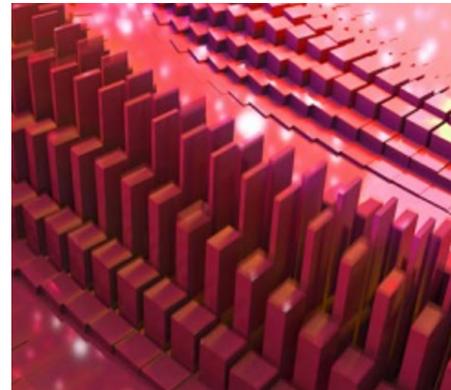


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# Pathways and Alternative Entry Options

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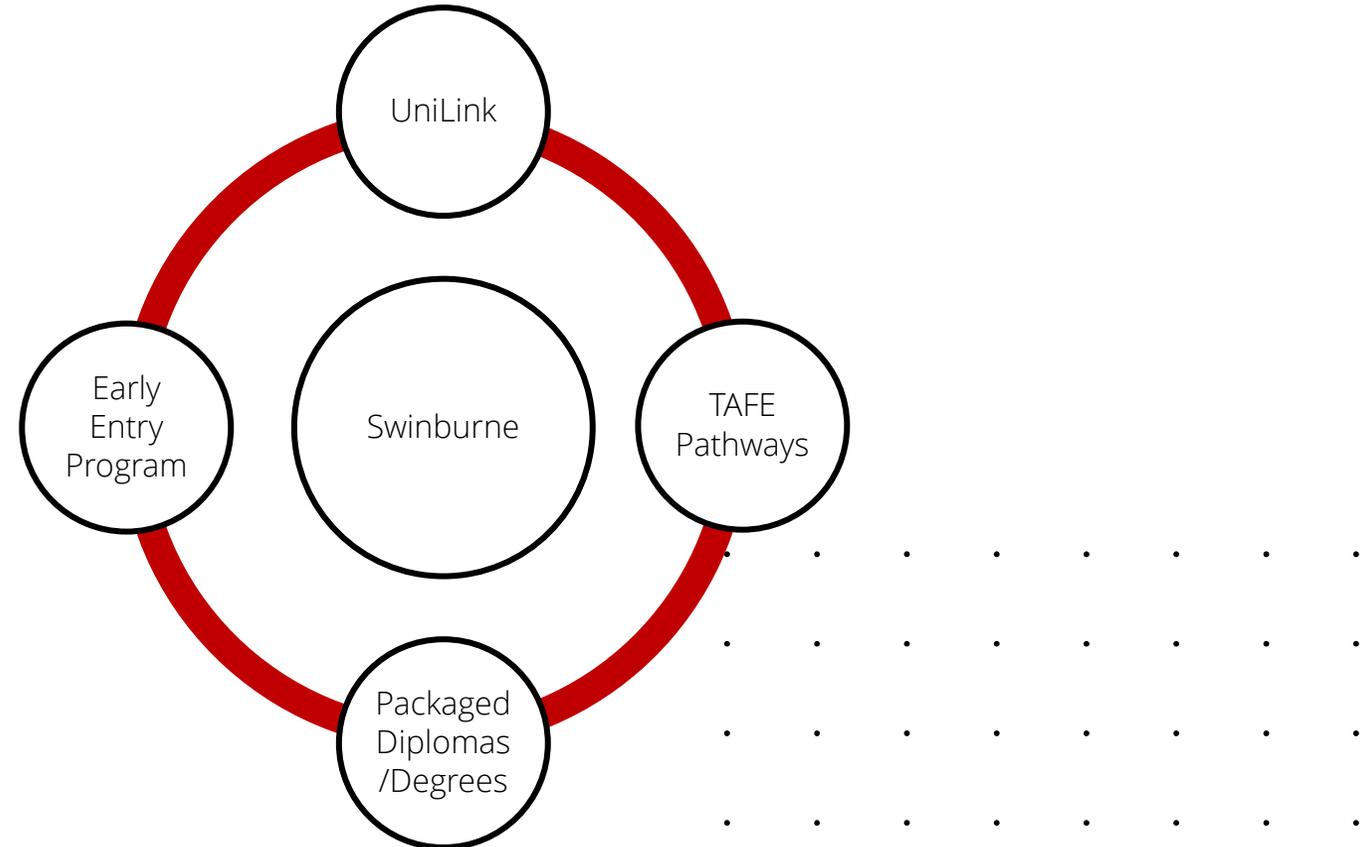


