For a successful year, a balanced lifestyle with leisure activities built in is really important, so encourage your child to make time for sport and socialising. Good study habits are also really important. The time management and organisational skills developed during Year 12 will prove useful throughout their whole life.

**TIPS**

» Encourage your child to set aside a place where they can study and make sure the area is free of distractions.

» Encourage your child to draw up a study timetable showing when assignments are due and other busy periods, then get them to add in time for sport, work and friends.

» Help them establish a routine where they set aside a particular time each day for study and revision, ensure your child does not tire themselves out with long hours of study. Remind them to take short breaks as often as needed to regain their concentration.

» Encourage your child to do regular revisions of topics already covered. They shouldn’t wait until the last minute to revise everything.

» Place one or more posters around your house that will motivate or inspire your child.

*Getting balance in your life*  
deakin.edu.au/current-students/services/counselling/achieving/balance.php

*Where does your time go calculator*  
www.ucc.vt.edu/stdysk/TMInteractive.html

*Time management*  
www.time-management-success.com/good-study-habits.html
RESEARCH

Deciding which university course to study is a big decision for your child. Research, discussion and planning are all important factors in making these decisions and as a parent you can help by providing support and advice.

TIPS

» Encourage your child to attend campus open days or tours and to talk with current university students and staff.
» Career expos like The Age VCE and Careers Expo are another great way to find out more information.
» Help with online searches for the most up-to-date information.
» Encourage your child to talk to school careers guidance officers, and people who work in the field they’re interested in studying.
» Read course booklets and the VTAC Guide.

VTAC Guide
Deakin courses for future students
deakin.edu.au/future-students/courses/

THE LIBRARY

CONSIDER THE SPACE

Has your child chosen their course? What’s next? Consider how important the university library will be to their studies and be assured that Deakin University Library has everything they need to succeed. The Deakin University Library helps new students enter the professions and there’s no denying that the Library will be an important consideration in their choice of university as much of their time will be spent here.

Deakin University Library has many services which are offered to support students at all study levels, whether it’s help finding the correct books or resources needed to complete assignments or finding a quiet space to focus.

At the Library, students can access books and electronic readings, use desktop computers, borrow laptops, tablet devices and recording equipment, make use of a huge range of individual and group study spaces, access WiFi internet and convenient powered desks.

Each campus Library offers students access to state-of-the-art facilities as well as inviting and comfortable learning spaces complemented by central common areas where they can meet and socialise with friends and fellow students.

The Library understands the demands of university life. Therefore, the Library has extensive opening hours to coincide with student needs and our expert, friendly staff are there to help and support students throughout their study, whether it’s in person, by phone, email, or on social media via Facebook or Twitter.

With everything covered in the great range of features and facilities available at the Library, your child will soon be on their way to successfully completing their studies, learning new skills and settling in to their future at Deakin University.

Learn more about Deakin University Library at deakin.edu.au/library.

STUDENT PROFILE

Name: Hayden Djakic
Campus: Geelong Waterfront Campus
Course: Bachelor of Design (Architecture)
Graduated: 2010, now continuing on to a masters degree at Deakin

‘I chose to study at Deakin because of the facilities and atmosphere of the Geelong Waterfront Campus … Deakin also has a very respected and hands-on Architecture course. The things I enjoy most about my course are the diverse ideas that are brainstormed, allowing a “think-tank” of concepts. This allows you to bounce your ideas off a number of people so you always get the best outcome.’

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Deakin’s Waterfront campus was the venue recently for the New Wave exhibition of en-plein-air painting and drawing. This exploratory, raw, observational and expressive work was produced ‘on-location’ along the Geelong waterfront and environs. Displayed in the Galleria, Waterfront Campus, it was evidence of a new wave of cultural activity which will emanate from the campus from 2012 to enliven and enrich the City of Geelong.

Many of the exhibiting students have moved to Deakin’s Bachelor of Creative Arts (Visual Arts) from Gordon Institute’s degree program. They will work out of new facilities opening this year which will include an ‘atelier’ style studio and labs equipped for digital and chemical Photography. Alongside newly commencing students, they will enjoy the maritime environment that has inspired countless artists.

