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Change of preference is an exciting time – a time to focus on your study options and to take your future into your own hands.

This booklet is a summary of key dates and events at Deakin. You will also find useful information to help you take your next step in the Deakin direction.

Whether you have already chosen Deakin as your first preference or you're thinking about changing your preference to Deakin, this booklet guides you through the application process.

If you haven't applied yet, you have until 5 pm on 4 December 2015 to lodge your initial application via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website vtac.edu.au

So what are you waiting for? Apply now!



WHY CHOOSE DEAKIN?

Deakin University is rated in the top 3% of universities worldwide and in the top 50 for Universities aged under 50. Coupled with being voted #1 in Victoria for student satisfaction 5 years running, our students don't just learn, but thrive. At Deakin it's about experiencing things from a different perspective, looking at the bigger picture and feeling part of an inspirational community.

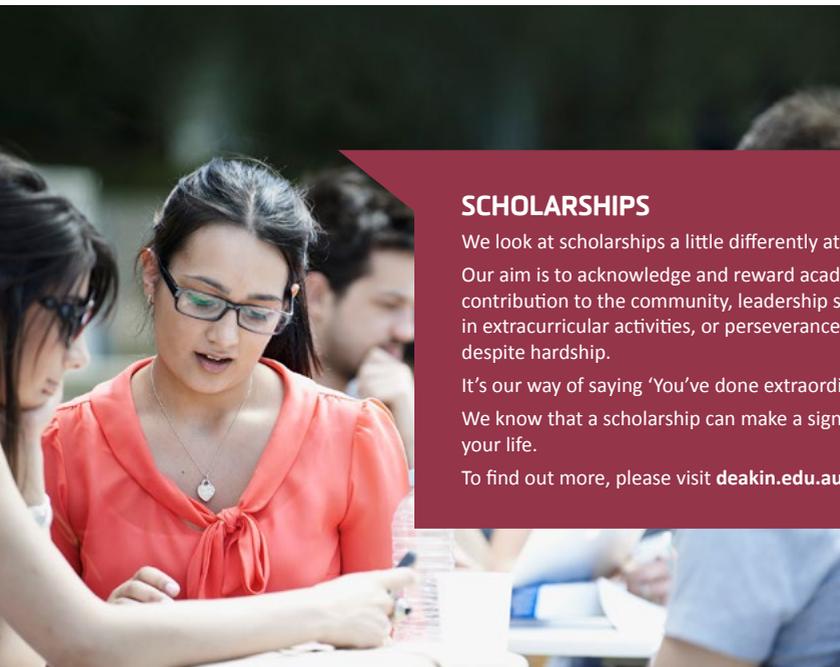
Study where and when it suits you

Deakin has four campuses – two in Geelong, one in Burwood and one in Warrnambool. Whether it's studying a short tram ride from the world's most liveable city or surfing between lectures, you won't be disappointed with the variety our locations offer.

Cloud (online) learning brings the full university experience to you, no matter where in the world you are. A suite of innovative online services and resources supports study in the cloud.

Support services

At Deakin we want to help you get the most out of your learning experience. We have a team of staff and students dedicated to providing study support services to help you achieve this. We want to ensure that you make a smooth transition to university and know you're not alone. Deakin's transition program includes orientation, workshops, social events, study groups and opportunities to get you involved on campus.



SCHOLARSHIPS

We look at scholarships a little differently at Deakin.

Our aim is to acknowledge and reward academic prowess, contribution to the community, leadership skills, achievement in extracurricular activities, or perseverance and achievement despite hardship.

It's our way of saying 'You've done extraordinarily well to get here'.

We know that a scholarship can make a significant difference to your life.

To find out more, please visit deakin.edu.au/scholarships



WHERE CAN I FIND HELP TO CHANGE MY PREFERENCE?

ROUND 1 – 23 November–21 December (noon)

DEAKIN HOTLINES

If you need advice or more information about studying at Deakin, please phone the Deakin Change of Preference hotline: 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733).

- 14 December, 7 am–7 pm
- 15–18 December, 9 am–7 pm
- 19–20 December, 9 am–2 pm
- 21 December, 9 am–12 noon

ONLINE CHATS

Chat online with staff and ask questions about changing your preferences and getting into Deakin. To participate in a live chat, please visit choose.deakin.edu.au during these dates and times.

- 14 December, 7 am–7 pm
- 15–18 December, 9 am–7 pm
- 21 December, 9 am–12 noon
- 18, 19, 20 January, 9am–7pm

INFORMATION EVENINGS

Visit Deakin during one of our information evenings in December. Take a faculty and/or campus tour, speak with Deakin staff and get to know more about what Deakin has to offer.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about specific courses and experience a new perspective.

