

WONTHAGGI SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Happy Holidays

As this is the final *Career News* for this year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students every success in their final exams and wish them and their families a wonderful summer holiday - filled with special times shared with friends and loved ones. Keep safe!

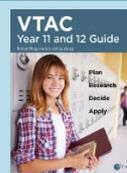


Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- **Very late VTAC applications – 2 November – 7 December**



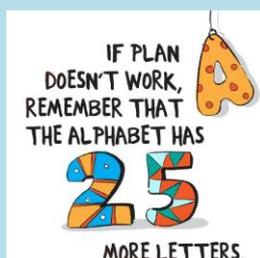
Reminder: VTAC 2019 Key Dates



VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 7 December 2018
ATARs Released	Friday 14 December 2018
COP for Early International Offers closes	Saturday 15 December 2018
Change of Preference (COP) closes	Wednesday 19 December 2018
December International Round Offers	Wednesday 19 December 2018
Main Round International Offers	Tuesday 8 January 2019
Main Round Domestic Offers	Wednesday 16 January 2019
Further Offer Rounds	Monday 4 February 2019 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](https://www.vtac.edu.au)

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Dates of Main Round Tertiary Offers for all States	
<u>VTAC</u>	International students Early Offers – Wednesday 29 December 2018 International students Main Offers – Tuesday 8 January 2019 Local students – Wednesday 16 January 2019
<u>SATAC</u>	Tuesday 15 January 2019
<u>UAC</u>	Thursday 20 December 2018 OR Friday 11 January 2019
<u>QTAC</u>	Thursday 20 December 2018 OR Wednesday 16 January 2019
<u>TISC</u>	Thursday 22 January 2019



Entry to Medicine from 2020

Students commencing Year 12 in 2019 and planning to apply for any of the following university courses listed below, are reminded that registrations for the [UCAT \(University Clinical Aptitude Test\)](#) open in March 2019. In the meantime, students who are preparing for entry into these courses are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the practice tests and preparation material provided at [UCAT Preparation](#)

[The University of Adelaide](#) - Medicine, Dental Surgery, Oral Health

[Curtin University](#) - Medicine

[Monash University](#) - Medicine

[The University of Newcastle](#) / [University of New England](#) - Joint Medical Program

[The University of New South Wales](#) - Medicine

[The University of Queensland](#) - Medicine (provisional entry), Dental Science

[University of Tasmania](#) - Medicine

[The University of Western Australia](#) - Medicine (Direct Pathway), Dental Medicine (Direct Pathway)

[Western Sydney University](#) - Medicine

[The University of Auckland](#) - Medicine

[University of Otago](#) - Medicine, Dental Surgery

News from Monash University

➤ What happens if something occurs after the VTAC SEAS deadline?

In the case of a student experiencing educational disadvantage since the SEAS closing date which was in October, Year 12 students may apply for SEAS directly with Monash by completing the **Monash University Special Entry and Access Scheme** form. Students must provide their VTAC ID with their evidence, and send certified copies of all relevant documents to support their claim of disadvantage along with the form - [Monash University Direct Application Special Entry and Access Scheme](#)

➤ Important Information for VCE International Students

International students undertaking an Australian Year 12 who are unable to meet the minimum 30 in EAL requirement are able to sit another English proficiency test.

The recommended English proficiency tests are –

Pearson's Test of English (Academic)*	Overall score of 58 with no Communicative Skills lower than 50
Academic IELTS	Overall band score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0
Internet Based TOEFL	Total score of 79 with 12 in Listening, 13 in Reading, 21 in Writing and 18 in Speaking
Paper Based TOEFL	Total score of 550 with 4.5 in Test of Written English
Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)	Overall score of 176 with no band less than 169.
Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)	Overall score of 176 with no band less than 169.

*If a student wishes to commence study in semester 1 2019, they should consider the Pearson's Test of English (Academic), as it allows for the quickest return of results (5-7 business days) - [Pearson Test](#)

Note: Some Monash undergraduate courses have higher English language requirements, therefore the EAL score and English proficiency test entry requirements may be higher.



Careers that began in Science

The scientists profiled at the **University of Queensland** links below used their qualifications to get them into rewarding and diverse roles throughout the world. In their day-to-day work many graduates contribute towards solving global challenges such as *climate change, curing illnesses, exploring space frontiers, developing new, life-saving drugs, and protecting the environment*. Through browsing the various profiles, students will learn about their career path, salary range, qualifications, and experiences of these scientists. Visit [Science Career Profiles](#)

Students might like to also browse profiles by other study areas:

[Agriculture and Environment](#)

[Health and Behavioural Sciences](#)

[Architecture and Planning](#)

Science and Mathematics



2019 VCE Summer School Programs

➤ Access Education Summer School

The **Access Education Summer School** program is a unique opportunity for students studying Units 3 & 4 to experience university life while preparing for the demands of the VCE year ahead. The format of the program is that extensive and detailed 3 ¼ hour VCE preparation lectures will be given, and subject specific study notes prepared by the lecturer will also be made available.

Visit [Access Education Summer School](#) to find out more or to download a brochure for the 2019 program.

➤ NEAP VCE Summer School

Get a head start on your VCE! The aims of the **Neap Summer Lectures** 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.

Visit [NEAP Summer School](#) to find out more about the 2019 program.

➤ The School for Excellence Summer School

The School for Excellence (TSFX) Summer School offers a comprehensive summer school program 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 detailed notes, fully worked examples and exercises to complete at home. The lectures are prepared and delivered by qualified, currently practicing VCE teachers and markers from top ranking schools who possess the knowledge and experience to demonstrate the means by which students can achieve higher scores.

Visit [TSFX Summer School](#) to find out more about the 2019 program.



Useful Tips for Successful Interviews



Many candidates lose the job in the first minute of the interview by not thinking carefully about their initial impact. *John Lees* shares his expert interview tips.

1 Don't waste the opening moments

Many candidates lose the job in the first minute of the interview by not thinking carefully about their initial impact. Interviewers make a quick initial decision about your personality from the moment you arrive, based on how you look and sound. Dress as if you already work there and you've just been promoted. Make those initial seconds relaxed and upbeat as you can, even if you're just talking about your journey.

2 Don't over-deliver

Most candidates say too much. Interviewers are not that interested, and will usually accept a short, positive answer and move on. Practise compressing your evidence into good short stories no more than 3 minutes long setting out what problem you were handling, what you did, how you did it, and what the result was.

3 Don't act like a stranger

Leave your coat, umbrella and bag in reception. Just take in a slim folder into the interview room containing the documents you need, and you will look like an employee rather than a visitor.

4 Don't try to wing difficult questions

Don't duck predictable questions about your know-how and skill level – think carefully about good examples. Equally predictable questions cover things like strengths (talk about qualities that match the job) and weaknesses (talk about skills you are improving, and make it clear that you're a fast learner).

*John Lees has written a wide range of careers books. His 2013 titles are *Just The Job!*, his first systematic guide to job searching, and *Knockout CV*, a comprehensive guide to writing a winning CV.*