



# Marian College

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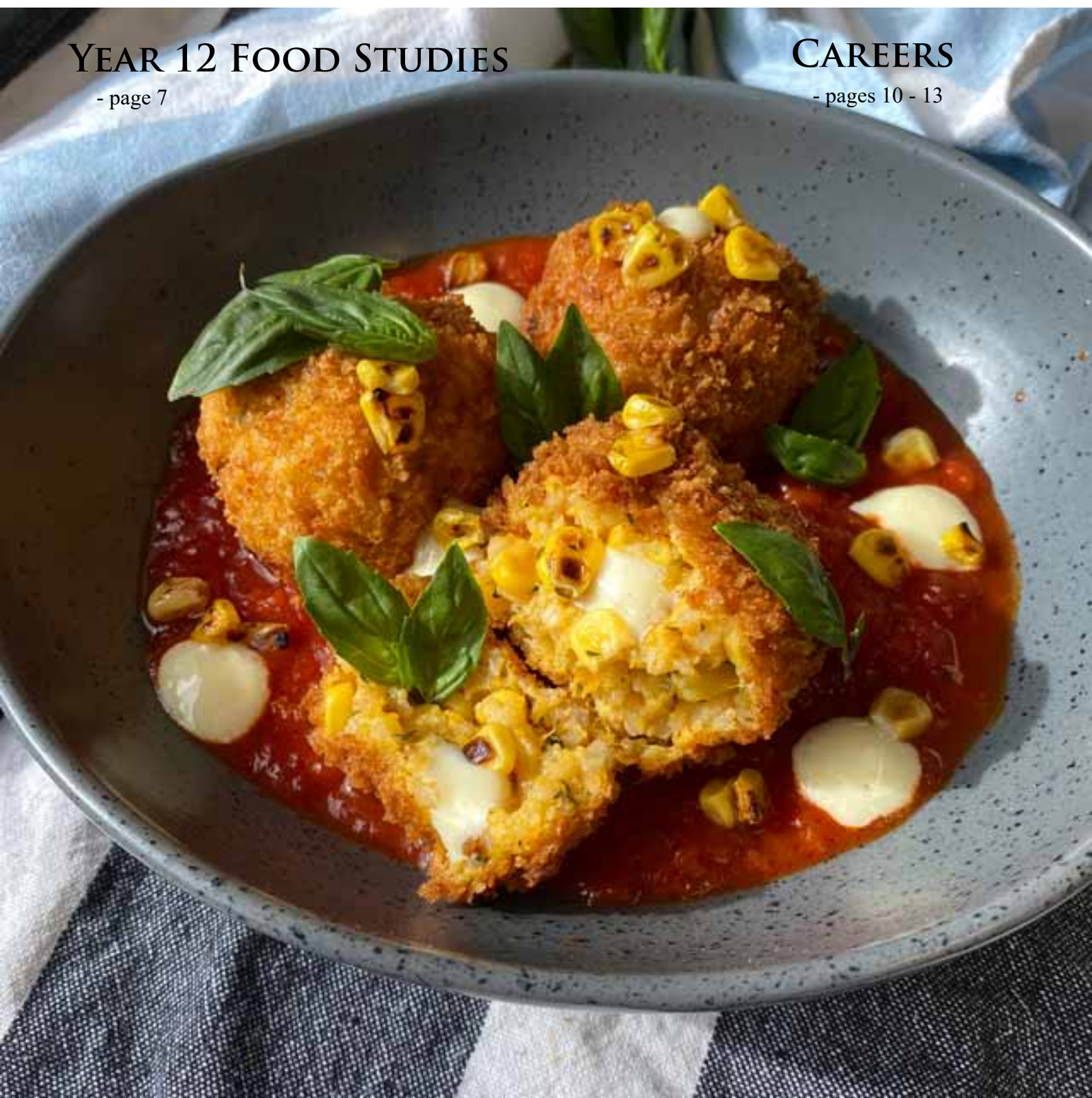
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# *From the Head of Organisation & Student Pathways*



