

# Weekly Career News

Term 3

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## FOCUS ON OPEN DAYS

If you are considering studying at TAFE or university after school, it is **crucial** that you attend Open Days.

Throughout the year, vocational and tertiary institutions open their doors to the public and showcase their courses, accommodation, scholarships, pathway courses, student services and their 'point of difference'. At an Open Day, you will be able to:

Get a feel for the culture of the campus

Learn about courses and career options

Undertake campus and accommodation tours led by current students

Speak directly to students and lecturers about the courses or careers you are interested in

Compare the course area you are interested in at different institutions

Learn about student sports and societies you can join and be active in

Get course counselling and guidance

Attend information sessions and workshops

Watch live demonstrations

Listen to bands, eat lots of food, participate in activities and have fun!

Don't just pick a course at an institution without visiting the campus – you potentially will be spending several years studying there and spending tens of thousands of dollars on your course and accommodation. It's worth making the effort.



## FOCUS ON OPEN DAYS

By now you should have identified institutions you would like to visit, found out their open day dates and downloaded their open day programs.

Once you have the programs, make a list of the information sessions you would like to attend.

If you have time, try and attend information sessions on topics like pathways, scholarships, accommodation and overseas exchange programs.

If you are unsure what to ask on the day, Victoria University has developed some questions you can ask:

Are there any prerequisite subjects I need to study for this course?

What study scores/ATAR do I need to achieve to get into this course?

Do I need to attend an audition, have an interview or present a folio as part of the selection process?

Are there any other ways into this course other than through a VTAC application?

Can I do a vocational course first which might then lead into a university course?

What is the difference between TAFE and university study?

If I can't get into this course, is there a similar course at this institution I can apply for?

What are the core subjects for this course and are there any electives?

How many hours per week are spent in class and can I study part time?

Can I defer the course?

What kind of jobs do graduates of this course generally get?

Are there any scholarships available?

## FOCUS ON OPEN DAYS

Please find below dates for upcoming open days.

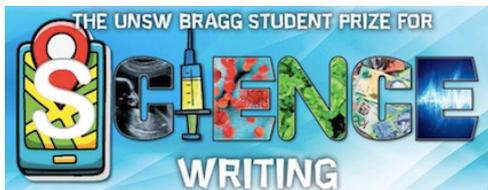
### July

- 30: UTAS, Hobart, <http://bit.ly/1tGD3B8>
- 30: Swinburne University, Hawthorn, <http://bit.ly/1FRMN40>

### August

- 3: Kangan Institute, Docklands, Automotive Experience Day, <http://bit.ly/2tZel6c>
- 4, 6: La Trobe University, Shepparton (4), Melbourne (6), <http://bit.ly/1BGrG35>
- 5, 6: Monash University, Peninsula (5), Clayton & Caulfield (6), <http://bit.ly/2aVcXJc>
- 5: SAE Qantm, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2rhSKo3>
- 5: Australian Institute of Music, Melbourne, [www.aim.edu.au/](http://www.aim.edu.au/)
- 6: UTAS, Cradle Coast, <http://bit.ly/1tGD3B8>
- 6: Deakin University, Warrnambool, <http://bit.ly/1N0i0kr>

## COMPETITIONS



### UNSW Bragg Student Prize for Science Writing:

For students in Years 7 – 10. The theme this year is Future Earth: creating a more sustainable planet by 2030. In the next decade, our global society faces major challenges in developing sustainable energy solutions, food sources, clean water, and waste management and in protecting biodiversity.

