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For Year 12s

Joint national statement on tertiary entry for 2020 year 12 students

The Australasian Conference of Tertiary Admissions Centres (ACTAC), of which VTAC is a member, has released the following national statement in relation to tertiary entry for year 12 students.

The disruption caused to 2020 Year 12 students by COVID-19 has led many to question whether entry to university will be different for them compared to previous years.

The Australasian Conference of Tertiary Admissions Centres (ACTAC), comprising admissions centres across Australia, has released the following information to help dispel any confusion for students and parents:

- **All tertiary admissions centres, universities, and education authorities are working together to ensure a pathway to university for those currently studying Year 12.**
- **The ATAR will be calculated in all states and territories as in previous years.**
In Queensland, the introduction of the ATAR for the 2020 cohort will continue as planned.
- **The ATAR is widely used across Australia because it is a fair and nationally consistent tool for university entrance**, in terms of both allocating places and predicting readiness for university study. Any changes to a state's examination and assessment processes in response to COVID-19 can be accommodated within the ATAR framework.
- As in previous years, **other pathways that exist alongside the ATAR can be used by universities**. For example:
 - The use of other criteria such as interviews, tests and portfolios for specific courses
 - Special entry schemes for specific groups such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
 - The consideration of Year 11 results as part of some early offer schemes in NSW, ACT, and Tasmania





These pathways are in addition to the ATAR; they do not replace the ATAR.

- While universities have autonomy in their admissions processes and may adopt specific schemes in response to COVID-19, **there is already a clear and nationally consistent process for Year 12 students that uses the ATAR** as the primary basis of admission.
- Information about the admissions criteria for courses and universities will be available on tertiary admission centre websites by August.** This will include final details of any special COVID-19 admission schemes that are offered.

University Melbourne – Meet Melbourne Live

Students will have the chance to deep dive into the course and careers areas that interest them most with Meet Melbourne 2020.

Held over 4 weeks this May, Meet Melbourne has gone digital. We'll be streaming our panel of Melbourne insiders to show students what life at Melbourne is really like. Students will have the chance to:

- Explore our undergraduate degrees and pathways to graduate study
- Meet some of the inspiring people who will be teaching and supporting them at Melbourne
- Get to know some of our current students and find out their tips for making the most of university life
- Take a closer look at how we'll prepare you for exciting careers in demand now and in the future
- Find out about internship, work integrated-learning, volunteer, research and study abroad opportunities
- Learn more about how we'll support you along the way from careers and course planning to peer and academic mentoring, health and wellbeing and student life.

To make sure students have access to all the information that they need live chat with faculty experts will be available during the event. Students can join us for one or for all of our events.

To register [click here](#).

WEEK 1

Date	Event
Tuesday 5 May	Agriculture and food sciences
Wednesday 6 May	Health
Thursday 7 May	Law

WEEK 2

Date	Event
Tuesday 12 May	Architecture, building, planning and design
Wednesday 13 May	Science
Thursday 14 May	Engineering

WEEK 3

Date	Event
Tuesday 19 May	Visual and performing arts
Wednesday 20 May	Music
Thursday 21 May	Education

WEEK 4

Date	Event
Monday 25 May	Veterinary medicine
Tuesday 26 May	Arts, humanities and social sciences
Wednesday 27 May	Commerce
Thursday 28 May	Information technology and computer science





Inside Monash

New dates for events in Webinar Format.

Keep an eye on the website for further information. <https://www.monash.edu/inside-monash>:

- 13 May: Faculty of Arts - Media Communications Inside Monash
- 14 May: Faculty of Engineering Inside Monash
- 20 May: Faculty of Arts - Politics, Philosophy and Economics Inside Monash
- 26 May: Faculty of Arts - Global Studies and Arts Inside Monash
- 2 June: Faculty of Arts- Criminology Inside Monash
- 13 August: Faculty of Arts - Music Inside Monash

Faculty of Medicine Nursing and Health Science's is planning to run one for MD-Biomedical Science later in the year.

ACU Community Achiever Program (CAP)

As a Year 12 student, do you demonstrate leadership in your school or workplace, coordinate a community initiative, volunteer in a local cultural, sporting or religious group or provide care to someone in need? ACU's Community Achiever Program is designed to acknowledge commitment to our local communities.

