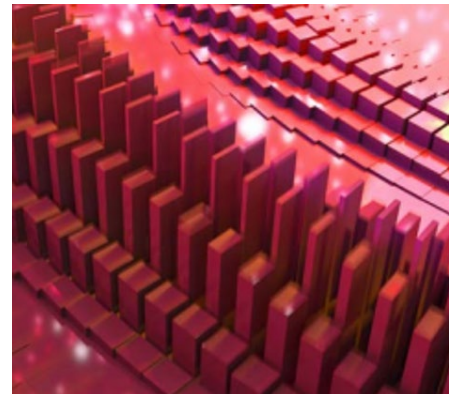


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Pathways and Alternative Entry Options

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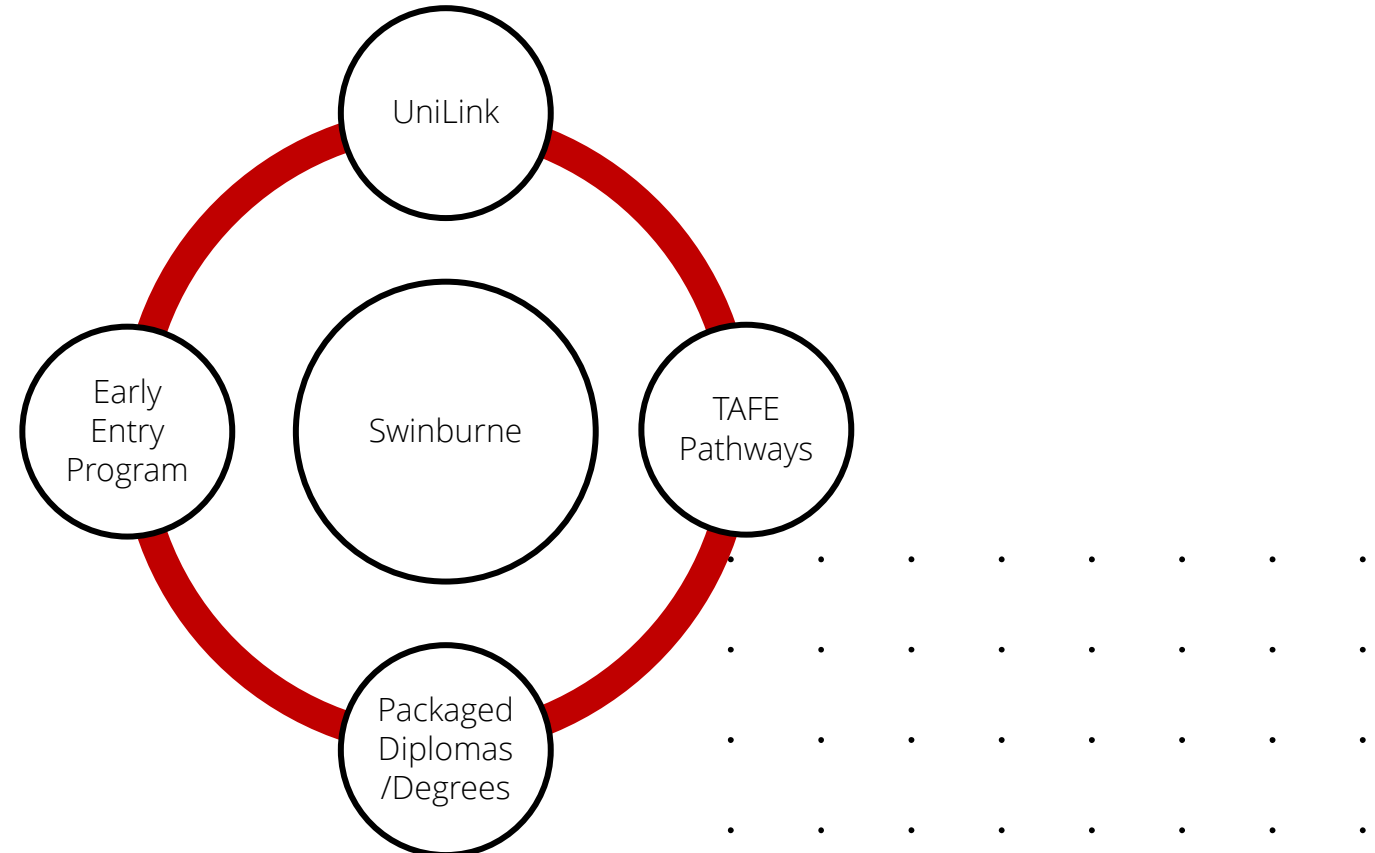
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Pathways at Swinburne

