

# Scotch College

## Future Pathways

### News

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# Course, Careers & Campus Information:



### Reminder: VTAC 2025 Upcoming Key Dates



<b>Timely applications through VTAC</b>	Monday 30 September 2024
<b>SEAS applications close</b>	Friday 11 October 2024
<b>Scholarships through VTAC close</b>	Friday 11 October 2024

Also, students applying for courses that have **essential 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)



## **September Campus Tours**

Did you miss out on attending the recent Open Day? La Trobe will be hosting **September Campus Tours** for students who would like to see the Bundoora Campus, get a feel for the campus vibe, check out the facilities and see what it's like to study at La Trobe. Tours will depart at 10.00am and 12.00pm and take around 45 minutes.

**Dates:** Tuesday 24 September OR Wednesday 25 September 2024

**Times:** 10.00am OR 12.00pm

**Venue:** La Trobe University, Jenny Graves Building in Bundoora

Registrations are essential, so book a spot [here](#).



## **Experience Day at Federation University**

Join us at Federation University's Walk, Talk and Experience Days at the Berwick, Gippsland and Mt Helen campuses.

Students can explore possible careers through a wide range of interactive workshops and information sessions, hear from Fed Uni's current students, and explore the campuses.

Sessions will be focused on:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Education and Community
- Innovation, Science and Sustainability

Register for Berwick: Wednesday 25 September - 10.30am – 12.00pm at [Berwick Experience Day](#)

Register for Mt Helen: Thursday 3 October - 10.30am – 12.00pm at [Mt. Helen Campus](#)



Get ready for our School Holiday Program this October! Step into the shoes of an event manager and discover what it's like to work behind the scenes and front of house in the dynamic hotel and hospitality industry.

This will be a fun-filled day of hands-on workshops in hospitality, events, and hotel management. Students will get to explore the campus and discover all the exciting opportunities Angliss has to offer. This program is open to Year 9 – 12 students, and students can choose a morning or afternoon session.

**Date:** Wednesday 2 October 2024

**Time:** 9.30am – 1.00pm OR 12.00pm- 3.30pm

**Location:** William Angliss Institute, 555 La Trobe Street in Melbourne

**Cost:** \$15.00

Registration is essential, and a minimum of 48 hours' notice must be given for cancelling a booking. Book a spot at [School Holiday Program](#).



## **News from Swinburne University**

### ➤ **A Day in the Life of a Swinburne Student**

During the September holidays Swinburne will be hosting school students who might have missed their Open Day, or just want to get an idea of what university is really like.

With **nine different study areas** to choose from, hands-on workshops, informative presentations and more, students can get a firsthand glimpse of what their Uni experience might be like – including engineering, science, media, education, creative, business, law, health and psychology.

**Date:** Tuesday 24 OR Wednesday 25 OR Thursday 26 September 2024

**Location:** Advanced Technologies Centre, [Hawthorn campus](#)

Registration is essential so book a spot [here](#).

### ➤ **New Bachelor's Degrees in 2025**

Swinburne is proud to announce three *new* bachelor's degrees for 2025. All three degrees are available to apply for via VTAC and available via the Early Entry Program.

- **Bachelor of Design (Fashion)**

Focusing on digital solutions, novel fabrics and ethical practices, the [Bachelor of Design \(Fashion\)](#) will foster the innovation needed to transform the fashion industry. Students will graduate with the industry exposure and skills to enter this exciting and creative field and will become frontrunners in its sustainable and tech-forward future. Entry for the Bachelor of Design (Fashion) is by folio, not by ATAR score.

- **Bachelor of Biomedical Science**

Through hands-on, tech-focused learning and industry experience, the [Bachelor of Biomedical Science](#) immerses students in this critical arena of healthcare. With access to cutting edge equipment, including virtual reality and digital dissection, students will graduate ready for the biomedical workforce, or for postgraduate physiotherapy, occupational therapy and medicine. An ATAR of 60.00 will guarantee an offer.

- **Bachelor of Nutrition**

Lab-based study meets progressive food trend analysis in the [Bachelor of Nutrition](#). In this always-evolving field, students will examine the science of nutrition and uncover new ideas in the relationship between food and human health, with pathways into industry or postgraduate dietetics. An ATAR of 60.00 will guarantee an offer.



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## **Diploma of Nursing Pathway**

After successful completion of the ***Diploma of Nursing*** – which is currently a FREE TAFE course – students may have the option of applying to universities and being granted up to 12 months credit towards most 3-year Bachelor of Nursing qualifications. Box Hill Institute has specific articulation arrangements with *ACU, Deakin and La Trobe* Universities.

