

CAREER NEWS

Wednesday 20 September 2017



Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- Year 12 VTAC late applications – throughout October until 4 November



Reminder: VTAC 2017 Upcoming Key Dates



Timely applications through VTAC	Thursday 28 September 2017
SEAS applications close	Tuesday 10 October 2017
Scholarships through VTAC close	Friday 13 October 2017

Also, students applying for courses that have **extra 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.

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➤ What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship or traineeship is a **training contract between an employer and an employee** in which the apprentice or trainee learns the skills needed for a particular occupation or trade.

An apprenticeship or traineeship can be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis and can be used as a valuable stepping stone to start a career in an industry you want to work in.

There are more than 500 occupations offering apprenticeships or traineeships – in traditional areas as well as a diverse range of emerging careers.

➤ **Why undertake an Australian Apprenticeship?**

- ✓ You get paid as you work
- ✓ You gain “Hands on” experience
- ✓ This is a real alternative to tertiary study
- ✓ Creates a pathway - *Cert II to Advanced Diploma*
- ✓ The training you receive is relevant to the industry
- ✓ Nationally Recognised Qualification

➤ **How long does it take to complete an Apprenticeship?**

Apprenticeships used to take up to around four years, depending on the occupation or industry. These days, apprenticeships are ‘**competency based**’, which means that you can complete your apprenticeship early when you reach the required level of skill. However, **licensed trades – electrical, floristry, plumbing and building** – are not yet ‘competency based’ and still require you to be an apprentice for four years in order to obtain registration in that trade.

Visit [Australian Apprenticeships](#) to find out more!



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!



ACUcom at the Australian Catholic University

ACUcom is a department of the Australian Catholic University that delivers TAFE-level courses. These courses are complete qualifications but are also pathway programs into bachelor degrees at ACU. While the pathways are not guarantees, students who do well in the **ACUcom** courses are usually offered places in relevant bachelor programs.

ACUcom courses are suited to students who –

- ✓ Want a TAFE level qualification
- ✓ Do not get the required ATAR to go straight into their chosen bachelor degree
- ✓ Want to use the TAFE to university pathway to a bachelor degree
- ✓ Want to try an area of study but are not sure they want to commit to a 3-year course

For more information visit [ACUcom](#) and [ACUcom Courses](#)

Alternative Schoolies Program

Make your Year 12 celebration something worth remembering!

For those students who want to mark the end of their very long school education with something different, with something more than just a week-long party, picture this: you travel to a developing country and immerse yourself in the culture, you make a positive impact to your world (which is your oyster!) and you do this alongside volunteers from all over the globe. Sound pretty great? Welcome to your Alternative Schoolies – quite literally a world away from your typical schoolies week!

Find out more at [Alternative Schoolies Program](#)



News from Deakin University

➤ 'Step on Campus' School Holiday Tours

*Deakin **Step on Campus** is running again in Term 3 school holiday and students are invited to attend. Students will be taken on a 45-minute tour of their chosen campus by a current Deakin student. Students can find out more about university life, study areas and what it's really like to be a student at Deakin!*

Dates: 25, 28 September, 2 and 5 October

Times: 10.00am, 12pm and 3.00pm

Locations: Geelong, Melbourne, Warrnambool

For registrations and to find out more about Deakin Step on Campus visit [Deakin Step on Campus](#)



Swinburne University is now offering a **maths bridging program** called **MathsLink**.

MathsLink: Methods is a bridging program for students needing VCE Units 3 and 4 of Mathematical Methods to study at Swinburne.

Mathematical Methods is a prerequisite for many bachelor degrees in **aviation, engineering, and information and communication technology**. This bridging program is designed to help students who have not studied Mathematical Methods as part of their VCE to meet the prerequisite for entry into their chosen course.

MathsLink: Methods is taught predominantly online, however there are three day sessions that students must attend during Summer Term:

- Tuesday 2 January 2018, 9:30am – 4:30pm
- Wednesday 24 January 2018, 9:30am – 4:30pm
- Thursday 8 February 2018, 9:30am – 4:30pm

MathsLink: Methods incurs a one-off \$400 fee**, payable within the time frame as specified in the Swinburne University of Technology Academic Dates.

** refundable if enrol in a course at Swinburne

On completion of this course, students will be eligible to make a direct application to Swinburne University for entry in 2018. Applications for **MathsLink: Methods** close 20 December 2017.

Find out more at [Maths Link Bridging Program: Methods](#)

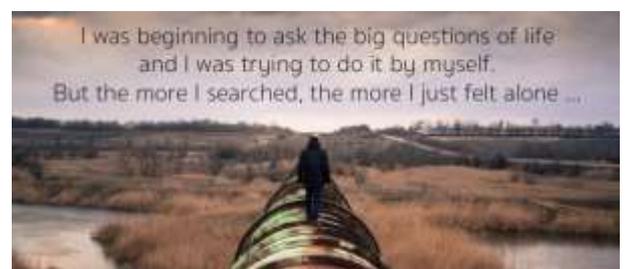


NEXT course @ Whitley College

This is a post-secondary school experience for students deciding what they are going to do NEXT. It includes the option of diploma studies.

NEXT is a great opportunity for:

- Young Adults seeking a year of discipleship and formation
- School Leavers seeking a Gap Year alternative



NEXT is for Young Adults who want to focus on the big questions of life – who am I? what do I believe? and how can I go about living these realities out? In short, faith, identity, friendship are what we talk about, explore and discover together. Set over 3 days week, this unique program of accredited Diploma study helps young adults shape their future with conviction and character.

<http://whitley.unimelb.edu.au/next>



Thanks for reading! 😊