YEAR 12 ENTRY FOR 2021

Swinburne 2021 Early Entry Program
Disruption to Year 12 VCE studies, particularly in Term 2.

Exam and VTAC timetables are operating to different timelines, with many students uncertain about their ability to succeed in Year 12 and gain entry into university.

VTAC’s special consideration scheme (SEAS) may not meet the needs of some students, as the disruptions to study in 2020 are unique.

Interstate universities have introduced alternative entry schemes for 2021, including ANU and UWA.

In Victoria, Year 11 VCE results are not a reliable means of assessing an individual's aptitude for the course - so this is not an option.
Swinburne University will delay the start to its next academic year and consider students’ year 11 marks from 2019 as well as this year’s VCE results when offering them places in 2021. The university, in Melbourne’s east, said it would ensure students had options beyond the traditional competitive ranking system when it came to gaining entry to tertiary study next year.

The university also said it would offer this year’s crop of year 12 students places based on their year 11 and year 12 work.

“We will be sharing details of our approach with secondary schools later in 2020,” the spokesperson said. Swinburne is the first Victorian university to publicly commit to altering its admissions process for domestic students next year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Learning in Term 2 has been primarily through online delivery.

While some students have transitioned well, we spoke with some career practitioners and students and are wary that many have struggled to adapt.

Schools in lower socio-economic areas have reported the need to issue laptops to students, and sourcing wireless dongles for students without sufficient internet access at home.

The impact of transitional challenges is the crux of the 2021 Early Entry Program – to acknowledge that the impacts on students has been varied.
OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- Rely on how VTAC uses SEAS
- Using Year 11 Results + ATAR
- Lower VCE Study Score Prerequisites + ATAR
- School Recommendation only
- School Recommendation + VCE Study Scores (lowered English), but no ATAR
## NEW ENTRY CRITERIA

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<td>1. Completion of Year 12 AND</td>
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<td>2. A recommendation from their secondary school AND</td>
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<td>3. Meeting a pre-requisite of Unit 3 and 4 of 20 in English, and where applicable other pre-requisites as is</td>
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<td>The ATAR is not a factor for selection for those entering via this path.</td>
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<td>Those that submit their completed secondary school recommendation will also receive a direct conditional offer for their desired course at Swinburne.</td>
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<td>To receive the full offer applicants have to preference this course as the highest eligible preference in VTAC.</td>
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All changes only for 2020 Year 12 graduates, due to the impacts of COVID-19.
School Recommendation Schemes are currently utilised by many interstate universities, often facilitated by UAC.

Normally a prescribed template, requiring sign off by authorised delegates of the school (principal / careers practitioner / Head of VCE).

Aptitude based – where ATAR fails to satisfy as a selection tool for a course, a school recommendation is a trusted alternative.
The student is encouraged to initiate interest in obtaining a school recommendation in 2021:

1. Downloadable PDF from website.
2. Student seeks recommendation from school – a signature from an authorised delegate.
3. One school recommendation applies to all participating 2021 Early Entry Program courses at Swinburne – it’s about aptitude for higher education study, not for a single course.
4. Submit the completed form on the Swinburne website.
Once a school recommendation has been received, we will make a conditional offer to the student.

**The offer is conditional on:**

- Meeting the course prerequisites
- Completion of VCE, Australian Year 12 equivalent or IB
- A participating Swinburne course is their highest eligible preference

Conditional offers will be made from mid-August.

Should the student meet the conditions, they will receive a formal offer from Swinburne during the VTAC offer rounds.
Encourage current Year 12 cohort to complete VCE.

Ensure equitable ways Year 12 students can demonstrate competency to meet the required entry criteria due to the impacts of COVID-19 and bushfires. Swinburne’s admissions policy has a single overarching guiding principle – “reasonable prospect of success”.

Help students make informed choices about the entry pathways for their specific situation – whether it be regular ATAR entry, Uni Link pathway or 2021 Early Entry Program.

Trust the assistance of the school community to give input into a student’s capacity for tertiary learning – a school recommendation.
Swinburne has finalised Early Entry Program requirements for students completing Units 3 and 4 English.

We are currently working on ways to support students completing EAL this year.

We are aiming to finalise plans soon and will share these with you as soon as we can – end of July at the latest.

Meanwhile, all students should still register their interest in the Early Entry Program and check our FAQ page for updates on EAL.
LIST OF COURSES FOR EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

SINGLE DEGREES
1. Bachelor of Accounting
2. Bachelor of Animation
3. Bachelor of Arts
4. Bachelor of Aviation Management
5. Bachelor of Business
6. Bachelor of Business Information Systems
7. Bachelor of Computer Science
8. Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Criminology
9. Bachelor of Design
10. Bachelor of Education Studies
11. Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
12. Bachelor of Games and Interactivity
13. Bachelor of Health Sciences
14. Bachelor of Information and Communication Technologies
15. Bachelor of Media and Communications
16. Bachelor of Psychological Sciences
17. Bachelor of Science
18. Bachelor of Screen Production
19. Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science

DOUBLE DEGREES
1. Bachelor of Design/Bachelor of Media and Communications
2. Bachelor of Design/Bachelor of Business
3. Bachelor of Media and Communications/ Bachelor of Business
4. Bachelor of Aviation Management/ Bachelor of Business
5. Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/ Bachelor of Business
6. Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/ Bachelor of Computer Science
7. Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/ Bachelor of Science
8. Bachelor of Games and Interactivity/ Bachelor of Animation
9. Bachelor of Games and Interactivity/ Bachelor of Computer Science
10. Bachelor of Health Sciences/Bachelor of Arts
11. Bachelor of Health Sciences/Bachelor of Media and Communications
12. Bachelor of Health Sciences/Bachelor of Business
13. Bachelor of Health Sciences/Bachelor of Science
14. Bachelor of Business Information Systems/Bachelor of Business
15. Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Business
16. Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Science
17. Bachelor of Psychological Sciences/ Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Criminology

UNILINK DIPLOMAS (FIRST YEAR OF DEGREE)
1. Diploma of Health Science (Unilink)
2. Diploma of Science (Unilink)
3. Diploma of Business (Unilink)
4. Diploma of Design (Unilink)
5. Diploma of Engineering (Unilink)
6. Diploma of Information Technology (Unilink)
7. Diploma of Arts and Communication (Unilink)
KEY COURSE EXCLUSIONS

SWINBURNE PROFESSIONAL DEGREES
BACHELOR OF AVIATION
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (PRIMARY)
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SECONDARY)
BACHELOR OF LAWS
BACHELOR OF NURSING
BACHELOR OF FILM & TELEVISION
BACHELOR OF BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
BACHELOR OF ACCOUNTING AND BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
## SELECTION SCENARIOS
**BACHELOR OF ARTS - EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM 2021**

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Reference only, Guaranteed ATAR for the Bachelor of Arts is 60

Eligible for an offer via regular ATAR entry
15 June
Students can register their interest in Early Entry Program 2021
School recommendation form downloadable from website

3 August
VTAC timely applications open
Swinburne school recommendation applications open for submission

From 17 August
Swinburne begins issuing conditional offers to students

30 September
VTAC timely applications close

TBC (in line with VTAC)
Swinburne school recommendations + offers close
Q & A

FEEL FREE TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS VIA THE Q&A BOX.

If we are unable to address all of them during the session, we will incorporate these into our FAQs which you will receive next week.

Please keep in touch with the Schools team with any questions along your journey – we’re here to help.