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Students of Marian College,

❖ *We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,*

❖ *We strive for continuous improvement*

***Lord, it's likely that sometime  
today***

***someone will push my buttons***

***challenge my good will***

***misread my intentions***

***tick me off***

***try my patience***

***rattle my cage***

***judge me in haste***

***test my kindness***

***or do all of the above...***

***Give me the grace I'll need at  
such times***

***to respond with patience***

***to trust and accept***

***to listen carefully***

***to reach out in peace***

***to be fair and just***

***to anticipate goodness***

***in all my words and deeds...***

***I know this is a lot to ask, Lord,  
but I need your help***

***to do for others***

***as I'd have them do for me...***

***Amen.***

## **Change and kindness ...**

In the midst of this time of turmoil it is hard sometimes to be kind. As Acting Principal Mr Matthew Summers has been challenging the staff at Marian College with a quote from **The Hobbit** by J.R.R. Tolkien:

"Some believe it is only great power that can hold evil in check, but that is not what I have found. I have found it is the small everyday deeds of ordinary folk that keep the darkness at bay. Small acts of kindness and love."

This has been inspiring and reminds us all that even when we are told we are in lockdown for seven days but come out of it after three and left reeling with the rapidity of the change, we know that being kind to each other will keep us from falling in a heap.

One of the many hilarious paradoxes of life are our routines. They keep us steady and connected and committed. They help to keep us in line. They help us when everything else feels like it is changing. They help when life feels like it is out of control. These same routines can also be mindlessly dull and cause us to question why we are doing what we do. They can make us wonder about what we do this for and can spur us on to make some changes! We do like changes, but we usually want to choose them for ourselves. Life is tricky sometimes.

## **Things coming up this week**

We are getting used to the answer “No”. Yet, it is with much excitement that we can now proceed with some of our intersport activities at Marian College. Mr Michael Harricks is right on top of this and is enthusiastically organizing the next round of competitions that our students can participate in. Naturally, these are conducted within the COVID-19 Guidelines that the CECV have provided us with for schools in Regional Victoria. The Greater Western Region Senior Football is scheduled today and the Senior Basketball competition will be held on Tuesday at the Ararat Fitness Centre.

We have just finished our Subject Selection Process. I am hoping that you have had a chance to have some discussions with your child about the subjects they would like to do next year. Usually, this is a time when students can choose electives that they are good at and get a bit excited about doing them. Thank you for all your input into making these decisions with your student. We also provided the opportunity for parents to discuss VCE/VCAL and VET options with current Year 10 students. I hope you had a chance to talk to your child’s TA teacher. This is a good time to work out what is the best fit for your child.

Fred Hyde Day and ‘Marian’s Got Talent’ are both happening on Friday 20th August. The Year 12’s have worked hard to make this a day for the whole school to celebrate. We are looking forward to seeing all the talented students that are at our school. It is a casual clothes day and students are asked to bring a gold coin donation that will go towards the Fred Hyde fund raising.

This week is also Well-being week. This means that we will be focusing on providing students with opportunities to engage in talking about how to improve their well-being as well as how we do this as a school. Many of us have character strengths that are invaluable to us when we are faced with challenges. It is great to share these character strengths with

others and encourage them to exercise their own character strengths.

We are halfway through Term 3. The days are getting longer and just a bit warmer. This is a sign that spring is on the way and that means more sunshine and warmer weather. Let’s look forward to Spring and Summer together.

