

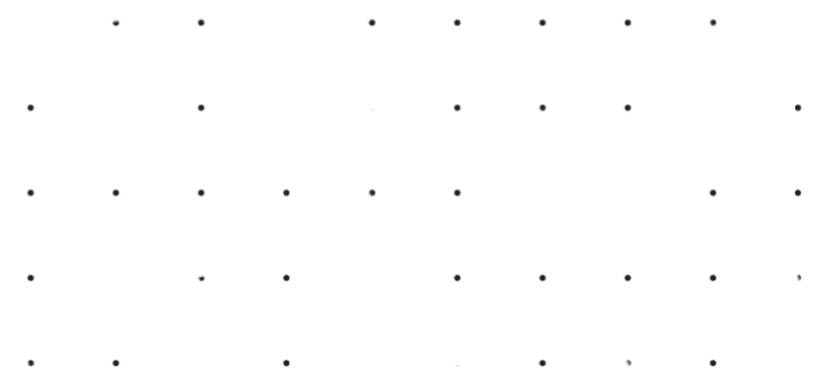
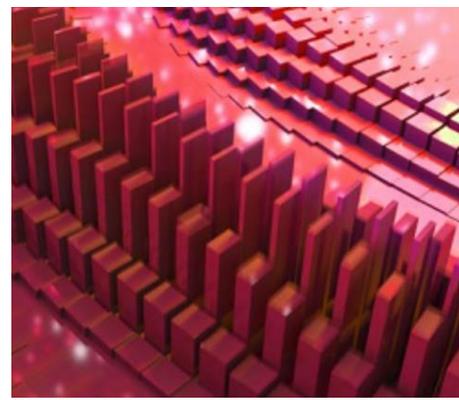


# Pathways and Alternative Entry Options

Sam Cobb and Tegan Cockram

**Future Students & Marketing**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026



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# Acknowledgement of Country

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, who are the Traditional Owners of the land on which Swinburne's Australian campuses are located in Melbourne's east and outer-east, and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We are honoured to recognise our connection to Wurundjeri Country, history, culture, and spirituality through these locations, and strive to ensure that we operate in a manner that respects and honours the Elders and Ancestors of these lands.

We also respectfully acknowledge Swinburne's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, students, alumni, partners and visitors.

We also acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of lands across Australia, their Elders, Ancestors, cultures, and heritage, and recognise the continuing sovereignties of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nations.

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# Agenda



**10:20AM**

## **Pathways Overview**

*Early Entry Program*  
*Certificates, Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas*  
*UniLink Diplomas*  
*Free TAFE*  
*Fee-Free UniReady*  
*Packaged Pathways*  
*Undergraduate Certificate in Law (Pathway)*  
*Pathways Help*

