Welcome

VTAC applications are closing at the end of this month, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are available to assist with any course queries or application questions, simply phone 1800 MONASH (1800 666 274).

We are now taking bookings for visits to all Monash campuses for Year 10 students. Simply log a request on monash.edu/schools/booking-form.html or email us on onshore@monash.edu

Kind regards,
The Onshore Channel Management team

Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) rankings success for Monash

Monash University has achieved its best result ever in the latest ARWU.

In the latest rankings, Monash remains in the 101–150 band with an estimated ranking of 115, an improvement of 19 places since 2013.

Since 2009, Monash has increased its ranking by an estimated 92 places, the greatest improvement of any Go8 university.

To read the full article, visit monash.edu/news/show/arwu-rankings-success-for-monash-1.

Brilliant advice for parents and students alike

A range of valuable videos are now available for viewing on the Monash Youtube channel, offering tips and advice from students and parents who have survived VCE.

Find out what they have to say.

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Scholarships

Monash is proud to offer one of Australia’s most generous scholarship programs, aimed at rewarding excellence and recognising that sometimes ambition needs a helping hand.

Sir John Monash Scholarship Program

In 2015, we are supporting students who have excelled with one of the most comprehensive and generous scholarship programs ever offered in Australia.

Merit scholarships

Students who list Monash as a course preference via VTAC will automatically be considered for most merit scholarships.

Equity and Merit & Equity scholarships

All current Year 12 students should apply for these scholarships via VTAC and SEAS (if applicable). VTAC scholarship applications for domestic students opens 1 August and will close 17 October 2014. Check the VTAC website for tips: vtac.edu.au

Copies of the 2015 Scholarships Guide can be ordered through BPO Intelligence, or by visiting monash.edu/scholarships or by calling 1800 MONASH.

International student early round offers

Monash is participating in the VTAC early round offers for international students applying for course codes ending in 3, where selection is based purely on ATAR (eg, does not include MBBS, Physiotherapy, Radiography and Medical Imaging and Music).

To be eligible students must:
- be currently enrolled in VCE,
- apply through VTAC by 5pm, 30 September; and
- pay the course application processing fee by the earlier payment date listed for early international offers.

Timelines
- Monday, 15 December 2014 – VCE results released
- Tuesday, 16 December – closing date for change of preference for international applicants (except: IB, WA, Qld and NZ applicants)
- Monday, 22 December, 2pm – offers released to successful applicants.

If students receive an early offer, they will still be automatically considered for higher preferences in later offer rounds.

For more information, visit: vtac.edu.au/results-offers/offers.html#rounds.

Access Monash Ambassador applications for 2015 now open

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.

Such activities and programs include mentoring Year 11 and 12 students, working with Year 9 students to assist them develop their leadership skills, sharing personal educational experiences in Q&A panel discussions, and supporting the delivery of the Schools Access Monash program (a suite of activities offered to students in Years 8 – 12 from Access Monash partner schools).

As an ambassador, students will:
- automatically be considered for the Monash Community Leaders Scholarship ($4000 per year)
- have the opportunity to develop their leadership, public speaking, team work and group facilitation skills
- have the opportunity to complete a Certificate III in Active Volunteering
- have a statement of their participation in the program on their Australian Higher Education Graduate Statement, which they can show to future employers.

To find out more and to access the application form, visit: monash.edu/access/ama-application.html or call 03 9903 4096.
Accounting: it’s not just a numbers game

Accounting is vital to the success of every business in every industry, and professionals with accounting skills are in high demand – which means an accounting degree is a great basis for a range of career options.

Degree options for accounting

In 2015, Monash will offer six degree options for students interested in accounting to suit students’ different needs and career goals:

- Bachelor of Business with a major in accounting
- Bachelor of Business (Accounting)
- Bachelor of Commerce with a major in accounting
- Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting and Finance)
- Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in accounting
- Bachelor of International Business with a sequence in professional accounting

Professional recognition

Our accounting courses are recognised by professional accounting bodies, including CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, and the Institute of Public Accountants.

