Welcome

Now we’re in term four and year 12 students are approaching their last days of school, we hope that you have all you need from Monash to best support your students in their VTAC applications. Should you have any questions or require something else please do not hesitate to contact us.

Change of Preference flyers are available for download from our [website](https://www.monash.edu/). Alternatively, simply email us to have some more posted out.

Kind regards,
The Onshore Channel Management team

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**Change of Preference Expo**

Our Change of Preference expo will give year 12 students a timely opportunity to investigate Monash courses, campuses and pathway. With ATARs in-hand, students can get specific course information directly from faculty experts, or by attending tailored seminars. Academic and admission staff will be in attendance and available to answer all student and parent questions.

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If you would like to order more copies of the 2014 Change of Preference flyer, please email Maneesh Prakash at maneesh.prakash@monash.edu

**What if students can’t make the expo?**

We encourage students to visit our [COP website](https://www.monash.edu/) and find out more about Monash courses, FAQ’s and register for one-on-one appointments. Future students can also take advantage of our extended hours on our phone lines – 1800 MONASH (1800 666 274).

**IB students:**

Students studying the IB will receive their notional ATAR score online on 4 January 2015 and will have until 3pm on 5 January to change their preferences. As this is a very short turn-around time, please [contact us](https://www.monash.edu/) now to discuss how we may be able to assist your students in their course queries at this time. We will also be available on our mobiles should you have urgent questions during this period.

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**Age requirements for admission**

Each year we are asked about our policy on age entry requirements so we thought we would take this opportunity to provide all teachers with some information.

As a general rule, at the time of enrolment in a course at Monash University, students must be at least 17 years of age, unless one of these two criteria applies:

1. They will be 16 years of age at the time of enrolment, but have both:
   - an ATAR of 95 or higher (or equivalent rank in another qualification) recognised by Monash
   - the approval of the Dean of the faculty to which they are applying.

2. They will be younger than 16 years of age at the time of enrolment, but have both:
   - an ATAR of 95 or higher (or equivalent rank in another qualification) recognised by Monash
   - approval of the Dean of the faculty

If students do not meet the above criteria, the faculty may offer a deferred place, which students can take up when they meet the age requirements.

To seek approval from the Dean of the faculty, we suggest prospective students email the faculty in which they intend to study, and start the approval process now- rather than waiting until they have received an offer. Please call 1800 MONASH for further information.

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**Upcoming events**

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Monash Extension

This month we interview Grace Wan – one of our fabulous 2013 graduates, and find out a little bit more about what makes her tick.

Grace’s story

Extension study Chemistry
VCE School Brentwood Secondary College
Monash course Bachelor of Pharmacy (commenced 2014)

What did you want to be when you grew up?
“A lot of things! It ranged from being a police officer to a musician (pianist, violinist, or both).”

What makes you, “you”?
“Eating and having a ‘life’. My schedule is generally full until I cut back on everything before exams. In general, I would say I am the happy-go-lucky, carefree outgoing type of person.”

What were the highlights of Monash Extension?
“It helped me gain an understanding of the university and my transition to university. I quickly learnt to be more responsible for my own studies and be less reliant on others around me.

It gave me reassurance in making my career choice. I knew that my entire course would have many chemistry units in it, and the fact that I still loved and looked forward to all my chemistry classes last year proved to me that I would really enjoy studying pharmacy.”

Read the stories of other Extension graduates in the 2015 Monash Extension brochure. Copies can be ordered through BPO Intelligence from 10 October, or by calling 1800 MONASH.

Dates to remember

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Access Monash Ambassador Applications

Applications for accommodation to live on campus in 2015 are now open for our Clayton, Berwick, and Peninsula campuses. There will not be any accommodation offered by MRS at the Caulfield campus in 2015.

Applicants studying at Caulfield are encouraged to apply for Clayton accommodation and take advantage of the free shuttle bus service that the University provides.

There are many benefits to living on campus, including; our high level of pastoral support, residential programs, scholarships and leadership opportunities. Prospective applicants should visit our website to help them in choosing suitable accommodation options.

We recommend that applicants jump on our application link and apply as early as possible to avoid disappointment, as we offer on a first-in best-dressed basis. No application fees apply. Please contact MRS for further information.

Accommodation applications open

To be eligible for consideration, students must lodge their course preferences with VTAC and have completed both the VTAC scholarship and SEAS application sections by the relevant deadlines.