**10:45AM**

## **Student Panel**

*Hear from our students about their pathways*

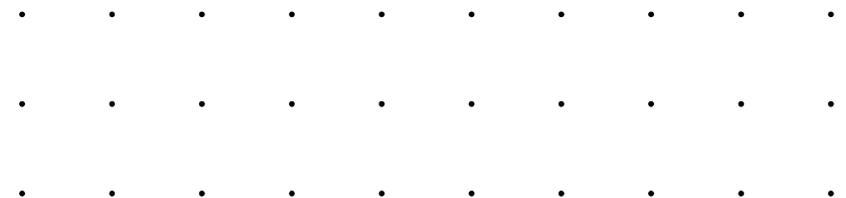
**11:05AM**

## **Q&A**

*The floor is yours!*

**11:20AM**

## **Session concludes**

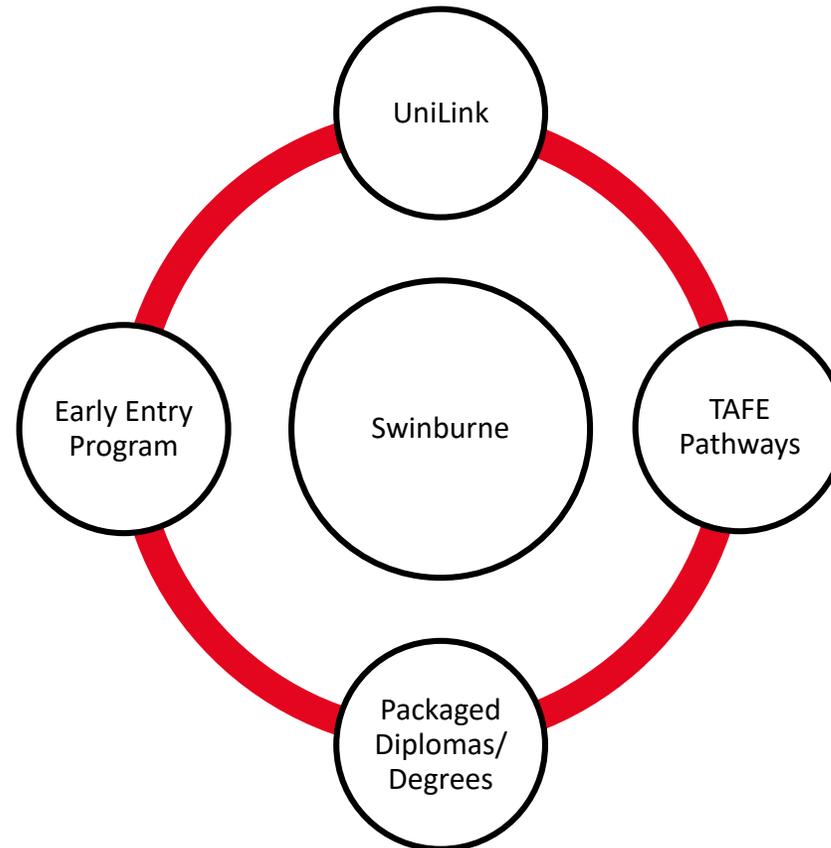


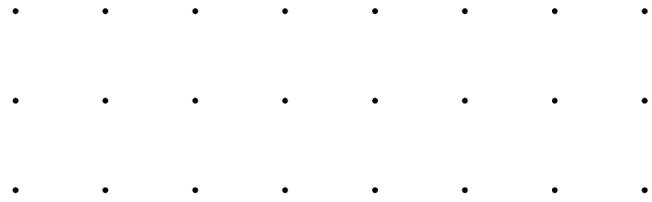
# Pathways at Swinburne

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
- Unscored VCE Students
- VCE VM Students





# Early Entry Program



# Early Entry Program



Get an **Early Conditional Offer** for 70+ eligible courses before finishing Year 12!



**No ATAR needed** - just meet the required study scores and subject prerequisites!



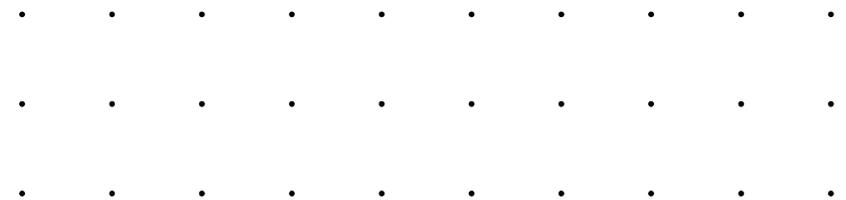
**Access exclusive opportunities** like GradX, CapEx and VCE mentoring!



**Stress less** before exams



**Applications** open in June



# Early Entry Program – Eligibility & Degrees



## VCE or IB Students

Eligible to apply for **70+** bachelor degrees & **12** diploma to degree pathways



## Unscored VCE Students

Eligible to apply for **70+** bachelor degrees\* & **12** diploma to degree pathways

*\* Must still meet scored VCE English requirements (or EAL) and any other course prerequisites (i.e. Maths)*



## VCE VM Students

Eligible to apply for **12** diploma to degree pathways

\***Bachelor of Design** and **Bachelor of Design (Fashion)** – portfolio entry accepted

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

Arts

Accounting

Applied Innovation

Aviation Management

Business

Computer Science and IT

Criminology

Design

Engineering

### Exclusions

Architecture

Education

Law

Professional Degrees

Exercise and Sport Science

Games and Animation

Health Science

Interior Architecture

Media and Communication

Psychological Sciences

Science

Screen Production

Most double degrees

Aviation

Film and Television

Nursing

# Early Entry Program - Course Prerequisites

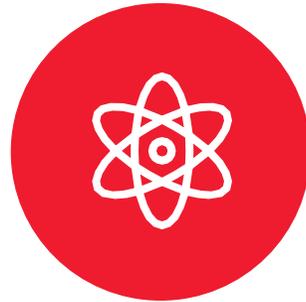


## All courses

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



# Early Entry Program – Application Process



## Submit an Early Entry Application

3 questions – 200 words

How do you think people can work in collaboration with technology to create a better world?

Describe how your education and any extracurricular activities, work experiences, or other responsibilities have prepared you for a course at Swinburne.

Explain why you believe this course will assist you in achieving your career goals, and help you make a difference in the world.



## Organise a School Recommendation

Career Practitioner

VCE Coordinator

Year Level Coordinator

Subject Teacher

Assistant Principal

Principal



## Update VTAC preferences

Add chosen course to VTAC preference list. Select the Early Entry Program version and correct VTAC code - essential to be considered for a full offer.



