Reminders:
OPEN DAYS STILL TO COME -
- Sun 12 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (Melbourne); Deakin (Warrnambool); RMIT (Uni and TAFE)
- Sun 19 Aug – Deakin (Geelong campuses); La Trobe (Bendigo); Melbourne (Parkville & Southbank - VCA); Swinburne (Uni & TAFE)
- Sun 26 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (Ballarat); Ballarat Uni; Box Hill Institute; Deakin (Melbourne Burwood); La Trobe (Melbourne Bundoora)

1. PLAN YOUR TIME AT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY – The University of Melbourne Open Day is on 19 August. Their 2012 Open Day website is now live. Browse the site to plan your day well in advance. Sign in at: www.openday.unimelb.edu.au.
2. PLAN YOUR TIME AT SWINBURNE OPEN DAY – Swinburne’s Open Day will take place on Sunday 19 August at the Hawthorn campus ONLY. Plan your day by visiting the following site: www.swinburne.edu.au/openday/.
3. REGISTER ONLINE FOR RMIT’S OPEN DAY Register at www.rmit.edu.au/openday for Sunday 12 August. Get a chance to win the latest iPad, tickets for two to fly in the RMIT hot air balloon and other prizes on the day. Campuses in the city, at Brunswick and at Bundoora will be open.

VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE – VTAC Guides are now available for Year 12 students. You can use this resource when researching and applying for tertiary courses. Applications open on Monday 6 August and timely applications (where you won’t be charged a late fee) close on 28 September. Applications for courses are on-line and cost Year 12 students $26.00. You can apply for up to 12 courses, placing them in the order you most want them. You will be offered the first course in your list for which you meet the requirements. STUDENTS WILL BE SHOWN HOW TO REGISTER AND APPLY ON VTAC IN THE COMING WEEKS. ALL YEAR 12S WILL HAVE A PERSONAL CAREERS INTERVIEW TO FINALISE PREREQUISITES THIS TERM

YEAR 12 SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS) – The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) 2013 Guide includes a section about SEAS (starting page 29). You are advised to read this section to see if you are eligible for any special consideration when your application is considered. If you need to write an impact statement, you should start work on this soon, as you will also need to get supporting statements from doctors and counsellors. Write your impact statement in Word so that you can edit it before pasting it into your SEAS application. Ask for help if you need it.

ACCESS MELBOURNE SELECTION GUARANTEE – ‘Access Melbourne’ provides education opportunities for students from a range of backgrounds. Students who are eligible for Access Melbourne and are from disadvantaged financial backgrounds (Health Care Card/Youth Allowance or Family Tax Benefit A) are guaranteed a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) in their chosen course provided they meet course prerequisites and achieve the minimum ATAR: 78 or above for arts, environments or science; 88 or above for commerce; 95 or above for biomedicine. Applicants for other Access Melbourne categories will be considered on an individual basis. Melbourne offers a range of equity scholarships. Apply for Access Melbourne and scholarships by submitting a SEAS application after completing your VTAC application. SEAS applications close on 9 Oct, 2012.

EARLY ACHIEVERS’ PROGRAM AT ACU - As a Year 12 student, do you demonstrate leadership in your school or workplace, coordinate a community initiative, volunteer in a local cultural, sporting or religious group or provide care to someone in need? Australian Catholic University’s Early Achievers’ Program recognises a students’ potential to achieve great things. Students can apply now and possibly receive a provisional offer at ACU by late October 2012. Gaining a place in the desired course is dependent on meeting the University’s minimum entry requirements and subject prerequisites, regardless of success in the program.

The program operates at each of the University’s six campuses nationally. Applications open on Monday 13 August 2012 and close on Sunday 21 October 2012. Students are encouraged to start gathering their required documentation now to submit with along their application. Failure to meet all the requirements for the EAP will result in not being considered for the program. To find out more and/or to apply, visit www.acu.edu.au/eap

NEW CREATIVE ARTS COURSES AT DEAKIN – Deakin University has announced new courses that will commence in 2013. They will be included in VTAC online:
- Bachelor of Creative Arts (Film and Television)
- Bachelor of Creative Arts (Photography)
- Bachelor of Creative Arts (Animation and Motion Capture)
- The B. Film and Digital Media is now known as Bachelor of Creative Arts (Film and Digital Media)

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS AT MELBOURNE (SOUTHBANK) - Melbourne University’s Southbank campus offers the B. Fine Arts with several specialisations (page 392 of VTAC Guide). Applicants must complete and submit a Supplementary Application Form, available from your User Account (www.vtac.edu.au) by 31 August for Animation, Dance, Film & Television and Screenwriting specialisations. This is well before the closing date for VTAC applications.

