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IMPORTANT DATES

Deakin Accelerate applications close
Friday 27 November

Change of Preference events
Friday 11 December

- **Melbourne Burwood Campus**
  10am–3pm
- **Geelong Waterfront Campus**
  12–2pm
- **Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus**
  12–2pm
- **Warrnambool Campus**
  12–2pm
- **CP Hotline – 03 9246 8604**
  10–11 December
  8am–5pm
  Wednesday 23 December
  9.30am–5.30pm

Career Practitioners' Seminar
Thursday 18 February 2027

MAJOR EVENTS

2027 Career Practitioners' Seminar

Thursday 18 February
Burwood Campus



We hope to see you at the 2027 Career Practitioners' Seminar at our Burwood campus.

You'll receive the latest course updates, insights and resources, while gaining valuable information to help your students make confident decisions about their future study and career pathways.

At the seminar, you'll:

- Hear from Deakin Distinguished Professor and Executive Dean, Professor Nick Birbilis, as he shares the latest developments, opportunities and future directions within the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment
- Gain insight into the student journey and the support available to students from offer through to their first weeks at university
- Learn about new degrees, facilities, programs and events
- Take part in interactive workshops that showcase our courses, learning experiences and support services
- Have the opportunity to tour our campus, including our new engineering facilities
- Connect with Deakin staff, academics, students and fellow careers practitioners.

▶ REGISTER NOW

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE SUPPORT

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

As the #1 Victorian university for course satisfaction*, we'll help you find the path to a future you'll love.

- **Personalised 1:1 support** from course experts and current students.
- **Explore** course and pathway options.
- **Discover** support services and student life.
- **Join** student-led campus and accommodation tours.
- **See** our world-class facilities and learning spaces.

ON CAMPUS

Chat one-on-one with staff and students, visit the course information expo, take student-led campus tours, and get the information you need to take your next step.

Melbourne
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Warrnambool
Campus
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12pm – 2pm

PHONE AND ONLINE

Don't miss the opportunity to talk to our experts and get the information you need to make the best choice for your future.

	Thursday 10 December	Friday 11 December	Saturday 12 December
1800 693 888	7am – 7pm	8am – 5pm	9am – 12pm
Live Chat	7am – 9pm	8am – 7pm	9am – 12pm

MORE INFORMATION
deakin.edu.au/change-of-preference

* 2025 Graduate Outcomes Survey, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT). Deakin University CRICOS Provider Code: 00113B

Faculty of Arts and Education

Deakin communications graduates are leading dynamic careers

We tracked the careers of more than 2,000 Deakin communications graduates and found strong, progressive career paths across industries from marketing to journalism and media.

Key findings include:

- marketing specialist is the top occupation recorded
- seven of the top 10 occupations are marketing related
- one in eight graduates holds a leadership or managerial role
- chief executives or managing directors are in our top 10 occupations.

Where can you work with a communications degree?

The results show that clear, influential communicators are in demand starting out or moving up into leadership. A communications degree doesn't lock you into one industry, employer or job title. It builds capabilities that span roles, sectors and fields.

Our graduates work as:

- marketing specialists
- communications officers (public relations)
- journalists
- advertising managers.

They've also gone on to work with organisations including Geelong Cats, NAB, Cotton On Group, Seven Network and Telstra – while others are freelancing or self-employed.



'They (Deakin) taught me how to analyse information critically and avoid jumping to conclusions before understanding the full picture.'

Ashima Swami
Master of Communication
Manager at Media33

Communication degrees in the age of AI

Deakin communication students develop judgement and transferable capabilities to communicate intelligently and responsibly. While AI can produce comms at extraordinary speed the challenge is deciding what is accurate, ethical, appropriate – and attention worthy. AI makes human judgement more important, not less.

Find out how a communications degree can reflect your students' ambitions at the link below.

Find out more about Deakin's communications degrees



Faculty of Business and Law

Where Deakin property students meet industry



Every year, a select group of Deakin property students go head-to-head with the best in Australia and New Zealand, not in a lecture theatre, but on real property and financing challenges with experienced industry leaders judging the results.