Additionally, learn more about alternative entry options to Deakin through our pathway partners, including Deakin College, The Gordon and Box Hill Institute.

15 December, 4–7 pm

Deakin University
Level 2, Building BC, Melbourne Burwood Campus
221 Burwood Highway, Burwood

16 December, 4–7 pm

Deakin University
Geelong Waterfront Campus
1 Gheringhap Street, Geelong



To register for this event, please visit choose.deakin.edu.au

WALK AND TALK SESSIONS

Deakin 'Walk and Talk' sessions are one of the best ways to view the University, learning from current Deakin staff and students about daily life on campus.

15 December, 11 am–1 pm

Deakin University
Warrnambool Campus
Princes Highway, Warrnambool

16 December, 2 pm–4 pm

Deakin University
Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus
75 Pigdons Road, Waurn Ponds



To register for this event, please visit choose.deakin.edu.au

ROUND 2 – 19–29 January

ONE-ON-ONE CHATS

Come in and chat with Deakin staff and find out all you need to know about changing your preferences and getting into a Deakin course.

Melbourne Burwood Campus, 9 am–5 pm

21 January and 22 January

Geelong Waterfront Campus, 9 am–5 pm

21 January and 22 January



To register for this event, visit choose.deakin.edu.au



DROP IN SESSIONS

Drop into the Werribee Learning Centre to chat to staff one-on-one about your study options at a Deakin Learning Centre and our other locations.

17 December, 12 noon–6 pm

Werribee Learning Centre
9 Bridge Street, Werribee



DIRECT OFFERS

Drop-in Session

Deakin Learning Centres provide the opportunity to study close to home in a supported tertiary environment. Drop into one of our Deakin Learning Centres in Werribee, Craigieburn or Dandenong to chat to staff one-on-one about your study options at a Deakin Learning Centre and our other locations, including via cloud (online) learning.

20 January

12pm to 7pm

Werribee Learning Centre

9 Bridge Street, Werribee

Deakin Learning Centre – Dandenong

Level 3, 237 Lonsdale Street

**Deakin at Hume Global Learning Centre –
Craigieburn**

75–95 Central Park Avenue

PATHWAYS THROUGH DEAKIN

Life doesn't always follow a straight line – and your path to Deakin doesn't have to either. Deakin has many pathway options for a range of applicants, including Year 12 students and those returning to study.

WHAT ARE PATHWAYS?

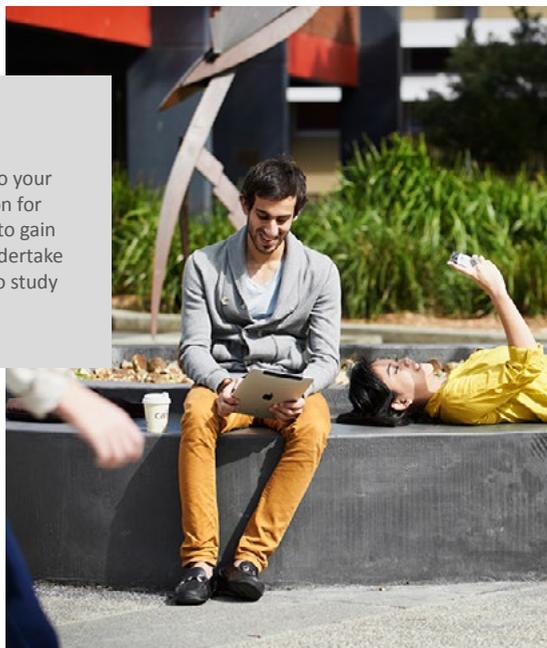
Pathways provide alternative entry options for getting into your dream course at Deakin. Taking a pathway is a great option for school leavers who haven't achieved the ATAR necessary to gain entry to their chosen course, TAFE students looking to undertake further study or mature-age students wanting to return to study or start studying for the first time.

Transfer between Deakin courses

Transferring from one Deakin course to another is one way you can gain entry into your degree of choice. You apply to study a course with similar subjects or major sequences but with a lower ATAR and use this as a pathway into your ideal course, gaining credit for the subjects already completed.

Deakin Learning Centres

Learn where you live in a supported community environment. Located in Dandenong, Craigieburn and Werribee, as well as at TAFE partners in Portland, Swan Hill, Hamilton and Rosebud, Deakin Learning Centres provide you with the opportunity to further your education without having to travel to study. Classes are conducted in converged mode, which combines videoconference classes and face-to-face seminars. Please note, for most courses offered at a Deakin Learning Centre, you study the first year of your degree at the learning centre before moving to cloud (online) learning or campus study.



