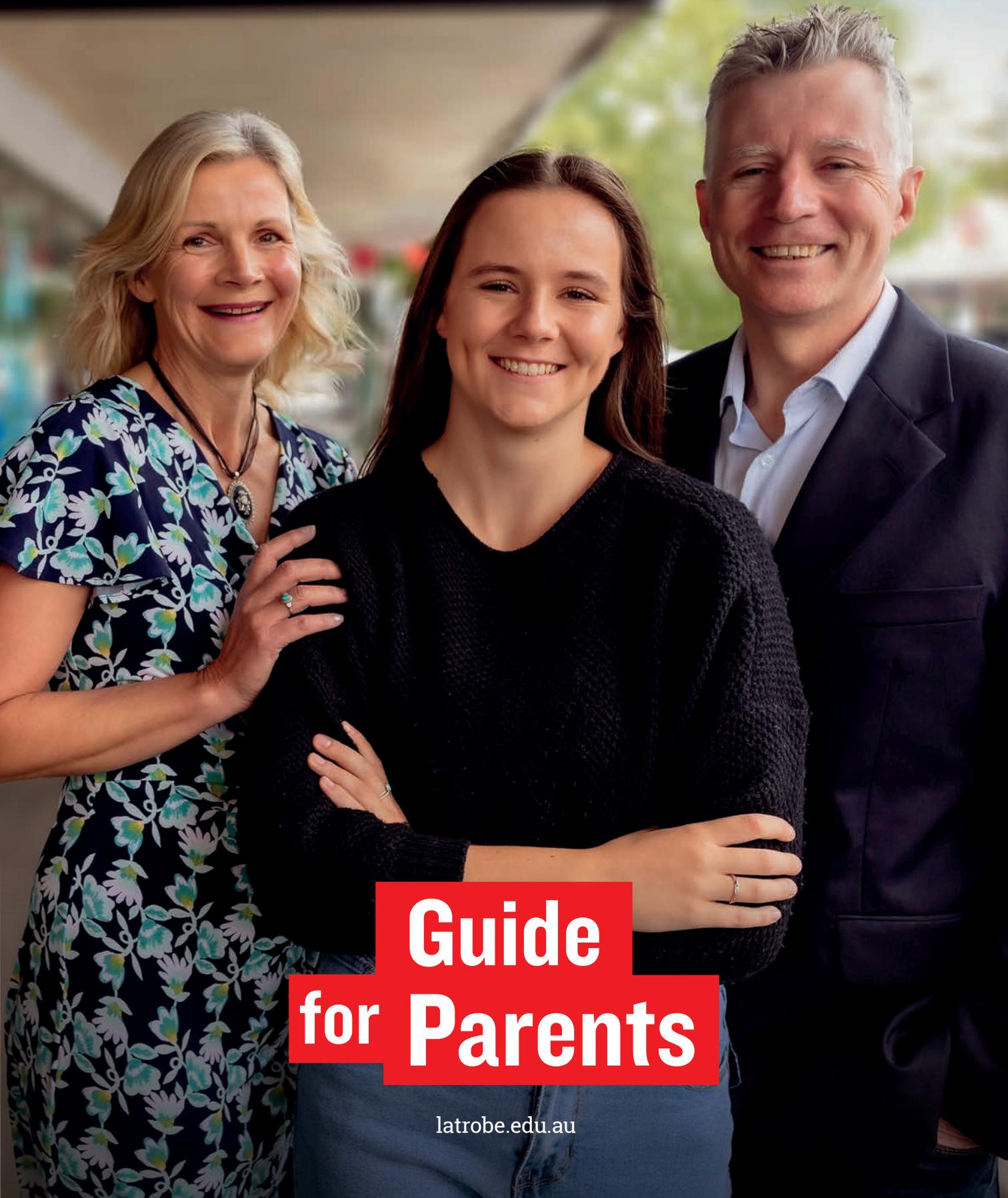




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**Guide
for Parents**

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Preparing for university



It's time for your child to picture their next, exciting step. They may know what they want to study – they may not. Either way, there's a lot of information out there – and not just for your child.

