

### 1. - WHERE CAN I GET ASSISTANCE DURING 'CHANGE OF PREFERENCE' PERIOD?

The period after Year 12's receive their ATAR is known as **Change of Preference (COP)** - Fri 15 Dec till 12 noon on Wed 20 December. During this time tertiary institutions run **information sessions, COP Expos, offer phone assistance**, and will help you in any way they can. You can also obtain **assistance at school**. These institutions are offering the following (see online for more details). NOTE: Some institutions will have phone contact available on **Sat 16 and Sun 17 December** as well as week days.

- **Australian Catholic University – Hotline:** 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228), including 12pm - 4pm Sat 16 Dec; **Info Sessions:** Melbourne 12pm – 3pm, Mon 18 Dec; Ballarat 4-6pm, Mon 18 Dec.
- **Box Hill Institute – Hotline:** 1300 BOX HILL (1300 269 445)
- **Charles Sturt University–Hotline:**1800 334 733
- **Chisholm – Hotline:** 1300 244 746
- **Deakin University – Hotline:** 1800 693 888; COP events: 11am-2pm, Sun 17 Dec (Burwood); 4-7pm, Mon 18 Dec (Geelong Waterfront); see also [www.deakin.edu.au/choose](http://www.deakin.edu.au/choose)
- **Federation University - Hotline:** 1800 333 864
- **Holmesglen – Hotline:** 1300 693 888
- **Kangan – Hotline:** 13 8233
- **La Trobe – Hotline:** 1300 135 045
- **Melbourne Polytechnic – Hotline:** 9269 1200
- **Monash – COP Expo:** 3-7pm, Mon 18 December, Building H, Caulfield campus, 900 Dandenong Rd, Caulfield East; **COP Hotline:** 1800 MONASH (1800 666 274), or see [www.monash.edu/cop](http://www.monash.edu/cop)
- **RMIT – Hotline:** 9925 2260; **Visit** Info Corner, 330 Swanston St, Melbourne (Cnr. La Trobe St); **COP Expo:** 3-6pm, Monday 18 December (City campus); [www.rmti.edu.au/school-leaver](http://www.rmti.edu.au/school-leaver)
- **Swinburne – Hotline:** 1300 SWINBURNE; **COP Expo:** 11am-4pm, Mon 18 Dec; **Live Chat** via [www.swinburne.edu.au/choose](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose)
- **University of Melbourne – Hotline:** 13 MELB (13 6352); **COP Day:** Mon 18 Dec; **See:** <http://coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au/change-of-preference/>

- **Victoria – Hotline:**1300 VIC UNI (1300 842 864)
- **William Angliss – Hotline:** 1300 ANGLISS (1300 264 547)

### 2. MORE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS – Year 12's are encouraged to apply for scholarships on the VTAC website (the deadline has been extended to 12 noon on Monday 16 October).



the VTAC website (the deadline has been extended to 12 noon on Monday 16 October). However, as previously noted, it is wise to look out for others such as:

- **AusNet Services Women in Power Engineering scholarships** – these support women to achieve tertiary qualifications in power engineering, preparing them for careers in the energy industry. Scholarships are awarded to successful female applicants entering the B. Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Honours) degree. They are valued at \$10,000 per year and include a mentoring program. **See:** [www.deakin.edu.au/ausnet-services-women-in-power-engineering-scholarship](http://www.deakin.edu.au/ausnet-services-women-in-power-engineering-scholarship)



- The **Global Science and Technology Program** aims to recognise and support high achieving students who would like to conduct part of their studies overseas. Successful applicants will receive a \$3,000 scholarship to assist with travel and will participate in the



Deakin Global Citizenship Program. Available to students interested in studying any undergraduate course in the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment, with scholarships for those who get at least an ATAR of 80.00 and are admitted through VTAC. **See:** [www.deakin.edu.au/sebe/global](http://www.deakin.edu.au/sebe/global)

- The **IGNITED Scholarship** aims to ignite women's interest in areas traditionally dominated by men. Each scholarship is valued at \$5,000 pa. They are awarded to successful applicants entering an approved undergraduate degree offered by the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment (eg Deakin Engineering or IT). **See:** [www.deakin.edu.au/ignited-scholarship](http://www.deakin.edu.au/ignited-scholarship)
- Other **Monash scholarships – Merit scholarships** are awarded based on academic

achievement and have financial and academic benefits including membership of some of Monash's exclusive mentoring and leadership programs. No application is required as merit scholarships are granted when the required ATAR is achieved. To be eligible for consideration for a merit scholarship, students must have a Monash course listed in their VTAC preferences. **Equity scholarships** are for those who identify as Indigenous Australian or who are experiencing financial hardship or disadvantage. Applicants submit an application through VTAC (new closing date: 12 noon, 16 October).

### 3. I'M IN YEAR 12 - WHAT IF I DO NOT GET A HIGH ENOUGH ATAR TO GET INTO MY DESIRED COURSE?



Many pathways and programs exist to assist in getting to where you want to go. Suggestions:

- Complete a **Diploma of Tertiary**

**Studies at Monash University** in either business, education or nursing (ATAR 50+) **OR** a Diploma of Higher Education (ATAR 65+); Indigenous pathways - See: [www.study.monash/how-to-apply/indigenous-student-applications](http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/indigenous-student-applications)

- Complete a course at **Monash College** in Art & Design, Arts (Human Behaviour or Psychology streams), Business or Commerce, Engineering or Science; search Courses on VTAC website
- Complete a course at **Deakin College** in Commerce, Computing, Engineering, Health Sciences, Management, Media and Communication or Science
- Complete a **UniLink Diploma** at **Swinburne** (Arts and Communications, Business, Design, Engineering, Health Science, IT, Science)
- Complete a **Diploma at La Trobe Melbourne** in Biosciences, Business, Engineering, Health Sciences, IT or Mass Media Communications
- Complete a **Tertiary Preparation Course** at **RMIT** in engineering or science
- Consider studying a **related university course** with a lower ATAR; **if you do well** you MAY be able to transfer to your desired course later
- Start with a **VET (TAFE) course** in a related field; two years of VET often equals one at university
- Complete a **Tertiary Studies Diploma** at **Melbourne Polytechnic** (Preston)

- **Complete a Certificate IV in Liberal Arts** – a pathway into a range of degrees. **Swinburne and Victoria Universities** have this Certificate
- Consider a **country/rural campus**. ATAR's are often lower, usually due to lower demand; most have accommodation (apply ASAP)



For **nursing** consider first completing **Division 2** at TAFE or a private provider- eg. Box Hill, Chisholm, Federation, Goulburn Ovens,

Holmesglen, RMIT or Swinburne

- **ACU** has certificate/diploma courses that can lead to degrees (through ACUcom) See: [http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/2014/other/courses/vocational\\_education\\_training\\_vet/](http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/2014/other/courses/vocational_education_training_vet/)
- Complete a **Victoria University Foundations@VU** alternative entry to higher education and diploma studies course - a 13 week course designed to build academic skills needed for tertiary study. See: [www.vu.edu.au/courses/foundations-at-vu-iyac](http://www.vu.edu.au/courses/foundations-at-vu-iyac)
- Complete a 2-year **Associate Degree** – want to study at university but not sure you will meet the entry requirements for a bachelor's degree? Several universities offer these (eg RMIT).