The vibrant waterfront location is an excellent setting for the Visual Arts program at Deakin’s Geelong Waterfront Campus. The strong Arts community and its aspiring students will be challenged and rewarded through this new initiative which provides sound preparation for a range of careers.

The exhibition was opened by local artist Phillip Doggett-Williams, a recent participant in Lorne Sculpture 2011. Phillip also judged the award for best work, which was generously supported by Cavalier Art Supplies.

Direct applications for the Bachelor of Creative Arts (Visual Arts) close 26 February 2012.
**FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND LAW NEWS**

A lot of pressure is often placed on Year 12 students to achieve high ATARs. However, it’s important that students find the right course in order to maximise their study and career satisfaction. One of Deakin’s greatest strengths is its flexibility. The ability to transfer from one course to another after one year is a pathway often utilised by undergraduate students.

We understand that not all Year 12 students can immediately get into high demand courses such as Law – that’s why we allow students to transfer after their first or even second year at Deakin. So the message is simple: If your child did not get the ATAR they wanted, or did not get into first choice, don’t despair. Encourage your child to study hard in another course, prove they can get the results, then apply for a course transfer. If students come from a different institution, they can apply again through VTAC as a mature-aged student, however intake is subject to demand.

When helping your child choose University courses, ensure you get in contact with the Faculty about pathways and course transfers, as there are many ways they can achieve their dream.

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**FACULTY OF HEALTH NEWS**

**VIETNAM STUDY TOUR**

Faculties often look to enhance the programs on offer to their students and the Faculty of Health’s study tour to Vietnam was no exception.

In November 2011, Associate Professor Bernie Marshall, (Associate Dean, Teaching and Learning), Dr Jan Moore (Lecturer in the School of Health and Social Development) and Lyn Golder, (Marketing Manager, Faculty of Health) accompanied 25 students on a two-week tour.

Starting in Ho Chi Minh City, the group had a fast-paced and action-packed itinerary, visiting schools, healthcare centres, HIV and drug centres, disability services, a reproductive healthcare centre, the University of Hanoi’s School of Public Health, a Buddhist monastery and other relevant organisations and sites around the country. The group also had the pleasure of viewing traditional Vietnamese dances, and learning to make rice paper rolls at a traditional cooking class, as well as learning about local delicacies during a guided tour of a food market.

Bachelor of Health Sciences student Rebekah Bonnamy said, ‘I feel I can now see the raw importance of health promoters in society and this for me would have to be one of the biggest rewards of the entire journey, noticing the real need for passionate individuals in promoting better health’.

The Faculty hopes to run a similar study tour in 2012. Check [deakin.edu.au/hmnbs](http://deakin.edu.au/hmnbs) for updates.

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**DEAKIN LEARNING HUB AT DANDENONG**

Deakin University has established a physical presence in Dandenong to assist students who may not otherwise be able to study at the Melbourne Burwood Campus. The Deakin Learning Hub in Dandenong is located at Level 3, 237 Lonsdale Street and is open during business hours Monday to Friday.

The Deakin Learning Hub provides an opportunity for students from Melbourne’s south-eastern suburbs to undertake the Bachelor of Health Sciences, which is one of Deakin’s most popular degrees. Career outcomes for Health Sciences graduates are diverse and depend on the major sequences and electives chosen. Some of our graduates are working as health educators, health promotion officers, family and community support workers and case managers.

The Bachelor of Health Sciences will be offered online with student support available at the Hub. This innovative approach is what is known as community-based learning, which is a blend of on-campus and off-campus learning.

Community-based learning links the classroom experience with input from relevant community groups and local industry. This new model provides students in Dandenong with the flexibility to complete a Bachelor of Health Sciences online, but with access to academic staff who will provide support, career advice and guidance via the Hub. Deakin academic staff are enthusiastic about encouraging study success and will use a tailored approach for students who are new to university study.

