

CAREER NEWSLETTER

Week 4 - Term 2, 2019.

FOCUS ON CAREER DEVELOPMENT

For this special National Careers Week edition of the Career Newsletter I want to focus on the students and answering the questions I have been asked during this week. My Careers office is conveniently located in the Resource Centre, allowing students to drop in and ask questions about their career development. So here is a quick outline of what students are thinking about and the questions they are asking. I have also included some answers and information for further investigation.

QUESTIONS:

- [Do universities also consider your volunteer work and community involvement or just look at your ATAR?](#)
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ANSWERS:

Q - Do universities also consider your volunteer work and community involvement or just look at your ATAR?

The ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) is the system established by universities to select students for entry into their courses. It is based on academic achievement through Year 12 according to strict guidelines and procedures. The vast majority of tertiary places are offered through this system. Universities do recognise that using this system alone would exclude some students, perfectly suited to a particular course, from entry. For this reason, several early or alternate entry programs exist. To read more and find out how volunteer work and community involvement does or doesn't play a part in this click on the links below:

[Victorian Early Entry Schemes](#)

[NSW School Recommendation Scheme](#)

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Q - How can I find out about courses other than using CourseSearch on the VTAC website?

[CourseSearch](#) on the VTAC website is great. It also contains a handy subject conversion tool to see what NSW HSC subject is equivalent to each Victorian VCE subject. But if you want to study in another state you won't find any courses here. You will need to search the admissions centre in the state where you want to study. See below:

- ACT/NSW: Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) (www.uac.edu.au)

- NT: To apply for undergraduate and postgraduate courses at Charles Darwin University, you must apply through South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) (www.satac.edu.au)
- QLD: Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) (www.qtac.edu.au)
- SA: South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) (www.satac.edu.au)
- TAS: University of Tasmania (www.utas.edu.au)
- WA: Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) (www.tisc.edu.au)

Another fantastic tool for searching courses is The Good Universities Guide – www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/. This comprehensive database covers all states and can filter the results according to your requirements.

If you are looking for something different the following guides have been prepared using a different format, by Sandie McKoy (Weekly Career News).

[Advertising-Courses-Victoria](#)

[Agriculture-and-Agribusiness-Courses](#)

[Allied-Health-Courses-Victoria](#)

[Animation-Gaming-Digital-Media-Courses](#)

[ICT-and-Computer-Science-Courses](#)

[Medical-Radiation-Courses-Victoria-NSW-and-ACT](#)

[Nursing-Midwifery-Paramedicine-Courses-Victoria](#)

[Pharmacy-Courses-Victoria-and-ACT](#)

[Public-Relations-Courses-Victoria](#)

[Social-Work-Courses-Victoria](#)

[Sport-Science-Management-Courses-Victoria](#)

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Q - How do I know which is the best university?

There is no one-answer to this question but individual answers for each student. The best way to discover the right answer for you is to attend Open Days. See the answer to the next question for help with this.

If you want an unbiased assessment of tertiary institutions according to a range of criteria go to –

www.qilt.edu.au/

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Q - When are the Open Days on?

If you are considering studying at TAFE or university after school, it is **crucial** that you attend Open Days. Attend as many as you can through Years 10 and 11. In your final year of school things will get particularly busy around August so you may only be able to commit to one Open Day as a way of confirming the plans you have made.

Throughout the year (but particularly in the first half of Term 3), vocational and tertiary institutions open their doors to the public and showcase their courses, accommodation, scholarships, pathway courses, student services and their 'point of difference'.

At an Open Day, you will be able to:

- Get a feel for the culture of the campus
- Learn about courses and career options
- Undertake campus and accommodation tours led by current students

- Speak directly to student ambassadors and lecturers about the courses or careers you are interested in
- Compare the course area you are interested in at different institutions
- Learn about sports and societies you can join and be active in
- Get course counselling and guidance
- Attend information sessions and workshops
- Watch live demonstrations
- Listen to bands, eat lots of food, participate in activities and have fun!

Don't just pick a course at an institution without visiting the campus – you will potentially be spending several years studying there and spending tens of thousands of dollars on your course and accommodation. It's worth making the effort.

Below is a list of Victorian Open Day dates for several institutions. On the websites, you will be able to register to receive information about the Open Day/s, go into draws to win prizes, watch videos from the 2018 days and download the Open Day planner for 2019.

Some institutions haven't updated their Open Day websites yet, so stay tuned.

Open Day Dates (Victoria)

July

- **Swinburne University**- Hawthorn (28), <http://bit.ly/1FRMN40>

August

- **Monash University**: Peninsula (3), Clayton & Caulfield (4), Parkville (18), <http://bit.ly/1pmUEzv>
- **RMIT**: Bundoora (4), City & Brunswick (11), <http://openday.rmit.edu.au/>
- **Australian Catholic University**: Melbourne (11) & Ballarat (25), www.openday.acu.edu.au
- **La Trobe University**- Shepparton (2), Melbourne (4), Mildura (14), Albury-Wodonga (18), Bendigo (25), www.latrobe.edu.au/openday
- **University of Melbourne**, Parkville & Southbank (18), <https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/>
- **Deakin University**- Warrnambool (4), Geelong (18), Melbourne (25), <http://openday.deakin.edu.au/>
- **Victoria University**, Footscray (18), www.vu.edu.au/open-day-2019/
- **Federation University**, all campuses (25 – TBC), <https://federation.edu.au/openday>

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Q - Can you please tell me the answers to our Careers Week Quiz?

No, I was not able to answer this question during the week, but now that the Quiz is over, I guess I can. Here are the answers and well done to the winning Tutor Groups.

[Quiz answer sheet](#)