As a dual sector university, Swinburne has a range of different pathway options available for students.

This session aims to give you an overview and a refresher of all the different ways your students can find their way to Swinburne.

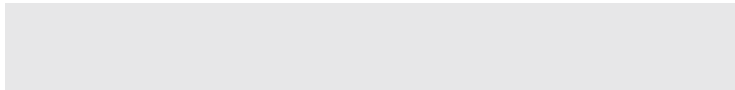
- VCE and IB Students
- Unsourced VCE Students
- VCE VM Students



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Early Entry Program

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What is the Early Entry Program?

Launched in 2020, the Early Entry Program was designed to provide Year 12s impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with an alternative pathway into university.

Benefits to students

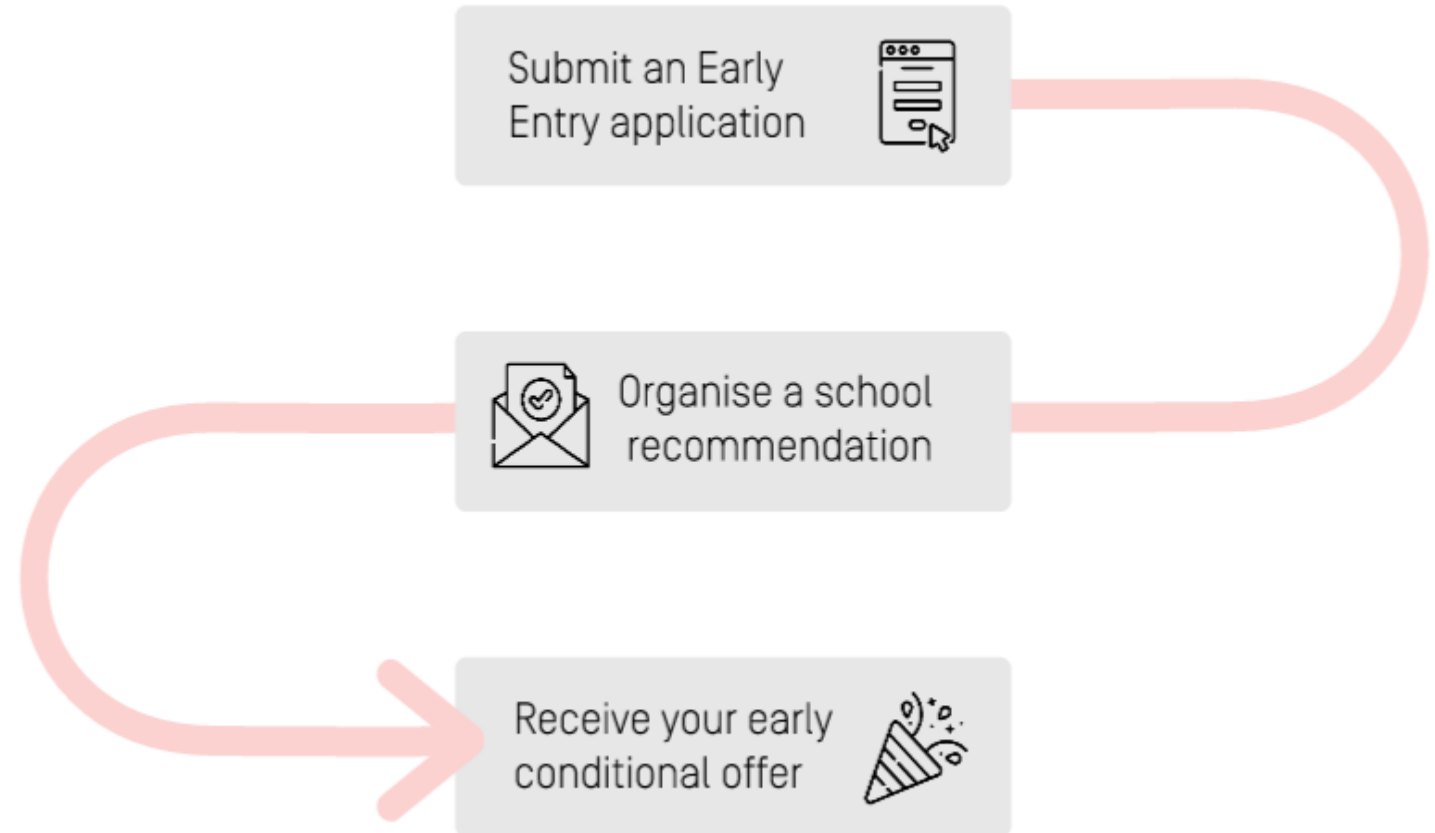
- Receive an early offer from Swinburne for most degrees.
- ATAR free entry into the degree.
- Opportunity to experience Swinburne during Year 12.



