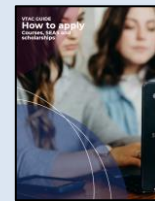


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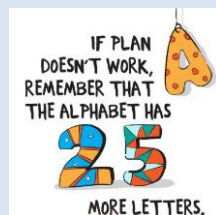
**Reminder: VTAC 2021 Upcoming Key Dates**



<b>VTAC Personal Statement</b>	Friday 4 December 2020
<b>ATARs Released</b>	Wednesday 30 December 2020
<b>Change of Preference (COP) closes</b>	Monday 4 January 2021
<b>January Round International Offers</b>	Thursday 7 January 2021
<b>January Round Domestic Offers</b>	Thursday 14 January 2021
<b>February Offer Rounds</b>	Monday 1 February 2021 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](#)

The VTAC website is [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)



### Remember...

Students who do best at university or TAFE are not necessarily those with the highest ATARs but those with **persistence, determination, organisational and self-management skills** that are also **assertive in asking for help**. Make sure you choose a course you will enjoy and are interested in; otherwise you may experience problems with motivation. Form **friendship** groups with other students so you can be active in groups that discuss work and share ideas. Students that are engaged in **learning communities and networks** have a more positive university experience.



### Study Abroad & Exchange Programs offered by Victorian Universities

Students who choose to take up an opportunity to do some of their university study overseas get the opportunity to immerse themselves in another culture, study at an overseas university, and really get to engage with students and lecturers at those institutions. An added bonus of many study-abroad programs is that students get to study for one or two semesters at these overseas partner institutions and earn credit towards their degrees.

**Find out more about the Study Abroad programs offered by browsing the following links:**

<b>Australian Catholic University</b>	<a href="#">Exchange and Study Abroad</a>
<b>Deakin University</b>	<a href="#">Student Exchange</a>
<b>Federation University</b>	<a href="#">Study Abroad and Exchange Programs</a>
<b>La Trobe University</b>	<a href="#">Student Exchange Opportunities</a>
<b>Monash University</b>	<a href="#">Study Abroad</a>
<b>RMIT University</b>	<a href="#">Study Abroad</a>
<b>Swinburne University</b>	<a href="#">Study Abroad</a>
<b>University of Melbourne</b>	<a href="#">Study Abroad</a>
<b>Victoria University</b>	<a href="#">Study Overseas</a>



### Scholarships to Study Abroad

*Looking to study abroad but worried about the costs? Good news! There are hundreds of **scholarships to study abroad**, including general scholarships and more specialized funding schemes. Some are offered by government agencies, some by individual universities, and others by external funding organizations and charitable enterprises.*

The **Top Universities website** is an excellent resource to learn more about what scholarships are on offer. Students can search for **region-specific scholarships** or **country-specific scholarships**. Students can even search for **subject-specific scholarships**.

**Students are encouraged to browse [Top Universities - Study Abroad Scholarships](#)**



### **Diploma of Professional Learning at La Trobe**

Students who do not receive the offer they might want, might like to consider enrolling in the [Diploma of Professional Learning](#) which provides an alternative pathway to a range of La Trobe Bachelor's degrees.

The Diploma of Professional Learning is a 12-month course that combines online university preparation subjects and an individual choice of a number of online or on-campus undergraduate subjects. All the Diploma of Professional Learning subjects are supported by on-campus Learning Hubs and a dedicated team who will give you one-on-one advice and guidance.

Students begin working towards a range of La Trobe Bachelor's courses straight away, so they can enter their degree with a foundation to help them succeed in their studies.

