At Monash, we know that a student’s ATAR might not accurately reflect their ability. Life can be a bumpy road and there are all sorts of circumstances that can get in the way of academic achievement. We have two entry schemes – the Monash Guarantee and the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) – that can help students get into their preferred course, even if their ATAR is below the lowest selection rank. Find out more at monash.edu/entry-schemes

### KEY DATES

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### SCHOLARSHIPS

Students can apply for scholarships through the scholarships tab in their VTAC account. Students with at least one Monash course in their VTAC preferences will be automatically considered for Monash merit scholarships. Students who may be eligible for equity scholarships should submit a scholarship application through VTAC.

Some scholarships may also require a further submission outside the VTAC process.

For further information on our full range of scholarships, visit monash.edu/study/fees-scholarships/scholarships

### PATHWAYS

If students don’t meet the requirements for entry into their preferred course at Monash, there’s no need to panic. There are a number of pathway programs to help them get to where they want to be.

For more information visit monash.edu/domestic-pathways

#### DIPLOMA OF TERTIARY STUDIES (DoTS)

The Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS) provides an alternative entry pathway that is equivalent to the first year of a university undergraduate degree. On successful completion of DoTS, students can receive up to one year of credit towards a range of degrees in business, business administration, education or nursing.

#### DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION (DoHE)

A one year full-time course that provides an alternative pathway into university study for selected undergraduate courses in education and science. After completing the course, students can apply for entry into a range of Monash education and science courses and gain credit from the diploma.

#### MONASH COLLEGE

Monash College diplomas provide a pathway into the first or second year of selected Monash University courses.

#### INTERNAL TRANSFERS

Students can consider another Monash course that enables them to transfer into their desired course.

#### EXTERNAL TRANSFERS

Students can consider another university or TAFE course that enables them to transfer into their desired Monash course.
THE VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC)

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) is the central office responsible for processing applications, scholarships, and special entry access schemes in Victorian universities. The centre operates independently from other states.

All Year 12 students (Victoria, International Baccalaureate, Interstate), NCEA and CIE students from New Zealand considering studying at Monash should make an application through VTAC.

VTAC CAREERS PRACTITIONERS BLOG

If you have students who are considering applying for a course in Victoria, the VTAC Careers Practitioners blog is a great way to keep up-to-date with information, changes and news about tertiary institutions located in Victoria. The blog is VTAC’s primary means of communicating important information with careers practitioners, and contains key dates and announcements of policy changes as well as general advice for counselling students in relation to applications for courses at Victorian institutions.

You can subscribe by email to the blog, so that the latest news will go straight to your inbox. Visit careersblog.vtac.edu.au

VTAC COURSELINK

VTAC CourseLink is a web application for careers practitioners, where you can view application information for any of your students who are applying for courses in Victoria.

Visit delta.vtac.edu.au/courselink to access CourseLink. If you don’t already have a username and password for CourseLink, contact schoolsliaison@vtac.edu.au to set up access.

PUTTING IN PREFERENCES

If a student makes a VTAC application within the timely period they will pay a minimal administration fee. They can list eight preferences and should order courses from first (most preferred) to least preferred. Students do not have to use all eight preferences and have the opportunity to add, remove and change their preferences within advertised dates (please note that some courses close early and cannot be added after the timely closing period).

For a comprehensive list of VTAC key dates, visit vtac.edu.au/dates

SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)

Students who have experienced personal or financial disadvantage during their secondary schooling may be eligible for a boost to their ATAR through SEAS. If they wish to be considered for this scheme they must submit an application with all relevant supporting documentation through their VTAC account by 5pm, Friday 12 October 2018. SEAS applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis and each tertiary institution has their own criteria.

Monash considers the following categories:

- **Category 1:** Personal information and location (Indigenous Australian, mature-age, residential and school location, non-English speaking background). We recommend all students apply for Category 1 SEAS.
- **Category 2:** Disadvantaged financial background
- **Category 3:** Disability or medical condition
- **Category 4:** Difficult personal circumstances

For more information about SEAS at Monash, including our SEAS calculator, visit: monash.edu/seas

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE

From Friday 14 December (when ATARs are released in Victoria) until Wednesday 19 December, the VTAC system will open for Change of Preference. Students have the chance to add, remove and reorder their preferences in light of their results.

It is important to note that some courses cannot be added during this time. The Monash Change Day Expo will be held on Monday 17 December, at our Caulfield campus.

During Change of Preference students can also contact 1800 MONASH for course advice. International students can contact us on 1800 181 838.

For more information on Change of Preference, please visit monash.edu/cop

MONASH CHANGE DAY EXPO

This is an opportunity for students to get their questions answered. No matter what their circumstances, we’re here to help and provide the information they need to finalise their course preferences.

**MONDAY 17 DECEMBER**

**3-7 PM**

**CAULFIELD CAMPUS**

For more information and to register visit monash.edu/cop
MONASH RELOCATION GRANT

This grant has been introduced to support students who are financially disadvantaged from a Monash listed under-represented school, or Indigenous Australians, and are relocating from interstate to commence an undergraduate degree at a Monash campus in Australia.

Total value: $2000 one off payment.

Eligibility: Students must be a current interstate resident and either experiencing financial disadvantage, attending a Monash listed under-represented school, or an Indigenous Australian.

For further information on our full range of scholarships, visit monash.edu/scholarships

MONASH RESIDENTIAL SERVICES – LIVING ON CAMPUS IN 2019

2019 applications for Monash Residential Services (MRS) for accommodation will open on 1 September 2018.

Students need to complete an application if they are interested in on-campus accommodation and offers are made on a “first-in, first-served” basis. There’s no application fee and prospective residents are not required to accept an offer of accommodation until they have received their Monash University course offer.

Fees for living on campus vary depending on the type of accommodation, however in all cases your students will live in a fully furnished room in a secure environment, with all utility bills (water, electricity, heating) and internet included.

MRS offers residents a number of scholarship opportunities to assist with accommodation costs. Your students need to read the eligibility criteria to determine which of these scholarships apply to their situation. Students may also be eligible to apply for a number of accommodation scholarships offered by the University.

For more information about living on-campus and MRS scholarships, please visit: monash.edu/accommodation/accommodation/mrs-scholarships

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) MONASH CHANGE DAY EXPO

Students undertaking IB who receive their results on Friday 4 January 2019 have a small window of opportunity to change their preferences.

We encourage IB students to attend our Monash Change Day Expo on Monday 17 December where there’ll be an information session specifically for IB students.

Domestic students can contact us on 03 9903 4720 or email onshore@monash.edu once results are out. All other enquiries can be directed to 1800 MONASH (1800 666 274).