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ACCESSING UNIT 3/4 VCE RESULTS AND ATARs 2019

Unit 3/4 VCE results and ATARs will be released at 7 am Thursday 12 December.

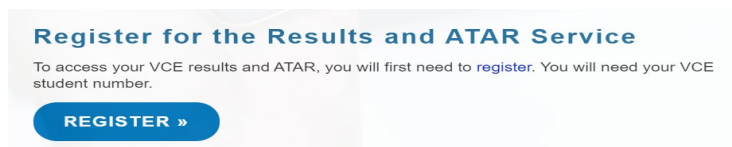
Year 12 students can access their results via their VTAC account, but it is a good idea for everyone to register through the joint VCAA and VTAC results service.

How do students register for the joint results service? Registration is open at <https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/> and will remain open through the results release period. For obvious reasons, it is recommended that students not wait until 6:58 am on the morning of the release to register.

To register, students will need to provide their name, VCE student number, date of birth and an email address.

Steps:

1. Go to <https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/results/applicants.htm>:
2. Scroll down to “Register for the Results and ATAR Service”



3. Register with VCE student number (don't know it? Contact Head of Year or Careers Counsellor), date of birth and an email address.
4. Get the free “VCE Results and ATAR” app (optional)
5. Log in through the app or website 7 am Thursday 12 December:

VCE Results and ATAR 2019

VCE Results and ATAR advice will be available from 7:00 AM, Thursday 12 December 2019.

Please enter your VCAA Student Number and Results Service Password

Student Number
e.g. 14123917W

Results Service Password

LOGIN »



FOR YEAR 12s

Reminder: ATAR release and Change of Preference period for Year 12 students, 2019

With the arrival of Year 12 results comes the start of the Change of Preference period, which gives students the opportunity to adjust their tertiary course preferences before offers are made. The Change of Preference period closes the first time at 4 pm Saturday 14 December. December Round Offers will be made on Wednesday 18 December at 2 pm. The course application portal will re-open until 12 pm Friday 20 December. Many tertiary institutions run information sessions during this time. For your convenience, please find a list of institutions that are offering this opportunity at the end of the bulletin.

In order to provide support and advice to students at this time, I will be available at these times:

- Thursday 12 December: 10.00 am – 4.30 pm
- Friday 13 December: 8.30 am – 4.30 pm
- Saturday 14 December: 8.30 am – 3.00 pm
- Thursday 19 December 8.30 am – 4.30 pm

Students can make an appointment to see me during the Change of Preference period prior to the release of results by using the online booking system at

<https://tgscareersmeeting.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php>

FOR YEAR 10 & 11s

2020 VCE Summer School Programs

➤ 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.

Dates: Tuesday 14 January to Friday 17 January 2020

Venue: Deakin University – Burwood Campus

Visit [Access Education Summer School](#) to find out more or to download a brochure for the 2020 program.

➤ The School for Excellence Summer School

The School for Excellence (TSFX) Summer School 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 practicing 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.

Dates: Tuesday 7 January to Friday 24 January 2020

Venue: The University of Melbourne

Visit [TSFX Summer School](#) to find out more about the 2020 program.

TERTIARY STUDY INFORMATION

Endeavour College of Natural Health / Enrolment Info Webinar

Wednesday 27 November 2019, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Online



If you have questions about enrolling or studying Acupuncture, Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine, Remedial Massage or Myotherapy Degree, join us for this free and informative webinar.

Find out more: <https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/what-you-need-to-know-webinar/>

STUDENT EXPERIENCES

Free Online Courses (MOOCs)

The summer break is long, and you have earned a break, but a great way to keep your brain ticking along or to develop or consolidate skills is through a MOOC. A MOOC is a Massive Online Course, which is a free online course available to anyone that wants to participate. They are like online courses in terms of teaching and learning methods videos, group chats, assignments and tests, but they do not generally provide academic credit for use in other traditional courses.

The course content for MOOCs is developed by staff from prestigious universities delivered on major MOOC platforms such as [Coursera](#), [edX](#), [Futurelearn](#) and [Udacity](#). Universities from around the world have included their courses on these major MOOC platforms. [The National University of Singapore](#), [Trinity College Dublin](#), [Harvard University](#) and [Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\)](#) are just some of the leading global universities that have joined the MOOC revolution.

Australian universities have also been developing their own MOOCs, with institutions such as the [Australian National University](#), [Monash University](#) and the [University of Queensland](#) appearing on some of the global MOOC platforms. Recently, [Open Universities Australia \(OUA\)](#) has developed its own MOOC platform, [Open2Study](#), on which a number of Australian institutions have added their MOOCs.