How to apply

Eligibility for a full VTAC offer via the Early Entry Program:

- Competing scored VCE or IB
- Meet the course prerequisites (i.e. 20 in VCE English)
- Submit any additional entry requirements (i.e. folio for fashion)
- Select an eligible Early Entry Program course (over 70 courses available)



Subject prerequisites

It is a condition of Swinburne's Early Entry Program that all VCE subject prerequisites are met.

All Courses

range. 20-25

English

VCE Units 3 and 4
any English (except EAL) or
25-30 in English as an Additional
Language (EAL) or equivalent.

Engineering, Science and Exercise Science

min. 20

Maths

VCE Units 3 and 4 of any Maths

* Excludes Foundation Maths for Engineering and Exercise and Sport Science

Design and Interior Architecture

Satisfactory Completion

Creative Subject

At least one of: VCE Art Creative Practice, Product Design and Technology, Media, Creative and Digital Media (VCE VET), Art Making and Exhibiting or Visual Communication and Design.

Computer Science

Satisfactory Completion

Maths

VCE Units 1 and 2 of any Maths



Participating Courses



Eligible study areas

Arts	Exercise and Sport Science
Accounting	Games and Animation
Applied Innovation	Health Science
Aviation Management	Interior Architecture
Business	Media and Communication
Computer Science and IT	Psychological Sciences
Criminology	Science
Design and Fashion	Screen Production
Engineering	Most double degrees

Exclusions

Architecture								
Aviation								
Education								
Film and Television								
Laws								
Nursing								
Professional Degrees								
Certificates and Diplomas

Please check our website for the most up-to-date list of eligible courses.

FAQs

Q: Can I defer my early offer?

A: We do offer deferral options at Swinburne, but you can only do this once your early offer becomes a full VTAC offer in December-February.

If you would like to defer, just let us know early next year, and we can make it happen!

Q: Can I apply if I am doing VCE VM?

A: You need to be completing a scored VCE to apply for an offer via the Early Entry Program.

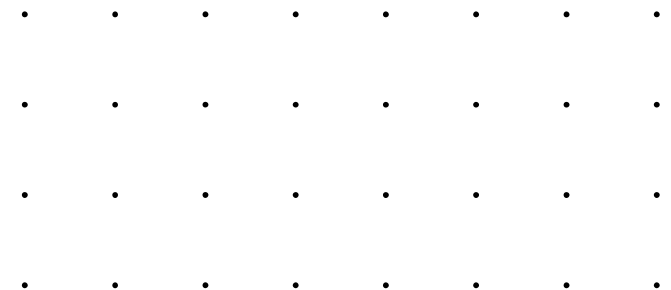
But if you're doing VCE VM, you can still find your place at Swinburne quite easily via one of our Certificate and Diploma pathways. These don't require an ATAR score.

Q: Can international students apply?