WHAT IS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY? Find out by going to ‘Exploring Occupational Therapy as a Career’, an information/demonstration evening, and hear from occupational therapists experienced in spinal rehabilitation, hand therapy, mental health, neurology and more. When: 5.30pm, registration, then 5.30-8pm, Thurs 13 Sept; Where: Education Precinct, Level 4, Austin Tower, Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg; RSVP: by 31 Aug to Kathy.MAGGS@austin.org.au (max 2 attendees each).

SCHOLARSHIPS AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – La Trobe is offering new scholarships in 2013. These are to support academic excellence, access to university, and sporting achievements. There will be:
- 30 academic excellence at $6,000pa
- 30 academic excellence/access at $6,000pa
- 30 access scholarships at $6,000pa
- 10 indigenous at $6,000
- 2 Michael Malthouse Elite Sports Bursaries at $10,000pa

RESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH REFUGEES’ BACKGROUND La Trobe is offering five scholarships covering the cost of one year’s rental at university residences in Melbourne, Bendigo and Albury-Wodonga. Offered on academic merit and financial hardship. See: www.latrobe.edu.au/accommodation.

INTERESTED IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE? Like to find out about nuclear medicine and its role in the investigation diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of disease? With RMIT’s Behind the
Sciences tours gain an insight into the role of nuclear medicine in the healthcare sector. RMIT has the longest standing nuclear medicine program in Australia and in the past five years all graduates have obtained an intern position following graduation. RMIT has arranged visits for Year 11/12 students to nuclear medicine departments that support its Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations) degrees. When: Thurs 27 and Fri 28 Sept; Reg’n: www.rmit.edu.au/medical-radiations/nucmedvisits.

SCIENCE IN THE CITY – LAB TOUR — Science at RMIT will provide you with the knowledge and practical skills to tackle real-life problems. RMIT offers a range of science degrees including biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental science, food science, nanotechnology and physics. Visit the learning laboratories and find out about the programs, research and training facilities. When: 11am-1pm, Tues 26 Sept (incl lunch); Register: www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION SESSIONS AT MONASH – Monash Uni is holding information sessions: Peninsula campus (Theatre building A, A4.16): 6.30pm, 12 Sept, Early Childhood and Primary Ed; 6.30pm, 13 Sept, Outdoor Rec and double degrees; Clayton (Rotunda Theatre): 6.30pm, 7 Sept, Secondary Ed; Berwick (Building 901, room 117): 6.30pm, 14 Sept, P-10.

INTERNSHIPS FOR PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS – At Deakin, work readiness is a key feature of psychology. All undergraduate psychology students have the opportunity to undertake relevant work experience in psychology and participate in transition-to-work activities such as developing a professional portfolio, writing a resume and interview skills. The Psychology Internship is an elective unit that provides students with a work-integrated learning experience supported by reflective practice and online exercises. The unit is available to students undertaking the B. Applied Science (Psychology) and the B. Psychology.

WHY DOESN'T THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE OFFER AEROSPACE? Melbourne answers: Many different types of engineers and scientists work in the 'aerospace' field. The industry in Australia is quite small, and we don’t want to graduate too many people that will have to fight over the jobs locally. Mechanical and mechatronics engineering are areas that people can study and get a job in the area. Melbourne has staff who research turbulence and air flow and the like that are very important aspect in the aerospace field. They are housed mainly in the mechanical engineering department.

PSYCHOLOGY INFORMATION SESSION AT MONASH Students considering studying psychology might like to attend a free Information Session at Monash University and learn more about what studying psychology at Monash is like, particularly the honours and research post-graduate opportunities.

Date: Tuesday 28 August 2012
Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Venue: Clayton Campus, Building 25, Lecture Theatres S1 and S4

NEWS FROM LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

IT Branded Cadetship Program
The Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering at La Trobe University offers a unique IT Cadetship Program – meaning students can earn an income while gaining hands on practical experience in the IT industry. Students will be employed by an Industry Partner to work full-time, be given time to study part-time at university and be mentored and supported by an Industry Partner workplace coach. After completing the IT Cadetship Program students will graduate with a Bachelor of Information Technology (Professional) and with up to 5 years of transferrable skills and experiences gained in the IT industry.

