WELCOME

Having a son or daughter in Year 12 can be a challenging time for parents. We hope this newsletter provides useful tips and helpful suggestions for you and your child. In this issue you will find timely information that will assist your student in finalising their preferences for tertiary study and more.

Some great resources for parents are included on the ‘Parent Information’ page on the Deakin website at deakin.edu.au/parents. One of these resources is the new Functional Calendar for Parents of Year 12 Students. This lists major milestones throughout the academic year and provides comprehensive information for parents. It is available in a number of languages.

To request a hardcopy of this calendar, please email enquire@deakin.edu.au.

Don’t hesitate to contact us with any further enquiries you might have to enquire@deakin.edu.au.

UPCOMING EVENTS

26 November
VTAC change of preference period opens

7 December
Very late applications close

17 December
VCE students receive their results and ATAR

17–21 December
Live Chat sessions
9 am–5 pm; chat online with Deakin staff and find out all you need to know about changing your preferences and getting into Deakin. Visit deakin.edu.au/cop to start chatting.

17–21 December
Worldly Careers Centre
9–5 pm, Warrnambool City Centre, 165 Timor Street, Warrnambool. Chat one-on-one with course advisers to get information about Deakin and living and studying in Warrnambool.

18 December
Deakin Information Expo
Melbourne Burwood Campus
3–7 pm; information sessions, course expo and campus tours

18–20 December
Walk and talk tours, Warrnambool Campus
12–1:30 pm; course information, campuses, accommodation, support services and Deakin at Your Doorstep.

19 December
Deakin Information Expo
Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus
3–7 pm; information sessions, course expo and campus tours

20 December
Deakin Information Expo
Geelong Waterfront Campus
3–7 pm; information sessions, course expo and campus tours

24 December
VTAC Change of Preference period closes

4 January
International Baccalaureate (IB) students receive their notional ATAR

4 January
Deakin on-campus residence applications close for commencing domestic students

5 January
VTAC change of preference period closes for IB students

17 January
Round 1 tertiary offers

6 February
Round 2 tertiary offers

February
VTAC supplementary round

For more information please visit deakin.edu.au/cop or call 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733)

In 2013, we will be conducting market research on the experiences of parents of university students. We would welcome your participation in surveys and/or focus groups. To be involved, please send an email to enquire@deakin.edu.au.
FINALISING PREFERENCES FOR TERTIARY STUDY

Supporting your child as they finalise their preferences for tertiary study in 2013 can be a complex time. On release of their ATAR on Monday 17 December (or 4 January for IB students), students can experience a full range of emotions, depending on whether they have achieved at levels higher or lower than anticipated.

All of the universities and institutions run information sessions, course advice hotlines and a range of activities to support students during this time. During this period, it is important for students to find out as much information as possible about the course/s that they are including on their final list of preferences. Investigate in detail the course structure, subjects and majors available, opportunities for work experience and campus life. Encourage your child to be really sure about their first preference course and feel positive about the career options and outcomes that it will provide.

Students should use the 2012 Clearly-in-Ranks (CIR) as a guide for entry. These are a product of the selection process and can change each year. Ensure that your child lists the courses in order from the course they most want to do first, checking that any prerequisites or additional requirements have been satisfied. Although some courses and institutions will make additional offers as part of Round 2 in early February 2013, this should not be relied upon. Students should be certain to include a course that they definitely know that they will be successful in gaining a place in during the first round of offers. For more information about the change of preference period, please visit www.vtac.edu.au/results-offers.html.

Most courses have alternative pathways for entry and a range of entrance points and standards that allow students who do not achieve the ATAR they were hoping for to continue to explore their options as they strive towards their goals. Information about the many ways to gain entry to Deakin University can be found at deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/apply/alternative-pathways-to-deakin.

For more information about the Change of Preference events at Deakin, please visit deakin.edu.au/cop/#events.

NEW COURSES

As Deakin University grows, so does the range of courses we offer. Deakin is pleased to announce the following new undergraduate courses commencing in 2013.

