FIRBANK CAREER NEWS
Friday 26 October

Dates to Diarise in Term 4
• Late VTAC applications – close 2 November

Reminder: VTAC 2019 Key Dates

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For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit VTAC Course Updates www.vtac.edu.au

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)
**SWOTVAC Study Space at RMIT University**

Year 12 school students are invited to experience what studying is like as an RMIT student, by having access to the new study spaces during SWOTVAC.

**Location:** RMIT City Campus, Building 10 (376-392 Swanston St), Levels 4-13  
**Date:** 22-26 October  
**Time:** All Day

*Free* Wi-Fi access is provided, and RMIT Boost Juice are offering 20% off a Boost for each student.

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**Pathways Programs to University in 2019**

There are many different ways to get to the same destination, and that applies to university too. Sometimes students do not quite meet the entry criteria to go straight into a university course – maybe their ATAR was not high enough, or they did not attain the minimum study score in a prerequisite subject. The encouraging thing is that many universities have recommended pathway courses to degrees they offer. Below are some of these pathway schemes:

- **ACU College to the Australian Catholic University**

  *ACU College* is a department of the Australian Catholic University that delivers TAFE-level courses. These courses are complete qualifications but are also pathway programs into bachelor degrees at ACU. While the pathways are not guarantees, students who do well in the ACU College courses are usually offered places in relevant bachelor programs.

  Some of the pathway courses *ACU College* offers domestic school leavers include:

  - Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing) – (Pathway to the Diploma of Nursing)  
  - Diploma of Early Childhood & Education Care – (Pathway to Bachelor of Early Childhood Education)  
  - Certificate IV in Educational Support – (Pathway to Bachelor of Education (Primary) or Bachelor of Early Childhood Education)  
  - Certificate in Exercise Science – (Pathway to Bachelor of Exercise & Sports Science or Bachelor of Physical Activity and Health Science)  
  - Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled-Division 2 nursing) – (Pathway to Bachelor of Nursing)  
  - Diploma of Leadership and Management – (Pathway to Bachelor of Business Administration or Bachelor of Commerce)

  For more information on these courses, the cost and how to apply email [ACUCollege.Melbourne@acu.edu.au](mailto:ACUCollege.Melbourne@acu.edu.au) or call (03) 9953 3321, or browse [ACU College](http://bit.ly/ACU-College).

- **Box Hill Institute Pathways to ACU, Deakin, La Trobe, and Monash**

  Box Hill Institute places a strong emphasis on providing students with practical knowledge in their chosen area of study, preparing students for further study at Australian Catholic
University (ACU), Deakin University, La Trobe University and Monash University.

For a list of **pathway courses** from Box Hill Institute to ACU, visit Pathways from BHI to ACU

For a list of **pathway courses** (some of which are guaranteed pathways) from Box Hill Institute to Deakin University, visit Pathways from BHI to Deakin University

For a list of **pathway courses** from Box Hill Institute to La Trobe University, visit Pathways from BHI to La Trobe University

For a list of **pathway courses** (some of which are guaranteed pathways) to Monash University from Box Hill Institute, visit Pathways from BHI to Monash University

- **Deakin College to Deakin University**

  *Deakin College* is a direct pathway to Deakin University, providing students with the experience that supports successful transition to further studies at the University. Deakin College offers:

  Diploma programs in Business, Commerce, Communication, Construction Management, Design, Engineering, Film, Television & Animation, Health Sciences, and Science lead into a number of second year Bachelor degrees at Deakin University.

  *Deakin College* courses are conducted on three Deakin University campuses in Victoria: Melbourne Burwood Campus, Geelong Waterfront Campus and Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus. Being located on campus enables students to access and enjoy all facilities and services, creating a smoother transition to their degree at Deakin.

  Find out more by browsing Deakin College

- **Deakin University to Deakin University**

  *Deakin University* offers a number of pathway courses for domestic students into its bachelor programs. In other words, **pathways through Deakin!** These include courses such as Associate Degree of Arts, Associate Degree of Education, or undertaking a single unit of study, which can be used as credit towards a degree.

  Find out more at Pathways through Deakin

- **Guaranteed Pathways from TAFE to Deakin University**

  The *Deakin Pathways Program* seeks to encourage increased participation in higher education, as well as providing a supported student transition to higher education through supported VET programs. These pathways provide students with a seamless transition from TAFE Diplomas / Advanced Diplomas to Deakin University degrees.

  For further details in regards to the Deakin Pathways Program visit Deakin Pathways Program. Alternatively, email pathways@deakin.edu.au for assistance or further advice.
Kangan Institute Pathways to University

Kangan Institute has partnered with leading universities in Australia to give students over 30 guaranteed pathway options to higher education.

Diploma programs including in accounting, business, early childhood education, logistics, management, nursing, beauty therapy, justice, and travel & tourism lead into Bachelor degrees, with 1 or more years’ credit) at a number of universities.