Find out more about the Diploma of Nursing at [Diploma of Nursing at Box Hill Institute](#).

## **RMIT New Selection Guide**

New Selection Task guide (below) which includes handy links and dates to keep track of all the varying selection task requirements.



2025 RMIT Selection  
Tasks Guide.pdf

## **RMIT Diploma of Radiation Science**

Our new [Diploma of Radiation Science](#) is now live and students can now add it to their preferences on VTAC.

In 2025, the Diploma of Radiation Science is only available as part of a packaged Guaranteed Pathway into the Bachelor of Medical Radiation. Students can choose to focus their studies in one of three streams in the Bachelor degree via these pathways:

- DP022PATH1 Diploma of Radiation Science > Bachelor of Medical Radiation (Medical Imaging)
- DP022PATH2 Diploma of Radiation Science > Bachelor of Medical Radiation (Nuclear Medicine)
- DP022PATH3 Diploma of Radiation Science > Bachelor of Medical Radiation (Radiation Therapy)

While the Diploma is not currently available for applications outside these Guaranteed Pathway packages, students who decide not to pursue the Bachelor degree at the end of their studies also have the option to pursue alternate studies. See [Pathways](#) for more details.



## Health Science Degrees in Victoria in 2024

*Are your strengths in health? Are you interested in how the body works?*

Below is a list of a number of health science degrees offered at Victorian Universities that lead to very diverse career opportunities. For a comprehensive list of health sciences courses, including double degrees, on offer at both TAFEs and universities, visit [VTAC](https://www.vtac.edu.au).

INSTITUTION	COURSE	VCE PREREQUISITES	MAJOR STUDIES IN 2024
DEAKIN	<a href="#">Health Sciences</a>	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	Disability and inclusion, Environmental health, Exercise science, Family, society and health, Food studies, Health promotion, Health, nature and sustainability, Medical biotechnology, Nutrition, Physical activity and health, Psychological science, Psychology for allied health, Public Health.
LA TROBE	<a href="#">Health Sciences</a>	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	Environmental health, Health promotion, Health, wellbeing and performance, Human physiological sciences, Medical and exercise science, Psychological science, Public health, Rehabilitation counselling.
MONASH	<a href="#">Health Sciences</a>	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 27 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	Anatomy, Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Forensic medicine, Global Health, Health and Human Development, Health promotion, Health sciences, Healthcare, Human health, Physiology, Public health, Social sciences.
RMIT	<a href="#">Health Sciences (Associate Degree)</a>	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	Health and Nutrition, Understanding the Psychology of Health and Exercise in Health, Human Biology and Understanding disease processes and treatment., Law and Ethics in Health and Healthcare in Australia, Project Management in Health and Health; Industry Project and Practice.
SWINBURNE	<a href="#">Health Science (Professional)</a> (4-year degree as it includes 12-month paid work placement)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	Biomedical science, Clinical technologies, Neuroscience, Nutrition, Psychology and forensic science , Psychology and psychophysiology, Public health and health promotion.
	<a href="#">Health Science</a> (3-year degree)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	Biomedical science, Clinical technologies, Neuroscience, Nutrition, Psychology and forensic science, Psychology and psychophysiology, Public health and health promotion.
VICTORIA	<a href="#">Health Science</a>	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	Indigenous health, Public health.

## Snapshot of The University of Sydney in 2024

- Established in 1852, The University of Sydney is the oldest university in Australia.
- Ranked in the top 50 universities globally - [QS World Rankings](#), ranking 19<sup>th</sup> in the world, and listed as 3<sup>rd</sup> in Australia.
- Ranks #1 in Australia for *veterinary sciences*, and #3 for *architecture/built environment*; #1 in Australia for *English language and literature*, and #2 in Australia for *sports-related subjects*.
- The University of Sydney has a number of faculties and schools -

[Arts and Social Sciences](#)

[Business](#)

[Dentistry](#)

[Engineering](#)

[Health Sciences](#)

[Medicine](#)

[Nursing and Midwifery](#)

[Pharmacy](#)

[Science](#)

[Architecture, Design and Planning](#)

[Law](#)

[Conservatorium of Music](#)

