



### Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- Year 12 VTAC late applications – throughout October until 4 November



### Reminder: VTAC 2017 Upcoming Key Dates



Timely applications through VTAC	Thursday 28 September 2017
SEAS applications close	Tuesday 10 October 2017
Scholarships through VTAC close	Friday 13 October 2017

Also, students applying for courses that have **extra requirements** (i.e. submitting a folio, a pre-selection kit, arranging an interview, etc.) are reminded that failure to meet the deadline date for these means students may no longer be eligible for selection into their desired course.

Students eligible to apply for **SEAS** are also encouraged to apply for **VTAC Scholarships**.

The VTAC website is [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au).

## Australian Apprenticeships

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#### ➤ What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship or traineeship is a **training contract between an employer and an employee** in which the apprentice or trainee learns the skills needed for a particular occupation or trade.

An apprenticeship or traineeship can be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis and can be used as a valuable stepping stone to start a career in an industry you want to work in.

**There are more than 500 occupations offering apprenticeships or traineeships – in traditional areas as well as a diverse range of emerging careers.**

➤ **Why undertake an Australian Apprenticeship?**

- ✓ You get paid as you work
- ✓ You gain “Hands on” experience
- ✓ This is a real alternative to tertiary study
- ✓ Creates a pathway - *Cert II to Advanced Diploma*
- ✓ The training you receive is relevant to the industry
- ✓ Nationally Recognised Qualification

➤ **How long does it take to complete an Apprenticeship?**

Apprenticeships used to take up to around four years, depending on the occupation or industry. These days, apprenticeships are ‘**competency based**’, which means that you can complete your apprenticeship early when you reach the required level of skill. However, **licensed trades – electrical, floristry, plumbing and building** – are not yet ‘competency based’ and still require you to be an apprentice for four years in order to obtain registration in that trade.

Visit [Australian Apprenticeships](#) to find out more!



**Navitas College of Public Safety (NCPS)**

**Navitas College of Public Safety (NCPS)** is a private college that offers a **Bachelor of Criminology and Justice** degree.

The Bachelor of Criminology and Justice covers a broad range of topics, such as *criminology, criminal psychology, criminal law and procedure, law enforcement, corrections and justice* related issues. In this course students receive a comprehensive, theoretical education in each of these areas – from learning why people commit crimes to understanding the importance of ethics and legal processes. Visit [Navitas College of Public Safety \(NCPS\)](#) to find out more!



**ACUcom at the Australian Catholic University**

**ACUcom** 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 **ACUcom** courses are usually offered places in relevant bachelor programs.

**ACUcom** courses are suited to students who –

- ✓ Want a TAFE level qualification
- ✓ Do not get the required ATAR to go straight into their chosen bachelor degree
- ✓ Want to use the TAFE to university pathway to a bachelor degree
- ✓ Want to try an area of study but are not sure they want to commit to a 3-year course

For more information visit [ACUcom](#) and [ACUcom Courses](#)

## Alternative Schoolies Program

***Make your Year 12 celebration something worth remembering!***

*For those students who want to mark the end of their very long school education with something different, with something more than just a week-long party, picture this: you travel to a developing country and immerse yourself in the culture, you make a positive impact to your world (which is your oyster!) and you do this alongside volunteers from all over the globe. Sound pretty great? Welcome to your Alternative Schoolies – quite literally a world away from your typical schoolies week!*

Find out more at [Alternative Schoolies Program](#)



Swinburne University is now offering a **maths bridging program** called ***MathsLink***.

**MathsLink: Methods** is a bridging program for students needing VCE Units 3 and 4 of Mathematical Methods to study at Swinburne.

Mathematical Methods is a prerequisite for many bachelor degrees in ***aviation, engineering, and information and communication technology***. This bridging program is designed to help students who have not studied Mathematical Methods as part of their VCE to meet the prerequisite for entry into their chosen course.

**MathsLink: Methods** is taught predominantly online, however there are three day sessions that students must attend during Summer Term:

- Tuesday 2 January 2018, 9:30am – 4:30pm
- Wednesday 24 January 2018, 9:30am – 4:30pm
- Thursday 8 February 2018, 9:30am – 4:30pm

**MathsLink: Methods** incurs a one-off \$400 fee\*\*, payable within the time frame as specified in the Swinburne University of Technology Academic Dates.

\*\* refundable if enrol in a course at Swinburne

On completion of this course, students will be eligible to make a direct application to Swinburne University for entry in 2018. Applications for **MathsLink: Methods** close 20 December 2017.

Find out more at [Maths Link Bridging Program: Methods](#)