Welcome to Edition 8 of Monash Update. Monash University is continuing to follow the Australian Government’s advice aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19, and will continue to reassess all of our immediate activations and events.

This month's Monash Update provides the most up-to-date information on upcoming events and programs. The Domestic Student Recruitment team remains accessible to schools to provide counselling via phone, email and virtual options where appropriate. We'll also maintain contact with our faculty colleagues for follow up if the need arises, and we’re developing online resources to support the counselling of your students during this time.

For Monash's position regarding COVID-19 please refer to our dedicated [website](#) and regularly updated [online fact sheet](#).

Kind regards,
Domestic Student Recruitment team

### KEY DATES

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### GENERAL UPDATES
We're here for you

In the lead up to the close of timely VTAC applications, the Domestic Student Recruitment team remains available to support you and your year 12 students with any questions you may have. We can provide virtual presentations to your students and parents, one-on-one phone consultations or feel free to email us for any other assistance.

Monash Guarantee and SEAS

Students who have experienced educational disadvantage can apply for university through the Monash Guarantee and Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS). These entry schemes consider individual circumstances as part of their application. This year, the impacts of COVID-19 and bushfires will also be considered. Students can apply for SEAS through VTAC. SEAS applicants who include Monash courses in their preference list will automatically be considered for the Monash Guarantee.

Monash Information Evenings — final webinars

Monash Information Evenings are the perfect opportunity to have your questions answered on everything you wanted to know about undergraduate study at Monash.
Register to attend a date that's convenient for you to hear about:

- Monash courses
- How to apply and access schemes
- Student life
- Accommodation options

The last of these events for 2020 will run on 9, 15 and 22 September.

Virtual International Student Experience Day

This event aims to provide year 11 and 12 international students with the ideal opportunity to experience a taste of university life at Monash. The day will offer your students:

- Interactive faculty-run workshops about what it's like to study at Monash
- An opportunity to get their course-related questions answered by our faculty representatives
- A VCE EAL masterclass on how to obtain a top EAL score
- The chance to hear from current international students

Find out more
New course — Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE)

This attractive double degree combines two sought after disciplines. The future-focused PPE equips students with the intellectual and practical skills necessary to comprehend and navigate the changing world, while the Bachelor of Laws equips students with the ability to solve complex, demanding and interesting problems whilst acquiring a solid foundation of the Australian legal system. In combination, students will learn the skills to make a difference in the world and become effective leaders. If you have any questions, contact Georgina Gibson.

Music, events and prizes for your music students

Emerging Prizes — Four $500 prizes are available to non-tertiary music students in Jazz, Classical, Popular Music, Composition and Music Technology. Entries close Monday 14 September.

2020 Audition Preparation Course — for Jazz and Popular Music over two days.
Dates: 12 and 13 September
Cost: $220
Free Classical Music masterclasses:

- **Day of Piano** — 6 September
- **String Day** — 13 September
- **Brass Day** — 13 September
- **Woodwind Day** — 13 September

Contact Georgina Gibson for more information.

New and exciting partnership with Melbourne Fringe Festival

Monash Centre for Theatre and Performance is set to present its upcoming season of new works at the Melbourne Fringe Festival. The partnership also includes 16 internship opportunities ranging from marketing roles to production internships for senior students. These are unique opportunities for up-and-coming young professionals to be mentored in all aspects of programming and producing, and will see our students make a direct impact on the Festival's independent program. If you have any questions, contact Georgina Gibson.

Engineering

Continuous Professional
Development explained

Students considering engineering may have seen references to Continuous Professional Development (CPD). CPD is a compulsory professional practice requirement for all Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) students. It's part of meeting the Engineers Australia Stage 1 Competency Standard to be a Professional Engineer, and provides opportunities to engage in business and engineering-related activities, build employability skills and grow professional networks and contacts.

Monash Business School virtual Orientation Week

Monash Business School’s first virtual O-Week was held in July and attracted over 900 students. Student Experience Manager, Ricky Papara, says attending orientation is essential to help students get the best possible start. “Monash invests so much into resources, designed not only to help our students transition to university, but to thrive as individuals,” he said.

Feedback from students showed they appreciated having an immersive experience that offered a variety of activities. As O-Week was adapted from an on-campus event to a virtual experience this year, your
students can now get a taste for what was on offer.

Information Technology

IT Quiz

Spoilt for choice after Monash Open Day? Use Find MyFIT, a fun quiz for future students to discover which IT area best suits their interests.

Play now

Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

How students can boost their chances of entry into medicine

The interview for a place in medicine counts for one third of a student's application, so being invited to an interview is a vital step towards being offered a place. Monash offers students with a rural or regional background (even if they're currently at school in Melbourne) a way to boost their chances of an interview through the Dean's Rural List (DRL). Once timely applications are closed, all eligible applicants for the Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine and/or the Bachelor of Biomedical Science will be notified by the Faculty Admissions Unit to submit additional information to confirm
Our vision — Monash Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

Professor Christina Mitchell AO, Dean of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, explains our unique strengths in education and translational research.

Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Pharmacy course updates

Please note the following updates to our Pharmacy programs:

- English score adjustment — we have adjusted the required English score for our Pharmacy programs to a 25 in VCE English (30 in VCE EAL) or equivalent

- Domestic students are now able to enrol in either a 4-year Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) or a 5-year Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) and Master of Pharmacy. Both programs pathway to pharmacy registration and having two options provides greater flexibility in student choice.
Calling all Indigenous students — your place at Monash starts here

Did you know that most courses here at Monash have an Indigenous Entry alternative course code? The Indigenous Entry Scheme offers Indigenous applicants direct admission to a range of undergraduate degrees, with significantly lower ATAR scores.

Miss out on your dream course? Studied an alternative to VCE? Looking at returning to studies after some time off? The Monash Indigenous Access Program might be for you! If you have any questions, contact Allira Jones, Indigenous Student Recruitment Coordinator.