

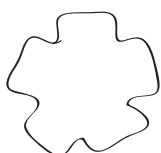


**DEAKIN**  
UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA

**PARENTS' GUIDE  
TO UNIVERSITY**

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**2012**



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# Discover Deakin with the Parents' Guide to University

Welcome to Deakin's *Parents' Guide to University!* We hope to provide useful tips and helpful suggestions for you to guide your child into their educational future. This guide includes information relevant to the life of a university student including how to apply, accommodation options, costs, assistance and scholarships. New courses offered by Deakin, not included in the *2012 Undergraduate Course Guide* are also outlined. The face of higher education is constantly changing in response to society demands and global challenges. University will be a new world for your child, presenting new challenges along with a new lifestyle. We hope this booklet provides you an up-to-date perspective of the exciting journey on which your child is set to embark.

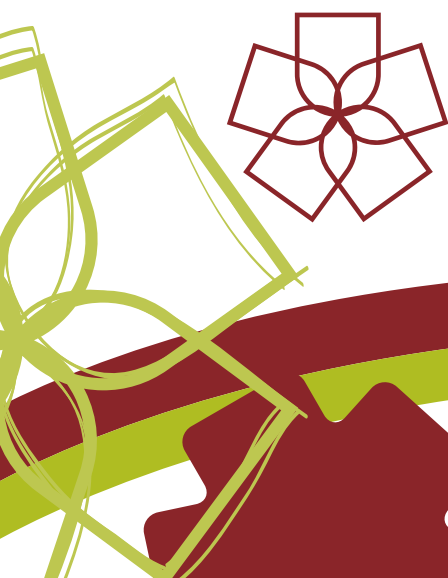
*The Deakin Team*

## How is tertiary study different to secondary school?

	School	TAFE	University
<b>Contact hours</b>	30	25 - 35	8 – 25
<b>Class structure</b>	25 students, 1 teacher per subject	Classes and workshops, 12–20 students, one teacher per subject	Lectures, up to 700 people
<b>Tutorials and practicals</b>		Dependant on course	15 – 30 people, one subject teacher (tutor) complementary to lectures
<b>Style of learning</b>	Hands on and theory	Hands on and theory	Mostly theory but often hands on
<b>Qualifications</b>	VCE or VCAL or IB	Certificate I, II III, IV, diploma, advanced diploma	Bachelors degree (can lead to honours, masters, PhD)
<b>Teachers</b>	Secondary school teachers	Industry trained , industry professionals, teachers	Academics, researchers, industry professionals
<b>Cost</b>	Fee per school	Determined fee cost based on prior learning (less for health care card holders) per year	Full fee cost or CSP place fee: 2/3 government and 1/3 student

### DID YOU KNOW?

It's true not all jobs require a university education, but university graduates are more employable, earn more in their first few years when working and have a skills base which is highly transferable.



# Getting into university

## Application and selection procedure (VTAC)

All applications for undergraduate courses at Deakin need to be made through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). VTAC is the organisation that administers the application process for all Victorian universities and TAFE institutes. The *VTAC Guide*, which is available from most newsagencies in July, includes information about how to apply, course information, prerequisites, extra requirements, VCE results and ATARs (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank), and change of preferences.

Applications are made online and open in August and close at the end of September. A VTAC application consists of up to 12 courses placed in order of preference. A student can change their preferences once they have received their VCE results in December. This is an opportunity for students to make a realistic appraisal of their preferences against the clearly-in ATAR score required for admission to a course in the previous year.

For more information please visit [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) or [www.deakin.edu.au/future-students](http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students).

## Course offers

Deakin University begins making offers to successful applicants via VTAC in January each year. Offers are also available to view on the VTAC web site via *MyInfo*, and first round offers are published in the press provided your child has granted the necessary permission.

## Enrolment

Your child's VTAC offer letter will detail the time, date and venue of the Course Advice and Enrolment Session. This session gives your child the opportunity to speak to course advisers, who can help them with unit (subject) selections and provide an overview of the course.

