

WONTHAGGI SECONDARY COLLEGE

CAREER NEWSLETTER 1



Applying for a Tax File Number (TFN)

Any student will need a tax file number if he/she starts work (part-time and full-time) and all students planning on a tertiary education require one when they start.

Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Support Place) course at university without a Tax File Number, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early!

Students must apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office. **To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit [TFN Application](#)**



TUCKWELL
SCHOLARSHIP

Tuckwell Scholarship

Australian National University (ANU) launched the *Tuckwell Scholarship Program* in 2013. *The Tuckwell Scholarship Program at the ANU is the most transformational undergraduate scholarship program in Australia.* A Tuckwell is not just about a student's intellect. It is also about their desire and determination to use their natural abilities to realise their full potential so that they can make a difference in the world. All up one could say, **this is no ordinary scholarship!**

So, Tuckwell Scholar students will receive:

- \$21,700 per annum (2017 rate) (increasing with inflation) for each year of their degree, for up to five years, to cover on-campus residential costs, books and general living expenses
- priority access guaranteed to ANU-approved student accommodation
- an annual allowance of up to \$2,000 to assist with their move to Canberra and to support two annual return journeys (e.g. airfares) between their home and the University for each year of their degree. The allowance will be dependent on the proximity of their family home to ANU.
- a domestic economy return airfare, or other transport costs, for their parents to visit at the start of the program, and
- an [ANU Sports Centre membership](#) for the length of their degree.

Scholarships are awarded based on four criteria:

- academic potential and achievements to date;
- other significant achievements to date, of any type;
- demonstration of the [Attributes of a Tuckwell Scholar](#); and
- a [desire to eventually give back to Australia](#).

Applying for a Tuckwell Scholarship is a three-stage process which commences with an initial application from yourself and a recommendation from your school teacher. Shortlisted applicants will complete a more detailed application in stage two (including a recommendation from your school Principal) and final candidates will be interviewed during July for stage three.

Key dates for the Tuckwell Scholarship application process for students in Year 12 in 2018 are now available!

4 March 2019	Stage 1 Applications open: 12:00pm (AEDT)
28 March 2019	Stage 1 Applications due: 3:00pm (AEDT)
4 April 2019	Teacher Referee forms due: 3:00pm (AEDT)
30 April 2019	Shortlisted applicants notified and invited to complete Stage 2 application
30 April 2019	Stage 2 Applications open: 12:00pm (AEST)
13 May 2019	Stage 2 Principal Referee form due: 3:00pm (AEST)
12 June 2019	Candidates notified of interview shortlist decision
5 – 7 July 2019	Stage 3 Interview Weekend (ANU, Canberra)

For more information about the Tuckwell Scholarship Program visit [Tuckwell Scholarship](#) and Applying for the Tuckwell Scholarship



Australian Government

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

A Diplomatic Career – Making a Difference

The **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)** offers university graduates with the opportunity to implement their academic and personal skills to develop and implement policies that advances Australia's interests both in Australia and overseas. DFAT has an official **graduate program** allowing university graduates the opportunity to continue to develop and expand their knowledge – from *international legal and security issues to international financial corporation, trade negotiations and public affairs*. Graduates who enter this DFAT program work in diverse and challenging environments, and often represent Australia on overseas assignments. On completion of the two-year program, graduates will have the opportunity for an ongoing position in Canberra.

Students who are keen on *studying Law, International Studies, Global Studies, Asian Studies, as well as the Sciences and Medicine, and even Counter-Terrorism*, might like to browse the following link to find out more about this program and the opportunities it offers once they have graduated with their Bachelor degree - [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(DFAT\) Graduate Program](#)

Why study Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences?

The Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash University is one of Australia's largest providers of education for doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals.

The faculty gives [seven reasons](#) for studying with them. Students might like to also browse [courses in medicine, nursing, and health sciences](#) at Monash University.



CAREER AS AN OPTOMETRIST

The [Good Universities Guide - Optometrist](#) states that *Optometrists perform eye examinations to determine the presence of vision problems and other eye conditions and disease. They treat or manage these problems by prescribing glasses, contact lenses, optical aids, vision therapy, medication (in the form of eye drops) or referral to an eye surgeon when required.*

Optometrists need to have a patient and caring manner; be able to carry out accurate and precise work, have good communication skills, and enjoy helping people.

To become an optometrist a student usually has to study optometry at university. Alternatively, they can complete a degree in vision science or a relevant area at university, followed by a postgraduate qualification in optometry. Prerequisite subjects, or assumed knowledge, in one or more of English, mathematics, chemistry, biology and physics are normally required. Entry to postgraduate courses usually requires completion of an appropriate bachelor degree. A number of universities in Australia offer these degrees. Universities have different prerequisites, and some have flexible entry requirements.

Optometry courses on offer in Australia include -

INSTITUTION	COURSE	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Deakin University	Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.
	Master of Optometry	Completion of a Bachelor of Vision Science, or equivalent, with an emphasis on an adequate coverage of vision sciences
Flinders University	Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science), Master of Optometry	Assumed knowledge of Maths Methods, Chemistry and Physics
Queensland University of Technology	Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry	English/EAL, Maths Methods, Chemistry, Physics ATAR 99
University of Melbourne	Doctor of Optometry	An undergraduate degree (or equivalent), and three subjects at second or third year level (or equivalent) in one or more relevant biological science disciplines
University of New South Wales	Bachelor of Vision Science with a Master of Clinical Optometry	English/EAL, Maths Methods, Chemistry, Physics, an ATAR of 98+