Dates to Diarise in Term 4
• Year 12 VTAC very late applications – until 4 December 2015

Accessing VCE Results via SMS
Students must pre-register if they wish to receive their results by text message. To pre-register students will need to send a message to 19 787 888 with their VCE student number (just the eight digit number, not including the letter on the end) then a space and then their PIN (4 digits).

Non-Year 12 students: The PIN is the first four digits of their date of birth e.g. 21 November = 2111.
Year 12 students: The PIN is the first four digits of their date of birth e.g. 21 November = 2111 unless students changed their PIN online as was recommended.

This SMS will cost $1.10 max (incl. GST). Students must send this message from the mobile number they want the results delivered to. Registrations open at 9.00am on Monday 9 November and will close at 12 midnight on Sunday 13 December and the results and ATAR will then be sent to the registered mobile number at approximately 7.00am Monday 14 December 2015.
Students who will be overseas as this time should NOT register to have their results sent by SMS, but rather access them on the internet.

Students encountering problems should please contact the helpline on 1800 501 083. Instructions on registering for SMS are also available on the VTAC website at VTAC SMS
Year 12 students who have paid their VTAC fees will receive a copy of their ATAR statement through the post commencing Tuesday 15 December 2015.
### Dates of Main Round Tertiary Offers for all States

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| VTAC  | International students Early Offers – Monday 21 December 2015  
Local students – Monday 18 January 2016 |
| SATAC | Tuesday 19 January 2016 |
| UAC   | Wednesday 20 January 2016 |
| QTAC  | Thursday 14 January 2016 |
| TISC  | Wednesday 20 January 2016 |

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### Low Income Healthcare Card for Australian Students

Once you have finished school you are no longer a student and you may be eligible for a Low Income Health Care Card.

This card gives access to a range of concessions, not only on some health care items but also on a range of other goods and services. In particular, TAFE and other short courses offer substantial discounts for cardholders.

You may also be eligible for public transport concessions (note that if you are studying interstate you are not eligible for public transport concessions in Victoria).

Eligibility for a Low Income Health Care Card is based on **YOUR** income over the previous 8 weeks. As long as your income is less than $4248 over that period you should qualify. You will maintain the Low Income Health Care Card as long as your income does not exceed $5310 in any 8 week period.

It is recommended that all graduating Year 12 students consider applying for this card once the exams are over.

Visit [Low Income Healthcare Card](#) and download the application form at [Low Income Healthcare Card Application](#).
The year maybe nearly over, but creativity never stops at the Academy!
The Academy of Design is holding an Open Day in December and there will also be a range of free workshops for students to attend. Registration is important!

**Date:** Thursday 3 December 2015  
**Time:** 3.00pm - 7.00pm  
**Where:** 220 Ingles Street in Port Melbourne  
**Registrations are important! Visit** Academy of Design

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**The Monash Asylum Seekers Bursary**

For a number of years Monash University has been helping recent refugees attend university through its equity scholarships. In 2016, two bursaries specifically for asylum seekers will be awarded.

Benefits of the bursary include:
- Full tuition fees paid for the duration of the chosen degree
- An annual support bursary of A$3000

Monash University invites all international students who are holding a Bridging Visa A or E to apply. Applications close on Friday 11 December and applicants will be advised of the outcome by Friday 29 January 2016.

Visit the Monash Asylum Seekers Bursary web page for more information and to access the application form, or contact the Scholarships Unit on (03) 9905 3069.

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**VCA & MCM Summer School Program**

Focussed on developing a broad range of techniques, the **Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) & Melbourne Conservatorium of Music’s (MCM) Summer School** courses are perfect for extending skills for VCE, preparing students for undergraduate studies, having a great time and learning something that students are passionate about!

Taught by leading industry experts, the Summer Schools are a great way to deepen understanding, grow confidence and have fun. Students interested in **Theatre, Music Theatre, Film & TV, Pop Song Writing, Dance, Musicianship, Visual Art and Gaming** might like to consider attending.

Summer Schools are either three or five days long and take place within the two weeks of Monday 11 January to Friday 22 January 2016.

Find out more at VCA & MCM Short Courses
Prosthetics and Orthotics at La Trobe University

La Trobe University is one of only three universities in the world offering a qualification in Prosthetics and Orthotics — the *Bachelor of Applied Science and Master of Clinical Prosthetics and Orthotics*. This course offers practical experience, and is the only course of its kind in the Asia-Pacific region with institutions in Scotland and Sweden offering a similar program.

*Prosthetics and orthotics are clinical disciplines that deal with artificial limbs (prostheses) for people with amputations and supportive devices (orthoses) for people with musculoskeletal weakness or neurological disorders.* Students study anatomy, physiology, biomechanics, prosthetic and orthotic prescription, and design and fabrication. They also develop strong practical skills in research methodology, clinical assessment and the application of prosthetic and orthotic techniques. Clinical placements make up a very important part of the program. All students enrolled in the Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Clinical Prosthetics and Orthotics will undertake education at a clinical school during the fourth year of the course over a period of 16 weeks. In addition, a professional placement program of 16 weeks full time duration will be undertaken in the final 12 months. A professional education placement component of the program may need to be undertaken interstate. There is also an option for some students to undertake their placement overseas.

VCE requirements are Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in two of Biology, Chemistry, any Mathematics, Physical Education or Physics.  
Find out more at [Prosthetics & Orthotics](#)

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Career in the Police Force

Being a police officer no ordinary job! In fact, it is rather an extraordinary career. People who want to be part of a dynamic organisation that is dedicated to making Victoria a safer place to work and live, and who is looking to make a difference every day of their working lives, might like to visit [Police Careers](#) and find out more about the range of careers, as well as the application requirements!

Students often enquire as to the *physical requirements* they need to enter the police force. Watch a YouTube video at [YouTube](#) to find out more! Students keen on further YouTube videos regarding the Victoria Police, can watch them at [VPBlueTube](#)

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Diploma Courses

La Trobe College of Art & Design is a small college in the centre of Melbourne offering specialised courses in *visual art, digital media and design.*
In the Diploma of Visual Art, students develop a range of technical and conceptual strategies in art making whilst developing an individual direction. Students undertake subjects in studio art, painting methods, sculpture, drawing and contemporary art theory, along with photography, and digital media.

In the Diploma of Graphic Design, students gain an understanding of fundamental design practices including concept development, typography, layout design and creative thinking.

For more information about the application process and selection criteria visit La Trobe College of Art & Design