

AQUINAS  COLLEGE

# CareerNEWS

Careers Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

As our current Senior students have been in the process of making decisions which will affect their future opportunities, they have also had the opportunity to explore a range of possible careers. There are so many options available and this can cause some apprehension regarding making the 'right decision'. Students however, do need to note that there is no 'one right decision'. Decisions may need to be reviewed at each stage of the journey. For example, Year 12 students have currently made plans for 2025, however, VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre in charge of facilitating the allocation of TAFE and University for 2025) understand the importance of being flexible and give students many opportunities to 'change their minds' over the coming months. Nothing is 'off the table' and students will have six Offer rounds with each offer round allowing for a Change of Preference time (COP) enabling students to alter and add to their preferences after each Offer Round. We are available to assist students throughout this period if required.

Details of important dates and support from TAFEs and Universities are available from the VTAC website: <https://vtac.edu.au/dates>

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∅ **Key Dates - Reminder: VTAC 2025 Upcoming Key Dates**

<b>ATARs Released</b>	Thursday 12 December 2024
<b>Change of Preference (CoP) closes</b>	Saturday 14 December 2024
<b>December Round Offers</b>	Monday 23 December 2024
<b>January Round International Offers</b>	Monday 6 January 2025
<b>January Round Domestic Offers</b>	Friday 10 January 2025
<b>February Offer Rounds</b>	Tuesday 4 February 2025 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](#).

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

∅ **Focus on ..... How to be Successful in my First Year of Uni**

- o I should attend orientation and transition activities – ***that way I can find out about support and advisory services available to me!***
- o I need to seek assistance to learn expectations of my lecturers – ***I will have to learn about tertiary essay writing, using sources, avoiding plagiarism, and managing my time, etc.***
- o I must remember to ask for help – ***no-one will necessarily be offering any!***
- o I will need to be an independent learner – ***my lecturers and tutors will not be reminding me about deadlines!***

- o I will need to take charge of my own learning – ***no-one will be checking up on me to see if I am keeping up with work or assignments!***
- o I will need to organise my time effectively – ***there are no bells to remind me where to be!***
- o I must remember that my classes may be much larger than what I have been used to at school – ***I will receive less individual attention!***
- o I must make friends – ***building new friendship groups will help me cope and help me stay motivated!***
- o I will be learning new skills that will be critical for my success – ***I will have to learn important research and referencing skills!***

Ø Spotlight on ....

**Useful links to Victorian Universities' Student Support Services**

<b>Australian Catholic University</b>	<a href="#">Student Services – ACU student life</a>
<b>Deakin University</b>	<a href="#">Student life and Services - Deakin</a>
<b>Federation University</b>	<a href="#">Student Support - Federation University Australia</a>
<b>La Trobe University</b>	<a href="#">Support to Help You Thrive - La Trobe University</a>
<b>Monash University</b>	<a href="#">Support - Monash University</a>
<b>RMIT University</b>	<a href="#">Student Support - RMIT University</a>
<b>Swinburne University</b>	<a href="#">University Student Support Services - Swinburne</a>

<b>University of Melbourne</b>	<a href="#">Student Services directory - University of Melbourne</a>
<b>Victoria University</b>	<a href="#">Advice &amp; Support - Victoria University</a>

### **News from ....**

#### Ø **ACU**

##### ○ **Bachelor of Educational Studies**

- The **New Bachelor of Educational Studies** allows students to take their first step towards teaching or other education-related fields. This course is a pathway for students who are passionate about becoming teachers but do not meet the admission rank for their desired pre-service teacher degree.
- Eligible students who successfully complete their first year of study (subject to meeting certain progression and non-academic requirements) may apply for transfer into the second year of the Bachelor of Education suite.
- This 3-year degree allows students to gain the necessary knowledge to pursue a career in corporate training, educational consultancy, online learning, vocational and community education, curriculum writing, youth services or adult learning, but will not lead to early childhood, primary or secondary teacher registration in Australia. Should teaching be the end goal, students who complete the Bachelor Of Educational Studies can progress to a postgraduate Initial Teacher Education qualification.

**Find out more at [Bachelor of Educational Studies](#).**

## Ø DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

### ○ **Casper Test Reimbursement**

Do you intend studying Teaching at Deakin in 2025? If you have sat the Casper test and receive an offer to Deakin, you will be eligible for a reimbursement of the cost of this test.

The \$55 will be reimbursed after students commence at Deakin in Trimester 1 2025. Students do not need to apply for the payment; Deakin will identify and communicate with them at the point of admission.

**Find out more at [The Casper Test](#).**

### ○ **Pathways Finder**

Don't downsize your dreams just because you didn't get the ATAR you wanted, or you don't meet the entry requirements for your chosen course. There are more pathways into university than you might think.

Deakin's **Pathways Finder** helps students discover all the opportunities available to them, so they can walk away with an achievable plan to make their dream course a reality.

**Students are encouraged to spend some time familiarising themselves with this useful tool - [Pathways Finder](#)**

## Ø FEDERATION UNIVERSITY

### ○ **New Streamlined Science Degree**

Federation University's two specialised degrees – Veterinary and Wildlife Science, and Environmental and Conservation Science – are now streamlined into the new [Bachelor of Science](#).

Students can now apply for the Bachelor of Science degree, and graduate with the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) or Bachelor of Science (Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation) depending on the majors they choose.