- To help students make informed decisions and provide transparency, the University of Sydney has published a list of required ATARs that [guarantee entry](#) into many courses.
- There are numerous campuses from the inner city of Sydney to the Great Barrier Reef, with teachers, researchers and students based all over Australia - [campuses](#).
- The university has [international partnerships](#) with other universities and research institutes, as well as [industry partners](#) such as *Microsoft, Qantas, Rio Tinto, BHP, and the GE Healthcare*.
- There are many flexible [courses](#) offered at the University of Sydney, from undergraduate to postgraduate.
- There are [scholarships](#) available for domestic and international students at all levels.
- [Study abroad and student exchange](#) opportunities are on offer with over 250 programs for students to consider.
- There is a well-established [Careers Centre](#) that offers numerous services and resources to help students identify their career options and achieve their career goals.
- Regarding [accommodation](#) for interstate students, there is a variety of on-campus and off-campus options available.
- There are over 250 university [clubs and societies](#), so something for everyone.



## **Youth Aviation Careers Expo**

September 14, 2024

Considering a career in aviation or aerospace? Come and talk to professionals from the industry and discover your future career.

Set among the incredible collection of aircraft at the Moorabbin Air Museum, this is a unique opportunity to learn about all aspects of aviation and pathways to achieve your career goals, from pilots to engineers, crew, and more. Also meet the amazing youth and theatre groups that operate from the Museum on the day.

Free entry - bookings essential.

[Find out more](#)

## **University of Sydney | Online Open Night**

September 19, 2024

Domestic students living in regional or interstate areas are invited to the University of Sydney's online Open Night.

Find out about the new Regional and Remote Entry Scheme, the single scholarship application process, and other University of Sydney highlights.

You'll then have the chance to join dedicated breakout rooms and chat with staff from our faculties, admissions, scholarships, and accommodation, and have all your questions answered about life in Sydney.

[Find out more](#)

## **Monash | VCE Revision Lectures**

September 23 to September 26, 2024

Completing VCE? Monash Science is excited to support students currently studying VCE through a series of on-campus revision lectures. These sessions are designed to reinforce key concepts in the curriculum and will be delivered by a qualified VCE teacher with extensive experience in their subject.

**Time:** 9.30 am -4.30 pm

**Maths Methods:** Monday 23 September

**Biology:** Tuesday 24 September

**Physics:** Wednesday 25 September

**Chemistry:** Thursday 26 September

[Find out more](#)

# Study & Other Opportunities:

## Global Volunteering Opportunities for Students

### Outdoor Camps in the UK or Canada

Ideal for adventurous Ozzys who enjoy working outdoors. Volunteers develop leadership skills while running exciting activities like archery, swimming, hiking, climbing, canoeing, high ropes, group games, and sailing, all while supporting and motivating young participants.

>> [Click here](#) to learn more.

### Europe Programme

Exclusively for Australian students, volunteer at a school in Spain or Poland, followed by an outdoor camp in the UK. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to gain international experience, immerse in new cultures, and make a real impact.

>> [Click here](#) to learn more.

We'd be grateful if you could share these incredible opportunities with your students. By doing so, you're helping them access life-changing experiences that will broaden their horizons and build valuable skills.

Thank you for your continued support!

Best wishes,

Matty Tilbrook

Recruitment Manager



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## [How to be ready for university](#)

So, you're thinking about heading off to university next year? Exciting times ahead! But we know it can feel a bit overwhelming too. Don't worry – we've got your back. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you prepare and be ready for university.

### **Research your options**

First things first: figure out what and where you want to study. It's a big decision, so take your time and explore your options.

- Look into different courses and universities. What subjects interest you? Which unis offer the best programs in those areas?
- Attend university [open days](#) (virtual or in-person) to get a feel for campus life and ask questions.
- Talk to current uni students or recent graduates about their experiences.

Remember, it's okay if you're not 100% sure yet. Many students change their minds or switch courses later on.

### **Get your studies sorted**

Your high school grades can play a big role in university admissions, so it's important to stay focused on your studies.

- Keep your grades up, especially in subjects related to your intended course of study.
- If you're struggling in any subjects, don't be afraid to ask for help. Talk to your teachers or consider getting a tutor.
- Start preparing early for any required entrance exams.

And while we're on the topic of study, another tip is to start building good study habits now. University-level work can be quite different from high school, so having good habits now can set you up for success.

- Practice time management. Try using a planner or digital calendar to organise your tasks and deadlines.
- Learn to study independently. University often involves more self-directed learning than high school.
- Work on your note-taking skills. Try different methods to find what works best for you.
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### **Build your life skills**

University isn't just about academics – it's also about learning to be independent. You'll have a lot more freedom as an adult, but a lot more responsibilities too. Here's what we recommend:

- If you don't already, start doing your own laundry and cooking some basic meals.
- Learn to [budget](#). Start tracking your spending and saving habits.
- Practice using public transportation if you'll need it to get to uni.

