# Careers Newsletter

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2015 VCAA Results

Year 12’s, and Year 10 and 11 students who may have sat Unit 3/4 exams, are reminded that the study scores come out on Monday 14 December 2015. To access these results students can:

- Log on to Results and ATAR any time from 7.00am, Monday 14 December to 5.00pm on Friday 18 December (AEDST). This service is free and operates 24 hours a day.
- Type in your VCAA student number and where a PIN is required, type in the first four digits of your birth date, e.g. 22 August = 2208

It should be pointed out that the school is not in a position to release results or ATARs to parents or other parties as the results are the property of the student.

What if you think you won’t get a place at university?

There are many alternatives. Some suggestions are:
- Contact your Career Practitioner
- Apply for a related TAFE course if you have not done so already
- Apply for a course at Monash College or Deakin College (see VTAC Guide)
- Complete a Diploma in Tertiary or Foundation Studies – e.g. at Monash University, RMIT and Victoria University
- Nursing - complete a Diploma of Nursing at TAFE
- Aim for a Supplementary Offer in January (see VTAC website)

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
Swinburne Students wishing to undertake a UniLink course can apply through VTAC.

The new Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Global Studies
This exciting new double degree is for students who aspire to be leaders in social change and gain the necessary skills to practice as a lawyer in Australia. Students will have unique expertise by combining their law studies with an enhanced knowledge of the complex challenges facing cultures and communities around the world such as peace and conflict, the rich-poor gap, and crime and justice.

Laws
Students will acquire a solid foundation in the concepts, procedures and reasoning underpinning the Australian legal system. The course will challenge them to develop career-ready skills in legal research, analysis and persuasive written and oral communication. In the elective component of the degree students can choose from a large number of specialist law units, to study overseas and to undertake work-based learning.

Global Studies
Students choose from three specialisations:
- International studies
- International relations
- Global cultural literacies (including a language major)

Students will gain a rich understanding of the interplay between local, regional and global forces. Underpinning this is a focus on the practical application of knowledge and skills to real life scenarios, which could take the form of an internship or a research project. Graduates of this double degree will be prepared for a range of diverse careers including opportunities in both the public and private sectors.

For further information, visit Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Global Studies

UniLink Diplomas
Year 12 students who do not quite have the ATAR to move straight into an undergraduate degree can enter at a UniLink level – a pathway into higher degrees at Swinburne University. UniLink is a direct pathway to second year at Swinburne University. It is equivalent to first year and will prepare students for second-year entry to their chosen bachelor degree; students need an ATAR of over 50 to enter a UniLink diploma, and best of all, it only takes eight months to complete. Not only is this cost-effective, but it means students can finish their degree sooner rather than later.

UniLink programs are available in:
- Diploma of Business
- Diploma of Design
- Diploma of Engineering
- Diploma of Health Science
- Diploma of Information Technology

Students wishing to undertake a UniLink course can apply through VTAC. For more information about the range of UniLink courses on offer, visit UniLink Diplomas at Swinburne
Students commencing Year 12 in 2016, and planning to apply for any of the following university courses - Courses requiring the UMAT - are reminded that part of selection into these courses requires that students sit the UMAT – Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test. Applications open early in December 2015.

For more information, and/or to apply visit UMAT2016 or call (03) 8508 7643.

Career as a Police Custody Officer

Victoria Police is currently hiring Police Custody Officers (PCOs). Police Custody Officers (PCOs) are responsible for overseeing the management of persons in the custody of Victoria Police. The Police Custody Officer role offers a stimulating, challenging and rewarding career. You are a valued member of the local police team and play a crucial role in the management and welfare of persons in custody.

The role responsibilities of the PCO will be:

- Perform all duties relating to the management of persons in the custody of Victoria Police.
- Ensure the health, wellbeing, safety and supervision of persons in custody, staff and visitors.
- Liaise with internal and external stakeholders regarding the management, transport, offsite attendance or video links for persons in custody.
- Carry out all prisoner management functions in accordance with established legislation, policies and procedures, including preparing routine correspondence, attendance registers, creation of reports and other administrative tasks whilst ensuring appropriate follow-up action is taken when required.
- Perform administrative duties.

In order to be eligible to apply, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Must be over 18 years of age
- Must be an Australian Citizen or permanent resident
- Must hold full or probationary Australian drivers licence (must be transferred to Victorian drivers licence at commencement of employment)
- Must hold Level 1 First Aid Certificate valid for 12 months at commencement of employment
- Body Mass Index must not exceed 30
- Must not have any outstanding warrants, payment orders or payment plans in relation to traffic or parking infringements.
- Must have a ‘Working with Children’ card on commencement of employment

Find out more at Police Custody Officer
Gap Medics

Year 11 and 12 students considering a career in medicine, nursing, dentistry or midwifery might like to take up an opportunity to participate in a short-term healthcare work experience placement overseas. Gap Medics is based in the UK, but its programs are open to students from all around the world.

