Mount Lilydale Mercy College
2016
Year 12

WHERE TO NOW?

A Career resource for Change of Preference and beyond
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So, you've finished Year 12 and a whole world of opportunity has just opened up to you 😊.

What do you do now?

**Important Dates**

**November - December:**

- **VCE Results and ATAR:** 12 December – **VCE Results and ATAR** available at 7am on the VTAC website
- **Change of Preference:** 21 November (Opens 10am) – 20 December (Closes 12 noon) **AND** 4 January 2017 (10am) 4 January 2017 (4pm)
- **Change of Preference** also opens after offers are made (see below)

**January and February:**

**VTAC Offer Rounds and Change of Preference Dates 2016**

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Results and ATAR service

Your VCE study scores, ATAR and VTAC Scaled Study Scores will be available to you via internet and SMS services. All current VCE students will receive a statement of VCE study scores from the VCAA. However, only students who have applied for courses through VTAC this year and have paid their VTAC processing fees will be sent an ATAR statement in the mail.

How to access your results online
To view your results online, log onto resultsandatar.vic.edu.au using your VCE student number and Results Service PIN. The default Results Service PIN is the first four digits of your birthdate, however you are strongly encouraged to change this prior to the release of results (see below). Results will be available online from Monday 12 December.
Please Note: The Results Service PIN is separate from your VTAC PIN.

Protect your privacy: Change your PIN
In order to ensure that your privacy is protected, VTAC strongly recommends that you change your PIN. If you don't change your PIN, anyone with knowledge of your VCE student number and birthdate will be able to access your ATAR and VCE results. You can change your Results Service PIN from the link in your VTAC user account, or by logging in directly to the Results Service PIN management service. Your new PIN will work with all results and ATAR services.

How to register to receive your results by SMS
To get your results by SMS on the morning they are released, register by sending your VCE student number (without the letter) and PIN to 19 787 888 ($1.10 incl. GST). Registration opens early November.
SMS helpdesk 1800 501 083. For more information, see www.vtac.edu.au/sms

Text the following:

- student number – eight digits only, not the letter
- space
- PIN (four digits)
- send to 19 787 888 (cost $1.10 incl. GST).

(You must have the bill payer's permission to use this service. SMS helpdesk 1800 501 083.)
Change of Preference Information

The official Change of Preference period opens on the 21 November (10am) and closes on the 20 December (12 noon).

During this time you will have the opportunity to log on to your VTAC account and add to, remove, or re-shuffle your preferences.

Your ATAR (which is released on Monday 12 December at 7am, via the website), to some extent, will determine your order of preference, but just because you got a higher or lower ATAR than you expected doesn’t mean you have to change your preferences, but do make sure that you have some pathway courses lower on your list.

Note: Make sure you have at least one TAFE pathway course on your list.

AND, make sure you have covered all the additional requirements before you put a course down on your preferences.

Change of Preference Contacts

Many of the Universities and TAFEs offer Change of Preference Expos, where you can call or drop-in to discuss courses and pathways

Australian Catholic University

ACU will be holding their Change of Preference Event on:

Tuesday 13 December 2016: 12pm - 4pm
115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy.

ASK ACU Hotline: 1300 275 228

Box Hill Institute

Hotline: 1300 269 445

Change of Preference Night: Wednesday 14 December 2016 (all campuses)

Chisholm

Hotline: 1300 244 746
Deakin University

Hotline: 1300 334 733

Information Evenings: Thursday 15 December 2016 - 4-7pm (Level 2, Building BC, Burwood Campus)

Students can register their interest at the following link:


For more information, you can go to the following link and scroll down to ‘Upcoming Events’

http://choose.deakin.edu.au/

Federation University

Fed Uni’s Info Day is on Wednesday 14 December 2016, at the Mt Helen Campus and the Gippsland Campus.

Hotline: 1800 333 864

For more info: https://federation.edu.au/future-students/study-at-feduni/info-day

Holmesglen

Hotline: 1300 693 888

Kangan

Hotline: 13 8233

La Trobe University

Hotline: 1300 135 045

Advisory Day: Tuesday 13 December – 10am-2pm Bundoora Campus

Melbourne Polytechnic

Hotline: 9269 1200
Monash University

Monash Change of Preference Expo:
Wednesday 14 December 2016 – 3pm -7pm
Building H, Caulfield Campus- 900 Dandenong Rd, Caulfield East
Hotline: 1800 666 274
For more information please contact Monash: http://www.monash.edu/change-of-preference/
Or visit: www.study.monash

RMIT University

Hotline: 9925 2260
Visit: Info Corner, 330 Swanston St, Melbourne (Cnr. La Trobe Street)
Visit: http://inspired.rmit.edu.au
Change of Preference Expos:
• 14 December- 11am-1pm: Arts, Design, Communication, Justice, International and Community Services courses
• 14 December- 3- 5pm: Business courses
• 15 December- 11am- 1pm: Science, Engineering and Health courses.

Swinburne University

Hotline: 1300 275 794
Change of Preference Expo: Wednesday 14 December 2016
11am – 4pm, Hawthorn Campus
Extended Hotline hours: 12 December – 20 December
http://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose
You have been offered a place at Uni or TAFE, what do you do?

Please Note: All offers are provisional and any offer you receive is subject to you:

- meeting eligibility requirements,
- having provided full and correct information on your VTAC application, and
- attending enrolment at the date and time specified in your offer message.

Otherwise, your offer may lapse or be withdrawn.

Accepting:

Receiving an offer does not confirm your enrolment in the course. To secure your place, you must follow the enrolment instructions in your offer message. In some cases you may be required to attend enrolment in person on a specific date and time.