### **Start thinking about accommodation**

If you're planning to move away from home for university, start thinking about where you'll live.

- Research different [accommodation options](#): on-campus housing, shared houses, or staying with relatives.

- Consider the pros and cons of each option, including cost, location, and lifestyle.
- Make sure you know how you're going to pay and that you'll have enough money.

### **Take care of your mental health**

Preparing for such a big change can be stressful, so remember to look after your [mental health](#).

- Talk to friends, family, or a counsellor about any worries you have.
- Practice self-care activities like exercise, meditation, or hobbies you enjoy.
- Remember, it's normal to feel nervous about this transition.

### **Enjoy the journey**

Remember, everyone's journey to university is different. What works for your friends might not work for you, and that's okay. The most important thing is to stay true to yourself and your goals. Preparing for university is a big task, but take it one step at a time and you'll get there before you know it.

Want to find out more about your future study options? We have heaps of other blogs on our website [here](#).

## **Digital vs handwritten notes: Which is better for learning?**

In today's digital age, you're likely juggling between screens and paper in your daily school life. So you might be wondering: should I ditch my notebooks for a laptop, or is there still value in good old pen and paper? The truth is, both digital and handwritten notes have their strengths and weaknesses, and what works best can vary from student to student. Let's explore the digital vs handwritten notes debate and help you discover which method might be best for you.

### **The case for digital notes**

Digital note-taking has become increasingly popular, and it's not hard to see why. Here are some of the advantages:

#### **Organisation and searchability**

One of the biggest perks of digital notes is how easy they are to organise. You can create folders, use tags, and even search for specific words or phrases. No more flipping through pages trying to find that one important point you jotted down weeks ago!

#### **Editing and sharing**

Digital notes are super easy to edit. You can add, delete, or move information around without creating a mess. Plus, sharing your notes with classmates is as simple as clicking a button – especially helpful for group projects or study sessions.

#### **Multimedia integration**

With digital notes, you can easily add images, links, videos, or even audio recordings to supplement your written information. This can be particularly useful for visual learners or when studying complex topics.

#### **Accessibility**

As long as you have your device with you (and let's be honest, when don't you?), you have access to all your notes. And with cloud storage, it's easier than ever to share files across all your different devices.

## **The power of handwritten notes**

Despite the rise of technology, many students still prefer the old-school method of pen and paper. Here's why:

### **Better information retention**

[Research has shown](#) that writing notes by hand can lead to better retention of information. The act of physically writing engages your brain in a different way than typing, which can help you remember things more easily.

### **Fewer distractions**

Let's face it – when you're taking notes on a device, it's all too easy to get distracted by notifications, emails, or the temptation to quickly check social media. With pen and paper, you're more likely to stay focused on the task at hand.

### **More flexibility**

Handwritten notes allow for more flexibility in terms of formatting. You can easily draw diagrams, use arrows to connect ideas, or jot down quick symbols that make sense to you. This can be especially helpful in subjects like maths or science.

### **No battery required**

One of the most reliable aspects of handwritten notes is their simplicity. You never have to worry about your pencil running out of battery in the middle of class or your tablet freezing just as your teacher explains a crucial concept.

### **So, which is better?**

The truth is, there's no one-size-fits-all answer. The best method for you depends on your personal learning style, the subject you're studying, and your specific needs. Here are a few things to consider:

1. **Your learning style:** If you're a visual learner, you might benefit from the multimedia capabilities of digital notes. If you find you learn better by doing, the physical act of writing might be more effective.
2. **The subject:** Some subjects, like history or English, might lend themselves well to typed notes. Others, like maths or chemistry, might be easier to tackle with handwritten notes.
3. **Your typing speed:** If you can type faster than you can write, digital notes might allow you to capture more information during class.
4. **Your organisational skills:** If you tend to lose papers or have messy handwriting, digital notes might be a better option for you.

### **Why not both?**

Remember, you don't have to choose just one method. Many successful students use a combination of digital and handwritten notes. For example, you might take handwritten notes in class for better retention, then type them up later as a way to review and organise the information.

### **Tips for effective note-taking (regardless of method)**

Whether you choose digital or handwritten notes (or a mix of both), here are some tips to help you take better notes:

1. Focus on key ideas rather than trying to write down everything word-for-word.
2. Use abbreviations and symbols to help you write faster.
3. Review and revise your notes regularly – don't just write them and forget them.
4. Try different note-taking methods (like the [Cornell method](#) or [mind mapping](#)) to see what works best for you.