The Learning Hub provides computer resources for students, who will be able to download lectures and access Deakin library and other online learning resources.

Organisations in the local community will be involved in a mentoring program to assist students during their studies and provide direction regarding future employment opportunities.

For enquiries about the Bachelor of Health Sciences at Dandenong please visit [deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/hsd/dandenong](http://deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/hsd/dandenong) or call 9251 7777.
Deakin’s Faculty of Science and Technology offers a range of exciting undergraduate and postgraduate courses across four schools – Architecture and Building, Life and Environmental Sciences, Engineering and Information Technology. Our courses are offered across Deakin’s four campuses: Melbourne Burwood Campus, Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus, Geelong Waterfront Campus and Warrnambool Campus.

The Faculty is committed to ensuring that our students’ study experience is a rewarding journey and equips them with the skills and capabilities to help them arrive successfully at their destination – the realisation of their career ambitions. To help achieve this, we focus on providing our students with a stimulating and supportive study environment in which they have ample opportunities to interact with staff and engage in vigorous discussion of ideas and concepts relevant to their studies.

Our students undertake a mix of on and off-campus study. For on-campus students, our courses are flexible and allow students to undertake some study online as well as face-to-face.

Our students also have the opportunity to pursue a global experience via programs such as student exchange, Study Abroad, short-term study programs, study tours and international volunteering opportunities that allow students to study overseas for a few weeks, a trimester, or a year as part of their Deakin degree.

The Faculty’s highly relevant courses help students to become well-informed, employable and adaptable graduates with a broad skill base, an understanding of their chosen field and its social and commercial contexts, and a capacity for life-long learning.

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**FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS**

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**KEY DATES FOR 2012**

**MARCH**

30 March
Term 1 ends

31 March–15 April
School Holidays

**APRIL**

16 April
Term 2 starts

**MAY**

03–06 May
*The Age VCE Careers Expo*®
Thursday and Friday 9 am–3 pm
Saturday and Sunday 10 am–4 pm
Caufield Racecourse
(opposite Caulfield Station)

18–19 May
*National Careers and Employment Expo*®
Friday 9 am–4 pm and Saturday 10 am–4 pm
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre,
2 Clarendon Street, Southbank

**JUNE**

05 June
*Year 10 Information Evening*
Deakin University
Melbourne Burwood Campus and Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus

06 June
*Parent and Year 10 Information Evening*
Deakin University
Warrnambool Campus

16–17 June
*Reinvent your career expo*®
Saturday and Sunday 10 am–4 pm
Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre

29 June
Term 2 ends

30 June–15 July
School holidays

**JULY**

10 July
*Discover Deakin*
Take a campus tour, find out about Deakin’s range of courses, study options and services, and meet current students.

16 July
Term 3 starts

25 July
*Parent Information Evening*
Deakin University,
Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus

26 July
*Parent Information Evening*
Deakin University,
Melbourne Burwood Campus

27–29 July
*Herald Sun Careers Expo*®
Friday 10 am–3 pm
Saturday and Sunday 10 am–4 pm
Melbourne Exhibition Centre
2 Clarendon St, Southbank

**AUGUST**

12 August
Deakin Warrnambool Open Day

19 August
Deakin Geelong Open Day

26 August
Deakin Burwood Open Day

VTAC applications open early August.

**SEPTEMBER**

21 September
Term 3 ends

22–30 September
School Holidays

25 September
*Discover Deakin*
Take a campus tour, find out about Deakin’s range of courses, study options and services, and meet current students.

Timely VTAC applications close late September.

**OCTOBER**

01–09 October
School Holidays

10 October
Term 4 starts

SEAS applications close late October.

**NOVEMBER**

Late VTAC applications close mid November (late fee applies).

**DECEMBER**

20 December
Term 4 ends

Very late VTAC applications close mid December (very late fee applies).

*Please check the Deakin website closer to the date for specific event details at [deakin.edu.au/cop](http://deakin.edu.au/cop).*

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