Bachelor of Architectural Technology
Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)
Bachelor of Creative Arts (Film and Television)
Bachelor of Creative Arts (Photography)
Bachelor of Creative Arts (Animation and Motion Capture)
Bachelor of Early Childhood Education
Bachelor of Engineering Science
Bachelor of Health and Physical Education
Bachelor of Information Systems
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Information Systems/Global Science and Technology Programme
Bachelor of Information Systems/Bachelor of Health Sciences
Bachelor of Information Systems/Bachelor of Laws
Bachelor of Information Systems/Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Information Systems/Bachelor of Information Technology
Bachelor of Information Systems/Diploma of Language
Bachelor of Information Technology (Mobile and Apps Development)
Global Science and Technology Program

Course with a change of title, as of 2013:
Bachelor of Creative Arts (Film and Digital Media) formerly Bachelor of Film and Digital Media

For more information about these new courses, please visit deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/new-courses.

KEY
B Melbourne Burwood Campus
F Geelong Waterfront Campus
G Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus
W Warrnambool Campus
X Off campus
PATHWAYS

If your child doesn’t receive the ATAR they expect, there’s no need to panic – there are many options available. They may wish to consider the following pathways into Deakin.

Deakin at Your Doorstep (Associate Degree of Arts, Business and Sciences)
The Associate Degree of Arts, Business and Sciences gives students the opportunity to gain entry into Deakin University, creates a pathway to their dream course, develops their skills to gain employment and enables them to study close to home. The Associate Degree is a two-year, full-time (or part-time equivalent) course. Students can choose from a range of study areas or specialise in streams including arts, business, education, health or sciences. This course is delivered at the Warrnambool Campus and Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus, and in conjunction with our TAFE partners; Advance TAFE (Bairnsdale Campus), Chisholm Institute of TAFE (Dandenong and Mornington Peninsula campuses), Sunraysia Institute of TAFE (Swan Hill Campus), GOTAFE (Wangaratta Campus) and South West Institute of TAFE (Portland Campus). Students can be eligible for up to 18 months credit and, on completion of their course, have a guaranteed place in one of several Deakin degree programs.

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

Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology
Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology (MIBT) is located on Deakin’s Melbourne Burwood Campus and Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus, allowing students the opportunity to gain access to Deakin’s facilities and get involved in university life. Upon satisfactory completion of an MIBT diploma (and providing University academic entrance criteria are met), students are guaranteed entry to second year of the relevant Deakin bachelor’s degree. They can study in the areas of commerce, IT/computing, health sciences, management, engineering, media and communication, and science.

For more information, please visit www.mibt.vic.edu.au.

TAFE pathways
Upon completion of a TAFE course, students can apply to Deakin through VTAC and they may receive credit for their TAFE qualification if it is in a similar field to the Deakin course they want to study. In most cases, this will reduce the number of units and/or time required to complete a Deakin qualification. Plus, upon graduation, students will not one, but two qualifications. Deakin has three partner TAFEs: Box Hill Institute, South West TAFE and The Gordon, however all TAFE qualifications are considered for application to Deakin.

To find out what credit students are entitled to, please visit deakin.edu.au/courses/credit.

SCHOLARSHIPS AT DEAKIN

Deakin Scholarship program

Deakin offers a range of scholarships for students commencing their undergraduate studies. Scholarships fit into two main categories:

1. Access and Equity – giving students who have been disadvantaged by circumstances the opportunity to access higher education.
2. Academic Excellence (also known as merit) – recognising students with outstanding academic abilities, assisting them in achieving their potential.

Applications for our 2013 scholarships opened in August and close at various times – some in October, some in December and some in 2013. Some scholarships require a VTAC scholarship application to be completed and for others, applicants can apply for the scholarship directly to Deakin.

VTAC applications closed on 19 October 2012. Your son or daughter may also complete a Deakin online or paper application for other scholarships where we take direct applications. To see which scholarships are still open, read through the listing of scholarships on offer for 2013 at deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/scholarships-and-awards.

Each scholarship has its own How to Apply section that details the application process. New scholarships are added regularly, so you should check every couple of weeks, to ensure that all scholarship opportunities are realised throughout your child’s undergraduate years. Some scholarships may be open for months, whereas others may be open for only a couple of weeks.

As part of the application process, your son or daughter may be required to provide supporting documents that confirm the information provided in their application. The different types of documents that may be required include Centrelink benefit statements, medical letters, police reports etc.

For more information, visit our website at deakin.edu.au/future-students/scholarships/supportingdocs.php. Remember that your son or daughter is the applicant; they will be responsible for the information provided in their application. The different types of documents that may be required include Centrelink benefit statements, medical letters, police reports etc.

