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Deakin Open Day events



We are delighted to share that Deakin University's 2026 Open Day events were a huge success. Across all four campuses, we welcomed thousands of prospective students and their families, creating a vibrant and engaging environment for future students to explore their study options.

Throughout the events, attendees had the opportunity to learn more about Deakin's wide range of courses, world-class facilities, student support services, and career pathways. From information sessions and campus tours to interactive demonstrations and faculty information booths, students were able to gain valuable insights into university life and make informed decisions about their future study choices.

It was wonderful to see so many students actively engaging with our academic staff and current students,

asking thoughtful questions and exploring the opportunities available to them at Deakin.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for encouraging your students to consider their future education pathways. If any of your students were unable to attend Open Day, we encourage you to share information about our upcoming events.

► **Find out more about Deakin's upcoming events**



2027 Career Practitioners' Seminar

Thursday 18 February
Burwood Campus



We're excited to welcome you back to our Burwood campus for Deakin's annual Career Practitioners' Seminar.

On the day, you will:

- Hear from our Executive Dean, Professor Nick Birbilis, as he shares an update on the latest developments, opportunities and future directions within the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment
- Learn about new degrees, facilities, programs and events
- Take part in interactive workshops that showcase our courses and learning experiences
- Connect with Deakin staff, academics, students and fellow careers practitioners.

Save the date now – you won't want to miss it!

Registration opens next month. Keep an eye out for your invitation email.



Deakin is the #1 Victorian university for course satisfaction.* Discover why at our Postgraduate Expo.

* 2025 Graduate Outcomes Survey, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT).



Postgraduate Expo

Thursday 1 October, 4–6pm
Deakin Downtown, Melbourne CBD

Thinking about postgrad study or know someone who is? Join us at Deakin's Postgraduate Expo to make it happen.

- Explore postgraduate courses and research degrees
- Connect 1:1 with academics and expert staff
- Learn about flexible and online study options, plus student support and financial assistance
- Get on-the-spot application support



Find out more and register now

Faculty of Business and Law and Faculty of Arts and Education

New business double degrees launch in 2027

Deakin's suite of business double degrees continues to grow in 2027, with two new options joining the line-up: Bachelor of Design/Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Communication. They sit alongside existing combinations such as Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Business, giving students even more ways to combine their interests, build a distinctive skill set and shape a career that reflects how they want to work.

Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Communication

What you will study

This new double degree combines professional business capabilities with professional communication expertise, equipping graduates with a versatile skill set valued across industries. Students will build knowledge in both business and communication before tailoring the degree through both business and communications majors, minors and electives. Work integrated learning is a core part of the degree, with domestic and international internships and volunteer experiences that build meaningful professional networks, supported by research-active academics and Deakin Business School's AACSB and EQUIS-accredited facilities, including the state-of-the-art Deakin Trading Room.

Choose your majors

Students choose a communications major in advertising, public relations, journalism or digital and social media, then pair it with a business major in marketing management, human resource management, project management, entrepreneurship and innovation, business management or AI and business information systems.

Who it's for

Students who want to lead conversations as confidently as they lead strategy, who are drawn to storytelling, brand and audience insight, while also seeking the commercial management foundations to lead teams and projects as their careers progress.

Where it leads

Graduates are prepared for careers such as digital communications manager, marketing specialist, human resources partner, business analyst and project manager, ready to move into expert and leadership roles that draw on both commercial thinking and communication expertise.

Bachelor of Design/Bachelor of Business

What you will study

This new double degree brings creative and commercial thinking together, designed for students who want to develop ideas that are both meaningful and commercially sound. Students build design expertise focused on understanding people, solving real problems and creating engaging solutions for audiences, alongside a solid grounding in business fundamentals.

Choose your majors

Students choose a double major across the degree: in design, from communication design or interactive and UX design; in business, from areas including business management, AI and business information systems, entrepreneurship and innovation, human resource management, marketing management and project management. Core units, an employability sequence and electives round out this progressive double degree.

Who it's for

Students who think visually and strategically, who want to design solutions, not just analyse them, and who see creativity and commercial thinking as two halves of the same skill set.

Where it leads

Graduates leave with skills spanning design, strategy, communication, problem solving and business management, along with a portfolio of creative work. Career pathways include UX designer, business analyst, marketing officer and brand manager.



Deakin puts employability first

Both degrees are shaped by employer input and give students hands-on experience employers actively look for. Deakin remains the #1 Victorian university for undergraduate business employment*, and Deakin's design degree is recognised by the Design Institute of Australia. Whichever double degree a student chooses, they graduate with the confidence that comes from having already done the work, not just studied it.



Find out more about Deakin's suite of Business double degrees

* Business and Management (Undergraduate) (Found full-time employment) CompareEd (QILT – Graduate Outcomes Survey) 2023–25. compared.edu.au



Faculty of Arts and Education

Deakin's Bachelor of Creative Arts becomes the Bachelor of Fine Arts

From 2027, Deakin's Bachelor of Creative Arts will be known as the Bachelor of Fine Arts. Same supportive academics, world-class teaching, industry-grade facilities – now with a name that captures the course's creative ambition.

