

MONASH MEDICAL SCHOOL FAQS: STARTING MEDICINE

WHAT IS FIRST YEAR GOING TO LOOK LIKE?

First year is organised in a way that allows you to experience plenty of campus life, whilst allowing you to dip your toes into each of the topics within Medicine. You'll study many science-based subjects, but also learn about more humanities-centric subjects such as law, ethics, global and population health. Besides campus life, faculty and MUMUS (the Medical student club at Monash) will organise various events for you to attend throughout the year, so that you can meet new people and make the most of your first year!

WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW WHAT DOCTOR I WANT TO BE?

All good, because most students don't know either! Often, people start the course with a certain career in mind, then pivot to new interest areas as the degree progresses. This course is designed so that you're able to explore and experience multiple specialties starting from Year 1. Hospital rotations throughout Years 3-5 then immerse you in real clinical environments under different specialties.

HOW DOES PARKING WORK?

Parking on campus is run by O Park! Download the app and follow all instructions to register your account, then add your student number and vehicle registration plate.

On campus, there are a number of different areas that you can park in. Each carpark will have two zones: blue and red. Make sure you check the signage for the zone you're in.

Blue zones are 60c per hour, and cap at \$3 a day. Red zones are \$1.10 per hour and cap at \$6 a day. Note that Red zones are reserved for staff before 10am. Once you have parked, make sure you log your parking session on the app, otherwise you may be fined.

If you're driving to campus, leave time to find parking and walk to class. Early in the semester, parking will be hard to find, especially around 12-2pm. Try to arrive at least 20-30 minutes early, and pick larger carparks (ie. N1, S2, SE) to maximise your chances of getting a spot.

Note that on Fridays, parking is free but you must still log your session. Outside of parking hours (found on signage), parking is free and does not need to be logged.

WHAT DO I WEAR TO CLASSES?

In your first two years on campus, you dress the same way as other university students! Please ensure that you dress appropriately and presentably when you are at university.

Throughout the year, you will complete small clinical assessments called OCEs, where you will be required to wear clinical attire. More details about OCE dress code will be provided before your first assessment. Scrubs are not mandatory in first year.

HOW DO CLUBS WORK AT UNIVERSITY AND WHICH ONES SHOULD I JOIN?

At university, clubs are student run groups focused on certain interest areas. These can range from sporting clubs, to food interest groups, and so on. You will find clubs setting up their stalls all around campus during O-week! Have a walk around and check out the ones that catch your eye.

MUMUS is the Medical student club at Monash, which has many Subcommittees within. These subcomms range from specialty interest groups, to theatre committee, and orchestra. You'll see all of these Subcommittee stalls at the end of O week, so make sure to follow along their socials for their events!

HOW WILL I KNOW ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS?

The Medical faculty sends out emails detailing weekly updates and important events coming up, so make sure you keep an eye on your inbox. MUMUS run events will be posted in your Year Level Facebook page, so make sure to follow along there. Even then, you will hear about upcoming events from peers, so not to worry!

HOW MANY BREAKS WILL I HAVE?

All important term dates can be found [here](#).

In first year, your breaks are the same as other courses. Each Semester is 12 weeks long with a week of Mid-semester break. Your mid-year and end of year breaks are also the same as the rest of the university.