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We have created a Top Ten Tips webpage (deakin.edu.au/current-students/study-information/scholarships/top-tips.php) to take the stress out of completing a scholarship application.

A number of 2013 scholarships will be offered in December 2012, with the majority being offered to coincide with VTAC offers in late January 2013. Other subsequent offer rounds may also occur up to the end of March 2013 and throughout the year.

We strongly encourage all prospective students, regardless of whether they are thinking of taking a ‘Gap’ year, to complete a scholarship application. Circumstances can change but unfortunately late applications cannot be considered.
Deakin University’s School of Communication and Creative Arts offers a wonderfully rich and diverse curriculum in the artistic and communicative fields.

We are delighted to announce three new courses that add to this diverse range. From 2013, students will now have the opportunity to undertake a Bachelor of Creative Arts in animation and motion capture, film and television or photography or our existing Bachelor of Creative Arts (Film and Digital Media).

Deakin is home to the technologically innovative Deakin Motion.Lab, the most advanced motion capture facility of its kind in Australia. Students from our animation and motion capture degree will have the opportunity to develop a moving image, graphic and animation practice in the expanding digital domain and graduate with knowledge and skills in both disciplines. They will also develop skills in motion capture that can be applied to narratives in animation, film or games that centre upon humanoid (and anthropomorphic) characters and their stories. For a taste of this technology, visit deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/scca/news/ar-at-deakin.php to download our new app and use motion capture technology on your smart phone.

Our new Bachelor of Creative Arts (Photography) will provide students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in the theories, techniques and practices of the discipline of photography. They will also build pragmatic skills in a range of adjacent creative arts to connect theory and practice and gain an understanding of how photography enables us to comprehend and visualise our social and cultural formation. The course will build expertise and competencies in the areas of exhibitions, portfolio creation, project management, visual communication and online collaboration. Students will learn both chemical and digital imaging in diverse photographic formats in professionally equipped facilities and work alongside academics that are expert active media practitioners.

The new Bachelor of Creative Arts (Film and Television) comprehensively explores the theories, techniques and practices of screen production and screen culture. Film and television are multidisciplinary creative forms, so this course also provides access to the theory and practice of other creative arts including photography, animation and motion capture, drama, dance, visual arts and visual communication design. Students can further tailor their own set of skills and knowledge by taking elective units from across the University.

The major discipline of film and television focuses on the development of the creative and analytic skills required for successful, professional and artistic practice. The degree comprises study in many areas including narrative genre and structure, documentary and experimental forms, team and project management, visual language, digital cinematography and editing, sound design, high definition broadcast TV studio production, scriptwriting and short filmmaking. Students will be exposed to a range of historical, theoretical and critical approaches to the production, reception and analysis of global screen culture.

The Bachelor of Creative Arts (Film and Digital Media) offers an alternative option to study film and comprehensively explores the theories, techniques and practices of a major media discipline, enabling students to build skills in a range of other creative arts theory and practices. The major disciplines of film, animation and photography focus on the development of the creative and analytic skills required to successfully apply technique in professional and artistic practices. The degree comprises study in many areas including narrative structure, exhibitions and folios, project management, visual language, online collaboration and exhibition, digital video and TV studio production, short filmmaking, history and theory of film making, character animation, special effects, darkroom and digital manipulation, small to large photographic formats and photographic history and theory.

Applications for these and all Deakin courses are now open through VTAC. For more information on each of these courses, please visit deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/apply-now.
FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS
New program helps students explore the world

Studying overseas can be a life-changing experience for students. In 2013, Deakin’s Faculty of Science and Technology is introducing a new program designed to help students realise their dreams of international study.

The Global Science and Technology Program aims to recognise, reward and support high achieving students who would like to conduct part of their studies overseas to help them develop new skills and a broader world view. Successful applicants will be offered a $3000 scholarship to assist with travel costs and will be required to participate in the Deakin Global Citizenship Program.

The program requires applicants to have a minimum ATAR of 80.00 (or equivalent) and they must also meet the published prerequisites for their specific course preference within the Faculty of Science and Technology. Applying is a two-staged process: applicants must first apply for the program through VTAC and then also submit a supplementary information form to Deakin’s Faculty of Science and Technology.

For full details about the program, please visit deakin.edu.au/scitech/global.

FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND LAW NEWS
Upsize to a combined degree in information systems?

