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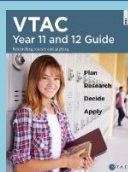
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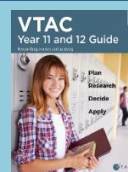


Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- Late VTAC applications – October and early November



Reminder: VTAC 2019 Upcoming Key Dates



Timely applications through VTAC	Thursday 27 September 2018
SEAS applications close	Friday 12 October 2018
Scholarships through VTAC close	Friday 12 October 2018

Also, students applying for courses that have **essential requirements** (i.e. submitting a folio, a pre-selection kit, arranging an interview, etc.) are reminded that failure to meet the deadline date for these means students may no longer be eligible for selection into their desired course.

Students eligible to apply for **SEAS** are also encouraged to apply for **VTAC Scholarships**.

The VTAC website is www.vtac.edu.au.



Navitas College of Public Safety (NCPS)

Navitas College of Public Safety (NCPS) is a private college that offers a **Bachelor of Criminology and Justice** degree.

The Bachelor of Criminology and Justice covers a broad range of topics, such as *criminology, criminal psychology, criminal law and procedure, law enforcement, corrections and justice* related issues. In this course students receive a comprehensive, theoretical education in each of these areas – from learning why people commit crimes to understanding the importance of ethics and legal processes.

Visit [Navitas College of Public Safety \(NCPS\)](#) to find out more!



VCE Extension Studies in 2019

➤ **Deakin University – Deakin Accelerate**

Deakin Accelerate is a distinctive VCE higher education program that allows students to study two first-year university subjects during Year 12. Studying one subject per trimester, this selective program gives students a head-start into university studies and also provides a potential boost to their all-important ATAR score.

Besides the challenge of taking on a university subject, this subject will also count as part of the VCE and contribute towards the ATAR as the fifth or sixth subject. There are no tuition fees for Deakin Accelerate.

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [Deakin Accelerate](#)

➤ **La Trobe University - VCE Plus Program**

VCE Plus is an opportunity for high achieving Year 11 VCE students to complete a pair of first-year university subjects in their Year 12 and have them recognised as part of their VCE.

Students enrolled in VCE Plus choose one subject per semester. **VCE Plus** is offered at all La Trobe campuses and subjects are delivered online, face-to-face, or a combination of both. There are fees associated with the VCE Plus Program.

Find out more, including the subjects on offer at [VCE Plus Program](#)

➤ **Monash University - Extension Studies**

Monash Extension Studies 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. Students also received credit towards their ATAR. There will be fees associated with the Extension Studies Program.

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [Extension Studies](#)

➤ **RMIT University – VCE Extension**

RMIT's VCE Extension allows Year 12 students to undertake university subjects while completing their VCE. These courses are VCAA-accredited towards VCE results and students may be eligible for credit in a related RMIT program.

Students will get a taste of university life, they attend lectures and study on campus with full access to all the services and facilities enjoyed by RMIT students. **VCE Extension** subjects are taught at the City campus and are counted towards students VCE and provide a boost to their ATAR. RMIT charges no fees for RMIT Extension courses.

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [VCE Extension](#)

➤ **University of Melbourne – Extension Program**

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. The University of Melbourne does not charge any fees for participation in the Extension Program. However, some School Centres where an Extension subject is taught may charge a reasonable fee to cover teaching and administrative costs.

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [Extension Program](#)



Courses with Real World Experience

The ***Bachelor of Accounting & Information Systems (BAIS)*** and ***Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT)*** are both industry scholarship courses that include two 20-week placements. Professional development opportunities, such as workshops and networking, are also embedded in the BAIS, enabling students to connect and interact with professionals. Students receive an industry-funded scholarship totalling approximately \$40,000, which is paid over the duration of the course.

The VCE prerequisite for the BAIS is Units 3 and 4: a minimum study score of 25 in English (or equivalent) or 30 in English (EAL).

The VCE prerequisites for the BIT are Units 3 and 4: a minimum study score of 25 in English (or equivalent) or 30 in English (EAL); and Units 3 and 4: a minimum study score of 20 in any Mathematics.

Application for either of these courses must be made through VTAC.