## Pathways to Deakin

Deakin's Associate Degree of Arts, Business and Sciences is a two year, full-time (or part-time equivalent) course which introduces students to university study in a supported tertiary environment. It is the ideal first step for students who may not have traditionally qualified for university entry and participants can receive up to 18 months credit into a range of Deakin bachelors degrees. The Associate Degree is offered at Deakin's Warrnambool Campus and in conjunction with our TAFE partners – Chisholm, East Gippsland, GOTAFE, SuniTAFE and South West TAFE, giving students the opportunity to commence their university studies close to home.

For more information, please visit [www.deakin.edu.au/doorstep](http://www.deakin.edu.au/doorstep).

Deakin also has a range of formal pathway programs and special credit arrangements with partner organisations including Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology (MIBT); Box Hill Institute of TAFE, Melbourne; Gordon Institute of TAFE, Geelong; and South West Institute of TAFE, Warrnambool. In addition, the University also recognises prior study from other education providers.

Deakin goes out of its way to welcome students admitted on the basis of their VET qualifications through:

- » transparent credit for prior learning processes
- » flexible learning options such as off-campus, online and part-time study
- » student services
- » special orientation programs.

For more information about pathways into Deakin please visit [www.deakin.edu.au/pathways](http://www.deakin.edu.au/pathways).

## Deferments

Deakin has recently made deferring study a whole lot easier. Most courses now allow students to postpone their studies to work or travel, but still retain their University place, for **up to two years**. Your child can apply for deferment after they have received an offer, using the form at [www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/accept-your-offer/defer](http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/accept-your-offer/defer). This form must be lodged within five days of receiving an offer. For more information, phone 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733).

### Applying for Deakin's Gap Year Program

Your child can apply for Deakin's Gap Year Program after they have received an offer, using the deferral form provided at [www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/accept-your-offer](http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/accept-your-offer), within the specified time. If gap year plans change, students can begin their studies in Trimester 2 or 3. This option is subject to the availability of places and unit choice.

For more information, phone 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733).

## DID YOU KNOW?

Students straight from secondary school can enrol in professional bachelors degrees, such as Law, Commerce and Management at Deakin without having to complete another degree first, allowing them to start their career and earn an income sooner.

# Costs and assistance

A qualification from Deakin University is an investment in the future, so knowing how much an undergraduate degree is likely to cost is helpful, not just for your own financial planning, but also for your child. There are a number of financial support options available at Deakin and from the Commonwealth Government. These may include student concessions, scholarships or assistance to help take the load off course fees and living expenses.

## Tuition costs for Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) students

Depending on the course, an Australian Commonwealth supported undergraduate student at Deakin in 2011 can expect to pay between \$4355 and \$9080 per year of study. There are several fee levels or 'bands' and different courses attract different costs. How much a student pays depends on the course and subjects in which they are enrolled. Please note: these costs were relevant for 2011 students and may change in 2012 and beyond.

Eligible students may obtain loans via the Higher Education Contribution Scheme-Higher Education Loan Program (HECS-HELP). Repayments are made through the Australian taxation system once annual income exceeds the minimum threshold for repayment. Alternatively, eligible students can pay their contribution upfront and receive a discount.

For information on fees, please visit [www.deakin.edu.au/fees](http://www.deakin.edu.au/fees).

## General costs

Other costs to consider include living costs and course-related expenses such as computer equipment, books, field trips and special equipment or clothing.

## Scholarships

Deakin recognises and rewards students who demonstrate outstanding academic skills through its wide range of academic excellence scholarships. The University is also committed to access and equity and the majority of our scholarships are developed specifically for people who might not otherwise have the opportunity to access higher education – students from disadvantaged backgrounds, rural and regional areas, students with a disability, mature-age students and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Deakin accommodation scholarships are available to commencing full-time students who have moved from rural and regional locations

to study on campus at either the Geelong campuses or the Warrnambool Campus. These scholarships include up to \$8000 towards annual accommodation costs in University residences.

For more information on scholarships please visit [www.deakin.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.deakin.edu.au/scholarships).