Complete an associate degree

Deakin's associate degrees are two-year, full-time (or part-time equivalent) programs specifically designed for students who would benefit from a supported entry to tertiary study. The associate degrees assist the development of learning skills necessary to be successful in a university environment, as well as generic skills for future employment in a range of contexts. Completion of a Deakin associate degree provides up to 18 months' credit and guaranteed entry to certain courses.



PATHWAYS THROUGH DEAKIN COLLEGE

Pathways provide alternative entry options for getting into your dream course at Deakin if you do not meet the requirements for entry. Taking a pathway is a great option for school leavers who haven't achieved the ATAR necessary to gain entry to their chosen course, TAFE students looking to undertake further study or mature-age students wanting to return to study or start studying for the first time.

PATHWAYS THROUGH TAFE

Use TAFE study as a stepping stone to study at Deakin, gaining not one but two qualifications.

Complete a relevant TAFE course

If you undertake an eligible TAFE or Registered Training Organisation (RTO) course in a field similar to the Deakin course of your choice, you may gain credit towards your Deakin degree. This reduces the number of units you need to complete to obtain your Deakin degree, saving time and money. A wide range of courses lead to credit transfer and recognition and all TAFE qualifications are considered for application to Deakin.



For more information about pathways into Deakin, please visit deakin.edu.au/pathways

GOT YOUR OFFER, NOW WHAT?

Congratulations on your offer at Deakin. You now have options to consider, regardless of whether you accept, reject or defer your offer.

Detailed information about what you need to do once you have been offered a place will be provided to you in your letter of offer from VTAC or your email from Deakin.

Please make sure you read the instructions carefully and note all of the dates listed.

When you receive your offer, you have three options:

- accept
- reject
- defer

OFFERS

Deakin has three main offer rounds:

- Early round – released on 20 November 2015
- Round one – released on 18 January 2016
- Round two – released on 4 February 2016.

Offers are advised by VTAC on the date specified above either by SMS or by looking them up online at vtac.edu.au. Deakin will also send you an email advising any further details of your offer. Most offers are generally made in round one.

ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER

Step 1

Make sure you have your Deakin Letter of Offer with you.

Step 2

Activate your Deakin username and password at deakin.edu.au/password/activate

Step 3

Follow the prompts.

Course enrolments open on 25 January and close on 29 January 2016. During this time you can enrol online or come in and speak with a course adviser from the faculty.

If you need further information on how to enrol you can call Deakin on 1800 DEGREE or please visit deakin.edu.au/students/get-started

DEFERRING YOUR OFFER

If you would like to defer your course, make sure you let us know. You must complete and submit an online 'Deferral of Offer' form within five days of receiving your offer.

For more information or to defer your studies, please visit deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/apply/enrol-defer-withdraw-or-transfer/defer-your-offer

REJECTING YOUR OFFER

By not enrolling for a course you will be rejecting your offer. However we recommend accepting your first round offer to secure a place at university. By accepting your offer you will not be excluded from subsequent offer rounds and may still be offered a place in a higher preference course. Additionally you will be able to change your preferences (during set times) to attract new offers.

ORIENTATION

Orientation at Deakin is a great opportunity for you to get to know more about your course, faculty, to meet staff and to feel confident about starting your university journey at Deakin. It is also a time for you to get to know some of your fellow classmates and to start building new friendships.



The Deakin University Student Association (DUSA) runs a number of events to help welcome you to the Deakin community. Additionally, Deakin's extensive clubs and societies are active throughout orientation, promoting themselves to try and attract new members.

Orientation week kicks off on 29 February 2016. This is a time to learn more about your classes, your seminars and your year ahead.



For more information on orientation week, please visit deakin.edu.au/students/get-started/attend-orientation

DEAKIN TRANSITION

Starting at university is usually filled with excitement, hope and opportunities. New faces, new rules, uncertainty and confusion can follow. Welcome to university. Starting anywhere new has its challenges. Sometimes our expectations don't match up with our experience. Sometimes this can make you doubt whether or not you have made the right decision.

Some tips to help you manage your transition to university include:

- Give it time. It can sometimes take several months to really get used to being at university.
- Be positive about the experience. Growth only happens from change.
- Set realistic expectations for yourself.
- Try and keep some things in your life the same.
- Make an extra effort to meet people early in the trimester as they are also going through change and looking to meet people.
- Talk about the difficulties you are having with others. Don't bottle them up as this just adds pressure.
- Invest time in orientation activities.
- If you need help, make an appointment with the Deakin Counselling Service.



Student mentor programs

Deakin's Student Mentor Program supports new students with their social and academic transition to Deakin during their first trimester. With a number of mentoring programs available students can find help from Writing Mentors, Learning Advisors and senior students that have recently experienced the university transition period.



