**REMINDERS:**

- **MONASH PARENT EVENING** – Caulfield, 6 Sept; Register: www.monash.edu.au/parent.
- **UNIVERSITY / TAFE OPEN DAYS 2012** – throughout August
  - **4/5 AUGUST** – Monash Uni Campuses
  - **5 AUGUST** – William Angliss Institute – City (Hosp, Bus)
- **YEAR 12 VTAC APPLICATIONS** – throughout August and September and **YEAR 12 CAREERS INTERVIEWS** at St Brigid’s.

**OPEN DAYS ARE COMING**

Open Days are your opportunity to check out institutions which interest you. See facilities, talk to staff and students, collect information and see transport/accommodation options.

Year 10 or 11 is a great time to commence visits, as there are often clashes, meaning you cannot see everything in Year 12.

Open 10am to 4pm;

- **Sat 4 Aug** – Monash University (Berwick, Gippsland, Peninsula)
- **Sun 5 Aug** – La Trobe (Albury Wodonga); Monash (Clayton, Parkville); William Angliss Institute
- **Sun 12 Aug** – Australian Catholic Uni (Melbourne); Deakin (Warrnambool); Melbourne (Parkville & Southbank - VCA); RMIT (Uni & TAFE)
- **Sun 19 Aug** – Deakin (Geelong campuses); La Trobe (Bendigo); Swinburne (Uni & TAFE)
- **Sun 26 Aug** – Australian Catholic Uni (Ballarat); Ballarat Uni; Box Hill Institute; Deakin (Melbourne Burwood); La Trobe (Melbourne Bundoora)

**YEAR 12 STUDENTS**

This is a **REALLY big term for Year 12 students**! Not only are you completing all your work in your VCE subjects, you will need to apply for courses for 2013 through VTAC. This means doing some serious research and thinking over the next 8 weeks as well as attending your Careers Interview before making your selections on the VTAC website.

**VTAC GUIDE 2013**

The VTAC Guide 2013 is now available. All Year 12 Students have been provided with their own copy, but they also need to access up-dated information at www.vtac.edu.au. All Year 12 students must access the guide online for the most up-to-date details on course requirements, and changed, cancelled or new courses. The PDF version is updated weekly. COURSE SEARCH & COURSELINK are updated as soon as new information is available. The book version of Guide contains all the necessary information for applying for courses in all Victorian universities and TAFE institutes as well as large number of private tertiary providers, Special Entry Schemes (SEAS) and Scholarships. However, it only has the briefest of course details, so it is important to cross-reference with the website.

**HOW CAN I GET THE MOST VALUE OUT OF MY OPEN DAYS VISITS?** Don’t wander aimlessly….try the following:

- Plan to be at the Open Day when relevant information sessions are held.
- Allow sufficient time for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable.
- Speak to staff about courses that interest you - write your questions beforehand.
- Get a student perspective - speak to students studying courses that interest you.
- Collect information/brochures.
- Ask about industry based-learning (IBL).
- Ask about international study opportunities.
- Consider transport issues; is the campus accessible from where you live?
- Check the environment where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
- Consider the facilities/ clubs offered at your preferred institution.
- Consider visiting a rural campus, especially if you think you won’t obtain a high enough ATAR for a metropolitan campus. ATAR’s are often lower and they offer more personal assistance, accommodation, and a lifestyle which will suit some students. After all, in the USA, students cross the country to go to “College”!!!

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you plan to apply for a course involving an interview/folio presentation/audition as part of the selection process you may be asked what you learnt about the course at Open Day. **Attendance is vital.**

**YEAR 10 STUDENTS**

This is a **big term for Year 10 students**! It is time to make some big decisions about your future pathways, so you will need to make every effort to inform yourself about the opportunities available. Visit OPEN DAYS in August to help you make decisions! Remember YOUR SUBJECT SELECTION INTERVIEWS begin on Thursday 9 August. Have you booked your appointment?

**INDEPENDENT PROVIDER OPEN DAYS**

Independent education providers hold Open Days like public institutions do. Some coming up are (see websites for others): Whitehouse Institute of Design: 12 Aug, 672 Bourke St, Melbourne; www.whitehouse-design.edu.au;

JMC Academy (Music, audio, animation, film & TV): 10.30am & 2.30pm, 18 Aug, 171 Bank St, 5th Melb; reg’n: www.jmcacademy.edu.au


Remember – not all Independent Education Providers are reputable. They are not subject to the same standards as Public Universities and TAFEs. And generally charge much higher fees. It is important to find out as much as possible about these Colleges before enrolling. Most reputable Independent Education Providers are members of ACPET, Australian Council for Private Education and Training. www.acpet.edu.au/.