## Government financial assistance

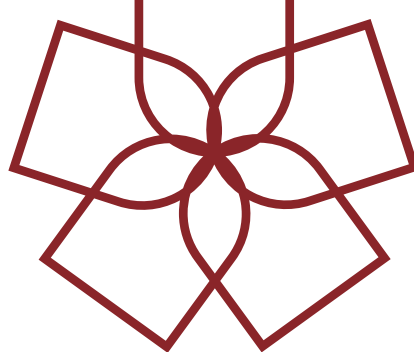
For details about the forms of government financial assistance available to students, including Austudy and Youth Allowance and the Student Start-up Scholarship, please visit the Centrelink web site at [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au), or phone:

- » Youth and student services 13 2490
- » ABSTUDY 13 2317
- » Centrelink 13 1021.

Student contribution band	2011 student contribution range
<b>Band 3</b>	
Law, Dentistry, Medicine, Accounting, Economics, Public Relations, Administration, Commerce	\$9080
<b>Band 2</b>	
Computing, Built Environment, Health, Engineering, Surveying	\$7756
<b>Band 1</b>	
Arts/Humanities, Behavioural Science, Social Studies, Foreign Languages, Visual and Performing Arts, Education, Nursing	\$5442
<b>National Priority Band</b>	
Mathematics, Statistics and Science	\$4355



# Life at Deakin



## Accommodation – options and costs

### On campus (residences)

For many students going to university means leaving home and moving into university residences. There are many accommodation options available to students, including on-campus accommodation as well as more independent style living such as rented units and houses; shared and non shared. A great option for many students is to live on-campus and enjoy a living and learning environment that offers support, friendship and security. Residents often study together as well as participate in sports and athletics teams as well as socialise and form strong friendship bonds. On-campus accommodation, which includes a fully furnished bedroom, with shared bathroom facilities, and kitchen and lounge too, is available at all Deakin's Burwood, Waurin Ponds and Warrnambool Campuses. Costs range between around \$8000 to 9800, dependant on campus location.

For more information and how to apply for on-campus accommodation, please visit [www.deakin.edu.au/studentlife/residences](http://www.deakin.edu.au/studentlife/residences).

### Private off-campus accommodation

Many students choose to rent flats, units, and share houses with other students. Deakin University's Off-Campus Housing Service offers assistance to all Deakin students wanting to organise accommodation.

We have Housing Officers available at each campus to assist students with their housing needs. Our service maintains a housing database of local properties that are currently available, together with current prices.

For more information about off-campus accommodation, please visit

[www.deakin.edu.au/studentlife/accommodation/off-campus](http://www.deakin.edu.au/studentlife/accommodation/off-campus).

## Campuses

Lifestyle is almost as important as study when it comes to success at university – and at Deakin students can choose between four campuses – one in Melbourne, two in Geelong and one in Warrnambool, as well as studying off campus. Each Deakin campus boasts a range of modern facilities and offers a unique atmosphere – from the inspiring architecture and bayside appeal of our Geelong Waterfront Campus, to the bustling cafe culture of our Melbourne Burwood Campus, the spectacular coastal location at our Warrnambool Campus or the mix of activity and open space at our Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus.

## University life

University offers your child a new and independent way to study, as well as the chance to enjoy social interaction and international study opportunities. This is a very exciting but sometimes daunting time, as it is can be different from what you and your child are used to.

### Support services

It's important to remember that you are not on your own when it comes to navigating this transition in your lives. Deakin has a number of support and liaison services for students, including study skills, disability liaison and support services, personal and financial counselling, childcare services, health services, international student services as well as careers advice and housing support.

### Transition program

A good way for your child to find out what is available and to start creating social networks is for them to attend Orientation Week. Through Deakin's transition program we continue supporting new students throughout the first year of university, to ensure they can more easily make that transition into the very different style of learning that university requires. University is also one of the first chances your child will have to take full responsibility for their own learning, and Deakin offers a range of options so students can create a schedule of study that suits their lifestyle needs.

### Combining work and study

With many students now having to find part-time work to help supplement their living and study costs, deciding how they want to study can be a major decision in that first year. As well as full-time and part-time study options, Deakin's range of online facilities allow students to access tutorials, lectures, podcasts and virtual study groups if they cannot attend face-to-face lectures.