Students keen on finding out more are encouraged to visit [Bachelor of Accounting & Information Systems \(BAIS\)](#) and [Bachelor of Information Technology \(BIT\)](#)



Bachelor of Medical Research

Students who have an interest in the human body, health and disease – and more importantly, expanding what we know about them – may find the Bachelor of Medical Research the perfect course to study. The **Bachelor of Medical Research** is a 3-year program taught at the Hobart campus of the University of Tasmania. The course prepares students for *careers in medical research* by providing an understanding of the structure and function of healthy human cells, tissues, organs and systems, as well as of the abnormal genetic, cellular and systemic changes that characterise human diseases and conditions.

Students are able to select options that prepare them for careers or further studies in a range of specialties such as *biochemistry, pathology, neuroscience, genetics, pharmacology and other areas of medical research and medical science*. The degree also emphasises the acquisition of research skills and students will have exposure throughout the degree to scientists actively involved in medical research.

Importantly, from 2019 onwards, the Bachelor of Medical Research at the University of Tasmania will be the sole entry point into the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery for tertiary applicants.

To find out more visit [Bachelor of Medical Research](#)



Career as a Youth Worker

According to the Good Universities Guide*, Youth workers develop and facilitate programs to work with and support young people, either individually or in groups, in order to address social, behavioural, welfare, developmental and protection needs.

Tasks that youth workers often perform include -

- interview young people to identify problems and act as representatives for them, raising these issues with relevant government authorities
- assist with developing policies relating to young people
- provide support and advice to young people experiencing difficulties, such as family problems, unemployment, illness, drug abuse and homelessness
- arrange and provide counselling, food, shelter, or clothing
- assess risks and provide intensive short-term crisis counselling for victims of domestic violence or child abuse
- provide information about community services and resources available for young people
- write reports and submissions requesting funding for continuing programs and new projects
- evaluate data relating to the effectiveness of community support services
- work closely with teachers, social and welfare workers, local authorities, health professionals, refuge workers, parents and, in some instances, the police

Successful youth workers should have the following personal attributes:

- show initiative and leadership qualities
- have good interpersonal and communication skills
- be able to work independently
- have a non-judgmental attitude
- be able to plan and organise

For a more information, students are encouraged to browse

* [Good Universities Guide - Youth Worker](#)

Students can study Youth Work degrees at the following institutions in Victoria:

Institution	Course & Prerequisite Subjects	ATAR 2018
Australian Catholic University	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	58.85
RMIT	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	75.50
Victoria University	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	n/a

For a list of other youth-related courses, such as social work or human services, visit [VTAC](#).



Career as a Park Ranger

Park rangers control, supervise and manage national parks, scenic areas, historic sites, nature reserves and other recreational areas **

Park rangers may perform the following tasks:

- assist with guided tours and promote an understanding and appreciation of the natural and cultural features of the park
- supervise public visits and inform visitors about park facilities, advising of park rules and regulations, and enforcing these when necessary
- patrol waterways, roads and tracks to observe and report on the park environment, including the condition of animals and plants
- ensure endangered animals and plants are protected, and assist with related research projects
- ensure parks, park facilities and equipment are clean and properly maintained
- assist with wildlife management projects, including surveys and monitoring of wildlife
- participate in search and rescue operations
- supervise and coordinate fire management, weed eradication and pest-control programmes
- investigate and report to supervisors on matters relating to park management
- support local communities in protecting their cultural heritage and in developing sustainable land management practices
- conduct research into the protection and recording of Indigenous and historical sites
- supervise and train park staff and volunteers, and oversee crews of general maintenance workers and contractors
- undertake administrative and clerical duties
- prepare, review and implement reports, submissions, management plans, development proposals and environmental impact assessments

**** [Good Universities Guide - Park Ranger](#)**

There are several professional associations park rangers can be part of, and in Victoria it is [Parks Victoria](#).

There are a number of courses in Victoria that prepare students for a career as a park ranger. Some of these include –

INSTITUTION	COURSE
Box Hill Institute	Bachelor of Biosecurity Science
Chisholm Institute	Diploma of Conservation and Land Management
Deakin University	Bachelor of Environmental Science - Environmental Management & Sustainability
Holmesglen Institute	Diploma of Conservation and Land Management
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Outdoor Recreation Education
Melbourne Polytechnic	Diploma of Conservation and Land Management
RMIT University	Diploma of Conservation and Land Management
Swinburne University	Diploma of Conservation and Land Management

For a comprehensive list of all similar courses, visit [VTAC](#)