The Community Achiever Program (CAP) recognises a students' potential to achieve great things. A successful CAP application means a student could receive a provisional university offer as early as August to study at ACU. Being part of this CAP group also offers successful students' unique opportunities to enhance their leadership and volunteering skills, while they study at ACU.

CAP applications to study in 2021

- Open – Wednesday 1 May 2020
- Close – Wednesday 12 August 2020 (Melbourne courses)
Wednesday 2 September 2020 (Ballarat courses)
- Offers released early September to mid-September 2020

Students are encouraged to begin gathering their required documentation now to submit with along their application. Failure to meet all the requirements for the CAP will result in not being considered for the program. Students are encouraged to browse [how the CAP is assessed and offered](#) so they can make sure their submission is well-written, and also provides guideline minimum ATARs required.

Find out more at [Community Achiever Program \(CAP\)](#)





ANU Applications for 2021 Entry

Current domestic Year 12 students who are intending to apply directly to ANU for undergraduate study in 2021 are advised that ANU **will now make offers based on Year 11 results on 10 August 2020, and these will be honoured for study in 2021 as long as students have completed Year 12.**

Should the Year 11 results not meet entry requirements, selection officers will automatically consider your Year 12 results in the December offer round.

Students considering applying are encouraged to browse [Frequently Asked Questions](#). Applications are open and will close on 25 May 2020. Students are advised to read through [Application Information](#) before applying at [ANU Applications for 2021](#)

Scholarships at Bond University

Bond University offers an extensive *scholarship program* to both domestic and international students, with values ranging from 25% scholarships to 100%. It is important to note that applications for the 2021 Scholarship Program for Australian Year 12 students **open on 1 May 2020**. Students applying for the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship must submit their application by **9 August 2020**. The closing date for all other scholarships is **6 September 2020**.

Scholarship applications should be submitted online; students should note that only one application needs to be made, and students can apply for as many scholarships they are eligible for.

Visit [Bond University Scholarships](#) for a comprehensive list of scholarships, including other sport scholarships, and/or to apply. Also visit [Bond Application Tips](#) to read through useful tips on applying effectively. For further queries, email scholarships@bond.edu.au or phone 1800 074 074 toll-free (within Australia).

Aspire – Early Admissions Program to La Trobe

At La Trobe, we believe there is more to being a good student than marks alone.

The [Aspire program](#) rewards the skills and knowledge students gain from the positive impact they have made on their school or community through **community service** or **volunteerism**.

Designed to give Year 12's the tools they need to succeed at La Trobe and beyond, students accepted into the Aspire program will get:

- A taste of university life at La Trobe with special on-campus events before the year commences
- The chance to meet and connect with like-minded students
- Leadership opportunities, career development, networking, and industry mentoring





- VCE revision lectures for Year 12's in the September school holidays
- Access to our extensive library and campus resources
- Induction into our Enrichment Program to prepare for what is to come

Successful applicants also receive their *early conditional offer* in September for their chosen course along with minimum ATAR requirements. Many courses have a minimum ATAR of 50, but some professional degree programs have higher requirements. **Up to 40 [Aspire scholarships](#), worth \$5,000 per year for up to four years, will be awarded to leading eligible Aspire students.**

The [Minimum ATAR Table](#) shows the minimum ATAR for some professional degree courses for entry through Aspire in 2021. Should an applicant's preferred course not be listed on this table, then the minimum ATAR is 50.

Applicants are required to provide information about the length and frequency of their community service and/or volunteering experience, as well as a 400-word description of their involvement and impact.

Types of volunteering include –

- community service or community group activities
- religious/cultural group activities
- participating in social justice groups or a school leadership role
- leadership in sport, the performing arts or charity fund-raising group activities

Further details can be found at the [How to Apply](#) link. Applications open 1 May and close 31 August 2020 with conditional offers coming out mid-September 2020.

ACU Early Entry Programs

ACU offers two *guaranteed early entry programs* that current Year 12 students might wish to apply for.

➤ Passion for Business (P4B) Early Entry Program

Passion for Business Program (P4B) is a guaranteed early entry program designed to nurture a students' learning passion and give them a step up in their future business career. Current Year 12 students studying a business-related subject are encouraged to apply for the P4B Program.