After successful completion of just six months of study, students may be eligible to transfer into one of a selected range of La Trobe Bachelor's degrees across *arts, business, health sciences and information technology*. \*  
subject to meeting minimum requirements \*Transition to a Bachelor's degree is

Melbourne pathway courses from the diploma -

- [Bachelor of Arts](#)
- [Bachelor of Biological Sciences](#)
- [Bachelor of Business](#)
- [Bachelor of Business \(Event Management/Marketing\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Business \(Marketing\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Business \(Sport Management\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Creative Arts](#)
- [Bachelor of Health Sciences](#)
- [Bachelor of Information Technology](#)
- [Bachelor of International Relations](#)
- [Bachelor of Media and Communication](#)
- [Bachelor of Science](#)



### **Study Cuisine at Le Cordon Bleu**

**Le Cordon Bleu Australia** has been teaching international standard culinary arts and hospitality management programs to domestic and international students since 1992. With industry trained professional teaching staff and lecturers the Australian campuses offer three unique environments in which to learn the art and mastery of French culinary techniques as well as gastronomy, culture, and undergraduate and postgraduate business programs.

**Le Cordon Bleu Australia** has a number of campuses: Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, and Sydney, and each campus offers a suite of programs unique to that region and supported by Le Cordon Bleu's partner associations and institutions.

Le Cordon Bleu is committed to supporting the revival and growth of Australia's hospitality industry, and part of that is ensuring that its courses are accessible to everyone. Students are encouraged to apply for a 50% scholarship.

**Course and scholarship information can be downloaded [here](#). Alternatively, browse [Le Cordon Bleu Australia](#) to learn more.**



*An important tip for school leavers for getting a job is to create yourself a **LinkedIn** profile. LinkedIn is like a professional Facebook account where you can blog, comment on professional discussions, and build a professional portfolio that aligns with your resume. This needs to be developed over a period of years before graduating from university, so start soon, and continue to work on it during university.*

[www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)

***Top Tips shared by the head of LinkedIn, Cliff Rosenberg***

**PICK A PROFESSIONAL SHOT**

Including a profile picture in your profile is a must. Putting a face to your name makes it 21 times more likely to be viewed, but first impressions last, so make sure your profile picture is professional.

**INCLUDE A SUMMARY**

Clearly outline your professional story; what your aspirations are and what qualifications you have to offer that others do not. This is your opportunity to demonstrate how your unique qualities make you perfect for your dream role. This is your elevator pitch.

**BUZZWORDS ARE BUZZKILL**

Are you motivated, creative, passionate? Great. So is everyone else on LinkedIn. Do yourself a favour — delete every single one of these buzzwords from your profile and replace them with keywords.

**HIGHLIGHT YOUR EXPERIENCE**

Illustrate your unique professional story and achievements by adding pictures, compelling videos, and innovative presentations to your experience section. If you are just graduating, include your school history.

**SHOWCASE YOUR SKILLS**

Maintaining a relevant list of at least five skills on your profile will help others understand your strengths and match you with the right opportunities. Also add other certifications that highlight important skills.

**STAY ACTIVE**

Share content that excites you, such as a gripping video, a well-written news story or a particularly impressive presentation through status updates.

# The School of The New York Times

## GAP Year Online

***The School of The New York Times Gap Year Online*** is designed to foster moments of reflection, self-discovery, and exploration.

*Learn online with New York Times journalists and other industry experts as you explore your passions and reach your potential. Our [Gap Year Online](#) program is designed for anyone ages 18–21 who is deferring college/university or taking time off to pause, think and reflect.*

*Spend five or ten weeks learning about the stories and ideas that shape our world as you prepare for the future and build practical skills for life.*

Using sections of The New York Times newspaper as a guide, each week of the program dives into a specific topic or industry. This modular curriculum stimulates debate, challenges perspectives, and exposes students to career opportunities. Times journalists and industry experts guide students through every step of their journey of self-discovery. Students are encouraged to ask questions and pursue projects that are meaningful to them.

**Open to students who have completed their Year 12 and are aged between 18-21**

**Applications opened on Thursday 15 October 2020, and the priority closing deadline is Monday 16 November 2020. There are three different programs to choose between, and all commence next year.**

Students from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply, and there is the opportunity to apply for financial aid and full-tuition scholarships for eligible applicants.

**Find out more at the programs, costs, and details of the online application and selection criteria at**

**[The New York Times GAP Year Online](#)**