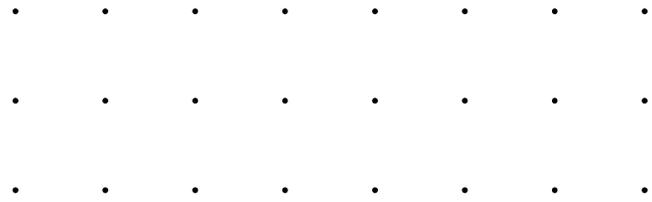
# Pathways at Swinburne

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
- Unscored VCE Students
- VCE VM Students





# Early Entry Program

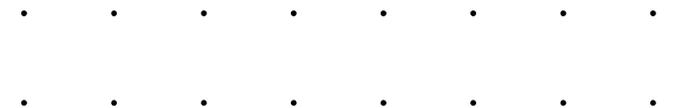


# What is the Early Entry Program?

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

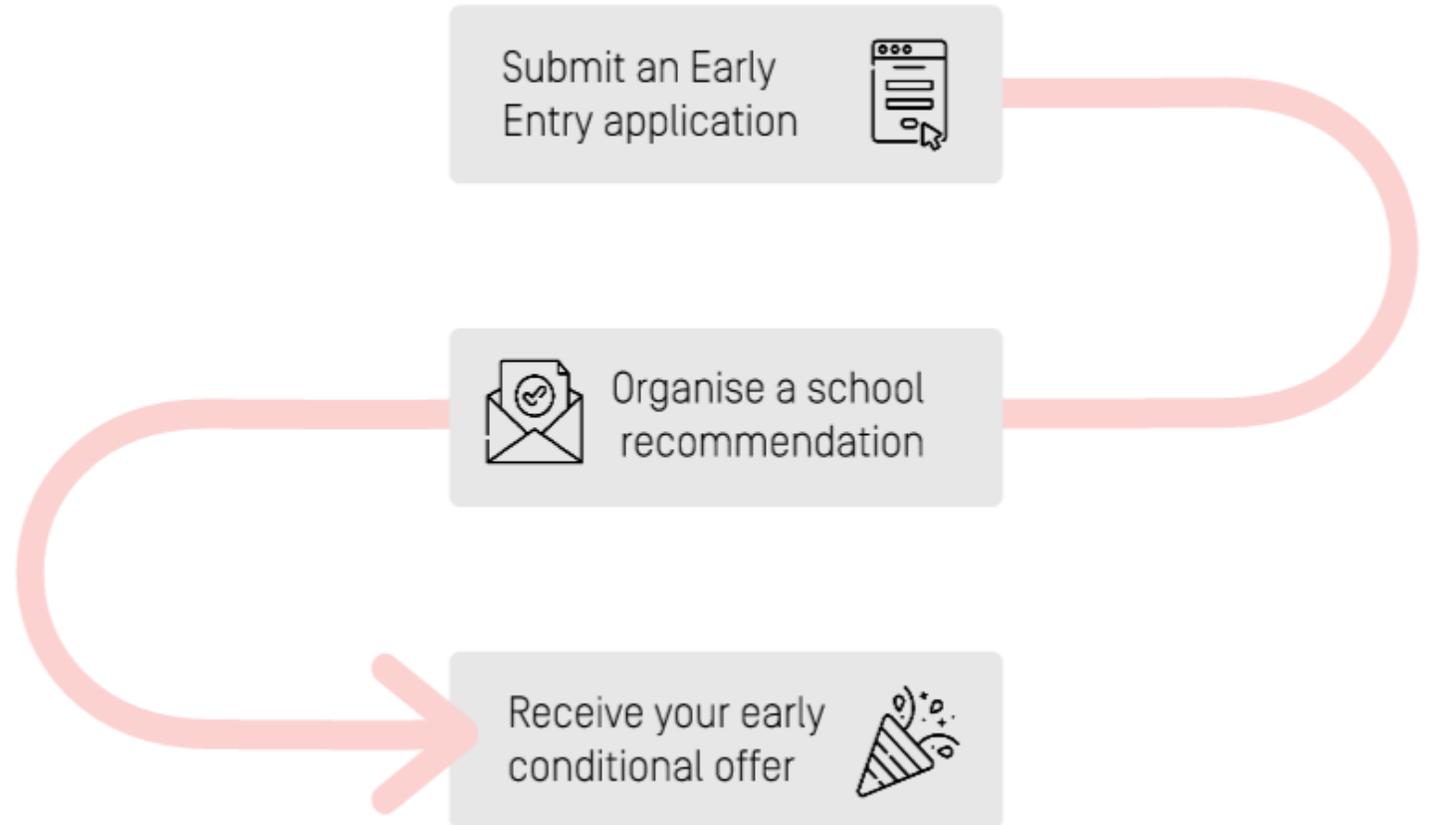
- Receive an early offer from Swinburne for most degrees.
- ATAR free entry into the degree.
- Opportunity to experience Swinburne during Year 12.



