

2012 CALENDAR

YEAR 12 AND YOUR CHILD – TIPS FOR SUCCESS



DEAKIN
UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA



BALANCED LIFE Year 12 can be challenging both for students and their parents. Having a balanced lifestyle with leisure activities built in is really important, so encourage your child to make time for sport and socialising. Getting adequate sleep and eating well are also important.

TIPS

- » 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.
- » 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.



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Undergraduate

An undergraduate student is usually someone studying for their first degree in a given discipline.

Postgraduate

Courses of study beyond bachelor level, including graduate certificates, graduate diplomas, masters and research degrees. Eligibility for entry to a postgraduate course normally requires completion of an undergraduate degree.

RESOURCES

Getting balance in your life

www.deakin.edu.au/current-students/services/counselling/achieving/balance.php

Where does your time go calculator

www.ucc.vt.edu/stdysk/TMInteractive.html

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

phone 1300 334 733 or visit our web site at deakin.edu.au/future-students/parents.

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03 DEAKIN UNIVERSITY REOPENS

26 AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY



TIPS FOR SUCCESS For a successful year, it's really important that your child develops good study habits. 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.
 - » Help them establish a routine where they set aside a particular time each day for study and revision.
 - » Ensure your child eats well throughout their studies and exercises regularly.
 - » Encourage your child to do regular revisions of topics already covered. Remember quality versus quantity – they should be specific in the study they are doing, such as a chapter review.



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Bachelors degree

Normally the first degree you undertake at university after school.

Associate degree

An Associate degree is a two-year, full-time program. The degree course structure provides flexible pathways into tertiary education, and can be used as a guaranteed pathway into a range of Deakin degrees.

RESOURCES

Personal development and counselling
www.deakin.edu.au/current-students/services/counselling/

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

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02 TERM 1 STARTS



DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SCHOOL, TAFE AND UNIVERSITY When moving on to higher education, your child will notice a number of differences. Career-focussed courses, flexible study options, fantastic locations and outstanding support are just some of the differences at Deakin.

DIFFERENCES

	School	TAFE	University
Qualification	VCE	Diploma Advanced Diploma	Degree
Length	2 years	6 months– 2 years	3–6 years
Teaching methods	Classes, practicals	Classes, practicals	Lectures, tutorials, practicals
Contact ours	30 hours per week	20–30 hours per week	12–20 hours per week



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Tutorial

A method of teaching for small groups of students involving discussion and participation.

Lecture

A presentation given by an academic to a large group of students on the subject area being studied.

RESOURCES

Comparison of TAFE and university

www.seeklearning.com.au/tafe-courses/tafe-or-university.asp

Understanding university language

www.deakin.edu.au/glossary

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KEY DATES

02 LABOUR DAY

30 TERM 1 ENDS

31 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BEGIN



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.
- » 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*.



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Unit

A university subject or unit is normally one or two trimesters long and may have a value ranging from one to four credit points.

Major

An approved combination of units in a particular discipline that a student chooses to specialise in. Depending on a student's choice of units, they may be able to complete two or even three majors.

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- 01–15 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
- 06 GOOD FRIDAY
- 09 EASTER MONDAY
- 16 TERM 2 STARTS
- 25 ANZAC DAY

RESOURCES

VTAC Guide

www.vtac.edu.au/publications/guide.html

Deakin courses for future students

www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/courses/

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

phone 1300 334 733 or visit our web site at deakin.edu.au/future-students/parents.



EXAM PREPARATION For a successful exam period, it's really important that your child develops a good study routine and prepares properly. Encourage a balanced lifestyle with leisure activities built in. Also make sure they get adequate sleep and eat well.

TIPS

- » Encourage your child to start exam preparation early.
- » Studying past papers can be helpful.
- » Help your child to organise study time so that they study for set periods with short breaks.
- » Your child should set specific goals for study times.
- » Encourage your child to drink plenty of fluids, especially water, and eat healthy foods.

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Faculty

An organisational division within a university; for example, the Faculty of Arts and Education is one of four Faculties at Deakin University.

Schools

Within each Faculty are several schools, i.e. the School of Law is within the Faculty of Business and Law.