ACCOMMODATION

For many students, moving away from home is all part of the university experience. For others, it's a necessity because they live too far away to commute. No matter what your reason, Deakin has a variety of accommodation options to suit your needs.

Campus accommodation

Moving away from home for the first time is an important milestone in your life and choosing the best type of accommodation for your needs is important for your total university experience.

Accommodation is available at the Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus, the Warrnambool Campus and the Melbourne Burwood Campus, providing an affordable, secure living and learning community ideal for personal growth and academic success.

If you are keen to live on campus make sure to submit an application early, even if you are unsure about your acceptance to Deakin.

Applications open 2 August 2015 and close 18 January 2016.

 For more information about student residences or to apply for a place, please visit deakin.edu.au/life-at-deakin/accommodation

Off-campus accommodation

Students can search for off-campus accommodation using Deakin's Houseme database. You will find a variety of accommodation, including long term, short term and casual options available to rent.

You can also access a range of free self-help resources to assist with understanding:

- when to start your accommodation search and how to go about it
- the cost associated with finding accommodation
- things to consider at property inspections
- suburb locations around each campus
- rights and responsibilities when renting in Victoria.

 For more information, please visit deakin.edu.au/houseme



KEY DATES

30 September	Timely course applications close
6 November	Late course application close
4 December	Very late course applications close
14 December	ATAR results are released and scholarship offers are sent out
21 December (noon)	Change of preference ends
23 December–4 January	University closes
January 2016	Round 1 offers
18 January	Accommodation applications close
29 January	Accommodation offers sent out
25 January	Course enrolment opens (online or face-to-face)
4 February	Round 2 offers
29 February	Orientation week begins
7 March	Week 1 classes commence

DATE/TIME	EVENT/ACTIVITY DETAILS
DECEMBER	
14–18 & 21 (12 noon) 9 am–7 pm	Online chat sessions Chat online with staff and ask questions about changing your preferences and getting into Deakin. To participate in a live chat, please visit choose.deakin.edu.au during these dates and times. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 December, 7 am–7 pm • 15–18 December, 9 am–7 pm • 21 December, 9 am–12 noon
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15 11 am–1 pm	Walk and Talk tour Warrnambool Campus Princes Highway, Warrnambool Explore the campus, including accommodation and find out more about course options. <i>Online registration is required.</i>
15 4 pm–7 pm	Information evening Melbourne Burwood Campus Building BC, 221 Burwood Highway, Burwood Students can explore Deakin's Melbourne Burwood Campus and attend course specific information sessions. Chat with staff and current students who will be available to answer your questions at the expo. <i>Online registration is required.</i> Faculty breakout sessions and faculty specific tours will be available throughout the event, including general tours.
16 4 pm–7 pm	Information evening Geelong Waterfront Campus 1 Gheringhap Street, Geelong Students can explore Deakin's Geelong Waterfront Campus and attend course specific information sessions. Chat with staff and current students who will be available to answer your questions at the expo. <i>Online registration is required.</i> Faculty breakout sessions and Faculty specific tours will be available throughout the event, including general tours.
16 2 pm–4 pm	Walk and Talk tour Waurm Ponds Campus 75 Pigdons Road, Waurm Ponds Explore the campus, including accommodation and find out more about course options. <i>Online registration is required.</i>

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DECEMBER	
16 2 pm–4 pm	<p>Engineering Tours</p> <p>Waurm Ponds Campus 75 Pigdons Road, Waurm Ponds</p> <p>Explore and learn about Deakin’s state-of-the-art design and engineering facilities. <i>Online registration is required.</i></p>
17 12 noon–6 pm	<p>Drop-in session</p> <p>Drop into one of our learning centre in Werribee to chat to staff one-on-one about your study options at a Deakin learning centre and our other locations, including via cloud (online) learning.</p> <p>Werribee Learning Centre 9 Bridge Street, Werribee</p>
JANUARY – ROUND ONE OFFERS RELEASED, CHANGE OF PREFERENCE REOPENS	
18, 19, 20 9 am–7 pm	<p>Online chats</p> <p>Chat online with staff and ask questions about changing your preferences and getting into Deakin. To participate in a live chat, please visit choose.deakin.edu.au during these dates and times.</p>
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21, 22 9 am–5 pm	<p>One-on-one chats</p> <p>Melbourne Burwood Campus Building BC, 221 Burwood Highway, Burwood</p> <p>Face-to-face meeting with a Deakin staff member to talk through study and pathways options. <i>Online registration is required.</i></p> <p>Geelong Waterfront Campus 1 Gheringhap St, Geelong</p> <p>Face-to-face meeting with a Deakin staff member to talk through study and pathways options. <i>Online registration is required.</i></p>

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