A: Yes, the Early Entry Program is available for international students studying scored VCE and the same timeframes apply.

Q: What if I didn't do a Maths subject or didn't achieve the Maths prerequisite?

A: Swinburne has a 6-week summer MathsLink bridging course that allows students that didn't meet the Maths prerequisite to complete it over summer, therefore allowing them to be eligible for a VTAC offer in the later rounds.



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Packaged Pathways (VTAC)










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Diploma to Degree Pathways

An excellent option for students completing VCE VM or Unsourced VCE.
No ATAR is required for entry, and you still have a pathway to a Swinburne degree!

Upon completion of the Diploma, you automatically progress into the most relevant degree option – no need to reapply.

You can access up to 8 units (1 year) credit into the bachelor degree

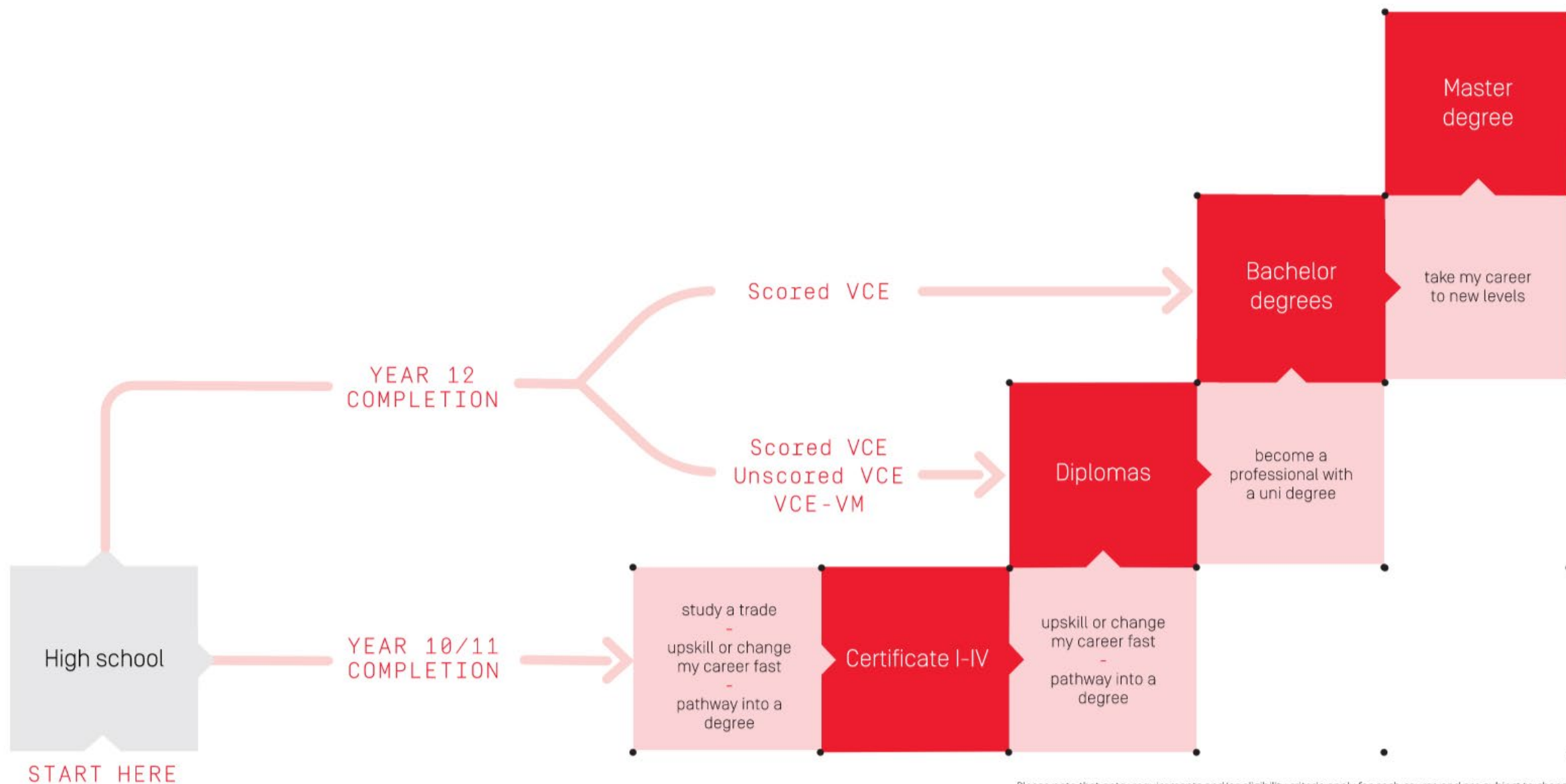
	Animation		Criminology		Screen Production
	Business		Design		
	Computer Science		Media and Communication	.	.
	Construction Management		Early Childhood and Primary Teaching	.	.
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TAFE Pathways