# School Recommendation Form



## 2026 Early Entry Program

### Information

A Year 12 student at your school has nominated you as a referee for their application for Swinburne University of Technology's Early Entry Program. The school recommendation form is a hurdle requirement for a student to be considered for non-ATAR entry into a Swinburne course in 2026.

This form is a confidential assessment of a student's suitability to be considered for an early offer from Swinburne via a non-ATAR pathway.

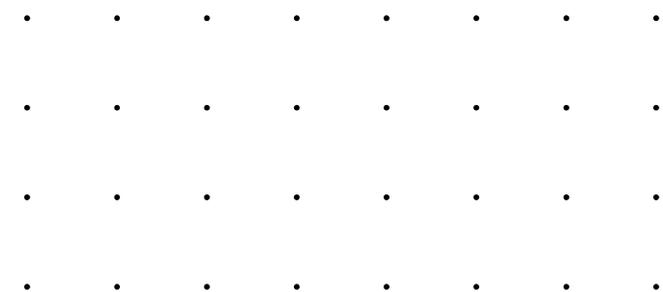
Please complete the form below and send it to [earlyentryprogram@swin.edu.au](mailto:earlyentryprogram@swin.edu.au) by 5 December 2025. We are unable to consider any school recommendation forms received after this date.

### Student details

<b>Surname:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Given name/s:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>VTAC ID:</b>	<input type="text"/>		

### Referee details

<b>Surname:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Given name/s:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Best contact phone number:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Work email address:</b> Email address must be a school-based email address or education.vic.gov.au email address or equivalent. Recommendations will not be accepted using public email domains (e.g. Gmail, Yahoo).	<input type="text"/>
<b>Role of referee:</b> Acceptable referees are the school principal, VCE coordinator, Year 12 coordinator, career practitioner or equivalent.	<input type="text"/>		



# School Recommendation Form



## Recommendation

9	8	7	6	5	4	0-3
Excellent	Very Good	Good	Competent	Moderate	Limited	No recommendation for a course with ATAR entry requirements
<input type="checkbox"/>						

Using the scale above, how would you rate the student overall against the following?  
(See other side of the form for guidelines to help you provide an assessment).

This student has a reasonable prospect of success in future tertiary studies and that they have the:

capacity to learn and play an active role in their own learning;

have the essential skills in literacy and numeracy;

are creative and productive users of technology as a foundation for success in all learning areas;

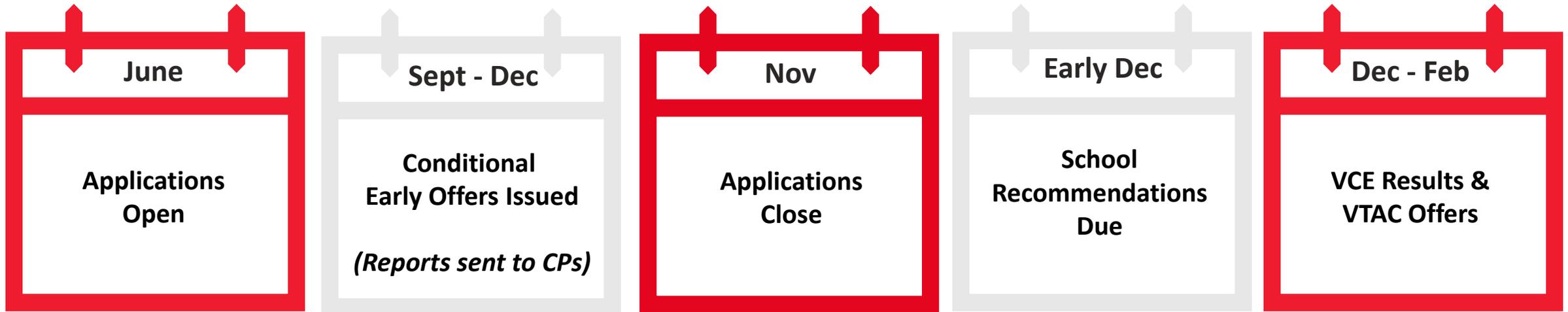
are able to obtain and evaluate evidence in a disciplined way;

use creative skills to solve complex problems;

are able to plan activities independently.