# 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

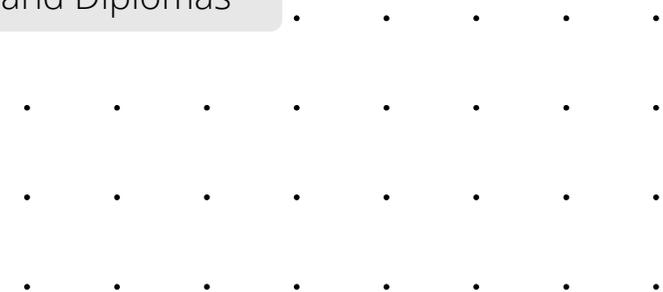
## Eligible study areas

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



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.

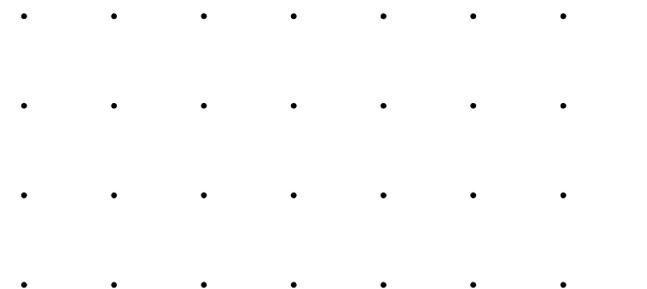
But if you're doing VCE VM, you can still find your place at Swinburne quite easily via one of our Certificate and Diploma pathways. These don't require an ATAR score.

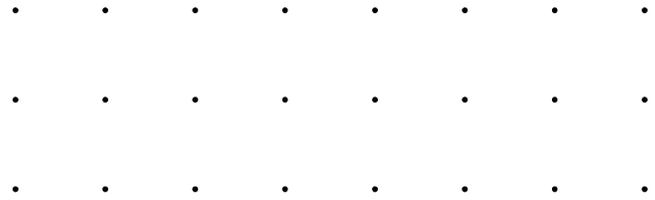
Q: Can international students apply?

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

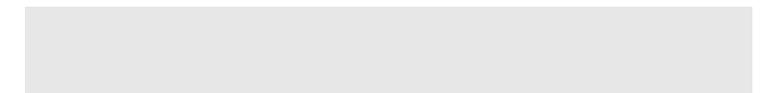
Q: What if I didn't do a Maths subject or didn't achieve the Maths prerequisite?

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.