If you cannot attend enrolment, you should check with your institution whether your authorised nominee can enrol on your behalf.

Different institutions have different enrolment policies. Please check with your institution from the list found at: [http://www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/institutions/enrolment.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/institutions/enrolment.html)
**Deferring:**

If you wish to defer your offer, you must ensure that deferment is available and then follow the instructions outlined on individual institutional websites.

Details of each institution’s deferment policy is available at: [http://www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/institutions/deferment.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/institutions/deferment.html)

**What happens if I miss out on a first-round VTAC offer?**

If you didn't receive an offer, don't panic. You may still be eligible for a supplementary offer. Alternatively, you can check out other courses listed with VTAC and change your preferences as many times as you like, at no additional cost, throughout January and February. There are many ways to reach your study and career goals. You may consider a TAFE pathway in a relevant study area. Pathway options can be found at: [http://www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/pathways.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/pathways.html)

**What is a Supplementary Offer?**

Some institutions may make supplementary offers after Round 2 if they have places available. You may receive supplementary offers if you:  
- have not received an offer listed on your courses preferences and
- have given VTAC permission to release your application to all courses with vacancies.

You give this permission either at the time of applying, or later in your VTAC user account. Supplementary offers will be processed weekly. If you receive two or more offers at the same time, you will need to choose which offer to accept – you should not accept more than one offer.

**PLEASE NOTE** You still need to fulfil the entry requirements and prerequisites to receive a supplementary offer. International students are not eligible for supplementary offers.
**Offers**

All courses are required to participate in Round 1 offers. All other offer rounds are optional and will depend on the number of places available and other factors. If you applied for courses through VTAC you will receive notification in your VTAC user account advising whether you have received an offer. Don't panic if you haven't received the offer you were hoping for. You may still be eligible for future offers. You can also change your preferences if you wish. If you received an offer, you will still be automatically considered for higher preferences in later offer rounds. If you didn't receive an offer you will still be considered for course preferences in future rounds. If you have changed your mind and want to change your preferences, add new courses to your preference list or be considered for a course listed lower than another offer already received, you can change your preferences throughout January and February. You do this through your VTAC account. Change of preference opens the day after each offer round. You are able to log into your VTAC account and make changes to your course application and re-submit it for future rounds. See the table on page 2 for the dates of the offer rounds.

**Please Note:** Once you have received an offer you cannot delete that course from your preferences, however you can move it up or down your list, change the order of your other preferences or add new courses.

Also: If you change your preferences, you must still meet all prerequisites and additional requirements for the course you plan on adding.

Don't forget to list courses in the order you would most like to study them, with the course you most want to get into at the top.

**What about Mid-Year Intakes at Uni or TAFE?**

**VTAC:**

You may be able to apply to start the course you want midway through the year.

A number of courses will have places available for entry in second semester 2017. Applications are open around April. You will need to log on to the VTAC website for details on how to apply.

An online supplement will be available in April on the VTAC website ([www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)) listing the participating institutions and the courses offering mid-year entry including prerequisite studies and additional requirements for applicants such as interviews and STAT sittings (if required).

**Direct Application:**

Some institutions will have direct intakes for second semester. You will need to contact the institution directly and ask to speak to the Course Advisor of the course at you wish to study.
**What if I still don’t have an offer?**

If the course you applied for is the one you really want to get into, and you don't get a second or third round offer for that course, you might decide to take a year off from study and re-apply in time to start the course the next year.

If you do decide to do this, you'll need to register again and apply through VTAC. Details on how to do this are on the VTAC website.

As a non-year 12 student you may need to sit a test such as STAT, but you will need to check this in the ‘Additional Requirements’ section of the course information.

If you are going to re-apply during 2017 to commence study at the start of 2018, try to do something during 2017 that could help you with your application.

The following things could help with your application, depending on the area that you wish to get into:

- short courses
- first aid courses
- folio preparation workshops
- community service
- volunteering in various areas (E.g. CFA and so on)
- joining an amateur theatrical group, etc ….

**Get some Work Experience**

Getting yourself a job or doing some volunteer work in a field that's related to the course you want to get into is a good way to try things out and see if you really do want to work in that field.

Not only will working in the field you plan on studying in allow you to 'try before you buy', it can help you develop valuable experience that might improve your chances when you apply for your preferred course in the following year.
There are some very useful websites to help you find a job:


http://www.myfuture.edu.au/

**TAFE**

Sometimes, completing a TAFE course can help you with getting into the Uni Degree that you want.

Sometimes TAFE offers the course that you want.

Sometimes you may not be sure and browsing through some TAFE courses might help you decide about your future. Here are some useful websites for TAFE courses:


http://www.tafe.swin.edu.au/

http://www.holmesglen.edu.au/

http://www.rmit.edu.au/

http://www.bhtafe.edu.au/
Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships are a great way to get into certain careers. Apprenticeships are available in lots of fields, from sport to agriculture and everything in between.

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.

Australian Apprenticeships are available in a variety of certificate levels in more than 500 occupations across Australia, in traditional trades, as well as a diverse range of emerging careers in most sectors of business and industry, including:

- Agriculture, horticulture and related industries
- Automotive
- Building and Construction
- Business services
- Finance services
- Food
- Hairdressing
- Community services and health
- Information technology
- Light manufacturing
- Local government
- Metals and Engineering
- Printing
- Process manufacturing
- Property services
- Public services
- Retail
- Seafood
- Sport and recreation
- Telecommunications
- Tourism
- Transport and distribution
- Utilities and energy

Some useful websites are:


With hard work and persistence, you will achieve your dream!

GOOD LUCK!