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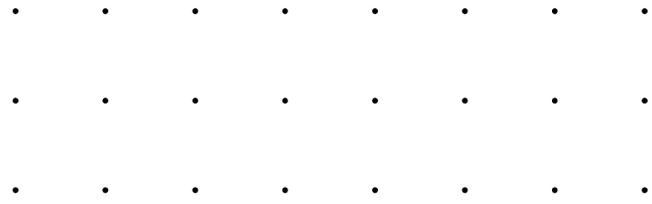
# Early Entry Program – Key Dates



**What if a student changes their mind? No worries!**

Update their preferences to any other eligible courses in the program. Must still meet the prerequisites for the course. Simply update VTAC preferences to the new Early Entry Program course

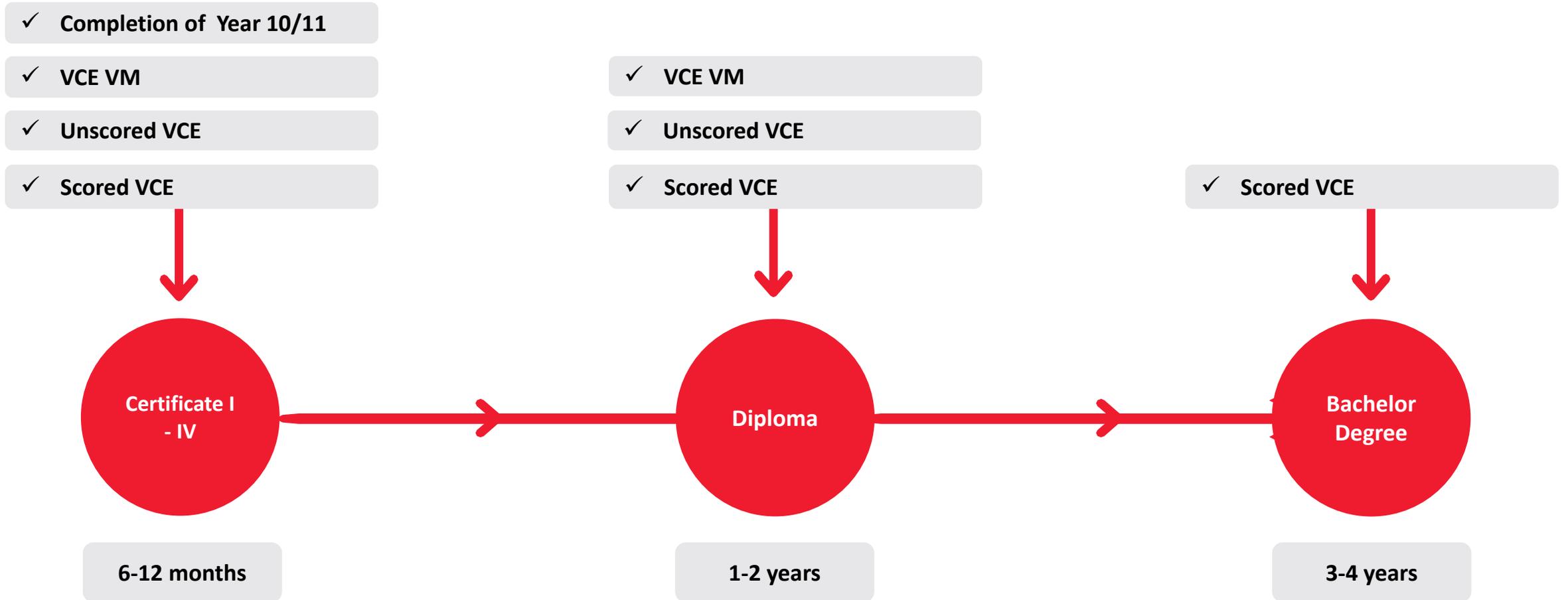




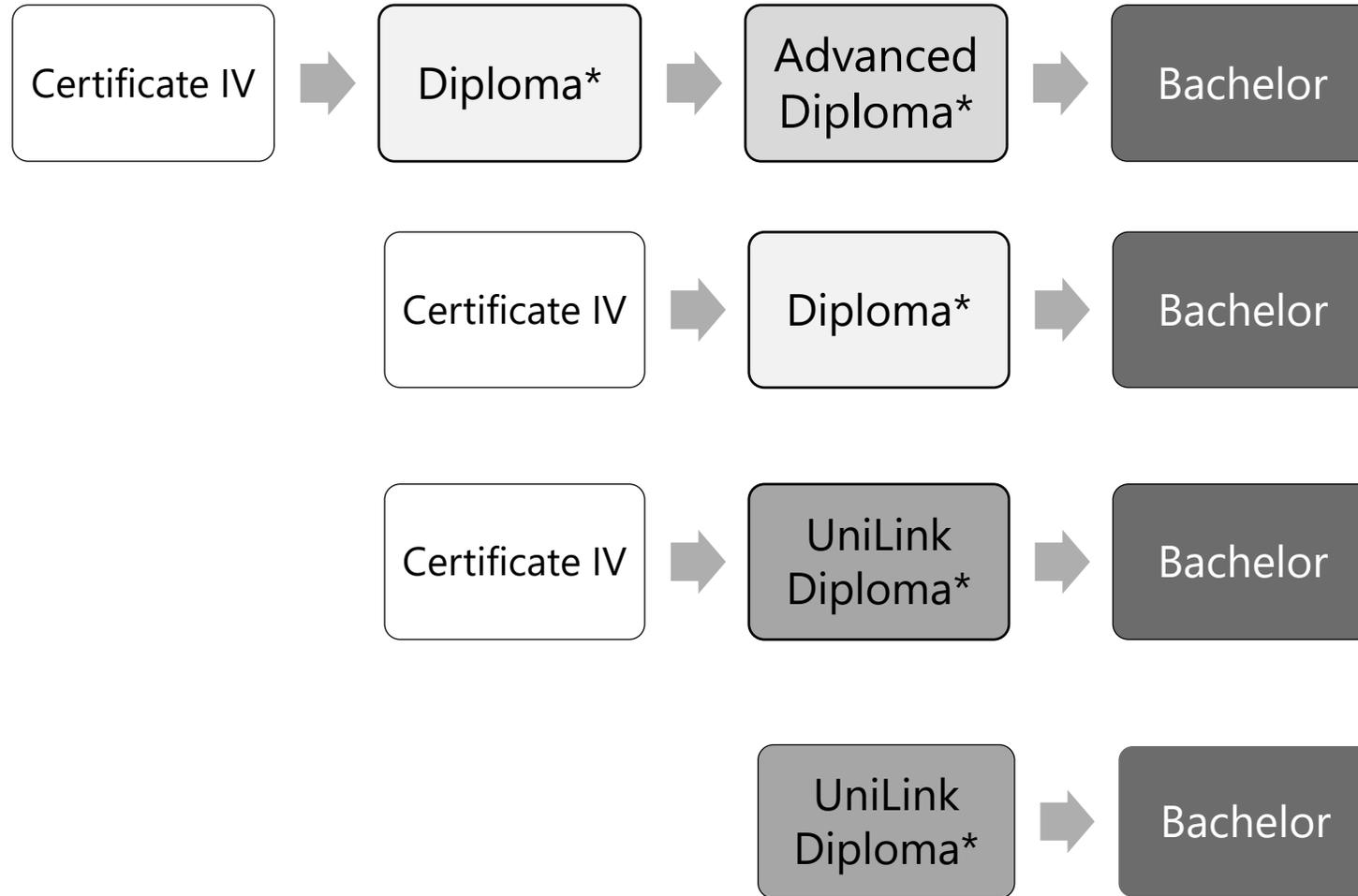