### **The bottom line**

At the end of the day, the best note-taking method is the one that helps you learn and retain information most effectively. Don't be afraid to experiment with different techniques until you find what works for you.

Want to learn more about study techniques and tips? Check out our other blogs [here](#).

## **Jobs & Skills for Work:**

### **Top jobs for people who love fashion**

Are you a fiend for fashion? Maybe you're a real sneakerhead, or maybe you dream of Vogue. No matter the case, if you're passionate about clothing and want to turn your enthusiasm into a career, you're in luck. This industry offers heaps of exciting roles that cater to different interests and skills.

From designing clothes to managing brands, here are our top jobs for fashion lovers.

#### **1. Fashion Designer**

If glitz and glamour is what attracts you about this industry, then look no further. Fashion designers are the creative minds behind clothing and accessories. Their role is to come up with concepts for new designs, select fabrics, and oversee the production process. If you have a flair for creativity and a strong sense of style, life as a designer can be a highly rewarding career.

**How to get there:** If you want to become a designer, it's recommended to pursue a degree in design, like this [Bachelor of Design \(Fashion\)](#), or a related field like visual arts. Building a great portfolio through [internships](#) and personal projects can also help showcase your talent and creativity.

#### **2. Fashion Stylist**

Stylists work on creating fashionable looks for clients, photoshoots, or events. They choose outfits, accessories, and often work with models to ensure everything looks perfect, so they really are the brains behind outfit coordination. This role is ideal if you enjoy putting together outfits and working closely with people.

**How to get there:** You can gain experience by working as an assistant to established stylists or even by starting out in retail. If you're serious about the job, you might like to consider studying a degree like a [Bachelor of Fashion Styling](#), and building a portfolio to show off your styling work.

#### **3. Fashion Buyer**

Buyers select and purchase clothing and accessories for retail stores. They have to analyse trends, forecast demand, and negotiate with suppliers to stock the latest items. This role is perfect for those who love the business side of fashion and have a keen eye for trends.

**How to get there:** A degree in [Fashion Merchandising](#), [Business](#), or a related field like [Marketing](#) is usually the backbone of this job. Experience in retail or as a buying assistant could also kickstart your career as a buyer.

#### **4. Fashion Public Relations Manager**

These specialist PR managers are in charge of managing the public image of brands and designers. They handle media relations, organise events, and craft press releases to promote their clients. This job requires excellent communication skills and a knack for building relationships, so if you're a people person it might be the perfect role for you.

**How to get there:** A degree in [Public Relations](#), [Communications](#), or [Fashion](#) is helpful. Gaining experience through [internships](#) or working with PR agencies can also be a really strong foundation to set you up for success.

#### **5. Fashion Photographer**

These photographers capture high-quality images of clothing, accessories, and models for magazines, ads, and online content. This role combines a passion for fashion with the art of photography, making it ideal for those who enjoy visual storytelling.

**How to get there:** Build a portfolio of your work and think about taking [photography courses](#) to improve your skills. If you really wanted to get ahead, you could even do a degree like this [Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Photography](#). Networking and gaining experience through freelance projects or [internships](#) will also help you get ahead in this competitive industry.

#### **6. Fashion Illustrator**

Fashion illustrators create artistic renderings of clothing and accessories. Their work is used in design presentations, marketing materials, and editorial content. If you have strong drawing skills and a love for fashion, this role allows you to bring designs to life on paper and combine your two passions.

**How to get there:** Pursue a degree in [Fashion Illustration](#), [Fine Arts](#), or a related field like [Fashion Design](#). You can also develop a portfolio of your illustrations and network with industry professionals to find opportunities.

#### **7. Fashion Event Coordinator**

Event coordinators in this field plan and execute fashion shows, product launches, and promotional events. They handle logistics, coordinate with vendors, and ensure everything runs smoothly. If you're organised, detail-oriented, and love the excitement of fashion events, this role could be a great fit.

**How to get there:** A degree in [Event Management](#), [Fashion](#), or a related field like [Business](#) can be advantageous. [Experience](#) in event planning and strong organisational skills can also help you succeed in this role.

#### **Want more?**

The fashion industry offers a diverse range of careers for those who are passionate about style and trends. Whether you're interested in designing clothes, styling clients, or managing events, there's a fashion job that can turn your love for fashion into a fulfilling career.

If you want more, we have heaps of [alternative careers](#) and tips about the world of work on our website [here](#).