Lucy Edwards  
Head of Organisation and  
Student Pathways



# FRED HYDE DAY

incorporating

## MARIAN'S GOT TALENT

Friday 20th August 2021



**PLEASE BRING ALONG  
MONEY TO SUPPORT OUR  
KINDER IN BANGLADESH**



**GOLD COIN DONATION**




**MARIAN'S GOT TALENT**



**BBQ, FOOD &  
DRINK STALLS**



**GAMES & ACTIVITIES**



# LET YOUR STAR SHINE!

PERFORM YOUR BEST AT MARIAN  
COLLEGE'S ANNUAL  
'**MARIAN'S GOT TALENT!**'  
**AUGUST 20, 2021 | 1:20 - 2:55 PM**

*THERE WILL BE A CLEAN UP AFTER THE SHOW!*

Our panel of judges:


Sister John

Mr. M. Summers

Mrs. M. Hogan

And a Surprise Year 12 Judge

For inquiries or to register your participation, fill in the  
Google Form on Simon or email  
[2620@mcarrarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:2620@mcarrarat.catholic.edu.au) for more information



# BARRON

NEWS



## FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

### Perspective - Fred Hyde Day

Perspective is one of the character strengths that most students are familiar with from the Positive Education component of our OAK program (wellbeing). *Perspective* is the ability to see the big picture in life.

I have been reflecting on this a lot lately as we shift in and out of lockdowns and adjust to government regulations and the whims of the Covid virus. We hear a lot about Covid and vaccinations and sport on a daily basis via the media, but what else is happening in our world that needs our attention? Myanmar and Yemen, for example, are places dealing with horrific violence and poverty - people are being killed and people are starving. Those places are not immune from the Covid pandemic. Currently, Afghanistan is being reclaimed by the Taliban, after twenty years of struggle to free the people there from Taliban rule. This means that as we attend school today in relative comfort, girls and women in Afghanistan are prevented from accessing any education, and face brutal and inhumane laws and violence. Being aware of our world and considering others' situations in relation to our own can help us to gain perspective and aid us to 'not sweat the small stuff' in our day.

This Friday, Fred Hyde Day, is an opportunity for us to do just that: to think about people in our world, consider their circumstances, and to act with compassion. On Fred Hyde Day, we will be raising funds for our Kinder on Bhola Island, Bangladesh. This is one of the most poverty-stricken places in the world, and recently Covid has prevented children there from accessing their education. Fred Hyde Day is therefore a significant day for our school, a day where our compassion and sense of justice is at the forefront of our thoughts. The day, including Marian's Got Talent, is definitely fun, but that's not why we do it. It gives us the space to reflect and to think with perspective. The greatest talent we get on stage is not the voice or the dance moves, but the courage shown by many of the contestants. It's a day that is not about us, but about other people. We are all part of the Marian College community and we are all part of a larger picture. Thinking with perspective, I'm grateful. Despite Covid. Despite lockdowns. We are some of the lucky ones. I am grateful to be a part of the Marian community, especially on Fred Hyde Day.

Erica McConachy  
Barron House Leader





# YEAR 12 FOOD STUDIES





Towards the end of Term 2, all students in Years 7-10 competed in the Australian History Competition, where students from the entire nation sat a 50 minute test to demonstrate various skills such as drawing conclusions, interpreting maps and historical source analysis.

The following is a list of students who were awarded a: Credit or Distinction only. Many other students were awarded a Merit certificate and all students received a participation certificate. Certificates will be distributed in humanities classes this week. Well done to all students.

Michelle Hogan  
Head of Humanities.

### **Year 7**

Isobel Leggett Credit  
Amber Mayes Credit  
Adione Obi Credit  
Beau Quixley Credit  
Scarlett Ralph Credit  
Rachel Terry Credit  
Oliver Monaghan Distinction

### **Year 8**

Penelope Bulger Credit  
Jaxsen Finch Credit  
Cleo Harris Credit  
Jed Hurley Credit  
Emily Jarrett Credit  
Matilda Tobin-Bain Credit  
Ashlyn Lewis Distinction

### **Year 9**

Elijah Dunks Credit  
Isaac Potter Credit  
Jaylen Stephens Credit

### **Year 10**

Mia Chace Credit  
Jayde McMurtrie Credit  
Ella Moloney Credit  
Kasia Samborski Credit  
Emily Start Credit



# GIRLS IN STEM

## Girls In STEM Program review by Lia Hayward

This week Chloe, Millie, Hiba and I were privileged to be able to participate in the Girls in STEM program run by the Ballarat Technical School. Unfortunately, we were unable to go to the Tech school this term, because of COVID-19, but thanks to the amazing team running the Girls in STEM program, it was conducted online.