# TAFE Pathways



# Pathways from School to Swinburne

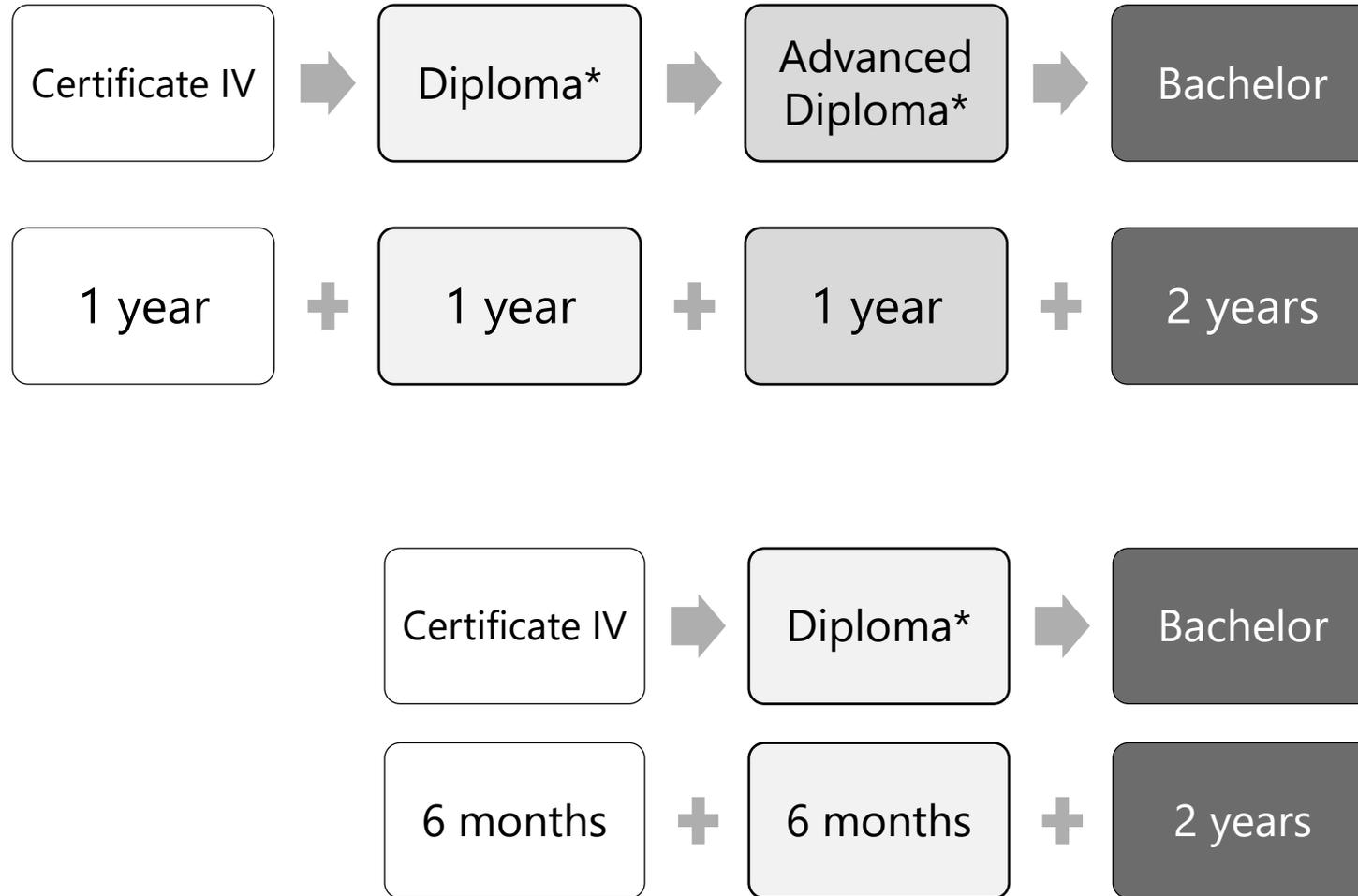


# Common Pathway Options



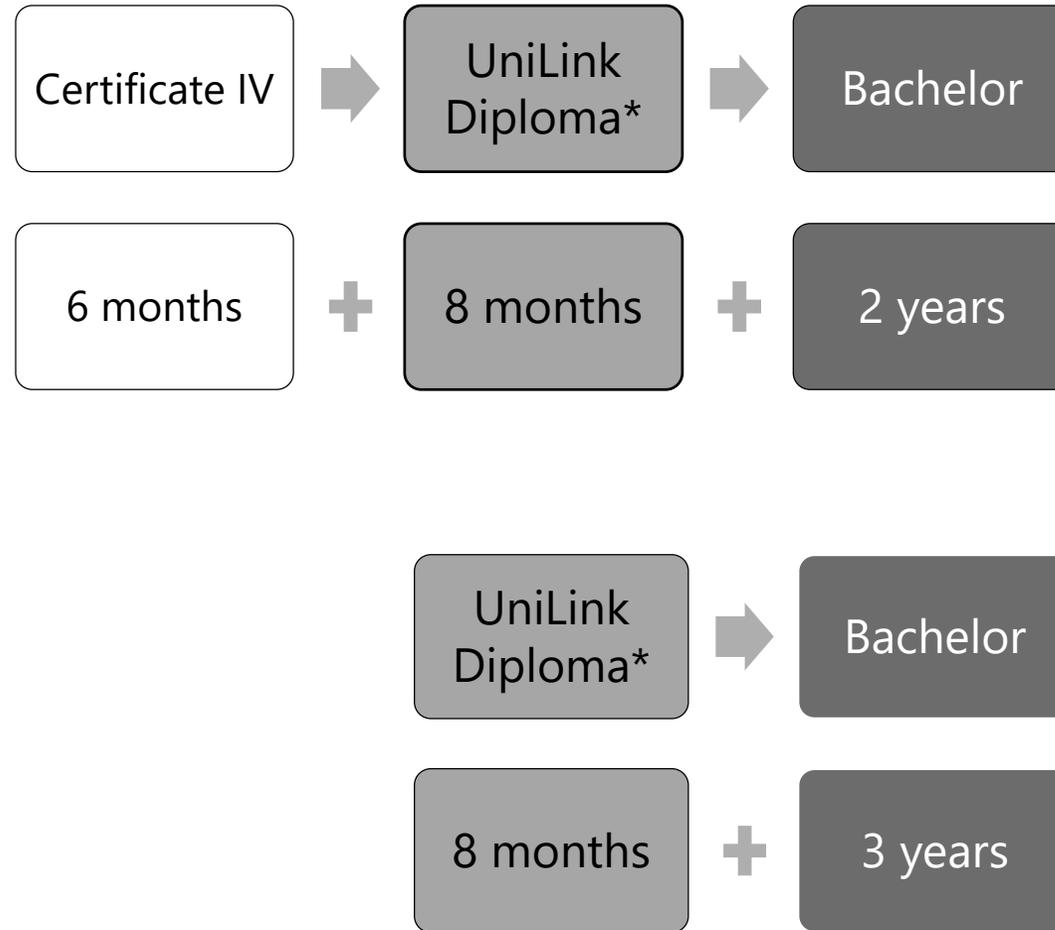
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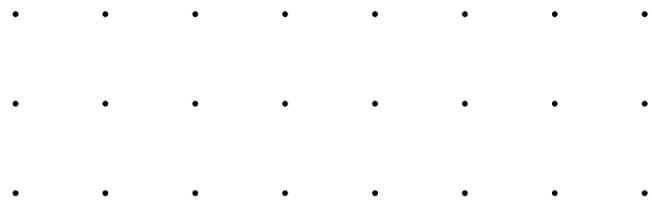