Taking at least one unit online is a part of every Deakin course, to ensure students can keep up to date with the changing technologies they might have to use in their careers.

Off-campus study, or distance education as it is also known, is a good option for students who want more flexibility to balance things such as work commitments with their university study.

## Deakin's Gap Year Program

Deakin's Gap Year Program allows new students to take some time away from studying without losing their place at university. Eligible students must first apply for a Deakin course, either through VTAC or directly to the University, and then receive an offer. The gap year is sometimes used to work, travel or take some time off before returning to study.

Gap Year Program features:

- » defer studies for up to two years
- » gain credit for learning that occurred during the gap experience
- » study units linked to the enrolled degree on or off campus – perfect for those working or only travelling for a few months
- » still attend Deakin events and lectures
- » connect with other Deakin students
- » access Deakin's libraries and career counselling services.

Taking a gap year can help:

- » gain independence
- » increase life skills
- » experience workplace environments
- » qualify for Youth Allowance
- » find an academic niche
- » build networks before study
- » recharge academic battery
- » build confidence.



# New courses in 2012



## Bachelor of Vision Science /Master of Optometry

Deakin University will offer the only accelerated dual-degree qualification in optometry, giving graduates the opportunity to register to practise in Australia, New Zealand and many other parts of the world, after just 3.5 years of full-time study. Year 12 students interested in pursuing a career in optometry will be eligible to apply for undergraduate entry to the Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry. The prerequisite for entry is VCE units 3 and 4 with a study score of 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English. Students are not required to complete the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT).

Professional recognition: Deakin Optometry graduates will be eligible to apply for registration with the Optometry Board of Australia (part of the Australian Health Practitioners Registration Authority), and the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board of New Zealand (subject to accreditation). Once registered to practise in Australia, optometrists are eligible to register as a Medicare Service Provider.

## Bachelor of Psychology

Deakin now offers the Bachelor of Psychology at the Melbourne Burwood Campus with an ATAR of 85.10, in addition to the Geelong Waurm Ponds Campus with an ATAR of 79.65. This is a four-year course covering behavioural and clinical neuroscience, child and adolescent psychology, forensic psychology and psychopathology. Deakin's Bachelor of Psychology can be tailored to suit interests in the above specialist areas and lead to a wide range of careers.

## Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science

Deakin is excited to announce that our Sport program is being expanded, with the popular Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science course to be offered at Geelong, in addition to Burwood, from 2012.

The course covers:

- » exercise testing, prescription and programming
- » use of technology in sport and exercise
- » understanding injury management and rehabilitation
- » nutritional, psychological and behavioural aspects of exercise and sport.

## Proposed new courses in 2012

Please check Deakin's web site after 1 September 2011 for confirmation and further details.

### Bachelor of Network Engineering

First intake: Trimester 1, 2012  
*On campus Domestic*  
(Melbourne Burwood Campus)  
*On campus International*  
(Melbourne Burwood Campus)\*

### Bachelor of Zoology and Animal Science

First intake: Trimester 1, 2012  
*On campus Domestic*  
(Geelong Waurm Ponds Campus)  
*On campus International*  
(Geelong Waurm Ponds Campus)\*

### Bachelor of Fisheries and Aquaculture

(renamed from Bachelor of Environmental Science Fisheries Management and Aquaculture)  
First intake: Trimester 1, 2012  
*On campus Domestic*  
(Warrnambool Campus)  
*On campus International*  
(Warrnambool Campus)\*

### Bachelor of Zoology and Animal Science (Honours)

First intake: Trimester 1, 2015  
*On campus Domestic*  
(Geelong Waurm Ponds Campus)  
*On campus International*  
(Geelong Waurm Ponds Campus)\*

\*Pending CRICOS code



• PARENT  
PROFILE

Nicky Lloyd  
Mother of Sophie Coldwell  
Bachelor of Commerce  
Melbourne Burwood Campus

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The transition from school to university can be a really difficult one, so a supportive environment was important, which I think Deakin has. Sophie didn't have a specific career path in mind, so as she developed her interests I wanted the course to be adaptable, so she could eventually pursue her chosen career. I've always seen Deakin as more progressive and forward thinking – it also has really good links with the business world. Since Sophie started at Deakin my view hasn't changed, it has been cemented!