Monday's session included guest speakers Dr Miku Kuba from the World Health Organisation and Catriona Nguyen- Robertson who spoke about her study of "Unconventional T-cells". Our activity for Monday was to solve a cold case and practice our investigation and perseverance skills. We had to analyze forensic data and police reports to find our prime suspect. It took a lot of trial and error but finally, we completed it and wrote our prosecutors report. On the second day of the online program, we watched a virtual tour of the Science Gallery Melbourne and went on a virtual visit to the Gene Technology Access Centre.

We really enjoyed this term's program and look forward to hopefully being able to go to the Tech School in Ballarat again next term.

We would like to say a very big thanks to Mrs Knights who helped organise our access to the online sessions in the computer labs. Thanks to her everything ran smoothly.





## WEEKLY CAREER NEWS

EVENTS, NEWS, UPDATES  
AND RESOURCES

Wednesday 11 August 2021

### University applications open

You are now able to apply for university and TAFE courses across Australia. For most courses, you apply via state-based Tertiary Admission Centres. Below are the weblinks for each state:

Victoria: Victoria Tertiary Admissions Centre  
[www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

NSW/ACT: Universities Admissions Centre  
[www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

SA/NT: South Australia Tertiary Admissions Centre  
[www.satac.edu.au](http://www.satac.edu.au)

Queensland: Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre  
[www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au)

Western Australia: Tertiary Institutions Service Centre  
[www.tisc.edu.au](http://www.tisc.edu.au)

Tasmania: apply directly to the University of Tasmania  
[www.utas.edu.au](http://www.utas.edu.au)

To apply you will need access to:

- a computer or smart phone
- your student ID number
- USI number
- PayPal account or credit/debit card.

Via the Tertiary Admission Centres, you will be able to apply for:

- special consideration
- some access and equity scholarships, and
- some early entry/guaranteed programs.

### Get help with the VTAC application process

VTAC is running live webinars this week to assist students and families. The webinars cover various aspects of the application process and are presented live so that you ask questions.

There are two sessions:

#### Applying for tertiary courses (and understanding the ATAR)

Provides an overview of the entire application process, including finding courses, preferences, results and offers. Includes a brief discussion of SEAS and Scholarships.

Wednesday 11 August, 4pm

#### Understanding special consideration (SEAS) and scholarships:

Provides detailed information about applying for SEAS and scholarships.

Thursday 12 August, 4pm

For information and to register for any of the above sessions, visit <https://vtac.edu.au/events>



### Early admission programs

August closing dates include:

#### University of Wollongong

Early Admission  
Applications close 13 August  
[www.uow.edu.au/early-admission](http://www.uow.edu.au/early-admission)

#### RMIT University

Early Offer Program  
Applications close 30 August  
<https://bit.ly/3etwSy3>

#### Swinburne University

Early Entry Program  
Applications close 31 August  
<https://bit.ly/3rhRdfo>

#### Charles Sturt University

Charles Sturt Advantage  
Applications close 31 August (Round 2)  
<https://bit.ly/2UmOlgT>

### Career and course exploration resources

#### Good Careers Guide

Students can search over 400 different occupations narrowed down by the field or type of work they would like to do in the future. They can also research 'career ladders' and take an aptitude test, [www.goodcareersguide.com.au/](http://www.goodcareersguide.com.au/)

#### Course Seeker

Students can explore university courses for each state in the one website and can research courses, prerequisites, selection criteria and ATAR profiles for the 2022 intake, [www.coursesseeker.edu.au/](http://www.coursesseeker.edu.au/)

## The University of Melbourne - 2022 admissions update

### Guaranteed ATARs for 2022 undergraduate entry

Applicants who meet the criteria below will receive guaranteed entry to the University for the 2022 intake:

- meet the ATAR requirements in the table below
- achieve course prerequisites
- list the course as the first preference through VTAC

Formal offers will be provided through VTAC on 20 December 2021 and 14 January 2022.

