

### Occupational Therapy

Austin Health is running a virtual careers seminar exploring Occupational Therapy as a career on Thursday 12 August. Students who are considering a career in health are encouraged to participate.

Book your place by Wednesday 28 July by emailing Tina Morely, [tina.morley@austin.org.au](mailto:tina.morley@austin.org.au)

### The Hotel School Melbourne

The Hotel School is running an 'Industry Insights Day' for current Year 12 students. At the event, students will experience life behind the scenes at one of Melbourne's luxury 5-star hotels.

They will meet professionals from key departments and know first-hand what life is really like through the eyes of a hospitality professional.

Sunday 22 August, 9.30am – 1.30pm

25 Collins Street, Melbourne

<https://bit.ly/3wE0fnL>

### The Santos Science Experience

This is a 3-day STEM program for Year 9 and 10 students. The following institutes are running the Science Experience program in September:

- Federation University
- RMIT University
- Marine & Freshwater Discovery Centre

[www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au)



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**IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR  
AGAIN. STUDENTS WILL  
SOON KNOCK ON YOUR  
DOOR AS THEY START  
THEIR U.S. COLLEGE  
APPLICATIONS!**



August 1 has arrived and that means that the U.S. university application portals have been reset and are open for this year's applicants.

EducationUSA has teamed up with Common App to deliver two virtual sessions. The first is to support school staff who are supporting aspiring students. The second is for students and parents so that they can feel comfortable in navigating the system while understanding the steps required.

Join us and hear from Meredith Lombardi, Associate Director, Outreach and Education at the Common App who will provide information on using the Common App college application platform to manage applications for your students to U.S. colleges seamlessly.

We look forward to you joining us while encouraging your students attend the August 19 program.

## SESSION DETAILS

### Careers staff and school staff session

**When:** Wednesday August 18

**Time:** 8am -8:45am AEST

**Virtual via zoom:** Register via QR code



### Students and family session

**When:** Thursday August 19

**Time:** 8pm -8:45pm AEST

**Virtual via zoom:** Register via QR code.



## SOME ITEMS THAT WILL BE COVERED

- ✓ Navigating and using the portal
- ✓ Resources available to help you
- ✓ How to upload documents
- ✓ How students invite you
- ✓ How you can support your students
- ✓ Working with your students and school staff recommenders

**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY, PLEASE SET-UP YOUR OWN  
COMMON APP ACCOUNT BEFORE THE SESSION!**





# SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS), the peak professional body for built environment cost professionals, offers scholarships for a number of Year 12 students who qualify for entry into a Quantity Surveying/Construction Economics/Construction Management (Economics) course that is accredited by AIQS.

## THE SCHOLARSHIP IS VALUED AT AU\$5,000.

This includes:

- AU\$4,000 is deposited into your account (\$1,000 upon enrollment/\$1,000 after completion of eight units/\$2,000 upon completion of the degree)
- AIQS published text books and professional manuals including the Australian and New Zealand Standard Method of Measurement
- Student membership of AIQS whilst studying the accredited degree
- One-year of AIQS Graduate membership (upon graduation).

## How to apply for a scholarship

- Complete the Scholarship Application Form found at [www.aiqs.com.au/scholarships-students](http://www.aiqs.com.au/scholarships-students)
- Attach a certified copy of your Year 11 Academic record, results and report
- Attach a 500 word essay on the topic "Describe the role and services of a Quantity Surveyor and comment on the future of the Quantity Surveying profession".

Applications close 31 October. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship, email [education@aiqs.com.au](mailto:education@aiqs.com.au) or call +61 2 8234 4000.

For more information regarding Quantity Surveying as a career please visit [www.aiqs.com.au/career-insights](http://www.aiqs.com.au/career-insights)

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