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Pathways



Scenario: I didn't get the ATAR that I needed

Bianca's goal is to study Bachelor of Film and Television (Honours)

She receives an ATAR of 74 and achieved a study score of 32 for English

Minimum ATAR 85

Bachelor of Film and Television (Honours)

Year 12 completion | No ATAR | Portfolio Required

Advanced Diploma of Screen and Media (Film & Television)

Year 12 completion | No ATAR

Certificate IV in Screen and Media

Certificate IV – no credit available towards a degree

Advanced Diploma – credit is available towards a degree (in this case up to 16 units)

For Bianca, she could still potentially attain the Bachelor of Film and Television (Honours) in a 4-year timeframe;
Advanced Diploma of Screen and Media (2 Years) + Bachelor of Film and Television (Honours) (2 years)



Scenario: I received an Early Offer via Early Entry Program. Can I get a full VTAC offer now?

Charli secured an early offer for Health Science

Charli received an ATAR of 50 and achieved a study score of 18 for English



Guaranteed ATAR 60

Bachelor of Health Science

No ATAR Requirement

Bachelor of Health Science | **Early Entry**

Guaranteed ATAR 40

Diploma of Health Science (UniLink)

Year 12 completion | No ATAR

Certificate IV in Mental Health (VE/TAFE) - > Swinburne Diploma or Degree

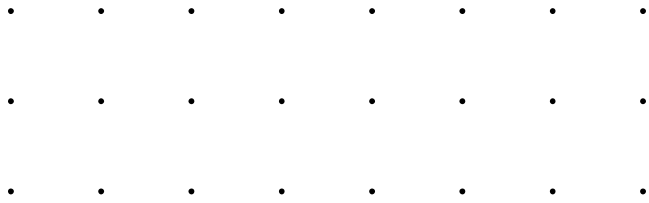
If an early offer holder doesn't meet the English and/or Maths requirements, they should look at pathway options for their course.

Free TAFE

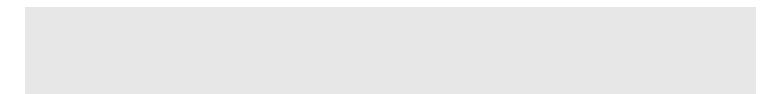
Free TAFE courses allow students to access a fully-funded place in a Certificate or Diploma.

- Swinburne currently offers over 20 courses on the current Free TAFE list, including in areas such as **Building and Construction, Health and Education**.
- Some of these courses are available as part of our VTAC packaged pathways, offering an affordable entry pathway into a bachelor degree.
- Government subsidised places are also available for Certificates, Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas.
- VET Student Loans are also available for Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas.





UniLink Diplomas



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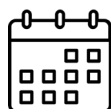
Seamless connection from diploma to degree

A unique Swinburne pathway to a related bachelor degree at Swinburne (no certificate of completion as it is solely a pathway).

Study the first year of your chosen bachelor degree with more support.