Applications close on Friday 28 September 2012. Students who apply for the Bachelor of IT (Professional) through VTAC are eligible to apply for the cadetship program. If the selection criteria are met, students will be invited to attend an interview with the Industry Partner. The Industry Partner will advise students of the outcome of their interview in October. The Industry Partner and the University will confirm cadetships in December once Year 12 results are also available.

For more information and/or to access the application form visit http://www.latrobe.edu.au/sictechng/study/industry-cadetships-and-placements/it-branded-cadetship-program

Study Abroad with La Trobe
La Trobe University is committed to study abroad and student exchange programs. The La Trobe Abroad program provides students with a meaningful overseas experience, incorporating study which counts towards their degree. Students have the option to participate in a short term program or a clinical placement abroad. There are over 100 partner universities in 30 countries around the world! Some facts to consider:

- All students (domestic or international) receive funding from La Trobe Abroad for exchange and short term programs
- Students can go on multiple overseas exchanges and receive a grant for each one of them
- Scholarships are available from several organisations and exchange partners for additional funding
- Several specialty degrees have mapped out exchange programs for their students so that it is easy to go on exchange and not lose time from their course (Nursing, Podiatry, Nanotechnology etc.)

http://www.latrobe.edu.au/international/edabroad/exchange

to find out more!

STUDYING IN CANADA - Much cheaper than the USA, studying in Canada is a very flexible and exciting option. You might like to browse the following website which provides comprehensive information that addresses a lot of questions about –

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

http://www.educationau-ncanada.ca/educationau-ncanada/index.aspx?view=d 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.

PREREQUISITE CHANGES AT SWINBURNE - English requirements for all undergraduate degrees have changed. Students are now required to achieve a study score of at least 30 in Units 3 and 4 English (ESL) or a study score of at least 25 in Units 3 and 4 in any other English. Students applying for entry to an Associate degree will need to achieve a study score of at least 30 in Units 3 and 4 English (ESL) or a study score of at least 20 in Units 3 and 4 in any other English.

The Associate Degree in Applied Graphic Design has also changed its entry requirements to include a portfolio submission. These changes are not listed in the 2013 Degrees and Diploma Course Guide but are reflected on the VTAC website – www.vtac.edu.au.
MEGT AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIP CENTRE is hosting two Open Days in the month of August! Are you completing school this year? Perhaps you are not planning on going on to university or TAFE, but still value the opportunity to complete a qualification? This is an opportunity for students to go and see the facilities and find out more about the range of services offered by MEGT.

**Date:** Sunday 12 August 2012  
**Time:** 10.00am – 4.00pm  
**Venue:** Trades Skill Centre, 251 Maroondah Highway in Ringwood  
Showcasing courses in Carpentry, Electrotechnology and Bookkeeping  
**Date:** Sunday 26 August 2012  
**Time:** 10.00am – 4.00pm  
**Venue:** Melbourne City Campus, Level 3, 55 Swanston Street in Melbourne. Showcasing courses in Early Childhood Education and Business and Finance

**For apprenticeships and traineeships, contact MEGT Group Training on 1300 365 022 to find out more.**  

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**SKILLSINFO RESOURCE - SkillsInfo** is a useful online resource from the Australian Government providing information on education and training, skills in demand, as well as comprehensive and forward-looking data on industry employment. SkillsInfo helps answer questions on skills, such as:

- What is a ‘skill shortage’?
- Where are the skills in demand in Australia?
- What are the latest labour force figures?
- What are ‘employability skills’?
- How can one find out about industries and occupations for Australia?

Visit and explore the following link - [www.skillsinfo.gov.au](http://www.skillsinfo.gov.au)

**WHITEHOUSE INSTITUTE OF DESIGN OPEN DAY – See the Fashion Parade at Midday and check out the exhibition of Styling & Creative Direction and Interior Design. Sunday 12 August 10am to 4pm, 672 Bourke St Melbourne.**