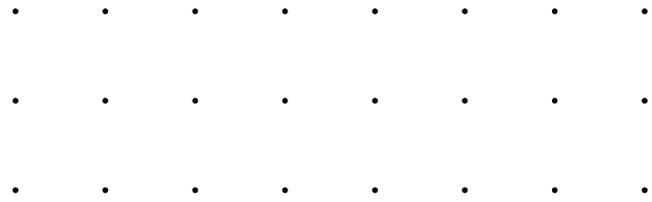




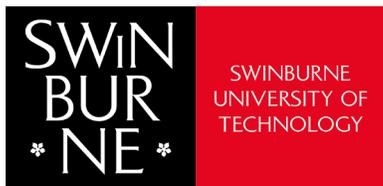
# Packaged Pathways (VTAC)



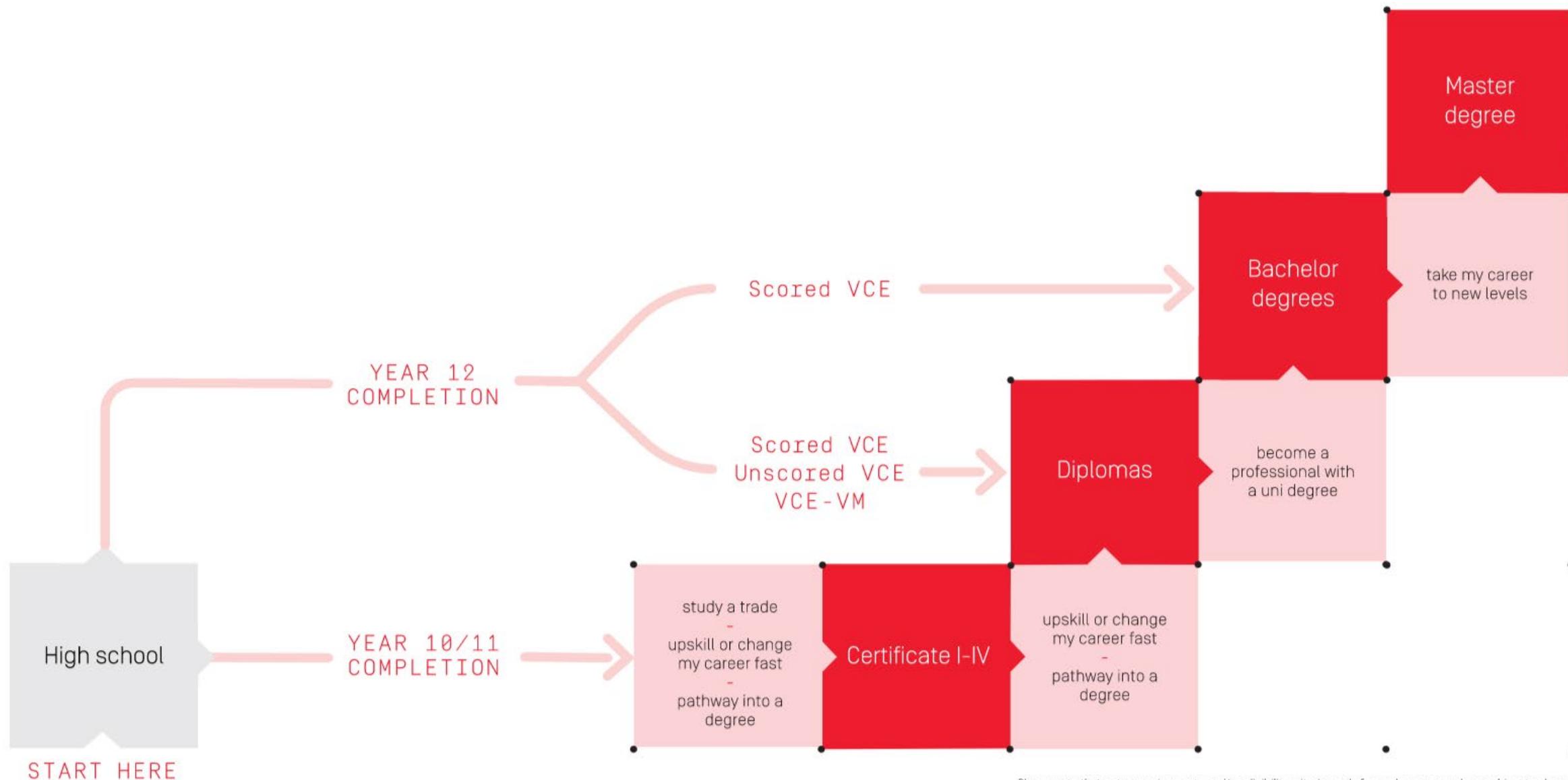




# TAFE Pathways



# Pathways



Please note that entry requirements and/or eligibility criteria apply for each course and are subject to change.

# 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

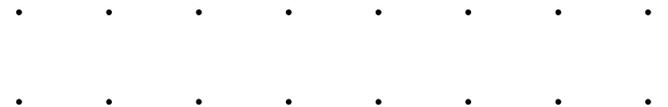
Certificate IV in Mental Health (VE/TAFE) - > Swinburne Diploma or Degree

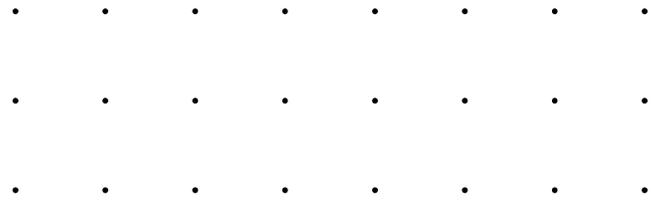
If an early offer holder doesn't meet the English and/or Maths requirements, they should look at pathway options for their course.

# 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



# 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



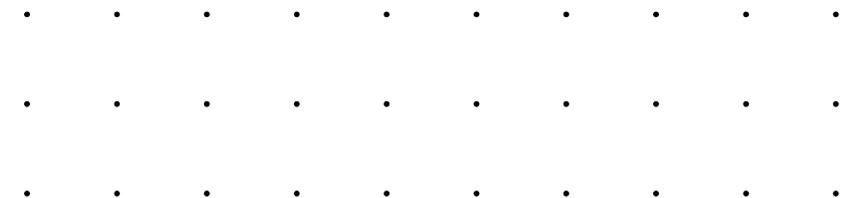