Benefits of the program include:

- early conditional offer into an ACU P4B course
- access to Academic Skills workshops, the CareerHub and networking events
- study abroad opportunities
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- \$500 textbook voucher awarded to the top three P4B students at the end of Semester 1
- invitation to an ACU P4B welcome event
- access to the Leading with Impact program

Eligible P4B Courses:

- [Bachelor of Commerce](#)
- [Bachelor of Business Administration](#)
- [Bachelor of IT](#)
- [Bachelor of Accounting and Finance](#)
- [Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Business Administration](#)
- [Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Arts](#)
- [Bachelor of IT/Bachelor of Business Administration](#)

To be eligible for admission, Year 12 students need to have studied a business or business-related subject in Year 11 or 12 and can demonstrate they have previous work experience and volunteer work.

Applications for Passion for Business (P4B) for 2021 are now open. Find out more about the P4L program, and the online application process at [Passion for Business \(P4B\) Early Entry Program](#)

➤ Passion for Law (P4L) Early Entry Program

Passion for Law (P4L) is a guaranteed early entry program for students passionate about studying law and designed to nurture their learning potential and give them a step up in their future law career.

Benefits of the program include:

- early conditional offer for an ACU law degree
- access to Academic Skills workshops, the CareerHub, and network events
- taking part in study abroad opportunities
- participating in the pro bono program
- \$500 textbook voucher to the top three P4L students at the end of Semester 1
- invitation to an ACU P4L welcome event
- access to the Leading with Impact program

Eligible P4L Courses:

- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Biomedical Science/Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Business Administration/Bachelor of Laws





- Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Global Studies
- Bachelor of Psychological Science/Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Laws

To be eligible for admission, students will need to attain a minimum ATAR of 75.00 and meet the prerequisite of Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.

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Tertiary Study Information

2021 Tertiary Guides

Tertiary guides are packed with information about the courses on offer, pathways, campus information, and much more. Hardcopies are available in front of the careers office, but you can download a copy as follows:

- ACU <https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/find-a-course/course-guides>
- Bond <https://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/search-program#undergraduate>
- Deakin University <https://www.deakin.edu.au/career-practitioners/resources>
- Defence Force Recruiting <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/>
- Latrobe University <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/undergrad/resources/course-guides>
- Monash University <https://www.monash.edu/study/why-choose-monash/information-for-schools-and-teachers/publications>
- RMIT <https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/career-advisers/brochures-and-guides>
- Swinburne <https://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/options/download-guide/>
- UNSW www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/UNSW-2021-Domestic-UG-Guide_web-0313.pdf

Student Experiences

Victoria University Information Evenings by Webinars

Discover why Victoria University (VU) is the New Way To Do Uni at our online information evenings on ZOOM.

Find out all about the VU Block Model, our industry connections, undergraduate courses and the variety of pathways to education available.

Victoria University will be presenting a series of Information Evenings virtually from 6.00pm to 7.00pm over several nights.





Sessions will be held on:

- Sport & Outdoor Leadership
- Law, Criminology & Legal Services
- Business, Tourism, Hospitality & Event Management
- Engineering, Built Environments & IT
- Creative Arts, Humanities & Music
- Youth Work, Criminal Justice & Community Development
- Education & Early Childhood
- Psychology & Social Work
- Biomedical, Exercise, Environmental & Biotechnical Sciences

Register for one or more sessions at [VU Information Evenings by Webinars](#)

Webinar: The Importance of LinkedIn

Learn about the importance of having a LinkedIn account, how to create a LinkedIn profile and how to actually use it.

The *free* webinar will take place on Sunday 10 May at 2.00pm. Register at [LinkedIn Webinar](#)

Attend a Virtual Careers Expo

Torrens University Australia is opening up its virtual event platform to students, teachers, parents, and tertiary education providers across the country for a unique National [Virtual Careers Expo](#). More than 60 universities, colleges, and registered training organisations from across the country will be on hand to meet students, showcasing everything their institution has to offer.

The expo will run over two days: Thursday 7 May & Friday 8 May 2020 from 12.00pm to 8.00pm (AEST).