Other qualifications students may graduate with include –

- Bachelor of Science (Chemistry and Analytical Science)
- Bachelor of Science (Brewing and Food Science)

- Bachelor of Science (Geoscience)

## Ø LA TROBE

### ○ **New Majors in the Bachelor of Biomedicine**

The Bachelor of Biomedicine has been revised for 2025 and now includes four unique and industry-focused majors that offer students strong employment opportunities upon graduation, and the potential to pathway into further postgraduate studies in medicine or research.

The majors available from Semester 1, 2025 are:

- Cancer, heart and brain diseases
- Immunology and infectious disease
- Physiology and pharmacology
- Molecular and cellular biochemistry

Students can select a single major plus four electives or two majors in their third year of study. These majors will be offered at the Melbourne (Bundoora) campus only.

**Find out more at [Bachelor of Biomedicine at La Trobe University](#).**

## Ø MONASH

### **New Courses and/or Majors/Minors in 2025**

Monash is offering a number of new courses or new majors/minors in existing courses in 2025. Students can apply for these courses through VTAC.

The new courses are:

- [Psychology/Arts](#)
- [Design/Arts](#)
- [Laws/International Relations](#)

- [Digital Business](#)

The following courses are offering new majors:

- [Bachelor of Information Technology](#) – new Applied Cybersecurity major and Human-Computer Interaction minor.
- [Bachelor of Computer Science](#) – new Algorithms and Software, Cybersecurity, Data Science, and Artificial Intelligence.

- **Pathways into the Bachelor of Education**

There's more than one way to become a student with Monash. Students who are interested in becoming a teacher, but do not meet the entry requirements for the [Bachelor of Education \(Honours\)](#), Monash offers a range of pathway programs to help students achieve their goal.

There is a wide range of pathway options available, so students need to consider their reasons for completing a pathway and where they hope to end up. Students are urged to find out what pathway programs will suit your circumstances by browsing the links below.

- [Diploma of Tertiary Studies \(DoTS\)](#) – domestic students only
- [Diploma of Higher Education Studies \(DoHE\)](#) - domestic students only
- [Monash College Diploma](#) – domestic and international students

**Students are encouraged to browse [Pathways into the Bachelor of Education](#).**

- **New Science and Global Studies Double Degree**

Why study a double degree in science and global studies? This course is designed for students who aspire to be leaders in creating social change. Combining global studies with studies in fundamental science will give them the skill set to understand the complex challenges facing cultures and communities around the world and the opportunity to apply their knowledge to affect change. Through this combination, students will not

just think globally but study globally as well with overseas travel a requirement of the course.

Students will get to choose from four global studies specialisations (International studies, International relations, Human rights, or Intercultural Studies - including a language), as well as a very comprehensive range of science majors.

**Students are encouraged to browse [Science and Global Studies at Monash](#) to find out more.**

### Ø RMIT

#### ○ **New Diploma of Radiation Science at RMIT**

RMIT's Diploma of Radiation Science starts you on the path to gain the knowledge and skills required for further studies and opportunities in the medical radiation industry.

In 2025, the one-year [Diploma of Radiation Science](#) will only be available as part of a packaged Guaranteed Pathway into the [Bachelor of Medical Radiation](#). Students can choose to focus their studies in one of three streams in the Bachelor degree via this diploma pathway:

- medical imaging
- nuclear medicine (RMIT is the only Victorian university to offer this degree)
- radiation therapy.

The VCE requirements are: Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in English other than EAL or at least 23 in English as an Additional Language and Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any Mathematics.

#### ○ **Studying Science at RMIT University**

- RMIT's Bachelor of Science offers you the flexibility and choice to complete a degree tailored to your interests.

- This 3-year science degree begins with a suite of introductory subjects in which students learn and explore core science concepts across physical, life, data and mathematical science disciplines and develop and strengthen key scientific and transferable skills. Students get to choose from a range of nine majors and numerous minors and study their passions in science. Students may elect to study one major and some minors or opt for two majors.

**Students may choose from the following list of majors to learn more:**

[Biological sciences](#)

[Biotechnology](#)

[Chemistry](#)

[Food science and technology](#)

[Geospatial sciences](#)

[Mathematics](#)

[Nutrition sciences](#)

[Physics](#)

[Statistics](#)

**Browse [Bachelor of Science](#) to learn more.**

## Ø UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

### ○ **New Commerce Major for 2025**

The [Bachelor of Commerce](#) has introduced a new major, [Business Analytics](#), in which students can learn how to transform data into valuable business insights.

Business analytics professionals play a crucial role in helping organisations make these data-driven decisions using powerful tools including data visualisation, predictive and prescriptive analytics, and machine learning and deep learning across the applied business disciplines, including

accounting, finance, human resource management and marketing. Students may choose to take this as a single or double major within the course

o **Diploma in General Studies (DiGS)**

The Diploma in General Studies (DiGS) gives students a sample of various University of Melbourne degrees and provides a pathway to further tertiary study.

Open to domestic students, this one-year course provides students with the opportunity to study a wide range of subjects from Science, Commerce, Design and Agriculture - providing some students with guaranteed entry into a University of Melbourne degree based on their weighted average mark.

**DiGS** provides a pathway to one of the following University of Melbourne bachelor's degrees

- Bachelor of Agriculture
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Biomedicine
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Science

The VCE prerequisite for entry is Units 3 & 4: A study score of at least 20 in English/English Language/Literature or at least 25 in EAL, and the Lowest Selection Ranked ATAR for 2024 was 52.00.

**Find out more at [Diploma in General Studies \(DiGS\)](#)**