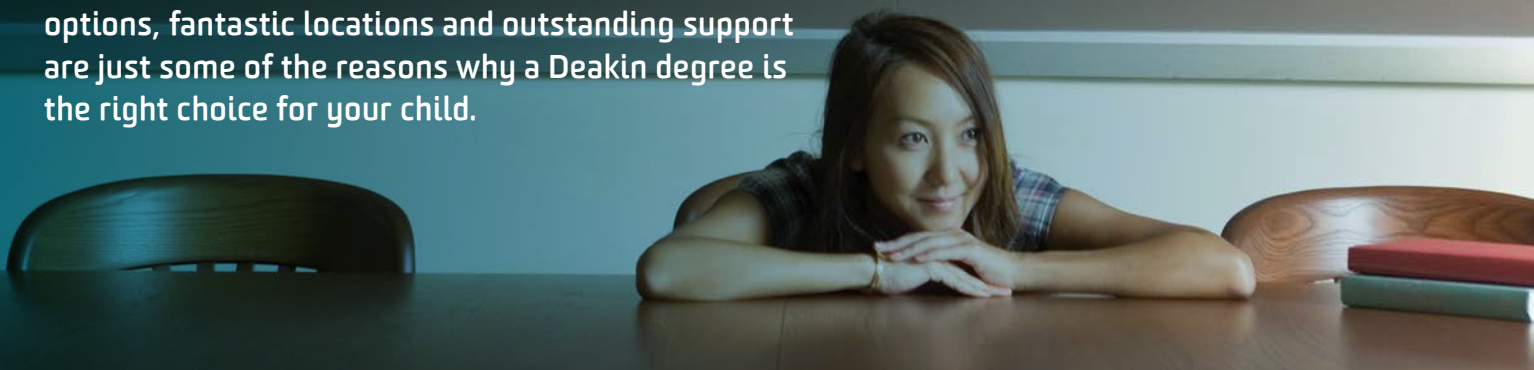


INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ABOUT UNIVERSITY LIFE

Innovative, career-focused courses, flexible study options, fantastic locations and outstanding support are just some of the reasons why a Deakin degree is the right choice for your child.



HOW IS UNIVERSITY DIFFERENT FROM SECONDARY SCHOOL?

	SCHOOL	TAFE	UNIVERSITY
Contact hours	30	25–35	8–25
Length	Normally 6 years (VCE 2 years)	6 months to 2 years	3–6 years depending on your choice of course
Class structure	25 students, 1 teacher per subject	Classes and workshops, 12–20 students, one teacher per subject	Lectures, up to 700 people
Tutorials and practicals		Dependant on course	15–30 people, one subject teacher (tutor) complementary to lectures
Qualifications	VCE or VCAL or IB	Certificate I, II, III, IV, diploma, advanced diploma	Bachelors degree (can lead to honours, masters, PhD)
Teachers	Secondary school teachers	Industry trained, industry professionals, teachers	Academics, researchers, industry professionals

BENEFITS OF A UNIVERSITY DEGREE

Graduate attributes

All Deakin programs will encourage students to develop skills that are easily transferable to the workforce. These include:

- critical analysis, problem solving, and creative thinking
- communicating effectively and appropriately in a range of contexts
- developing, planning and managing independent work
- working effectively as part of a team.

Career outcomes

Employers value the knowledge and skills developed at university, so a degree can open many doors. Deakin University offers the *My Course My Career* portal, which is full of course-relevant career information. When developing a career plan, students need to understand what is happening in their industry. This portal aims to give students new ideas about where their career may lead.

For more information, please visit deakin.edu.au/current-students/services/careers/mycoursemycareer.



PATHWAYS TO DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

There are plenty of pathways to help students get into a Deakin degree and, once they commence their studies, there are many opportunities students can pursue. There are also many pathways to consider after completing an undergraduate course such as joining the workforce, pursuing a postgraduate degree or choosing to do honours.

Pathways into an undergraduate degree at Deakin include:

- Year 12 deakin.edu.au/future-students/year12/index.php
- TAFE deakin.edu.au/future-students/tafe
- workforce deakin.edu.au/future-students/mature-age/index.php
- MIBT deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/study-options-and-pathways/pathways-to-deakin/mibt
- associate degree deakin.edu.au/doorstep
- complete single unit(s).

For more information, please visit deakin.edu.au/future-students/international/pathways.php.

DEAKIN CAMPUSES

Locations

Deakin University has four campuses – one in Melbourne's eastern suburbs, two in the port city of Geelong just south of Melbourne, and one in Warrnambool on the south-west coast of Victoria. Each has distinctive character and a strong presence in the local community.

For more information on getting to Deakin campuses, please visit deakin.edu.au/visitors/getting-to-campus.php.

Support services and facilities at Deakin

There are a range of support services and facilities available to Deakin Students. Future students can access information about the following:

- academic support
- accommodation
- services and facilities by campus
- counselling and personal support
- careers and employment service
- Deakin medical centres
- disability services
- financial assistance
- IT services
- libraries
- mentoring
- off-campus studies
- Orientation Week
- personal support
- sport and recreation
- student association
- study skills
- TravelSmart
- directory of services for Deakin students
- international student advisors

For details, please visit deakin.edu.au/campus-life/services-and-facilities.

Travel

Deakin University Travelsmart provides information on car sharing, carpooling, intercampus travel, walking, cycling and public transport, giving students a number of travel options. For more information on the many ways to get to Deakin campuses, please visit deakin.edu.au/travelsmart/index.php.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact

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phone 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733)

For more comprehensive information, please see the Deakin University parents' page, including the *Parents' Guide to University (2013)*, functional calendars for parents of Year 12 students and many other resources for parents, please visit deakin.edu.au/parents.