Taxation

For students interested in accounting and looking for a second major, taxation might be an option. This new major will be offered from 2015 as part of the Bachelor of Business.

Taxation provides students with the skills and knowledge to appreciate the legal, commercial and economic impacts of taxation on business decisions. They will learn about current taxation concepts and how to work within Australia’s Federal taxation system, using case law and statutes.

For more information on our accounting courses and the wide range of majors available, please visit: buseco.monash.edu/future-students/undergraduate/courses/accounting.html or call 03 9902 6011.
Engineering

ENGenuITy – The world needs girls in Engineering and IT

ENGenuITy, an event hosted jointly by the Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of IT for girls in year 10, will give students the opportunity to find out more about Engineering and IT as fields of study and discover the world of female engineering and ICT professionals!

A range of hands-on activities will showcase the different fields of engineering and information technology (IT). Attendees will have the chance to meet like-minded girls and find new friends. And finally a speed networking session with alumnae working in industry, women researchers and current students will give attendees a chance to get insights into the diverse experiences and career paths in engineering and IT from a female perspective.

When: Wednesday, 1 October
Who: Year 10 girls who are interested in maths, science and technology
Location: Monash University Clayton campus

For further information and registration details please visit eng.monash.edu/engenuity

Science

Bachelor of Science Advanced – Global Challenges (Honours)

This unique course is designed for science students who are passionate about effecting change, transforming ideas into reality and making a difference in an increasingly complex world. This course has been designed to create future leaders who will translate their knowledge into action, discovery and innovation.

As outlined in the VTAC Guide, students applying for this course are required to complete a written submission and attend a personal interview if selected. The written submission is an important component of selection and the decision to interview will be based on the student’s response to the following.

1. Write 300 words or less about your recent experiences, skills or interests. Volunteering, creative endeavours and other experiences broader than schooling or paid work could be included and these should have been undertaken in the last three years. Explain how these experiences could assist you as a student within this course, and

2. Describe a creative solution to a problem that you have observed. The problem that you describe could be at any scale (e.g. from something in your immediate environment through to a global problem) maximum 300 words, and

3. In 100 words or less state how your personal values and purpose align with the description of the course.

Submission must be made via the Monash supplementary information form at vtac-supp.adm.monash.edu/SupplementaryVTAC. For more information, please call 1800 MONASH.

* Subject to approval
The Science of Medicines

The second Monash MOOC (massive open online course), The Science of Medicines launched on the FutureLearn platform on Monday, 1 September and is open for study for anyone interested in how and why medicines work.

This free online course will appeal to current and potential future students of pharmacy, medicine or chemistry; health care professionals; as well as those suffering from one of the conditions, or their carers. To date, more than 8000 students have signed up.

The team of Ian Larson, Daniel Malone, David Manallack, Kirstie Galbraith in the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Lyn Clearihan in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences has created an innovative curriculum for the six-week course.

After the introductory week, each subsequent week will focus on a particular condition, starting with diabetes. The conditions are brought to life by fictional patients who describe the impact on their lives, and the medicines they are taking to treat the condition. The pharmacy academics then explore the physiology of the condition, and the chemistry, pharmacology and pharmaceutics of the medicines in question.

The course has been produced in the faculty’s new multimedia studio, under the direction of Learning Technologies Manager, Keith Sewell. Learners will also have a unique opportunity to use the faculty’s virtual tableting laboratory.

For further information on The Science of Medicines, and to join the course, please visit futurelearn.com/courses/the-science-of-medicines.

Accommodation

‘Expressions of Interest’ for entry in 2015 are now available

Monash Residential Services (MRS) offers a range of accommodation options across all four campuses – Berwick, Caulfield, Clayton and Peninsula.

Applications for new residents in 2015 open on Wednesday, 1 October 2014. Students can complete an ‘Expression of Interest’ form here whereby they will be emailed a reminder to complete the application form once opened.

There is no application fee, and prospective residents are not required to sign any offer of accommodation until after they have received their Monash University course offer.

For more information, visit monash.edu/mrs or call 03 9905 6200.