RESOURCES

Study tips

www.deakin.edu.au/current-students/services/health/academic-success/index.php

Exam preparation

www.deakin.edu.au/current-students/study-support/study-skills/handouts/exams.php

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03–06 THE AGE VCE CAREERS EXPO

Thursday and Friday 9 am–3 pm
Saturday and Sunday 10 am–4 pm
Caulfield Racecourse
(opposite Caulfield Station)

18–19 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

* please check the Deakin website to confirm event dates



FINANCE / SCHOLARSHIPS Students can seek financial assistance including scholarships to help with the costs associated with university study. Many students also choose not to pay their fees (or contribution) up front as most domestic undergraduate places are supported by the government (Commonwealth Supported Places).

TIPS

- » Make sure your child picks up a copy of the *Deakin University Scholarships Guide*.
- » Encourage your child to apply for scholarships; they may be an appropriate candidate.
- » Assist your child in creating a budget planner for costs associated with university.

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Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)

A university place for which the government makes a contribution towards the cost of a student's education.

Higher Education Contribution Scheme – Higher Education Loan Program (HECS-HELP)

A loan scheme that helps eligible CSP students pay for tuition costs.



RESOURCES

Financial assistance and scholarships

www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/fees/local/2012-csp-rates.php

www.deakin.edu.au/scholarships/

Centrelink

www.centrelink.gov.au

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05 YEAR 10 INFORMATION EVENING

Deakin University,
Melbourne Burwood Campus and
Geelong Warrn Ponds Campus

06 PARENT AND YEAR 10 INFORMATION EVENING

Deakin University,
Warrnambool Campus

11 QUEENS BIRTHDAY

16–17 REINVENT YOUR CAREER EXPO

Saturday and Sunday 10 am–4 pm
Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre

29 TERM 2 ENDS

30 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BEGIN

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BENEFITS OF UNIVERSITY Attending university is a great life choice. It leads to an increase in earning capacity and provides career and self-development opportunities. It is a time to meet many new people and a bachelor degree can help your child secure their dream job.

TIPS

- » Assist your child to identify the areas of study they enjoy and excel in at school, as well as other interests.
- » Encourage them to gain work experience in their field of interest to learn about a particular job.

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Prerequisite

Subjects that must be successfully completed to be considered for selection into a particular university course.

Extra requirements

Requirements that a student must meet in addition to minimum tertiary entrance requirements to qualify for a course. This information is listed in the *VTAC Guide*.



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01–15 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

10 DISCOVER DEAKIN

Take a campus tour, find out about Deakin's range of courses, study options and services, and meet current students

16 TERM 3 STARTS

25 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Deakin University,
Geelong Waurm Ponds Campus

26 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Deakin University,
Melbourne Burwood Campus

27–29 HERALD SUN CAREERS EXPO

Friday 10 am–3 pm
Saturday and Sunday 10 am–4 pm
Melbourne Exhibition Centre
2 Clarendon St, Southbank

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RESOURCES

Course finder

<http://australia.gov.au/service/course-finder-search-for-higher-education-courses-across-australia>

Why Choose Deakin University?

deakin.edu.au/future-students/why-deakin/why-choose.php

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

phone 1300 334 733 or visit our web site at deakin.edu.au/future-students/parents.



OPEN DAY One of the best ways to get a hands-on feel for a campus is to attend university open days, where you can talk to lecturers, past and present students, tour the campus, check out facilities and get a much better feel for a university.

TIPS

- » Take your child to a number of open days to experience the atmosphere of different campuses.
- » Maximise your day by viewing the facilities available for the courses your child is interesting in studying, as well as general services available to students.
- » Talk to academics and current university students about courses and university life.

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Equity and diversity

Deakin University welcomes students from diverse backgrounds and celebrates the richness they bring to university life.

Scholarships

Deakin offers a range of scholarships for commencing students, including access and equity scholarships for students who may not otherwise have access to higher education.



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- 12 DEAKIN WARRNAMBOOL OPEN DAY**
- 19 DEAKIN GEELONG OPEN DAY**
- 26 DEAKIN BURWOOD OPEN DAY**
- VTAC APPLICATIONS OPEN EARLY AUGUST**

* please check the Deakin website to confirm event dates and to register

RESOURCES

Open Day
www.deakin.edu.au/openday
VTAC
www.vtac.edu.au

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
phone 1300 334 733 or visit our web site at
deakin.edu.au/future-students/parents.



VTAC – APPLICATIONS AND SEAS (SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME)

Most applications for undergraduate courses need to be made through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). VTAC is also where your child can apply for special entry schemes at participating universities which allow students from a diverse range of backgrounds to have greater access to higher education programs.