Why has Deakin changed the course name?

Professor Meghan Kelly, Head of Deakin's School of Communication and Creative Arts, explains:

'The move to naming our course the Bachelor of Fine Arts recognises the practical, immersive, multi-disciplinary learning we offer in creative practice. We develop individual artistic practices, exploring ideas through a range of media and processes leading to career-ready graduates in arts practices.'

The Bachelor of Fine Arts name more clearly communicates the course's emphasis on immersive creative practice. Rather than simply learning about art, students spend their degree making, performing, experimenting, collaborating and presenting original work.

Students can major in:

- dance
- photography
- theatre
- visual arts
- writing.

Learn through creative practice

Fine arts students have access to purpose-built spaces. These include dance and performance studios, theatres, photography lighting studios and darkrooms, open-plan visual arts studios, galleries and production facilities.

Deakin is the #1 Victorian university for facilities and resources.* Students learn-by-doing in studios and performance venues, using digital production tools and working on collaborative multi-disciplinary projects. Industry experiences and support from practising academics help them develop their creative identity.

Essential hands-on experience

The hands-on approach also allows students to experience different creative roles. Willow, a Deakin Bachelor of Creative Arts student, says:

'Both my seminars and internship experiences have helped me to be able to adapt to roles on and off stage.'

Through her studies, Willow gained experience as a performer, set designer, lighting operator, scriptwriter and director, as well as completing an internship as an assistant designer.

Deakin puts employability first

Employability is built-into the Bachelor of Fine Arts. Students develop their career direction and professional story through dedicated employability units, with opportunities to explore leadership, entrepreneurship and internships.



**Find out more about
Deakin's Bachelor of Fine Arts**

* 2024 Student Experience Survey, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching.

Faculty of Business and Law

Four graduates, four different paths

As Deakin's Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Commerce are redesigned for 2027, four graduates show what's possible when a degree is built around real opportunities, placements, mentoring, internships and industry. Their paths look nothing alike. That's the point. There's no single way to build a career at Deakin, only the opportunities you choose to take.



**Failed a subject.
Now works at the AFL.**

**Harry Grech – studied
HR Management**

Harry's HR career started in his final trimester, when a lecturer encouraged him to take a role at Bunnings despite studying full-time. It turned into an extension, then a full-time job, then the AFL.

'I always had a passion for AFL and saw an opportunity pop up and then next thing you know I'm walking into AFL House.' He failed a subject in first year, one of the toughest moments of his degree. Repeating it became the turning point that shaped everything that followed.

'You can have setbacks. When I did (the unit) the second time round, I started realising I'd actually done a lot of this stuff. So, I did really well.'



**Turning overseas
experience into career
opportunity.**

**Millie Russell – studied
Project Management**

Millie took her learning global through an international consultancy project in Tokyo, Japan.

'My Tokyo internship taught me how to work under pressure and tight time frames. When I had the interview, they said that they really liked how I had that international consultancy experience.'

Now working in transformation delivery at KPMG, Millie's global experience and skills have set her up for success working with a large corporation.

'It's interesting to be able to see what I learned at university working in practise, which is really inspiring.'



**He didn't apply for
the job. He networked
his way in.**

**Leshane Kandegedara –
studied Accounting**

An international student from Sri Lanka, Leshane is already working in tax accounting, a role that came through connections, not applications, while he finishes his final semester.

'Starting my second year, I put myself out there a bit more. I started going for networking events and conferences. Ever since then, it's been an upwards journey in terms of the people I've met.'

Vice President of the Commerce Society. President of Beta Alpha Psi. Four internships alongside his studies, all before graduating.

'I got an internship in accounting. It's a good place to be in knowing that you have a job secured before you graduate.'



**She didn't wait for a job.
She built one.**

**Kaythlyn Bui – studied
Business**

Kaythlyn spotted a problem many international students face, expensive, complicated shipping between Vietnam and Australia and built the solution herself. What started as organising deliveries for friends is now a logistics business with a team working across both countries.

'My dream is still the same, the dream of business and entrepreneurship, but it's just bigger and more ambitious.'

'Every subject at Deakin, I can also apply to my own business.'

Hear it from them

Scan the QR codes to watch Harry, Millie, Leshane and Kaythlyn tell their own stories, in their own words.

Harry



Millie



Leshane



Kaythlyn



Where these majors sit in 2027

Bachelor of Business:

HR Management (Harry),
Project Management (Millie),
Entrepreneurship and
Innovation (Kaythlyn)

Bachelor of Commerce:

Accounting (Leshane)



**Find out more and explore our redesigned
Business and Commerce courses**

Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment

Designing the future: the doors an architecture degree can unlock

For students with big imaginations and curious minds, architecture can offer a rewarding, future-focused career path.

Whether they love to draw, build and create, wonder how things could be different, or simply have a knack for creative thinking and technical problem-solving, studying architecture can give students the skills to turn their ideas into meaningful, real-world designs. Plus, it's a career path with promising prospects. With a typical annual salary in Australia of \$100,000* and the profession projected to create more than 30,900 new jobs by 2035[^], now is an exciting time to consider a career in architecture.

