FOCUS ON THE UMAT

Applying for Medicine/ Dentistry/ Oral Health/ Optometry/ Physiotherapy?

If are applying for any of these health science courses, you may need to sit the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test (UMAT).

This is a three-part test that you sit in July and selected universities use your UMAT score as part of the selection process, in conjunction with your ATAR and in some cases an interview.

You will be tested on the following- logical reasoning and problem solving, understanding people and non verbal reasoning.

You will only have one chance to sit the UMAT this year, you must be in Year 12 and the test will be held Wednesday 30 July. You must register online by 5pm 6 June.

It is important that you start to prepare for the test early. There are several private companies who offer commercial preparation programs – www.nie.edu.au/ and www.medentry.edu.au/ are examples.

It is important to note that the universities who use the UMAT do not endorse any of these companies and you will receive free preparation materials once you register for the UMAT (registration is now open).

Please go to http://umat.acer.edu.au/ for more information about the UMAT and to see if you have to sit the test.

You can also join the ACER UMAT Facebook page to keep up to date with key information.

VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Interested in student exchange to France? If you would like to study in France on exchange, please explore the AFX Student Exchange website and speak to your French teacher or Career Adviser. Any students who participate in a high school program this year, will be eligible for a free holidays intensive course run by your local Alliance Francaise, providing you apply by 15th of February. http://www.australia-france-exchange.com/australie/

Did you know? Based on VTAC data, the University of Melbourne’s Bachelor of Science was the most popular undergraduate course choice for students followed by the University of Melbourne’s Bachelor of Arts. As a result, ATAR cut offs have risen for both courses to 92.35 for Arts and 92 for Science. For more information, go to http://newsroom.melbourne.edu/news/university-melbourne-courses-again-prove-most-popular

New Bachelor of Fashion Merchandising at Box Hill Institute: Seeking a career in the world of fashion merchandising, retailing, or marketing? Do you want to travel the world as a fashion buyer, create exciting merchandising displays, develop a fashion website or market a fashion brand using social media? If you are creative, enjoy using social media and technology and are business minded the Bachelor of Fashion Merchandising course will inspire you to pursue your ultimate fashion retail career. Check out their YouTube clips: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1l0nU9C0ps http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVxe4Cqs_jw&list=UU_LweUp25BxY7NcaNTK8aNg
Are you interested in Journalism? You should consider applying to join The Under Age, a publication created by high school students in partnership with The Age. Meetings take place every two weeks in the offices of The Age, and offer industry training and the opportunity to learn directly from journalists. Applications close 14 February, [www.theunderage.com.au](http://www.theunderage.com.au)

**The Under Age**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monash University- ‘At Monash Seminar Series’: showcases different faculties within the University. The seminars run over several months and students have to book in advance. You will be able to attend seminars in areas such as engineering, arts, sport, education, health, design etc. Most seminars run in the evening, so you can attend after school. Parents are usually welcome as well. For dates, go to [www.monash.edu/seminars](http://www.monash.edu/seminars)

Charles Sturt University- ‘MyDay’ CSU: Each year, Charles Sturt University showcases their courses via a series of hands-on events. You can find out about the courses you are interested in by attending workshops run by lecturers in that field. February events include Oral Health & Radiography, and Exercise & Sports Sciences. For more information and to register, go to [http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday](http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday)

Passionate about IT, gaming, multimedia, and animation? Monash University is running an interactive program called First Strike on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 February at the Caulfield Campus for students in Years 7 – 12. This is an induction event for students who would like to be involved in IT events run by the University such as the Computer Games Boot Camp, IT Challenge Competition and the Step IT Up program. This is a free event and parents are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, go to [https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/general/first-strike/overview.html](https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/general/first-strike/overview.html)

**FEBRUARY EVENTS**

- 22 & 23: First Strike, Monash University, Caulfield Campus, [https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/general/first-strike/overview.html](https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/general/first-strike/overview.html)

Charles Sturt University MyDay events
- 28: Oral Health & Radiography, Wagga Wagga
- 28: Exercise & Sports Sciences, Bathurst

For more information and to register, go to [http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday](http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday)

**MARCH EVENTS**

- 26: Engineers Australia Careers Expo, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, [www.engineeringexpo.org.au](http://www.engineeringexpo.org.au)

At Monash Seminar Series: Dates for March are as follows
- 4: Business & Economics
- 6: Nursing, Midwifery & Emergency Health
- 12: Business & Economics
- 13: Science
- 18: Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy
- 19: Information Technology
- 20: Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
- 25: Arts (Social Sciences and Humanities)
- 26: Design & Fine Art
- 27: Teaching, Sport & Outdoor Recreation

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Charles Sturt University MyDay events
- 14: Accounting, Business & IT, Albury-Wodonga
- 18: Nursing & Paramedics, Bathurst
- 21: Arts, Psychology & Social Work, Wagga Wagga

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