Students who achieve the minimum ATAR listed in the table will be considered for a place.

ATARs on the left: 2022 Minimum ATAR  
ATARs on the right: 2022 Guaranteed ATAR

Bachelor of Agriculture	70	72
Bachelor of Arts	85	88
Bachelor of Biomedicine	94	95
Bachelor of Commerce	91	93
Bachelor of Design	85	88
Bachelor of Science	85	88
Bachelor of Oral Health	85	N/A
Diploma in General Studies	50	N/A

### Access Melbourne for 2022- guaranteed entry

Students who have experienced disadvantage can qualify for the Access Melbourne program by completing a Special Consideration (SEAS) application via VTAC.

Applicants who qualify under SEAS in the following categories will be guaranteed entry into courses with lower ATARs, providing they meet course prerequisites and preference the courses via VTAC correctly.

- Resident of a rural or isolated area
- Disadvantaged financial background
- Disability or medical condition
- Recognition as an Indigenous Australian

ATARs on the right: Indigenous Australian

Bachelor of Arts	76	75
Bachelor of Arts (extended)	n/a	50
Bachelor of Biomedicine	88	85
Bachelor of Commerce	82	75
Bachelor of Design	76	70
Bachelor of Science	76	75
Bachelor of Science (extended)	n/a	55

Information - <https://bit.ly/3hg1ZhZ>

### Access Melbourne Expansion

The University is excited to announce an expansion of our Access Melbourne program and admissions criteria in 2022.

This program extension builds on the University's commitment to building a vibrant, diverse and inclusive community and increasing opportunities for capable students from all backgrounds.

This year, in addition to ATAR, we will be assessing further criteria to welcome students from diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds into their preferred University of Melbourne course.

Current Year 12 applicants will be considered for selection if they satisfy the following eligibility criteria:

Eligible for at least one of the following Access Melbourne categories:

- Disadvantaged financial background
- Difficult circumstances
- Resident of a rural or isolated area
- Disability or medical condition

AND

Achieve an ATAR (or notional ATAR) of at least:

- 72.00 for the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Design or Bachelor of Science
- 86.00 for the Bachelor of Biomedicine
- 80.00 for the Bachelor of Commerce

AND

Achieve a VCE study score (or equivalent) of at least 35 in at least one VCE subject (or equivalent) that is relevant to the degree for which admission is sought.

AND

Submit a VTAC personal statement that outlines their:

- motivation to enrol at the University
- career ambitions and the future benefits for their community from their participation in higher education.

Applicants who meet the above criteria will not be guaranteed entry, but will be considered for selection (in addition to those who qualify for entry under other Access Melbourne categories).



## Employment resources

### Do you need a Tax File Number (TFN)?

If you are planning to get a job or if you would like to study at university or TAFE next year, you will need a TFN. To start the application process, go to <http://bit.ly/2aLCSjJ>

### Find out about your rights at work

Learn about your rights, responsibilities, how to resolve issues in the workplace and rules about unpaid work, <https://bit.ly/1SvlyDP>

### Learn about safety in the workplace

Your rights and responsibilities - <https://bit.ly/2K2AYPK>

How to stay safe - <https://bit.ly/2VA24j5>

### Important tips about your first or current job

The team at Careers with STEM asked the following questions: how will the experience of your first job prepare you for your next job and how do you make the most of your first or current job to prepare you for the future?