So, what does a placement involve? During weekdays, students shadow highly skilled doctors in their day-to-day work on a fully-supervised hospital placement. Students also benefit from clinical teaching on their placement. Gap Medics owns houses in all the destinations; the houses have 24-hour security with walled gardens and a full time staff team in every destination too. There is a night time manager on duty every evening. Students stay in the Gap Medics homes and food, pick up and transfers are all inclusive. Approximately 90% of current participating students are Year 11 and 12 students, with the remaining 10% being university students.

Visit Gap Medics to find out more!

VCE 2016 Summer Schools

➢ 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. The presenters have been chosen for their extensive knowledge, communication abilities and passion for their subject. Subjects on offer include Biology, Chemistry, English, Further Maths, Health & Human Development, Legal Studies, Maths Methods, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, and THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO VCE SUCCESS – an extremely useful lecture for Year 11 or 12 students.

Dates: Monday 18 – Thursday 21 January 2016
Venue: Monash University (Clayton Campus)

Visit Access Education Summer School to find out more or to download a brochure for this program.

➢ Neap VCE Summer School Program

Get a head start on your VCE! The aims of the Neap Summer School 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. There is also an emphasis on helping students understand each subject’s assessment criteria. Strategies, problem-solving and exam techniques will also be a focus so that students can further develop these skills throughout the semester as they work towards their exams. Each student also receives comprehensive lecture notes. Subjects on offer include Chemistry, English, Biology, Legal Studies, Specialist Maths, Psychology, Accounting, Physics and Maths Methods CAS and Strategies for Success in VCE.

Dates: Friday 8 – Wednesday 20 January 2016
Venue: Victoria University (City Campus)
Visit **NEAP Summer School** to find out more about the 2016 program.

➢ **The School for Excellence Summer School**

The School for Excellence (TSFX) 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 practising 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. Subjects on offer include *Accounting, Biology, Business Management, CAS Technology Applications, Chemistry, EAL, Economics, English, Further Mathematics, Health & Human Development, Legal Studies, Literature, Mathematical Methods, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, and Specialist Mathematics, and Succeeding in the VCE – An Intense Study Skills Program for VCE Students.*

**Dates:** Saturday 2 – Sunday 24 January 2016  
**Venue:** University of Melbourne (Parkville Campus) and TSFX (Collins Street)

Visit **TSFX Summer School** to find out more about the 2016 program.

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**YHA Fact Sheet**

YHA Australia is part of the world's largest backpacker accommodation network and has recently published a very useful *fact sheet* for students going travelling or on working holidays. Below are some interesting travel tips:

**Top Travel Tips**

1. Want to earn money while you travel? Australia has working holiday agreements with many countries – see [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au) - be aware that some visas must be applied for before you leave Australia though.
2. Make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after you plan to return, and check entry requirements for countries you plan to visit e.g. tourist visas, US pre-authorisation.
3. Visit the doctor at least 6 weeks before you leave to get vaccinations and prescription medication.
4. Let your bank know you’re going overseas so they don’t cancel your card when they see an overseas transaction.
5. If you can’t afford travel insurance you can’t afford to travel!
7. Always give a family member or friend a copy of your itinerary so they can contact you in an emergency.
8. Book your first couple of nights’ accommodation ahead for peace of mind when you get off the plane and have to find your way around a new city, a new country.
9. Always aim to arrive in a new town during the daylight hours as it is more difficult to get your bearings at night.
10. It can be cheaper to organise transport passes before you leave Australia, e.g. Busabout hop-on hop-off between major European Cities, Greyhound Canada/USA, Eurail train network.
11. Pack lightly - you’ll be surprised how little you can comfortably travel with, and roll clothes when packing.
12. Sometimes the best plan is ‘no plan’... don’t be too locked into a pre-arranged schedule that you have no time for spontaneous experiences!

13. Look at alternative low cost options to communicate with home – email, SKYPE, Facebook, Facetime, WhatsApp, Viber, WeChat (on Wi-Fi or from an internet café), prepaid local or international SIM cards.

For more information about YHA and to access many other useful tips, visit Travel Tips

News from the Australian Catholic University (ACU)

➢ Teaching at ACU
Sometimes students may not get the grades for their chosen career path at the end of year 12 and ACU offers flexible options on how to become a teacher - there is more than one way, and students can choose the best option for their situation. For more information on alternative ways to become a teacher please click here.