## University jargon

**AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSION RANK (ATAR):** The comparative percentile ranking for students in their final year of secondary school in Australia.

**BACHELORS DEGREE:** An undergraduate award. Normally the first university degree undertaken.

**CLEARLY-IN ATAR:** The ATAR most school-leaver applicants need to achieve to be offered a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) in a particular course.

**COMBINED COURSES:** An approved combination of courses in complementary areas, undertaken simultaneously, which leads to the conferral of two awards e.g. Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws. This means students can complete two degrees in a shorter time than it would take to complete the degrees separately.

**CONCURRENT COURSES:** This is a grouping of a degree course and a diploma, i.e. Bachelor of Management/Advanced Diploma of Tourism Management.

**COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACE (CSP):** A university place for which the government makes a contribution towards the cost of a student's education.

**FACULTY:** An organisational division within a university; for example, the Faculty of Arts and Education is one of four Faculties at Deakin University. Within each Faculty are several schools, i.e. the School of Law is within the Faculty of Business and Law.

**FLEXIBLE DELIVERY:** Offering students a range of course delivery options, such as on-campus and off-campus study, which they can switch between during their university course, if required.

**HIGHER EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION SCHEME-HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAM (HECS-HELP):** A loan scheme that helps eligible CSP students pay for tuition costs.

**HONOURS:** Honours is an additional year of specialised study, usually taken after a three-year bachelors degree, which can either provide a competitive edge in the job market or a pathway into a postgraduate or research degree.

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

**MAJOR:** An approved group of at least six credit points of related units that are taken in sequence at each level of a course. In some cases, students can enrol in more than one major sequence.

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

**PREREQUISITE:** Subjects that must be successfully completed to be considered for selection into a course.

**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 throughout the state. It is calculated from the student's results in assessments and examinations in that study.

**TRIMESTER:** A method of organising the academic year into three 12-week teaching periods.

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

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

**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.

**VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC):** Centralised admissions centre for most undergraduate university and TAFE or equivalent courses in Victoria.

For a comprehensive list of common terms please visit [www.deakin.edu.au/glossary](http://www.deakin.edu.au/glossary).

## Further information

### Contact us

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**E** [enquire@deakin.edu.au](mailto:enquire@deakin.edu.au)  
[www.deakin.edu.au](http://www.deakin.edu.au)

For the latest information about new courses at Deakin University, please visit [www.deakin.edu.au](http://www.deakin.edu.au).

### Discover Deakin online

You can follow Deakin University through Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Connect with other future students and ask current students and staff about life and study at Deakin.

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

### Other useful web sites

Future students  
[www.deakin.edu.au/future-students](http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students)

VTAC  
[www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

Subject information  
[www.deakin.edu.au/handbook](http://www.deakin.edu.au/handbook)

Campuses  
[www.deakin.edu.au/campuses](http://www.deakin.edu.au/campuses)  
[www.deakin.edu.au/tour](http://www.deakin.edu.au/tour)

Clubs and societies  
[www.dusa.org.au/pages/your-clubs-communities](http://www.dusa.org.au/pages/your-clubs-communities)

Scholarships  
[www.deakin.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.deakin.edu.au/scholarships)



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# 2011 DEAKIN UNIVERSITY IMPORTANT DATES

## APPLICATION PROCESS

1 August	VTAC applications open
1 August	SEAS, timely applications and scholarships open
30 September	Timely VTAC applications close
11 October	SEAS applications close
21 October	Scholarships applications close
11 November	Late VTAC applications close (late fee applies)
Mid December	Very late VTAC applications close (very late fee applies)
December	Change of Preference (check Deakin website for details)

## OPEN DAYS

14 August	Warrnambool Campus
21 August	Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus
21 August	Geelong Waterfront Campus
28 August	Melbourne Burwood Campus

## DISCOVER DEAKIN

27 September	Melbourne Burwood Campus
27 September	Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus
27 September	Geelong Waterfront Campus
27 September	Warrnambool Campus

