2013 VCAA RESULTS and ATARS

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 16 December 2013. To access these results students need to:

- Log on to resultsandatar.vic.edu.au any time from 7.00am, Monday 16 December to 12noon on Monday 23 December 2013 (AEDST). This service is free and operates 24 hours a day.
- Type in your VCAA student number and where a PIN is required, Year 12 students type in the PIN you chose, and Year 10 and 11 students should type in the first four digits of your birth date, e.g. 22 August = 2208

Remember that you get your ATAR from your VTAC Account using your VCAA/VTAC number and your pin. This also opens at 7am on the same day.

If you want to have results and ATAR sent to you as a text message, you need to follow the instructions for the ATAR and Results Service in the previous Careers News.

Students who have forgotten their VTAC number need to contact me personally to get it. I am currently the only person in the College with access to the numbers.

PLUMBING PRE-APPRENTICESHIP

Year 12 students keen on entering a started in a highly skilled and challenging career in the plumbing industry, might like to consider enrolling in the Certificate II in Plumbing (Pre-apprenticeship) being delivered at the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC) in Brunswick early in 2014. This 13-week full time course will commence on Monday 17 February 2014. For more information contact training@plumber.com.au, call (03) 9356 8902 or visit www.plumber.com.au.

NEWS FROM LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

New Advisory Evening for Change of Preference

Due to popular demand La Trobe University will be hosting an advisory evening commencing the first day the VCE results come out! Parents and students are encouraged to go along and speak to course advisors about their preferences.

Date: Monday 16 December 2013

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Venue: The West Lecture Theatres, Melbourne campus.

VCE Plus Program

The VCE Plus Program allows Year 12 VCE students to complete two first-year university subjects and have them recognised as part of their VCE and count towards their degree. La Trobe University offers VCE Plus in the following subject areas:

- business
- law
- accounting
- history
- journalism
- anthropology
- Aboriginal studies
- planning and designing better cities, towns and suburbs
- engineering

VCE Plus also gives students the chance to:

- Get a taste of university life – Any student accepted into this program will be enrolled as a student of the University. Students will be able to access all the relevant resources and services that the University has to offer.

- Save money – while there are fees, these are much lower than normal and will save students substantial money on their university HECS fees.

- Help you get into the degree you want – a pass mark in your two subjects, along with satisfying any other prerequisites, will put you in a strong position for getting offer from La Trobe.

Students need to be self-motivated and academically capable. Applications are open and will close on Friday 13 December 2013. For more information and to access the application form, visit www.latrobe.edu.au/vceplus.

La Trobe Hallmark Program

Join an elite program for high achieving students who are passionate about learning, and who want to work with other high achieving students by asking questions and finding answers. La Trobe’s Hallmark program gives students the opportunity to join a team of ground-breaking researchers; be mentored by a world-class researcher and participate in real research projects that address the big issues.

Students will be given the opportunity to develop their personal, academic and professional skills though a range of activities within the University, through projects with Hallmark participants, university partners and involvement with the broader community.

All successful applicants to the Hallmark Program will also receive a Hallmark Program Scholarship valued at $10, 500 over 4 years.

To be eligible, students should:

- be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or holder of an Australian permanent resident visa, or permanent humanitarian visa
- be studying in 2013 a standard Victorian Year 12 (VCE) or standard Interstate Year 12 or IB
- have applied through VTAC for one of the specified courses and be selected into that course
- achieve a high ATAR for VCE or equivalent in 2013

Applications are open and close on Monday 2 December 2013. To find out more about this program, or to download the application form, visit http://www.latrobe.edu.au/scholarships/la-trobe-hallmark-program/. Alternatively contact Mark Reedman on (03) 9479 6496 or email m.reedman@latrobe.edu.au

VCE 2014 SUMMER SCHOOLS - JANUARY 2014

Access Education Summer School

The Access Education Summer School is a unique opportunity for students studying Units 3 & 4 to experience university life while preparing for the demands of the VCE year ahead. Presenters are chosen for their extensive knowledge, communication abilities and passion for their subject. Visit http://www.accesseducation.com.au/summer-school.aspx to find out more about the 2014 summer school.