In 800 words or less, describe one of the challenges we face, and present your ideas or past research into how we are currently addressing, or we could potentially address, these issues. Entries close on 20 August. For information and to apply, go to <http://bit.ly/1efclWA>

**Swinburne University Ultimate Study Pack- win prizes!** Students can enter online to win a study pack which contains a Macbook Pro, Apple Watch Sport 38mm, GoPro Hero 5, Mojo Bike, and two Swinburne VR headsets. All you have to do is register your details at the following website- <http://bit.ly/29BtGhP>

## COMPETITIONS

**Do you love photography?** If you are in Years 7 – 12, you have the opportunity to enter The Pixel Prize photography competition, run by the Australian Catholic University. The 2017 theme is 'Empathy'. Entries close Monday 4 September 2017. For information on the entry requirements and the theme, go to [www.thepixelprize.com.au/](http://www.thepixelprize.com.au/)

### Interested in hotel management and tourism?

The Hotel School Melbourne in conjunction with the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Melbourne is offering Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to go behind the scenes of this 5 star luxury hotel for a day on Sunday 30 July. The program is for students who are interested in a career in hospitality and hotel management. This is a competitive entry program, so please apply as soon as possible. For information and to apply, go to <http://bit.ly/2uySC6r>

**Urban Futures Competition:** With Melbourne's population moving beyond 4 million, significant challenges and opportunities exist for planning, designing and managing our cities. Win up to \$500 by coming up with the best idea to help tackle the challenges our cities face today and in the future.

Your task is to provide a photo or image to communicate an urban problem you have identified, and explain the problem and your ideas for a solution in 200–300 words. You must be in Years 10 – 12 and all entries must be in by Sunday 27 August. For information on the competition and how you can enter, go to <http://tinyurl.com/knbumu6>

**The Heywire competition** is open to people aged 16 – 22, to submit a story about life in regional Australia. Your story can be created in any form of media: text, video, photography, or audio. If you are selected as one of the winners, your story will be featured on ABC Local Radio, ABC Radio National, ABC TV and abc.net. Entries close 16 September, [www.abc.net.au/heywire](http://www.abc.net.au/heywire)



Be heard on the ABC!



Win a trip to the Heywire Summit!



Make a difference!

## EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

**Early Admissions Program, University of Wollongong (UoW):** Year 12 students are encouraged to apply for the Early Admissions program if they would like to study at UoW in 2018 or defer their studies until 2019. The program recognises community service and leadership and guarantees successful applicants entry into UoW courses without needing an ATAR. Applications open on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August and close on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August. For information and to apply, go to <http://bit.ly/1JSKYzZ>

**Early Achievers Program at Australian Catholic University:** This is an early entry program that takes into account factors other than just your ATAR for admission into courses. Factors include evidence of community service, leadership, and school participation etc. If you are accepted into the program, you will be guaranteed entry into the degree of your choice with a minimum ATAR set by the University, providing you meet prerequisites. The following are the minimum ATARs for the 2018 intake:

- 70: Law and all dual Law degrees
- 70: Physiotherapy (subject to change)
- 65: Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, and Paramedicine.
- 58.5: all other degrees.

Applications are now open and close Monday 31 July, <http://bit.ly/2kPLY2t>

**Direct Early Entry program at University of New England:** Applications are now open for this early entry program. Selection is based on the recommendation from the applicant's school, not their final ATAR. The program is free, fully online, and students can start their university application now. Students can apply for this program instead of applying via the Schools Recommendation Scheme. For a list of eligible courses and application information, go to <http://bit.ly/2aqFGGu>

**Aspire Early Admissions Program, La Trobe University:** Year 12 students are encouraged to apply for the Aspire Early Admissions program if they would like to study at La Trobe in 2018 or defer their studies until 2019. The program recognises community service and leadership and guarantees successful applicants entry into La Trobe courses with a guaranteed ATAR. Applications close 31 August. For information and to apply, go to <http://bit.ly/1cXetap>

## EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

**Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS):** The following NSW and Canberra Institutions take part in this scheme via the Universities Admission Centre (UAC):

- Australian Catholic University
- Australian National University
- Charles Sturt University
- International College of Management, Sydney
- Macquarie University
- National Art School
- SAE Creative Media Institute
- University of Canberra
- University of New England
- University of Newcastle
- University of Technology Sydney
- Western Sydney University