PropConnex, a Sydney-based charity, runs the ANZ Real Estate Case Competition, connecting top tertiary students with the sectors they're studying to join. Top teams advance to the ANZ Final in Sydney, with a shot at the Global Final, hosted by Cornell University and PropConnex in New York. This year, two Deakin voices show what it builds: a graduate who returned to mentor the next generation, and a student who competed twice before joining the team behind it.

'It's a glimpse into their future work life,' says Tom Keel, Lecturer in Property, Real Estate and Sustainability, who coordinates Deakin's involvement. 'It gives students a live insight into the industry they're studying to work in.'

From competitor to mentor

Riley Pitcher – Deakin alum, Consultant, Strategic Capital Advisory, EY Parthenon

Riley competed in PropConnex as a Deakin student, captaining the team, before returning as an industry mentor.

'It was rewarding to see how much the team has improved over the past three years. What stood out most was how effectively the students combined their diverse skill sets to address the case and develop a bespoke, focused strategy.'

He saw students draw on their coursework, from sustainability principles to Estate Master valuation skills built in property development units, and apply that knowledge across double degrees like Law and Commerce to assess planning regulations and finance.

Riley leaned on his own Deakin network, bringing in senior industry leaders to run mock presentations with the team. 'It was the network I developed through my time at Deakin that enabled me to connect students with the support they needed.'

Employers notice, too. 'Anecdotally, when I spoke with my firm's hiring manager, PropConnex was used as a point of comparison between two candidates during the recruitment process.'

Two years a competitor, now showing others the ropes

Isaac Tymms – Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Property and Real Estate

Isaac competed in PropConnex for two years before joining the team behind it in 2026, co-hosting the Behind the Building video tours and an Alumni Analyst Panel at NAB.

'What stood out most was how real it felt. You're given a genuine investment problem and have to work through it the way an analyst or fund manager would, under time pressure and as a team.'

'Valuation, financial modelling, corporate finance and market analysis all had to work at once rather than in separate units. It also pushed me to think beyond the numbers and build a clear investment story, which is exactly what industry expects.'

'PropConnex gives students the chance to do the work before they're in the job… It also gives you something concrete to talk about in interviews and a network that opens doors. I'd encourage every Deakin property student to get involved.'

Why it matters for careers

'PropConnex helps students prepare for their careers by showing them what happens at the top of the industry and at what level the entry point is. For ambitious students who like to challenge themselves, it gives them a mark to aim for,' says Tom.

Find out more about Deakin's Bachelor of Property and Real Estate and double degrees

Pictured above (left to right): Rishita Sharma, Ricky Scanlon, Joseph Patrick Tuszynski, Jack Drummond, Jubran Qabo, Piper Susanne Goldsmith and Riley Pitcher.

Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment

Help young women ignite their future in STEM

Know a female student curious about engineering, IT or construction management? Deakin's IGNITED Scholarship is open for Trimester 1, 2027 and could be the push that turns that curiosity into a career.

Designed to encourage more women into fields where they remain under-represented, the scholarship offers eligible students **$625 per credit point (around $5,000 per year), either as cash or towards tuition fees**, plus access to an **academic mentor**. It's awarded for the normal full-time duration of the course, as long as students maintain a weighted average mark of 65.

Who can apply?

Female domestic students commencing an eligible undergraduate degree at Deakin in Trimester 1, 2027, studying full-time in a Commonwealth supported place, with an adjusted ATAR of 70 or above. Eligible courses span artificial intelligence, computer science, cyber security, data science, IT, software engineering, construction management and engineering.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Early round:
5pm on Thursday 3 December (Deakin must be listed in students' VTAC preferences)

Round one:
5pm on Wednesday 16 December

Re-offer round:
5pm on Wednesday 20 January 2027

Offers commence from 10 December, in line with ATAR release. Applications are open now and numbers are limited, so encourage students to apply before the early round closes.

Explore the IGNITED Scholarship and how to apply



2027 Deakin Accelerate program aplications closing soon!



Friday 27 November

Applications for the 2027 Deakin Accelerate program will close on Friday 27 November. Please remind any interested students that the closing date is fast approaching.

Deakin Accelerate provides students with the opportunity to complete two first-year university units at the same time as their Year 12 studies, either on campus at one of Deakin's four vibrant locations, or through our premium online learning platform.