**BRIGHTON BAY ART, DESIGN AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

Brighton Bay has an excellent record as a pathway for students seeking to continue study in Art and Design at TAFE and University. On average 95% of students are accepted into courses that are their first preference. After completing the Brighton Bay Program students gain a folio and increased confidence in skills and their ability to generate ideas. This is a Victorian Government School Year 13 program, so costs are very low. Students keen on entering a Visual or Graphic Arts Course should find out more about the one-year course as a back-up plan at Brighton Bay by visiting www.brightonbay.net.

**CHANGED PREREQUISITES FOR SCIENCE AT MELBOURNE** - The University of Melbourne has announced that from 2014 the Bachelor of Science prerequisites will change to: Units 3 and 4 – study score of at least 25 in English/English...
**BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE** – A range of ‘majors’ are available in Biomedicine: Biochemistry & molecular biology, bioengineering systems, biotechnology, cell & developmental biology, defence & disease, genetics, human structure & function, microbiology, infection & Immunology, neuroscience, pathology, pharmacology and physiology. Of the 343 Bachelor of Biomedicine students who graduated in 2011, 248 continue to study at Melbourne. Of these, 124 are studying medicine, 69 are studying biomedicine (Honours), 11 dental surgery, 9 physio-therapy and so on. Some are studying optometry, veterinary science, engineering and nursing. Study options, clearly, are varied.

**NEW COMMUNICATION DESIGN DEGREE AT MONASH IN 2013** – This new three-year degree will offer a considerable amount of design studio time and will combine visual communication with multimedia. Electives will include industrial design and fine art. The fourth year (by application) will offer more academic careers. First and second years will be studio based with specialisations in third year. Students will be encouraged to consider spending three to six weeks studying at Prato in Italy as part of the course. The Prato Centre (Tuscany) opened in 2001 and is 15 minutes from Florence. 12,000 Monash staff and students have studied there to date. It aims to develop Australia – Europe links through research, collaboration, conferences and as a centre of study for Australians.

**MEET MELBOURNE**
The University of Melbourne is giving you a chance to meet staff and chat about opportunities. When/Where: Glen Waverley, 25 July, Frankston, 8 Aug, Dandenong, 9 Aug (all 6.30-8pm); Register at: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne.

**A CAREER IN VICTORIA POLICE**
Victoria Police continues to recruit police and protective services officers. They want people from diverse backgrounds, reflective of the community. Applicants will go through several steps before being accepted, including an entrance exam, background check, fitness and medical assessment and a selection panel interview. If you are looking to apply or want to find out more go to: www.policecareer.vic.gov.au. You will find information about the various tests required.

**WHAT IS VET IN THE VCE?**
VET stands for Vocational Education and Training, and vocation refers to work or employment. **VET in the VCE** programs are designed to give students an exposure to practical skills and an understanding of what it is like to ‘learn through doing’. So, students can opt to do a VET subject while completing their VCE and, in most cases, the VET qualification contributes towards the VCE and the ATAR. Students at this College undertake VET Programs through the Inner Melbourne VET Cluster. The IMVC VET HANDBOOK will be available at the College this week. Students wishing to find out more should check the website www.imvc.com.au or visit the Careers room.

**WANT TO STUDY IN USA?**
**2012 – 2013 SAT Testing Season**
Students considering applying for study in the USA are reminded that the start of the 2012-2013 SAT Testing season is fast approaching and registrations are now open. To date, the test centres available for students in Melbourne:

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To access free practice materials, visit:
http://sat.collegeboard.org/home to register! OR

**NEWS FROM THE DEFENCE FORCE**
**Careers Engineered By Defence**
Students keen on a career involving some of the most advanced technology in the world - maintenance, engineering and project management of the Navy’s ships, the Army’s weaponry, and military aircraft – should attend an Information Session on **Engineering Careers in the Defence Forces**. Students will get an opportunity to chat with real Defence Force engineers, attend a presentation on the various engineering careers that Defence has to offer, and find out more about methods of entry.

**Date**: Tuesday 7 August 2012, **Time**: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

**Date**: Thursday 9 August 2012 **Time**: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

**Location**: Defence Force Recruiting Centre – Melbourne, Level 14, 501 Swanston Street in the city For more information call (03) 8633 5109 or e-mail dcole@dfr.com.au.

**Defence University Sponsorship (Not ADFA Scholarship)**
Get sponsored to study at your university and graduate with a rewarding career in the Navy, Army or Air Force. The Defence University Scholarship (DUS) makes life at university more manageable for students in a Health or Engineering degree. The sponsorship is available to undergraduate or graduate students studying an accredited degree at any recognised university in Australia and provides the following benefits:

- a salary while studying
- HELP and student fees paid
- 18% superannuation contribution
- a textbook allowance
- subsidised accommodation
- free healthcare (medical and dental)
- a rewarding career as an officer in the Defence Force

While at university, students get to enjoy a lifestyle similar to any other student. There are no significant military commitments during the university year, so students can focus on their studies and enjoy their free time like any other university student. Visit www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/universitysponsorship/ to find out more!