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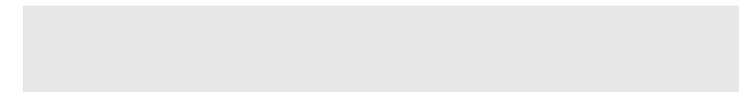
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# UniLink Diplomas



# UniLink Diplomas

## 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



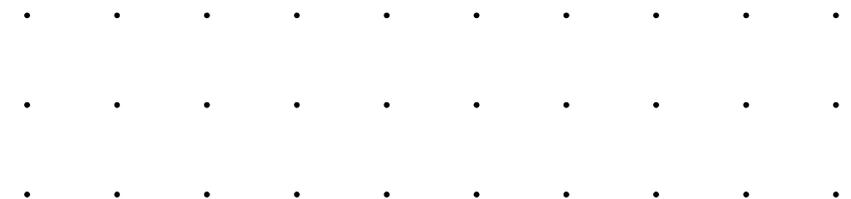
Hawthorn, on-campus delivery



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



Commonwealth Support Places (CSP) + HECS-HELP for eligible students



# UniLink Diplomas



Arts and Communications



Health Science



Business



Information Technology



Design



Science



Engineering



# Pathway to Bachelor: UniLink & TAFE

UniLink	TAFE / Vocational Education
UniLink is accredited as an award-level higher education diploma specific to Swinburne	Nationally recognised
Bachelor level teaching with additional support	VE level teaching and support
ATAR required	No ATAR required
Year 12 Subject Prerequisites (e.g. English, Maths, Design)	Usually no Year 12 prerequisites (extra criteria may apply)
On-campus blended delivery	On-campus and online delivery both available
8 months Full Time – 12 months Part Time	Typically, 6 months – 2 years durations
3 intakes per year (February, June, October)	Typically, 1-2 intakes per year (Feb/March, July/August)
Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP)*	Skills First government-subsidised places and concession rates*
Available loan option: HECS-HELP*	Available loan option: VET Student Loan (Diploma & Advanced Diploma)*

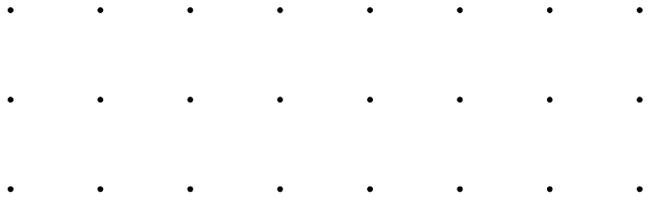
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# Free TAFE

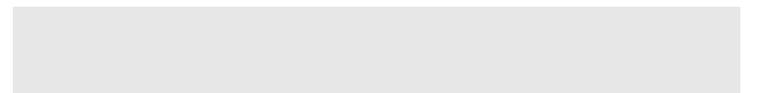
Free TAFE courses allow students to access a fully-funded place in select Certificates and Diplomas.

- 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.





# Fee-Free UniReady



# Fee-Free UniReady Program

## This course is only available for domestic students

- Fee-free, government-funded pre-university enabling course designed to equip students from diverse backgrounds with the knowledge, skills and confidence required to enter an undergraduate degree.
- Location: Hawthorn (on campus)
- Duration: 1 semester (4 subjects)
- Provides students with a direct path into the following:

[Bachelor of Arts](#)

[Bachelor of Business](#)

[Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology](#)

[Bachelor of Health Science](#)

[Bachelor of Science](#)

- These are listed on VTAC as packages with the Bachelor degree

### [Arts - UniReady Program/Degree](#)

UniReady Program: 15 weeks minimum duration  
Bachelor of Arts: 3 years minimum duration



[Swinburne University of Technology](#)  
Hawthorn

Higher Ed CSP Full-time Apply through VTAC

### [Business - UniReady Program/Degree](#)

UniReady Program: 15 weeks minimum duration  
Bachelor of Business: 3 years minimum duration