➢ Bachelor of Digital Media
This course will enable students to work across a broad range of careers by developing skills in video and audio production, social media production and journalism/text production to meet the demands of today’s exciting and fast changing media industry. To find out more visit Bachelor of Digital Media

➢ Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Exercise Science
This course is designed for students who want a career that combines a passion for sport, physical activity and a love of teaching. It is for students interested in pursuing a career in Education, specifically in health, PE and personal development. Depending on the subjects students will graduate with not only health, PE and personal development teacher qualifications, but also be able to teach a second teaching method as well. Find out more at Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Exercise Science

➢ Biomedical Science Double Degrees
In the age of “big data”, we believe graduates who have the ability to make sense of large data-sets, to find and present patterns to others in an intelligible way will be highly sought after in a range of industries. Biomedical Science at ACU will give students some entry-level skills in data management and analysis, and more. Find out more at Biomedical Science Double Degrees

➢ New Graduate Law Degree
This degree is open only to graduates who hold at least a three year bachelor degree. Places in this course are Commonwealth Supported Places unlike many Juris Doctor courses. Like the law degrees taken by undergraduate students, the course is designed for the needs of legal practice in the 21st Century with four major themes running through the degree:

1. a strong representation of the commercial law needed in practice
2. a strong global and human rights stream that reflects the international environment in which lawyers increasingly work
3. consistent with ACU’s commitments to social justice and advancing the common good
4. a strong ethical and practical foundation to assist students bring about change in communities and society
Diploma of Nursing at the ANMF

A Diploma of Nursing is the minimum qualification required to register as an enrolled nurse in Australia and this course will equip graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary to be ready to work in a variety of healthcare settings. Studying with the Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation (ANMF) (Vic Branch) Education Centre gives students the advantage of learning in an organisation that specialises in providing a supportive environment where teachers monitor their progress and the student support program provides students with additional assistance wherever possible. Applicants must have successfully completed one of the following to enter this 18-month course:

- Successfully completed the VETASSESS* literacy and numeracy test or equivalent
- Have passed Year 12 (VCE) Maths and English in the last two years

On completion of the diploma, students are eligible to consider articulating into a bachelor degree should they wish.

Find out more about the course, the application, and dates of next intake at [ANMF - Diploma of Nursing](#).

Discover Hospitality

Students are invited to make use of this useful website called [Discover Hospitality](#). The resource was developed by industry and is aimed at providing information to those students looking to pursue a career in Hospitality.

Career as a Geoscientist

Geoscientists (also known as geologists) study the nature, composition and structure of the Earth to increase scientific knowledge and locate materials and minerals. They seek to reconstruct the past observations of the Earth and aim to forecast the future. They also advise on mining, as well as environmental protection and rehabilitation of land after mining.

Geologists may perform the following tasks:

- study the nature and effects of natural events such as erosion, sedimentation, glaciation, earthquakes and volcanic hazards
- locate and manage groundwater resources, investigate groundwater contamination and land salinity
- undertake geochemical sampling of stream sediment and soils
- advise on the geological suitability of sites for structures such as tunnels, roads, coastal installations, bridges and water supply schemes
contribute information about land use, planning and rehabilitation, and the effects of pollution on sea beds to environmental assessments
- use computers to integrate and interpret data sets of geological information
- prepare geological models to describe processes and predict future situations
- prepare geological reports and maps

**Personal Requirements of Geoscientists:**

- enjoy technical and engineering activities
- willing to adhere to safety requirements
- able to work independently or as part of a team
- able to prepare accurate records and reports
- able to cope with the physical demands of the job
- prepared to work outdoors in a range of environments

Sourced from the Job Guide – Geologist

To become a geologist students usually have to complete a **degree in science or applied science** with a **major in geology, geological science, applied geology or earth sciences**.

Some undergraduate science degrees in Victorian universities, offering one or more of these majors include -

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**Employment Opportunities for Geoscientists:**

Geologists work for mining and petroleum companies involved in the exploration, extraction and production of minerals and hydrocarbons; engineering and environmental consultancy firms; geological survey organisations; and state, territory and federal government departments.

Employment opportunities also exist in the securities industry and financial sector where
Geologists are employed as industry analysts and/or advise on the economic viability of particular mining projects. Geologists may progress to exploration managers and even company managers or directors. They are highly mobile, both within Australia and internationally. There are some opportunities for self-employment.

For more information, visit the website of The Australian Institute of Geoscientists at Australian Institute of Geoscientists.

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**Study Assist**

Students are encouraged to browse the following link as the website provides information to students about Australian Government assistance for financing of tertiary study. There is very useful information on study loans, how one pays back those loans, scholarship opportunities, etc. Visit Study Assist.

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**Diploma of Product Design at Swinburne University**

Swinburne University offers the *Diploma of Product Design* as a 2-year vocationally oriented, hands-on course that is a pathway into the 2nd year of Bachelor of Industrial Design. Find out more at Diploma of Product Design.

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**Cadetships in Logistics**

The Victorian Transport Association (VTA) offers a two-year *Cadetship Program* for students keen on working in a logistics company. Cadets study a Certificate IV in Logistics and a Diploma of Logistics, while earning a full-time wage. They attend eight, one week blocks of training each year, conducted at TAFE. Training is completed by workplace assignments and assessments. Cadets are rotated through different areas of the business and each cadet is assigned a workplace mentor. Completion of Year 12 is required for applying for this cadetship. For more information contact the Victorian Transport Association (VTA) on (03) 9646 8590, email cadetship@vta.com.au or visit VTA Cadetships.

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