At Deakin University, students develop their skills in an immersive, studio-based environment that strengthens their design thinking and technical expertise while supporting their pathway towards professional registration.

Based at Deakin's Geelong Waterfront Campus, students have access to the expansive A+B Studio and purpose-built workshops equipped with industry-grade 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC routers and traditional fabrication tools. Better yet, after a day of sketching, modelling and designing, they can step outside and feel inspired by the waterfront with the sand between their toes.

Students work on real-world briefs, participate in exhibitions and design events, engage directly with industry and collaborate with students from construction management and other disciplines. Supported by expert academics and practising architects, they'll gain real-world insights and build cross-disciplinary skills that can set them apart in the workplace.

For students considering where their creativity could take them after high school, architecture offers the opportunity to help shape the spaces and communities of the future.

Explore Deakin's architecture courses and help your students discover where their ideas could take them at the link below.

[Explore Deakin's architecture courses](#)

* SEEK, Typical salary in Australia, August 2026.

[^] Jobs and Skills Australia: Employment Projections May 2025–May 2035.





Deakin Accelerate webinar

Deakin Accelerate is a unique VCE extension study program designed to challenge high-achieving students with university-level learning opportunities. Students can get a head start on their degree and boost their ATAR by completing two first-year university units alongside their Year 12 studies.

Students, parents, career practitioners and VCE coordinators are invited to join us virtually to learn about the Deakin Accelerate program. You'll hear from past Accelerate students, explore the many program benefits, and find out about the application process.

Wednesday 21 October 2026

6:00pm–7:00pm

Online via Zoom

▶ [Register here for Deakin's Accelerate webinar](#)

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 poster – 2027 version now available!

In the upcoming September mail out from Deakin, you will be receiving two of our 2027 Pathways to Deakin poster.

This year we have included:

- Bachelor's degrees that could lead to course transfers within Deakin University
- Associate degree pathways to courses at Deakin University
- Recommended diploma pathways through Deakin College and our TAFE partners
- Information on which courses are eligible for guaranteed RPL.

The easy-to-use poster is ideal to consult when counselling students about their VTAC preferences. We know many of you find this poster ideal to place on your office wall for both you and your students to refer to, complementing our online Deakin Pathways Finder.

▶ [Download your digital copy of our Pathways poster](#)

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 career practitioners 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.

▶ [Use our Pathways Finder tool](#)

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE SUPPORT



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 Burwood Campus Friday 11 December 10am – 3pm	 Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus Friday 11 December 12pm – 2pm	 Geelong Waterfront Campus Friday 11 December 12pm – 2pm	 Warrnambool Campus Friday 11 December 12pm – 2pm
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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

Deakin Res at Open Day

Deakin Res was excited to welcome prospective students, families and school communities to our Open Days across Burwood, Waurin Ponds, Waterfront and Warrnambool throughout August.

Visitors had the opportunity to tour our accommodation precincts, connect with current residents, and experience first-hand how living on campus supports student success through community, wellbeing support, and lifelong connections.

We sincerely thank you for the important role you play in encouraging students to attend Open Day and explore their future options. We look forward to continuing to work alongside you as students plan their transition to university and residential living.

Didn't get to experience our campuses in person?

Take a virtual tour of our accommodation communities by clicking on the links below:

- [Warrnambool Campus Tour](#)
- [Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus Tour](#)
- [Geelong Waterfront Campus Tour](#)
- [Melbourne Burwood Campus Tour](#)

▶ **We're open 365 days a year!**
[Book a tour with us](#)

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 (link below) that you can share with students and families who are beginning to explore their options.

▶ [Step-by-step guide to applying for on-campus accommodation at Deakin](#)

▶ [Download our Accommodation Guide](#)



New and revised courses for VTAC selection

To assist you and your students in VTAC course selection, please find below a list of all course updates and their course codes for Trimester 1, 2027.

New and revised courses:

Bachelor of Business

- Waterfront course code: 1400414091
- Burwood course code: 1400514091
- Online: 1400614091

Bachelor of Commerce

- Waterfront course code: 1400414511
- Burwood course code: 1400514511
- Online: 1400614511

Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Communication

- Waterfront course code: 1400412321
- Burwood course code: 1400512321
- Online: 1400612321

Bachelor of Design/Bachelor of Business

- Waurin Ponds course code: 1400312311
- Burwood course code: 1400512311
- Online: 1400612311

Bachelor of Fine Arts (formerly Bachelor of Creative Arts)

- Burwood course code: 1400511391

Bachelor of Digital Marketing and Advertising

- Burwood course code: 1400512301
- Online: 1400612301

Discontinued courses:

Language diplomas – continue to be available as majors or minors in the Bachelor of Arts

- Diploma of Arabic
- Diploma of Chinese
- Diploma of Indonesian
- Diploma of Spanish

Bachelor of International Studies (Global Scholar) – students can still study Bachelor of International Studies

- Waterfront course code: 1400414031
- Burwood course code: 1400514031
- Online: 1400614031

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