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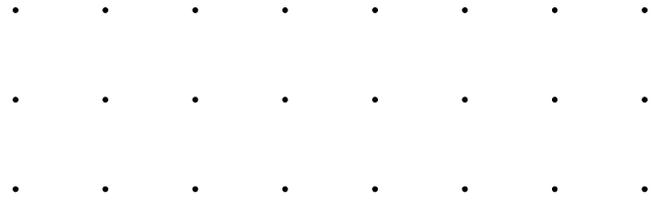
### [Health Science - UniReady Program/Degree](#)

UniReady Program: 15 weeks minimum duration  
Bachelor of Health Science: 3 years minimum duration

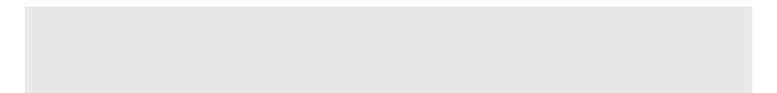


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Hawthorn

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# Packaged Pathways (VTAC)



# Packaged Offers - Diploma to Degree

The **perfect option** for students completing **VCE VM or Unscored 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 credit into the bachelor degree



Animation



Construction Management



Media and Communication



Business



Criminology



Early Childhood and Primary Teaching



Computer Science



Design



Screen Production

# Undergraduate Certificate in Law (Pathway)

1 Year Part-time – Hawthorn

→ Develops students understanding of the legal system, the rule of law and the legal profession, preparing them for further studies in law and other related areas.

Alternatively, graduates may find employment in entry-level and para-legal positions within the broader legal and administrative ecosystem. This course is not an accredited qualification for admission to legal practice.

**Pathways into:** Bachelor of Laws or Bachelor of Criminal Justice & Criminology

## Skills a student will learn:

Read case law and legislation	General principles of tort law	Valid contract formation
Legal research and writing	Navigate the Australian legal system	Legal research and writing

VCE

25

30

Successful completion

VCE English  
(Units 3 and 4)

VCE EAL  
(Units 3 and 4)

# Pathways Help



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

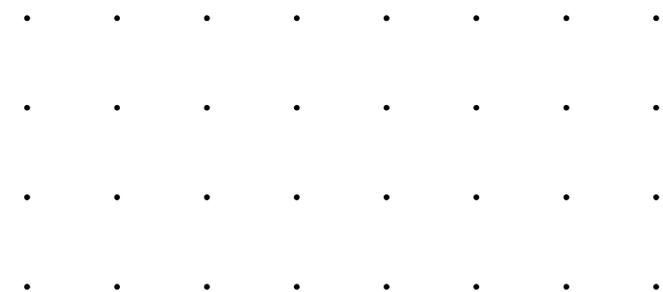
**Pathways Planner** – an online tool, the [Pathway Planner](#) allows you to view a list of pathways and credit points for both undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.

**Course Guide** – includes a useful double-paged spread that summarises Swinburne’s pathway options. [Digital copies](#) available online.

**Schools Recruitment Team** - contact your [schools recruitment representative](#) for pathways advice for your students.

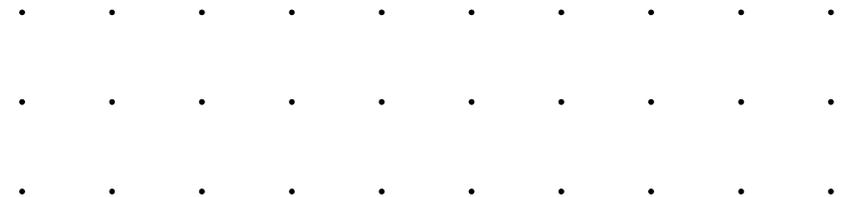
**One-on-one appointments** – prospective students can access one-on-one pathways advice and application assistance via Future Students HQ. These appointments can be [booked online](#).

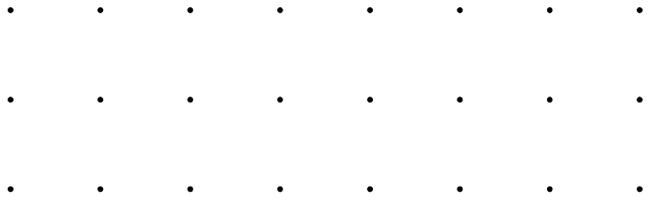
**Skills and Jobs Centre** - work closely with the local communities in Croydon, Hawthorn and Wantirna, connecting clients with [education and employment opportunities](#).



# Student Panel

<b>Sam</b>	<b>Bachelor of Business (Accounting) and Bachelor of Laws</b> <i>CIRE Community School, Mt Evelyn</i>
<b>Sophia</b>	<b>Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Psychological Sciences</b> <i>Geelong College and Baimbridge College</i>
<b>Caitlin</b>	<b>Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Teaching)</b> <i>St Michael's Grammar School</i>





# Questions?





[swinburne.edu.au](http://swinburne.edu.au)