It may not always feel like it, but you're a huge influence in your child's decision-making: from guiding them through university Open Days to applications and enrolment. And perhaps most importantly, helping them understand their choices.

When it comes to helping your child choose a university, you're sure to have many questions, like: 'What course should they study? What kind of support does the uni offer? What's the campus community like?' That's where this handy Guide for Parents comes in.

Tips for supporting your child

01

Choosing their Year 11 and 12 subjects



At this point, university might seem a long way off, but the decisions your child makes in Year 10 about VCE/HSC subjects may affect what they can study after Year 12. If you're reading this as a parent of a Year 10 student, now is the perfect opportunity to help gather the information they need to be fully prepared for VCE/HSC and beyond. Call us on **1300 135 045** from 9 am–5 pm, Monday to Friday, if you or your child needs one-on-one advice.

02

What interests your child?



It's hard to choose what to study at university. How can you help? Identify your child's strengths and passions. Introduce them to options they may not have considered. Flick through these pages for our courses, pathways, scholarships and more. Another option is to jump onto **seek.com.au**, read the required qualifications and work backwards from any career ideas your child may have.

03

Get course information and advice



Looking for course information and advice? This undergraduate guide is a good place to start. Check out courses on the La Trobe website. Ask around – use your friends, family and colleagues. Attend Open Day and Experience Clever. Book a one-on-one consultation at **latrobe.edu.au/study/one-on-one-consultations**. Call us on **1300 135 045**. Message us on **latrobe.edu.au/chat**.

04

See the University for yourself



Your child could spend three to six years at university, so visiting the campus before applying is a smart idea. Open Day is the perfect opportunity to experience La Trobe at each of our campuses across Victoria and New South Wales. Chat with lecturers and students, take a tour of the facilities, watch live demonstrations or even check out the accommodation options. Earlier in the year we also run Experience Clever, where your child can take part in dynamic and interactive workshops led by La Trobe lecturers.

05

Your child chooses their preferences



They've done the research and narrowed it down. Now they'll need to apply for up to eight courses, in order of preference. Your child will need to apply through VTAC or UAC, but we offer plenty of support to help you through: from online resources to one-on-one consultations. It's vital they know the key dates and apply by the deadline.

06

ATARs are released



For your child, it may feel like their entire future is riding on achieving the right ATAR score. But it's not. If they met their goals or scored even higher, that's fantastic. If not, there are many pathways into university degrees, and employers now care about more than just results. No matter what happens, remind them that getting through high school and completing Year 12 is a huge achievement – and one to be proud of.

07

Change of mind?



Maybe they aced their exams and have their ideal ATAR. Perhaps they didn't do as well as expected, and now need a pathway to the degree of their dreams. Or they could've just changed their mind. Whatever the reason, your child can change their university preferences. Check the VTAC website for deadlines: **vtac.edu.au/applying/courses/cop**

08

Accept and enrol – or defer



Your child received an offer? Congratulations! Now's the time to accept (and later, enrol). Your child might want help with this part. You can find instructions on our website. If they want to take a gap year, there's the option to accept and defer to mid-year or even the next academic year.

‘Year 12 is a challenging year. As a parent, I think you just need to be there in the background to support and offer your guidance. Do a little research on the degrees and universities your child is thinking of doing, so you’re armed with information if they do come to you wanting help.’

Simon Bolles

Parent of La Trobe student, Felicity Bolles



Key dates



VTAC

Mostly VIC Year 12 students

Applications open
3 August 2020

Timely course applications close
30 September 2020

Very late course applications close
4 December 2020

VCE and ATAR release
30 December 2020

Offers
14 January 2021

UAC

Mostly NSW Year 12 students

Applications open
1 April 2020

Early bird applications close
30 September

HSC and ATAR release
18 December 2020

Offers
23 December 2020

Offers
8 January 2021

Aspire

La Trobe's Early Admissions Program

Applications open
1 May 2020

Applications close
31 August 2020

Notification of outcome by
20 September 2020

Keep an eye out for other key dates like change of preference or accepting and deferring periods where you can change your mind about what course you want to study. **All dates are subject to change** and there may be other offer and application dates. Visit uac.edu.au and vtac.edu.au for the latest information.

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