Deakin is introducing an innovative and exciting new development in 2013. The Bachelor of Information Systems has undergone a complete redevelopment and now allows students to combine information systems with any other chosen discipline, allowing graduates to combine skills in two areas of expertise.

Information systems (IS) skills are a must have for life and work in the ‘Information Age’ as IS are embedded in most jobs across every industry. This course has been closely designed in partnership with industry and accordingly has a very strong employment focus, including Work Integrated Learning and community-based volunteering as part of the core curriculum.

The suite of combined degree options with information systems includes commerce, law, health sciences, science, arts, IT and languages and students can choose major areas of study within these disciplines.

In general, graduates from combined degrees are highly sought after by employers. In an IS or combined degree, students can go on to IT consulting firms, which recruit high numbers of IS graduates. Typical roles include business analyst, systems analyst, IT consultant and project manager. Graduates can also go on to the other area of their combined degree and give themselves a great point of difference in a competitive job market.

First in Family grants

In 2012, 30 new students accepted the Faculty of Business and Law’s offer of a First in Family Grant. This grant is a Faculty initiative funded through Strategy 5 of the Deakin University Participation and Partnership Program (DUPPP): Reducing financial, transport and accommodation barriers. The grant is for one year and students are paid $250 per unit of study up to a maximum of $2000. Students apply for the grant via their VTAC application by ticking the SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme) box relating to financial hardship.

As well as financial assistance, First in Family Grant students have access to a range of support services: the Student Engagement and Access Officer, seminars held at the Melbourne City Centre that build study and research skills as well as social and professional networks, and a dedicated site on Deakin’s online learning environment, CloudDeakin. The CloudDeakin site keeps students up-to-date about payment dates, events and allows both social and scholarly networking.

For further information about the First in Family Grant, contact Dr Jenny Hurley: j.hurley@deakin.edu.au; 5227 2743.

Student profiles can be viewed at deakin.edu.au/buslaw/future-students/support/first-in-family.php.

NAME: Anna Cuttriss
COURSE: Bachelor of Environmental Science (Wildlife and Conservation Biology)
Melbourne Burwood Campus

‘The camps and field trips have always been so much fun and I feel like I have learnt more by doing things than just learning in a classroom environment. These trips have given me hands-on skills that cannot be replicated in a classroom, including radio-tracking skills, GPS and GIS experience, mammal trapping, macro-invertebrate collection and vegetation analysis.

Currently I have a seasonal position as a Project Fire Fighter for Parks Victoria and I also have a cadetship with the Department of Sustainability and Environment so already, I am using the skills and knowledge that I’m learning at Deakin.

Many of my lecturers and tutors are still contributing to research. Their practical knowledge makes them very inspiring and interesting people to learn from and I know that what I’m learning is completely relevant to my future career.’
NEW STUDENT RESIDENCES AT BURWOOD

The new state-of-the art 400 room Burwood Residences Building was completed in mid-2012 at the Melbourne Burwood Campus. It is within walking distance of all the campus facilities including a health clinic, food outlets, uni bar, YMCA gym and bank – and the local shopping centre is a short distance away. Situated in an attractive landscape close to picturesque Gardiners Creek, the residences are close to barbecues, walking paths, a running track and parklands.

The Burwood Residences Building complements the existing 200 bed Student Village to create a new era of student housing comprising an overall 600 bed residential complex. The new building provides a range of brand new modern accommodation in a mixed gender and multi-cultural environment.

Living spaces

Students can choose from a fully appointed studio room including ensuite and fully equipped kitchenette, or shared accommodation featuring five or six bedrooms leading onto a large shared lounge, kitchen and dining area. Approximately 200 rooms are available for each option and either option features clean modern architecture and the highest quality finishes, heralding a significant commitment by the University to provide increased on-campus student accommodation at the Melbourne Burwood Campus.

Study spaces

There is a computer lab on the second floor and study rooms on each floor (for private or group study and academic sessions). Also, on each floor there are small lounges for residents to meet and socialise.

Amenity spaces

Student amenity areas have been designed to complement resident recreational needs and lifestyle. Some of these spaces feature a large resident common room (incorporating comfortable and flexible seating arrangements for relaxing/socialising, pool tables, table tennis and kitchen facility), as well as a theatre/gaming room. This common room flows seamlessly onto landscaped front and rear decks, with the front deck having BBQ facilities overlooking natural surrounds. Also, for resident amenity, the building has a purpose-built laundry, personal storage and secure bike room facilities.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

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