Five benefits of studying a MOOC:

1. They're free. The biggest drawcard of the MOOCs is that they are free. Unlike traditional online units and degrees, you do not have to pay a fee to take the course, although many of the MOOC providers do charge a fee if you want your achievements officially recognised with a Certificate of completion.
2. There are no entry requirements. There are no barriers to entry you do not need to achieve a high ATAR score or sit an interview to participate, just an interest in the subject matter and a thirst for knowledge!
3. Try before you buy. MOOCs are a great way of seeing what a field of study is like, or what the teaching quality at an institution is like before you invest three years of your life studying for a degree. They also provide a realistic indication of the demands of higher education study and the amount of work that is required to complete a module or unit of a degree.
4. Learn from the best. MOOCs are taught by some of the foremost specialists in their fields. You don't need to be sitting in a lecture theatre at a prestigious university to take advantage of their teaching staff's knowledge.
5. Collaborate with students worldwide. There is the potential for thousands of students to be taking the same MOOC as you and, at any time of the day or night, there is bound to be someone to chat to across the globe about the details of your course.

Reminder: Swinburne University - Information Evenings

Thinking study? Think Swinburne Info Evenings.

Wantirna Information Evening – on early education, trades and Diploma of Nursing

Tuesday 26 November, from 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Hawthorn Information Evening – course advice for every level of study

Wednesday 27 November, from 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Register for either event at [Swinburne Information Evenings](#)



OTHER

Renewable Energy Industry

Renewable energy in Australia includes wind power, hydroelectricity, solar, heat pumps, geothermal, wave and solar thermal energy. With Australia set to get 50% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2030, thousands of new jobs are set to be created in this industry sector.

Careers in this industry include research and development, the design, engineering, manufacturing, construction, installation and maintenance of solar systems.

What type of person would this job suit?

- Communication, leadership and management skills are important in this industry as lots of work is project-based
- A good grasp of maths, technology and engineering would be an advantage
- Having a practical mind and the ability to understand and use a number of tools would be necessary in lots of roles
- A good work ethic and great teamwork skills would be required to complete projects by deadlines
- Being a problem solver and managing your own workload effectively is important, especially for those working out in the field

Industries recruiting renewable energy workers:

- Engineering
- Manufacturing
- Financial – analysts and advisors
- Construction, roofing and cement masons
- Science – Environmental research and development, atmospheric & space, conservation, geoscientists,
- System software development
- Urban and regional planning

Pathways

Whether you'd like to be a part of the renewable energy movement because you're looking for good job prospects and security, or you'd like to make a difference to world by helping to reduce the impacts of climate change – there's plenty of opportunities within this growing sector.

Entry into some careers may require a Bachelors degree, particularly if they're highly specialised.





Studying [Renewable Energy Engineering \(Honours\) at UNSW](#) could qualify you to apply for jobs designing, installing and operating renewable energy generating systems such as wind, solar, biomass or hydro systems. Or perhaps you'd rather design and construct energy efficient buildings.

If University isn't for you, then a Certificate from a registered training organisation might open the doors to a career you're interested in. After starting work, you can always return to study at university (full time or part time) if you'd like to specialise further.

Obtaining a [Certificate \(II, III or IV\) in Renewable Energy or similar](#) are examples of further studies that could help you find employment in this sector or go on to do more studies.

Levels

- Bioenergy Farmer

No formal qualifications required

Bioenergy and biofuel farmers harvest biomass (e.g. crop stubble, grasses, animal waste and trees) either as a direct crop or a by-product. The biomass is then converted to electricity and other fuel sources via combustion and fermentation processes. They might also use their land to install solar and wind generated power plants.

Whilst there's no formal qualification requirements, you'd need farm management skills which you could get from working with experienced farmers or through formal avenues such as a VET, TAFE, university or agricultural colleges.

The average salary for a farmer is \$56,00 per year (Indeed.com based on 145 salaries submitted anonymously), and the average Farm Worker salary is \$23.58 per hour.

Jobs:

[General Farm Hand in WA](#)

- Solar Fabricator/Installer/Technician

Certificate III / IV + apprenticeship

Assemble, install and maintain Photovoltaic (PV or solar) panels for residential or commercial projects.

In this role you could expect to earn AU\$40,936 – AU\$80,719 per year depending on your qualifications and experience.



Jobs:

[Electrical Technician in Murarrie, QLD](#)

[Solar Installer in Matraville, NSW](#)

- Wind-turbine Fabricator, Installer, Operator

Certificate III / IV

Required to make, install, set up, service, and fix the turbines that generate electricity, as well as the set-up of power distribution systems.

Depending on which area you work in (fabrication, engineering or operations) you could be earning between AU\$51,289 – AU\$136,846 per year.

Jobs:

[Wind Turbine Installation Technicians in Ballarat & Central Highlands, VIC](#)

[Wind Turbine Commissioning Technician – Australia Wide](#)

- Renewable Energy Engineer

Bachelors Degree

Involved in research and development, or the design hydroelectric dams, solar cells and wind turbines. They also engineer the systems that carry the electricity from the wind farm, dam or solar field to the power plant. With so many applications and specialities to choose from this could be a career path that you could develop and change all the time.

Project Engineers in this field can expect to earn a basic \$75,000 per year and more with experience and specialisations.

Jobs:

[Engineer in Melbourne, VIC](#)

[Solar Operations Engineer in Canberra, ACT](#)

[Project Engineer in Richmond, VIC](#)

Growth in this industry is strong and expected to remain so.