**NEWS FROM HOLMESGLEN INSTITUTE**

- **Free Folio Preparation Sessions**
  - Is your folio the best it can be? Enrol in free 2012 folio preparation rights to polish your design skills and find out more on how to get into the graphic design courses on offer at Holmesglen! All classes run from 5pm to 8pm at Holmesglen’s Chadstone campus. Book into one session or book into them all!
  - **Tuesday 7 August 2012 - Adobe InDesign**
  - **Tuesday 14 August 2012 - Adobe Photoshop**
  - **Tuesday 21 August 2012 - Interview and Folio Tips**

  Students will get hands on experience in the Mac studios, meet lecturers and go home with a new folio piece each week. For more information and to book into a session contact Michele Van Eeden on (03) 9564 1578 or email michele.vaneeden@holmesglen.edu.au

- **Graphic Design Pocket Rocket**

  Download a free graphic design app from iTunes! Students can get all the tips and tricks on how to prepare a folio for entry into our graphic design course including:
  - Certificate IV in Design
  - Diploma of Graphic Design
  - Advanced Diploma of Graphic Design

  Apply through VTAC, download an application form (to supplement the VTAC application) at [www.holmesglen.edu.au/applicationforms](http://www.holmesglen.edu.au/applicationforms) and book in for an interview.

**“MEDIA TALKS”**

Students interested in careers in the media should register to attend ‘Media Talks’ where there will be a panel of Australia’s Broadcasters, Journalists, Producers and Social Media experts presenting!

**When & where:** Thursday 30 August, 6pm to 9pm, Rokeby Studios, 90-94 Rokeby St, Collingwood.

Visit [http://www.faustinaagolley.com/mediatalks](http://www.faustinaagolley.com/mediatalks) for more information and/or to register!

**NEWS FROM SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY**

- **New courses offered from 2013**
  - Swinburne University will be offering new degree courses with specialisations in **sports science, nutrition and psychology** available.
  - Bachelor of Health Science
  - Bachelor of Business (Sports Management)
  - Bachelor of Business (Logistics & Supply Chain Management)
  - Bachelor of Social Science (Security and Counter Terrorism)
  - Bachelor of Social Science (Criminology and Forensic Science)
  - Bachelor of Arts (Cultural Studies)
  - Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy)
  - Bachelor of Arts (Literature)
  - Bachelor of Arts (Psychophysiology)
  - Bachelor of Arts (Sociology)
  - Bachelor of Technology (Information Systems)


- **Robotics Competition**

  Students interested in **engineering, science and technology** are invited to the National Instruments Autonomous Robotics Competition at Swinburne on **Friday 21 September 2012**. The day is an opportunity for students to see robotics and engineering in action which will provide them with interactive and hands-on engineering experience. As the 2011 competition winners, Swinburne University won the right to host the live national competition in 2012. There is expected to be 20 teams from Australia and New Zealand competing in the final.

**To find out more or to register visit** [http://www.swinburne.edu.au/engineering/autorobotcomp/](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/engineering/autorobotcomp/)

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY**

- **VU Information Day**

  Victoria University will give students the opportunity to discover the Footscray Park Campus with tours, presentations, and a mini faculty expo find out more about the courses on offer!

  - **Date:** Saturday 8 September 2012  
  - **Time:** 10.00am – 12noon  
  - **Where:** Footscray Park Campus, Ballarat Road in Footscray

- **Discovery Day at Footscray Park Campus**

  VU Discovery Day is an opportunity to get to know what life is like as a student at VU. Attend course information workshops, meet current students and explore the campus.

  - **Date:** Saturday 24 September 2012  
  - **Where:** Footscray Park Campus, Ballarat Road in Footscray

  Registrations and more details for both these events are opening soon. [http://www.vu.edu.au/news/events-for-future-students](http://www.vu.edu.au/news/events-for-future-students)

**PROJECTS ABROAD OPEN DAY – VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS**

Projects Abroad organises volunteer and work experience programmes in 29 developing countries. There is a wide range of projects in care, teaching, conservation, sports, human rights, law, healthcare and journalism in countries like Kenya, Peru and Nepal.

Projects Abroad Open Day – Volunteer Overseas event will feature presentations from staff and past volunteers, along with lots of opportunity for those who attend to chat and ask questions.

- **Date:** Saturday 11 August 2012  
- **Time:** 1.00pm – 5.00pm (go along any time)  
- **Venue:** Northcote Town Hall, 189 High Street, Northcote

Attendance is free! Please reserve a spot at [http://www.projects-abroad.com.au.more-info/meet-us/#open-days](http://www.projects-abroad.com.au.more-info/meet-us/#open-days)

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