To read their answers and suggested industries to work in (e.g., pharmacy assistant), go to <http://bit.ly/2x8imoh>



## Technology Scholarship

### Westpac Young Technologist Scholarship

This is a fantastic scholarship for students applying for technology related degrees at one of the following universities:

- RMIT University
- University of Wollongong
- Western Sydney University
- Queensland University of Technology
- Murdoch University

The *Careers Department* has information about the scholarship and profiles of previous recipients on their website. Go to <https://bit.ly/2BeteHz>



## Upcoming open days

The following are open day dates and information for selected Victorian universities. Register your details using the weblinks to access information and plan your events.

### CQUniversity

Virtual Open Day – Saturday 14 August.  
[www.cqu.edu.au](http://www.cqu.edu.au)

### Deakin University

Virtual Open Day - Sunday 15 August  
<https://openday.deakin.edu.au>

### Federation University

Virtual Open Day – Sunday 15 August.  
<https://bit.ly/31bhBul>

### Charles Sturt University

Virtual Open Day – Sunday 15 August.  
<https://study.csu.edu.au/life/events/open-day>

### Victoria University

Virtual Open Day - Sunday 21 August  
[www.vu.edu.au/open-day-2021](http://www.vu.edu.au/open-day-2021)

### The University of Melbourne

Virtual Open Day – Sunday 22 August.

On-campus: The University will run on-campus events and tours during August and September.

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/openday>

### RMIT University

Next Fest: The University will run digital events between 6 – 31 August.

Virtual Open Day – Sunday 29 August.

On-campus events and tours will run during September.

[www.rmit.edu.au/openday](http://www.rmit.edu.au/openday)

### Torrens University

Virtual Open Day – Tuesday 17 August.  
[www.torrens.edu.au/whats-on/open-day](http://www.torrens.edu.au/whats-on/open-day)

### Other Victorian Institutes

Contact the institutes directly.

### NSW & Canberra Institutes

[www.uac.edu.au/open-days](http://www.uac.edu.au/open-days)

## Year 12 Tertiary Dates: Victoria (August – October)

### August

	Early entry programs are now open for:	
	Victoria University - VU Guaranteed	<a href="https://bit.ly/2whSd6P">https://bit.ly/2whSd6P</a>
	Australian Catholic University - ACU Guarantee	<a href="https://bit.ly/38PiLiA">https://bit.ly/38PiLiA</a>
	La Trobe University – Aspire Early Admissions Program	<a href="https://bit.ly/2KdjGN1">https://bit.ly/2KdjGN1</a>
	Charles Sturt University - Charles Sturt Advantage	<a href="https://bit.ly/2O1U244">https://bit.ly/2O1U244</a>
	RMIT University - Early Offer Program	<a href="https://bit.ly/3etwSy3">https://bit.ly/3etwSy3</a>
	RMIT University - SNAP	<a href="http://bit.ly/2vAPIVT">http://bit.ly/2vAPIVT</a>
	University of Melbourne – Access Melbourne	<a href="https://bit.ly/2gBAqPD">https://bit.ly/2gBAqPD</a>
	Monash University – Monash Guarantee	<a href="https://bit.ly/2x5nwBC">https://bit.ly/2x5nwBC</a>
	Swinburne University – Early Entry	<a href="https://bit.ly/3rhRdfo">https://bit.ly/3rhRdfo</a>
	Deakin University – Regional Access Scheme	<a href="https://bit.ly/2VnEbRn">https://bit.ly/2VnEbRn</a>
<b>2</b>	University applications - VTAC	
	Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC) applications open for undergraduate courses, scholarships, Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) etc., <a href="http://www.vtac.edu.au/">www.vtac.edu.au/</a>	
<b>30</b>	Early Entry	
	Applications close for RMIT Early Offer Program.	
<b>31</b>	Early Entry	
	Applications close for Charles Sturt University Advantage.	
	Applications close for Swinburne University – Early Entry	