**AUSTRALIAN MARITIME COLLEGE OPEN DAY**
Australian Maritime College (AMC) provides courses that lead to employment in maritime industries. It is Australia’s national institute for maritime and maritime-related education, training and research, and one of the seven founding members of the International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU), which represents five continents. AMC is a specialist institute of the University of Tasmania, (UTAS) and with a graduate employment rate approaching 100%. Undergraduate programs include -

**Ocean Seafarer**
- Deck Officer: Cadet
- Deck Officer: Cadet Seagoing Training
- Engineer Officer: Cadet
- Engineer Officer: Engineer Watchkeeper
- Engineer Officer: Second and Chief Engineer
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Marine Engineering)
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Maritime Operations)
- Deck Officer: RAN Bridging program

**Maritime Engineering**
- Bachelor of Engineering (Marine and Offshore Engineering)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Ocean Engineering)
NEW DEGREE IN HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

The Bachelor of Hospitality Management degree at NMIT has been updated and now includes four electives. The course focuses on the knowledge and skills required to manage hotels, motels, resorts, restaurants, clubs, convention facilities, and events in a range of business environments. It includes diverse activities, such as industry visits, industry speakers and visits to government and industry research sites. Students gain hands-on experience and complete work integrated learning during the course. The Associate Degree of Hospitality Management also commenced this year. This can be completed in 2 years of fulltime study. To see a video about the course, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGmyr2kBgt8. For information contact 9269 1400 or hospitalitydegree@nmit.vic.edu.au

NUCLEAR MEDICINE LAB VISITS

Year 11 and 12 students interested in finding out more about Nuclear Medicine and the role Nuclear Medicine Technologists play in diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of disease are invited to participate in a Nuclear Medicine Department Tour. Students will visit Nuclear Medicine departments that support the Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations) program offered at RMIT.

Date: Thursday 27 September 2012 OR Friday 28 September 2012
Location: St Vincent’s Hospital or The Austin Hospital


MEDIA & COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Students often express an interest in media and communication studies – print journalism, radio and television. Some media and communication courses offered at Victorian universities include –

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<td>Swinburne University</td>
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CAREER IN MEDICAL IMAGING

The Australian Institute of Radiography (AIR) is a professional body that graduates of medical imaging, radiography, nuclear medicine and sonography may join.

The AIR website is a fantastic resource for students wanting to know more about these types of medical imaging. There is detail about the careers in these three areas as well as links to the universities that offer courses in medical imaging. Visit http://www.air.asn.au/career.php to find out more!

GRENDI SCHOL OF DESIGN

Grenadi School of Design specialises in graphic design, printing, photography, business, beauty and make-up courses. Some of courses on offer include:

- Full Time - Graphic Design
- Part Time - Graphic Design and Multimedia

Certificate in Web Design
Certificate II in Printing & Graphic Arts Desktop Publishing
Flexible Online - Graphic Design, Web Design and Multimedia
Advanced Diploma of Advertising & Graphic Design
Certificate IV in Design
Certificate IV in Design - International Students
Certificate II in Printing & Graphic Arts Desktop Publishing
Certificate III in Printing and Graphic Arts - Multimedia
Certificate in Web Design
Certificate in Animation and Interactivity
 Visit http://www.grenadi.vic.edu.au/ to browse the entire range of courses on offer.

STUDYING IN CANADA

Students considering studying in Canada should browse the following website which provides comprehensive information that addresses a lot of questions about -

- Qualifications Valued Around the World
- Affordable Education (Cost comparisons)
- Multicultural Society
- Healthy and Safe Communities
- World-Class Language Education
- Exciting Campus Lifestyle
- Innovative and Abundant Research Opportunities


For more advice students can contact the Canadian High Commission in Canberra by e-mail to studyincanada@international.gc.ca, call (02) 6270 4051 and/or visit www.australia.gc.ca

PBS 106.7FM RADIO ANNOUNCER TRAINING

Students often ask about how to become a radio announcer! The PBS Announcer short training course gives students the basic skills to plan and put together a radio program of broadcast quality. Sessions are practical and include: writing for radio, interviewing skills, broadcast law, and technical skills and planning a program. On completion, students submit a demo for assessment, which may also be used to apply for a radio show on PBS. Each short course runs for five consecutive evenings from 6.30pm – 9.00pm; at the PBS studios in Collingwood, and the 2012 Course Schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows:

- September Course – 3, 10, 17, 24 and October 1
- October Course – 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
- November Course – 5, 12, 19, 26 and December 3

For more information visit http://www.pbsfm.org.au/become-an-announcer or call Mara Williams on (03)8415 1067 or e-mail mara@pbsfm.org.au

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