TIPS

- » Visit the VTAC website to find out how your child can obtain the latest *VTAC Guide*.
- » Your child can place up to 12 preferences on their VTAC application.
- » Encourage your child to speak with their school's careers adviser to see if they are eligible for SEAS.
- » Encourage your child to start their VTAC and SEAS application now via VTAC.

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Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)

VTAC is the organisation that administers the application process for all Victorian universities and TAFEs.

Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)

SEAS is an umbrella program run by VTAC for special entry schemes at participating tertiary institutions, including Deakin University, for entry to undergraduate courses.



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21 TERM 3 ENDS

22–30 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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TIMELY VTAC APPLICATIONS CLOSE LATE SEPTEMBER

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RESOURCES

VTAC Guide

www.vtac.edu.au/publications/guide.html

SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme)

www.vtac.edu.au/seas-home.html

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

phone 1300 334 733 or visit our web site at deakin.edu.au/future-students/parents.



UNI LIFE Universities have a range of services and programs to help your child settle into university life. Support begins with Orientation Week and extends throughout the year to include workshops, mentor programs, course advice and career guidance.

TIPS

- » Encourage your child to get involved with university activities; it will look great on their resume.
- » Ensure your child is aware of the range of on-campus events and activities organised specifically to help new students settle in. They will meet lots of other students and make the transition into university easier.
- » If your child needs help with exam preparation, essay writing, or finding a part-time job, get them to talk to Deakin's Division of Student Life (DSL).

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Division of Student Life (DSL)

DSL aims to enrich the learning experience and life opportunities of all Deakin University students through a range of high quality, innovative, responsive and efficient services.

Deakin University Student Association (DUSA)

DUSA is the student voice at Deakin and in the broader community. DUSA's aim is to enhance the student experience and membership is open to anyone studying at Deakin.



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01–09 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

10 TERM 4 STARTS

SEAS APPLICATIONS CLOSE LATE OCTOBER

RESOURCES

Clubs and societies

www.dusa.org.au

Get involved!

www.deakin.edu.au/current-students/get-involved/all-students/ten-reasons.php

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

phone 1300 334 733 or visit our web site at deakin.edu.au/future-students/parents.



STRESS MANAGEMENT Exams are a stressful time and not everyone deals with stress in the same way. Many stresses can be changed, eliminated, or minimised - here are some things you can do to help reduce your child's level of stress.

TIPS

- » Encourage your child to learn to use their time wisely.
- » Get them to set realistic goals.
- » Make sure they set priorities for their study and revision.
- » Remember that everyone is unique and different.
- » Encourage them to exercise regularly.
- » Ensure they eat a balanced diet.

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Study score

A score of 0–50 that shows how a VCE student performed in a particular subject compared with other students in the same year. It is calculated from the student's results in assessments and examinations in that subject.

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

The ATAR is a comparative percentile ranking for students in their final year of secondary school in Australia.



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KEY DATES

06 MELBOURNE CUP DAY

**LATE VTAC APPLICATIONS CLOSE
MID NOVEMBER (LATE FEE APPLIES)**

RESOURCES

Exam preparation

www.deakin.edu.au/current-students/study-support/study-skills/handouts/exams.php

Stress management

www.deakin.edu.au/current-students/services/counselling/

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CHANGE OF PREFERENCE PERIOD (COP) During COP your child can add or remove courses on their preference list. The COP period coincides with when your child receives their ATAR, allowing them to be more realistic about which courses to include on their preference list.

TIPS

- » Your child will have a few days from when they receive their ATAR to change their preference list via VTAC.
- » Encourage them to attend a COP event at a university or speak to their careers adviser about their course preferences.
- » Ensure your child checks the prerequisites for the courses they are interested in.

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Clearly-In ATAR

The Clearly-In ATAR is the score most school-leaver applicants need to be offered a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) in a particular course.

Pathways

Educational pathways are the routes taken by students through learning after secondary school. Students can pursue their education and training through Vocational Education and Training (VET) or Higher Education.



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20 TERM 4 ENDS

25 CHRISTMAS DAY

26 BOXING DAY

**VERY LATE VTAC APPLICATIONS CLOSE
MID DECEMBER (VERY LATE FEE APPLIES)**

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE

Please check the Deakin website closer to the date for specific event details at www.deakin.edu.au/cop

RESOURCES

Deakin courses for future students

www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/courses/

Connect with Deakin on Facebook

[facebook.com/discoverdeakin](https://www.facebook.com/discoverdeakin)

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