### September

<b>17</b>	VTAC	
	Preference date for students to get evidence uploaded for SEAS and Scholarship. After this date, VTAC may not be able to contact students about missing or incorrect documentation.	
<b>17</b>	Early Entry	
	Applications close for La Trobe Aspire	
<b>24</b>	Early Entry	
	Applications close for ACU Guarantee	
<b>30</b>	Early Entry	
	Applications close for Deakin University – Regional Access Scheme	
<b>30</b>	VTAC	
	Timely applications close for undergraduate courses.	

### October

<b>8</b>	Early/guaranteed entry applications close for	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victoria University</li> <li>University of Melbourne</li> <li>RMIT University - SNAP</li> <li>Monash University</li> </ul>	
<b>8</b>	VTAC	
	Applications close for Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) and Scholarships	

## RMIT University – Next Fest

RMIT is running the following live webinars for prospective students this week:

### Wednesday 11 August

- Accounting & Technology: making the world a better place
- Explore careers in science
- What's next in law?
- Information session for parents
- Creativity in the workplace

### Thursday 12 August

- Discover a career in aviation
- Blockchain, economics, finance & marketing
- Architecture, urban planning, landscape architecture
- Business & enterprise

Register - <https://bit.ly/357v4QV>



## Competitions

### Wildlife photography

2021 Crikey! Magazine Photography Competition. This is a partnership between Crikey! Magazine and the Australia Zoo. Applications close 31 August, <https://bit.ly/2ACCKV2>

### Science Writing

UNSW Bragg Student Prize for Science Writing. For students in Years 7 – 10. Applicants will write a short essay on 'STEM in everyday life'.

Recipients can win a fantastic set of prizes, including publication in Australia's top science websites. Applications close 27 August, <https://bit.ly/3eZJ8VJ>

### Creative Arts

Bright Awards – run by Billy Blue College of Design at Torrens University. Entries are now open for students in years 10-12 and their school to win monetary prizes to help kick start creative dreams.

Applications close 15 November, <https://bit.ly/3xm8Z2x>

## Year 12 Tertiary Dates – NSW & ACT (Term 3)

### August

Examples of early entry programs now open:

Schools Recommendation Scheme (multiple universities)  
 Australian Catholic University – ACU Guarantee  
 Charles Sturt University – Advantage  
 Southern Cross University – STAR Early Offer  
 University of Wollongong – Early Admission  
 University of New England – Early Entry

<https://bit.ly/34Xldkl>  
<https://bit.ly/38PiLiA>  
<https://bit.ly/2UmOlGt>  
<https://bit.ly/2AADGZO>  
<http://bit.ly/3aduHuc>  
<https://bit.ly/32O4b8s>

### University applications - UAC

Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) applications are open for undergraduate courses, Equity Scholarships, Education Access Schemes (EAS) etc., [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

### 13 Early Entry

Applications close for University of Wollongong

### 31 Early Entry

Applications close for Charles Sturt University Advantage.

### September

### 10 Early Entry

Applications close for Southern Cross University - STAR

### 17 Early Entry

Applications close for University of New England – Early Entry

### 19 Early Entry

Applications close for Schools Recommendation Scheme

### 24 Early Entry


Applications close for ACU Guarantee

### 30 UAC

Timely applications close for undergraduate courses.



# August 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16 GWR SENIOR FOOTBALL	17 BLACK RANGES SENIOR BASKETBALL	18	19	20 FRED HYDE DAY MARIAN'S GOT TALENT
				
23	24	25	26 YEAR 12 BIOLOGY EXCURSION	27
30	31	SEPTEMBER 1	2	3 BLACK RANGES YEAR 7 BASKETBALL (TBC)

# September 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	7	8 BLACK RANGES YEAR 8 BASKETBALL (TBC)	9	10