Deakin Accelerate offers students the same benefits as studying a fifth or sixth VCE subject through an ATAR boost, while gaining university credit and reducing the cost and duration of their future degree.

We are offering 18 exciting study areas across a range of disciplines, giving students a variety of options to get a head start on their university study.

If you or your students have any questions about the program, please contact the Accelerate team via accelerate@deakin.edu.au or 03 9246 8188.

Find out more about the Deakin Accelerate program

Guaranteed RPL

Moving from TAFE to university just got easier!

Deakin recognises student's achievements and offers guaranteed recognition of prior learning (RPL) for eligible TAFE qualifications, as well as Deakin's associate degrees and Deakin College qualifications. Guaranteed RPL saves them study time and money, getting them closer to their dream course faster.



Pathways Finder

Your online tool helping students find alternate entry pathways to Deakin.

Deakin's Pathways Finder is an interactive online tool for students, parents and CP's highlighting the recommended pathways to every bachelor's degree at Deakin University. Features of our online Pathways Finder include:

- Which diploma pathways can offer guaranteed entry and RPL to courses at Deakin
- Ability to search by course or area of interest
- Refine search by Year 12 status and ATAR
- Suggested alternative courses that could pathway internally at Deakin University
- Recommended diploma and advanced diploma pathways from Deakin College and our TAFE partners
- Ability to send web links with results.

Our online Pathways Finder enables students to find information on pathways to their preferred course at Deakin. It will enable you to support students to make better preference choices and explore their options.

See all the pathways your students could explore to get to Deakin University at the link below.

Use our Pathways Finder tool

Scholarships for Year 12 international students

Great news for your Year 12 international students! Deakin offers guaranteed scholarships for eligible international students based on their ATAR results:

ATAR 70 and above:

20% tuition fee reduction through the
Deakin International 20% Merit Scholarship

ATAR 75 and above:

25% tuition fee reduction through the
Deakin International Scholarship for Excellence

Please share this opportunity with your eligible students to help them plan their next steps with Deakin!

Eligibility criteria and scholarship conditions apply. Please refer to the links above for details.





ICONIP 2026 – competitions for high school students

This year, Deakin is hosting ICONIP 2026 from 23–27 November where there is opportunity for students to take part in exciting STEM competitions.

We encourage high school students from all year levels who are interested in artificial intelligence, robotics and emerging technologies to consider participating in these free team-based challenges that showcase their skills.

AI Misinformation Resilience Challenge

This global challenge invites students to use critical thinking, evidence, and reasoning to persuade an AI system to reconsider a fixed belief. Winners will be announced during ICONIP 2026. Entry is now open via the link below.

Drone Search and Find Competition

Students can put their drone and problem-solving skills to the test in this hands-on competition taking place during the conference.

This is a great opportunity for students to apply their technical skills and explore future career options while connecting with others interested in AI and innovation.

Find out more about the AI Misinformation Resilience Challenge

Find out more about the Drone Search and Find Competition

Accommodation and belonging – supporting student success



It's been another exciting year at Deakin Residential Services, with students across our communities embracing the opportunities that come with living on campus. From forming lifelong friendships to participating in leadership, wellbeing and community programs, Res has continued to provide a supportive environment that helps students thrive both personally and academically.

As students and their families begin making important decisions about life after school, we are here to help ensure they have a successful transition to university. Living on campus offers more than just a place to stay; it provides students with a strong sense of belonging, convenient access to classes and support services, and opportunities to build confidence and independence from day one. A range of residential scholarships are also available to help reduce the cost of living on campus for eligible students, making living on Res even more accessible and affordable.

We look forward to connecting with many of you throughout the coming months and continuing to support your students as they explore their accommodation options and prepare for university life. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and the important role you play in helping students navigate their next steps.

Applications for 2027 are now open!

Students considering living on campus in 2027 can now submit their accommodation application. Applying is **simple, quick and completely free**, with no obligation to accept an offer.

To assist in navigating this process, please see our helpful **step-by-step guide** that you can share with students and families who are beginning to explore their options.

Accommodation scholarships

Visit our **Deakin Res News** for further information regarding available scholarships, key dates and how to apply.

We're open 365 days a year! Book a tour with us

Download our Accommodation Guide

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