The Monash Guarantee is available for a range of courses, across all faculties at Monash.

Access Monash Ambassador Applications close 31 October

If any of your students are interested in the Monash Community Leaders Scholarship ($4000 per year), an Access Monash Ambassador application form should be submitted by 31 October.

The Access Monash Ambassador program is an amazing opportunity for students who are enthusiastic about working with young people and want to make a difference. It involves working with the Access Monash team to enthuse and inform secondary school students about university, by assisting with outreach activities and programs run for Access Monash partner schools. Visit the application form for more information.
Faculty updates

Arts

Jane Francis is a Content Strategist at Facebook. We had a chat to her about how her Bachelor of Arts paved the way into her career.

What career path had you thought about when you chose Arts at Monash?
To be honest, I wasn’t totally sure – but I knew that I wanted to write. I knew that studying journalism would be useful to me but I was a little fuzzy on what that might look like as a career.

How did you think Arts would help you achieve your career goals?
I had been told that an Arts degree teaches you not what to think but how to think, which sounded good. I was also hoping uni might help me narrow down to what it was I wanted to do, and I was excited to keep learning.

Your study abroad experience?
I spent a year at UC Berkeley in California and I loved it. As well as learning a lot and making great friends, I made some really valuable contacts and found out about internships that were instrumental in getting me on my current career path.

What are you doing now?
I’m a content strategist at Facebook. I work with the product design team to plan, write, and manage content. There are actually a lot more words on Facebook than you’d think!

One piece of advice to VCE students
It’s ok if you don’t know exactly what you want to do. Try out lots of different things to see what you like best, and play to your strengths – if you love science or math or writing, use that as the lens through which you explore. Oh, and study abroad!

Monash Art Design & Architecture

A friendly reminder for students who are interested in applying for any Monash Art, Design and Architecture course (excluding double degrees with Visual Arts) that along with the VTAC application process, they also need to register with MADA: mada-registration.monash.edu

For more information, please visit the MADA website.

Business and Economics

1+1 doesn’t always = 2

Everybody knows one plus one equals two. But, when we’re talking about a double degree at Monash, the maths is even simpler.

A standard bachelor degree is three years, but in most cases students can graduate from a double degree in four years. That’s double the degree without double the time! Double degree students will graduate with two different qualifications, allowing more career flexibility and opportunities.

Combining a Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Business or Bachelor of Economics with another degree, opens up a world of possibilities. Students can study a language, a second profession, a completely different area of business, or other areas they may be interested in, such as engineering, medicine, arts, law, and more.

So how does it work?
All Monash courses include compulsory core units (which students must do) and electives (which students can choose based on their interests). In a double degree, the compulsory units in one degree form the electives in the other, and vice versa. So students will still study the core units to complete each course, but the units they study will count towards both degrees. The workload in a double degree is the same as in a single degree, with students undertaking four units per semester.

Why Monash?
Monash has one of the most comprehensive double degree programs in Australia, offering combined degrees across all faculties and disciplines. Some examples of popular combinations include Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Engineering; Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce; and Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Business.

For more information on our double degree offerings, visit our website.
Education

Equity and Access in Australian Education Conference

Education in Australia currently faces big challenges, one of which is with equity of access to quality teaching and learning for all students. This exciting event will examine some challenges in enabling equity and access to education for all Australian students. Presenters are drawn from a range of areas and backgrounds to discuss a variety of topics, and a thought provoking panel discussion will examine contentious issues in the current education context.

Please join us and other selected conference delegates from across all education systems and sectors, schools and other key organisations for a challenging and enjoyable day.

When: Friday 31 October
Where: Park Hyatt Melbourne

To find out more and register, please visit: monash.edu/education/events/faculty-conference

Information Technology

Women in Information Technology Scholarship

Calling all IT girls!
Monash is offering $6000 to girls who enrol in an IT course in 2015.

Benefits
$6000 one-off payment

Number offered
Up to 50 scholarships will be offered in 2015

Selection
Based on academic achievement and awarded to high achieving students

Eligibility (all conditions must be met)
- Australian or New Zealand citizen, holder of an Australia permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa
- Female studying Australian Year 12 or IB in 2014, and
- Intending to enrol in an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Information Technology at a Monash campus in Australia

Application and other information
- Cannot be deferred
- No application is required. Students that apply for a course through VTAC will be automatically assessed.

For further information visit the IT scholarships website.

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Monash – for careers practitioners and schools
monash.edu/schools