8 months full-time or part-time equivalent



February, June and October intakes



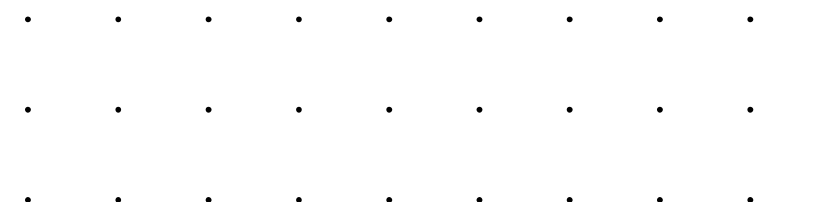
Hawthorn, on-campus delivery



ATAR required along with relevant pre-requisites (English, Maths)



Commonwealth Support Placed (CSP) HECS-HELP



UniLink Diplomas



Arts and Communications



Health Science



Business



Information Technology



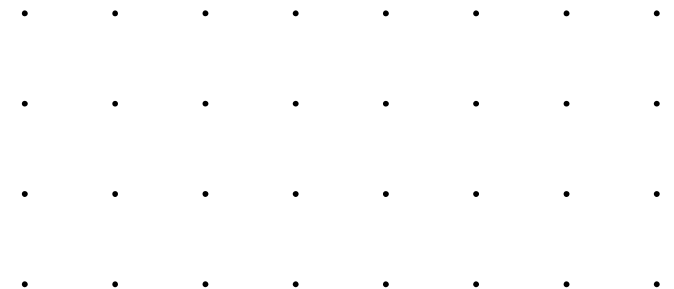
Design











Science



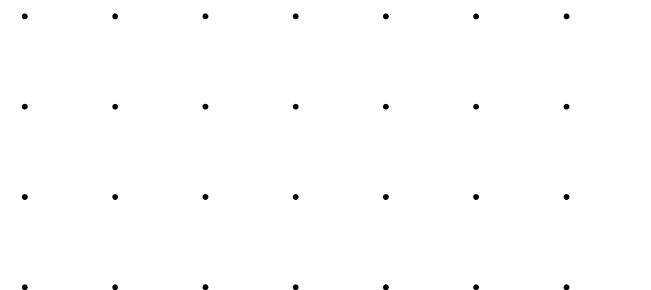
Engineering



Pathways Overview

	Early Entry Program	UniLink	Diploma to Degree Packaged VTAC Pathway	TAFE Certificates and Diplomas*
Scored VCE or IB				
Unscored VCE				
VCE VM				

* there are some diplomas which may have a folio requirement or require evidence of a certain standard of literacy and numeracy before an offer can be made.



Pathways Help



Swinburne has a range of services to support you with pathway advice for your students

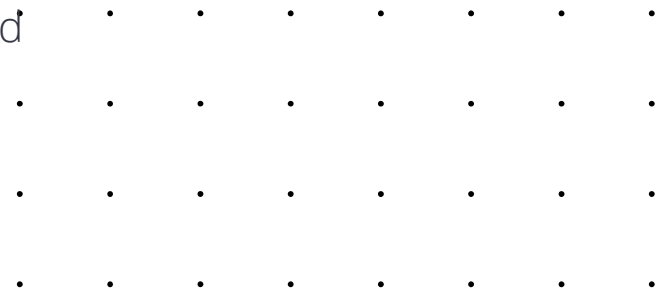
Pathways Planner – an online tool, the [Pathway Planner](#) allows you to view a list of pathways and credit points for both undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.

2026 course guide – includes a useful double-paged spread that summarises Swinburne's pathway options

Schools Recruitment Team - contact your regional schools recruitment representative for pathways advice for your students.

One-on-one appointments – prospective students can access one-on-one pathways advice and application assistance

Skills and Jobs Centre - work closely with the local communities in Croydon, Hawthorn and Wantirna, connecting clients with education and employment opportunities.



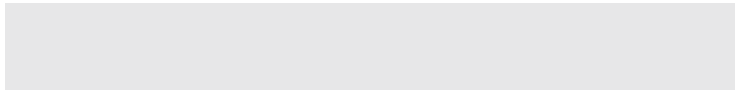
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Student Panel

Mariana Rosa Boco – Bachelor of Business
Catholic College Eltham

Sam Ellis – Bachelor of Business / Bachelor of Laws (via TAFE Business course)
Cire Community School

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Swinburne Pathways Trivia

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