Students apply through a central portal via the UAC website. Each university has slight differences in the admissions process and differences in eligibility criteria and offers, so it is important to read the SRS Guide. Applications open on Wednesday 2 August and close Friday 29 September. For information, go to [www.uac.edu.au/srs/](http://www.uac.edu.au/srs/)

## GUARANTEED ENTRY

**Access Melbourne, The University of Melbourne:** Guaranteed entry with a lower ATAR set by the University. Students must be from a rural area or a financially disadvantaged background and meet eligibility criteria for the course, <http://bit.ly/2gBAqPD>

**Monash Guarantee, Monash University:** Guaranteed entry with a lower ATAR set by the University. Students must be either an Indigenous Australian, live in a rural area, are financially disadvantaged, or attend a Monash list underrepresented school. Students must also meet eligibility criteria for the course, <http://bit.ly/2bablf6>

**Open Access, Federation University:** For selected courses if the applicant meets the prerequisites for the course, they will be given a guaranteed place in the course without an ATAR requirement, <http://bit.ly/1U7fAlx>

### Are you currently in Year 12 and considering Tertiary study?

**Victorian courses:** The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) processes course applications on behalf of participating higher education institutions. From Monday 7 August, you will be able to create a VTAC account and apply for vocational and higher education courses. VTAC has developed a series of resources to assist students with their applications. The following are three examples:

- **Website:** The website and social media channels contain information about the application process, Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS), and scholarships etc., [www.vtac.edu.au/](http://www.vtac.edu.au/)
- **Instructional videos:** these outline how to set up a VTAC account, how to search for courses and how the preference system works, <http://bit.ly/2a9lzwg>
- **VTAC CourseSearch app:** You can download the app from Google Play or the App Store.

**New South Wales and Canberra courses:** The Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) processes course applications and early entry on behalf of participating higher education institutions. From Wednesday 2 August, you will be able to create a UAC account and apply for vocational and higher education courses. UAC has developed a series of resources to assist students with their applications.

- **The website** and social media channels contain information about the application process, Educational Access Schemes (EAS), Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) and scholarships etc., [www.uac.edu.au/](http://www.uac.edu.au/)
- **MyUAC mobile app:** You can download the app from Google Play or the App Store.

### Other states

Information and resources for other states can be accessed at the following websites:

SANT	<a href="http://www.satac.edu.au/">www.satac.edu.au/</a>
Queensland	<a href="http://www.qtac.edu.au/">www.qtac.edu.au/</a>
Western Australia	<a href="http://www.tisc.edu.au/">www.tisc.edu.au/</a>
Tasmania	<a href="http://www.utas.edu.au/">www.utas.edu.au/</a>

**Why is completing a vocational or higher education qualification after school so important?** According to the My Career Match website:

- Of the 13 million jobs in Australia in 2020, 11 million (85%) will require a Certificate III or higher. Four million (30%) will require a Bachelor degree or higher.
- Many of the careers and jobs that are around today will disappear by the time students get their first job and many new careers will be created.

To read more about the future automation, globalisation and collaboration of the future workforce, read the following report by the Australian Foundation for Young Australians - <http://bit.ly/29ARTcf>

## CAREER EVENTS

**Health Information Sessions:** You have the opportunity to learn about the innovative Nursing, Midwifery, Psychology and Health Science degrees at Deakin University. Information sessions are running on the following dates:

### Melbourne campus

- Exercise & Nutrition Sciences – 20 July
- Nursing and Midwifery – 26 and 29 July
- Psychology – 25 July

### Warrnambool campus

- Nursing and Midwifery – 11 August
- Psychology – 11 August
- Health Sciences – 11 August

### Geelong campus

- Nursing and Midwifery (Waterfront) – 26 and 29 July
- Psychology (Waurm Ponds) – 25 July
- Exercise & Nutrition Sciences (Waurm Ponds) – 2 August

For information and to register, go to <http://bit.ly/2qHNIHe>