Hawthorn, on-campus delivery



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



Commonwealth Support 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.

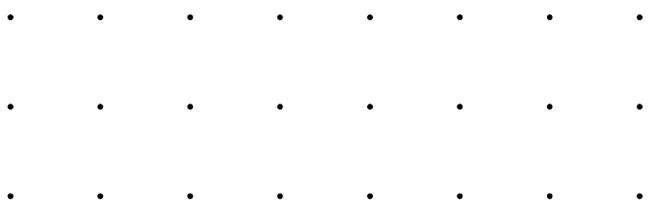
**2026 course guide** – includes a useful double-paged spread that summarises Swinburne’s pathway options

**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.

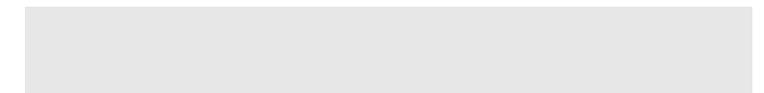


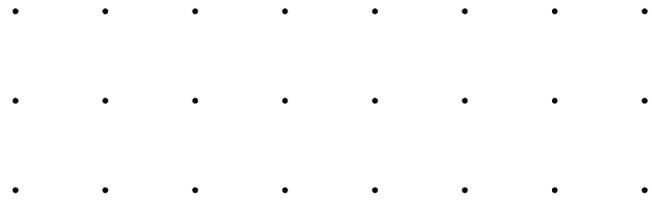


# Student Panel

**Mariana Rosa Boco** – Bachelor of Business  
*Catholic College Eltham*

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





# Swinburne Pathways Trivia





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