By joining the Virtual Careers Expo, students will be able to –

- Wander through our virtual expo hall featuring more than 50 institutions
- Visit the Webcast Hub to watch seminars and feature presentations from exhibitors
- Download course guides and take a virtual campus tour
- Chat with staff and current students to find out more about each institution

Students are encouraged to register for this innovative event at [Virtual Careers Expo](#)





VCE & Beyond Virtual Careers Expo

10 June 2020, 9:30 am - 14 June 2020, 2:00 pm, Online

With all of the restrictions that are being placed on our communities with COVID-19, InspirED are excited to invite you to the first ever Virtual VCE & Beyond Careers Expo.

Visit virtual booths from over 80 University and Higher Education providers!

- Access faculty-specific information
- Ask live questions or book a video chat with student advisors
- Early admission information, scholarship applications and other relevant topics

Pick and choose daily webinars delivered by career experts!

- Specific career strategies for success
- Dealing with stress, maintaining motivation
- Parent-specific tips to support your child as they transition from school to their chosen pathway

Find out more: <https://inspired.edu.au/vcebeyond/>

Monash Information Evening

16 June 2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Online

We know that choosing a university is a big decision. Get all your questions answered at our information evening webinar.

During the informative webinar, you'll learn about what it's like to study at Monash. Find out about our range of courses, accommodation options, scholarships, student life and so much more.

Find out more: <https://www.monash.edu/information-evenings/ballarat>

Joining the Army Reserves

Are you thinking about joining the ADF, but already have a job, or are studying? You can join the army reserves.

Being a reserve means you only work part-time in the army, navy or air force, while still receiving training and benefits. You get to choose how many days you serve per year, giving you the flexibility to fit in other commitments.

There are heaps of roles you can work in, including combat roles, STEM, business, trades, medical and health, and much more.

To join, you just need to have completed year 10 with passes in English and Maths. Some roles require higher qualifications, such as a trade or university degree.





The army reserves is a great way to gain life-long skills and experience.

Find out more about joining the reserves here: <https://reserves.defencejobs.gov.au/>

Other

Universities in Western Australia

There are *five* universities in Western Australia, one of which – the University of Western Australia – is a member of the Group of Eight universities.

1. Curtin University

Curtin University is a large multi-cultural university. It has a strong commitment to international engagement with Australia's third largest international student population. It maintains campuses in Malaysia and Singapore while also conducting face-to-face teaching in a number of countries. This cultural diversity adds a rich and valuable dimension to its campus atmosphere and also prepares the graduates to live and work in an increasingly global environment.

Curtin is also fundamentally committed to providing regional education within Western Australia through a number of campuses and education centres spread across the state, but also has a campus in Sydney where it offers a range of business courses. Curtin University recently introduced undergraduate medicine.

Visit [Curtin University](#) to find out more.

2. Edith Cowan University (ECU)

Established in 1991, **Edith Cowan University (ECU)** is a large multi-campus institution serving communities in Western Australia and a significant cohort of international students. ECU is considered a pioneer in the development of alternative entry pathways to higher education, helping Western Australians reach their potential.

Visit [Edith Cowan University \(ECU\)](#) to find out more.

3. Murdoch University

Murdoch University has more than 18,000 students and 1,400 staff with a desire to discover, use their imaginations and ultimately make a difference. There are over 200 undergraduate degrees and postgraduate courses offered across a range of disciplines, including *Veterinary*

Science, Law, Education, Psychology, Business, Security Terrorism and Counterterrorism and Nursing. The university is recognised for excellent teaching, ground-breaking research and high student satisfaction rating.

Find out more at [Murdoch University](#).





4. University of Western Australia (UWA)

The *University of Western Australia (UWA)* has very high-quality undergraduates and this is underpinned by the fact that the proportion of UWA graduates accepted into full-time employment within five months of completing their course is the highest of all Western

Australian universities and among the highest in Australia. UWA offers graduate Medicine. Visit [University of Western Australia \(UWA\)](#) to find out more.

5. University of Notre Dame Australia (UNDA)

The *University of Notre Dame Australia (UNDA)* was founded through an Act of the Parliament of Western Australia in December 1989, and now has over 7000 students enrolled on its three campuses in Fremantle, Sydney and Broome. UNDA offers graduate medicine, and it is offered at both the Fremantle and Sydney campuses. Visit [University of Notre Dame Australia \(UNDA\)](#) to find out more.