Find out more at Kangan Pathways to University

La Trobe College to La Trobe University

La Trobe College is an alternative entry option to La Trobe University and provides a complete university experience within a personal and supportive environment and a fast-track pathway to an extensive range of degree options.

La Trobe College offers a range of Diploma courses, which are equivalent to La Trobe University’s first year bachelor degree. Upon successful completion, students enter second year of their Bachelor Degree, choosing a degree from the university's five faculties.

La Trobe College offers pathway courses into physiotherapy, speech pathology, OT.

Programs include:

- Diploma of Bioscience
- Diploma of Business
- Diploma of Health Sciences
- Diploma of Information Technology
- Diploma of Media and Communications
- Diploma of Engineering
- Diploma of Psychology

Find out more at La Trobe College

Melbourne Polytechnic to Deakin and La Trobe

Melbourne Polytechnic offers a range of pathway courses to a number of degrees offered at Deakin University and/or La Trobe University. Courses in Arts, Business, Civil Engineering, Information Technology, and Visual Arts are on offer.

Find out more at Melbourne Polytechnic

Monash College to Monash University

A Monash College Diploma offers a direct pathway into second year at Monash University. Six diplomas are on offer that can lead students to a number of Monash University degree course in arts, art, design and architecture, business, engineering, IT and science.

Students should note that entry requirements into Monash College and Monash University do apply.

Find out more at Monash College

Monash University – Pathway Options

1. Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTs)

The Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTs) is designed as an alternative pathway to university study. The one-year full-time course is particularly suited to students requiring additional learning support in their first year of study. The DoTS pathway equips students with the skills to write essays, undertake research, solve problems, think critically, develop projects, and communicate their ideas more effectively. This pathway opportunity is offered at the Peninsula campus of Monash University. Providing a direct pathway to Monash University,
successful completion of DoTS allows students to apply to progress to the second year of a number of Monash University degrees. When applying for DoTS, students will have the flexibility to choose a stream that interests them from Business, Education or Nursing. It is this stream that forms the first year of their degree, and determines which Monash University degree they can pathway into. Students with a minimum ATAR of 50 and who attain a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL, and a VTAC Personal Statement, are eligible to apply. Visit DoTS to find out more.

2. Diploma of Higher Education – Science or Education (DoHE)

The Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE) is designed for students who want to study a Bachelor of education, or a course in science, inclusive of mathematics or related areas at Monash University, but did not get the ATAR they need, or they did not quite meet the entry requirements for entry, having perhaps missed a prerequisite, particularly mathematics. On successful completion of this one-year, full-time course, students can apply to enter the second year of education, education/science, or several mathematics and science courses, and gain credit for the subjects they have already studied. The Diploma of Higher Education – Science is offered at the Clayton campus. Students with a minimum ATAR of 60 and who attain a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL, and a VTAC Personal Statement, are eligible to apply. Visit DoHE to find out more.

➢ Pathway Diplomas and Associate Degrees to RMIT University

RMIT offers a diverse range of pathway programs to assist students in reaching their study and career destination. The pathways at RMIT provide opportunities for students to transfer from one program to another, receive recognition for their existing skills and knowledge, and can be credited towards a degree. Visit Pathways to RMIT Degrees.

➢ UniLink Diplomas: Pathway to a Degree at Swinburne University

UniLink diplomas are an option for students who miss direct entry to a degree or who would benefit from a more supportive style of learning. They are equivalent to the first year of university and can provide a pathway to the second year of a related Swinburne University bachelor degree. Students who successfully complete their diploma course are guaranteed a place in a range of business, information and communication technologies, and science degrees.

UniLink diplomas are available in the areas of:

- arts and communication
- business
- design
- engineering
- health science
- information technology
- science

Students wishing to undertake a UniLink course can apply through VTAC and must attain an ATAR of approximately 50, and meet any prerequisites, to be eligible for consideration.

For more information about the range of UniLink courses on offer, visit UniLink

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Diploma in General Studies (DiGS) to the University of Melbourne

Completion of the one-year Diploma in General Studies (DiGS) gives domestic students a guaranteed entry into degree courses at the University of Melbourne. The Diploma in General Studies program is a sampler of the Melbourne bachelor’s degrees, and provides students with the opportunity to study biomedicine, commerce, design, science or agriculture. The Diploma in General Studies (DiGS) gives students a year of breathing space to decide what they really want to do next, and provides a structured stepping stone to a meaningful outcome – whether that is employment or further study at the University of Melbourne. A minimum ATAR of 50, and English (20) or EAL (25) is required to be considered for the course, and the DiGS program is taught at the Dookie Campus.

Find out more at Diploma in General Studies

Victoria University – Pathway Options

Victoria University offers a range of diplomas to degrees’ programs. Pathways in arts, business, education, engineering and science, health and biomedicine, law and justice, and sport and exercise are available.

Find out more at Diplomas to Degrees