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.


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.

NEW WEBSITE: CHAMBER OF MINERALS AND ENERGY
This website is designed to provide information to students and job-seekers regarding the career opportunities offered by the minerals and energy industry.

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 10 Travel Tips**
1. **Want to earn money** while you travel? Australia has working holiday agreements with 29 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-authorization.
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. They also watch for transactions in places you don’t visit!
5. **If you can’t afford travel insurance** you can’t afford to travel!
7. **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.
8. **It can be cheaper to organise transport passes** before you leave Australia e.g. Bustabout hop-on hop-off between major European Cities, Greyhound Canada/USA, Eurail train network.
9. **Pack lightly** - you’ll be surprised how little you can comfortably travel with, and **roll clothes** when packing.
10. **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!

For more information about YHA and to access many other useful tips, visit [https://www3.yha.com.au/](https://www3.yha.com.au/)

NEWS FROM DEAKIN

**NEW CAMPUS IN THE WEST!** Go to Uni or TAFE in Werribee!
The Werribee Learning Centre, at 9 Bridge St Werribee, is a ground level shop front in the Werribee Central Business District – a five minute walk from Werribee train station. Certificates and diploma courses will primarily be delivered in the classroom with tutors facilitating the learning. Bachelor’s degrees will be based on blended learning where students will have a combination of connected learning via audiovisual links, learning in class (with tutors) and online studies.

The following courses are now available via [direct applications](http://www.deakin.edu.au/study/apply), for commencement in March 2014:

**Early childhood education**
- Bachelor of Early Childhood Education
- Diploma of Children’s Contact Services Work Certificate III in Children’s Services

**Commerce (finance and accounting)**
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Diploma of Accounting
- Certificate IV in Accounting Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Introduction to MYOB

**Deakin at Your Doorstep**
- Associate Degree of Arts, Business and Sciences

**Industry skills training**
- Certificate IV in OH&S
- Certificate IV Building (Master Builders)
- Certificate IV in Plumbing skillset
- Certificate II in Warehouse Operations
- Construction Induction (White Card)
- Test and Tag
- OHS Rep & Refresher
- Introduction to AutoCAD

**CRIMINOLOGY AT BURWOOD FROM 2014**
Criminology will be offered at the Melbourne Burwood Campus from 2014, in addition to its current Geelong and off-campus offerings. **Year 12 students will be able to add the Melbourne Burwood Campus-based criminology courses to their preference list during the Change of Preference period.**

Criminology courses offered at the Melbourne Burwood Campus from 2014 are:
- Bachelor of Criminology VTAC code 1400514631 (CSP) full time/part time
- Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Information Technology (IT Security) VTAC Code 1400510031 (CSP) full time/part time
- Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Laws VTAC code 1400515301 (CSP) full time/part time
- Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Psychological Science VTAC code 1400510041 (CSP) full time/part time
- Bachelor of Arts (Students can now select the criminology major sequence as part of their arts degree at Burwood.) VTAC code 1400514101 (CSP) full time/part time

For more information, please visit [www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course](http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course)

**EXPERIENCE DEAKIN SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT 2014**
If you are passionate about science and the environment, these upcoming activities and events provide an ideal opportunity to explore your interests and find out more.

**Science Seminar Series** - Designed to support the VCE curriculum and share information about topics of general interest, these events provide an opportunity for science teachers and students to hear from academic and research staff about exciting developments in a range of science-related fields.

**Marine Discovery Days** - Give your students the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities in marine science with a visit to our Warrnambool Campus.

**Forensic Detective** - Allows secondary school students to explore their interest in forensic science and crime scene investigation, through the collection, analysis and interpretation of ‘evidence’.

**Science and Engineering Challenges** on 4 June at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus, 22 June at the Warrnambool Campus

**Watch Careers News in 2014 for details of these events!**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**
As this is the final Careers News for this year, I would like to wish all students every success in exams, and you and all your family a wonderful Christmas and summer holiday - filled with special times shared with friends and loved ones. Keep safe!

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