YEAR 12s REGISTER WITH VTAC AND APPLY FOR COURSES FOR 2013 – Year 12 students need to be registering as applicants with VTAC now (at www.vtac.edu.au – see Register here). This is required before making an application for courses. Don’t put it off...the $26.00 fee can be paid later. Apply by 28 September and change preferences as you like until 26 October. Applicant blog at http://vtacmedia.wordpress.com/.

ACCESS MELBOURNE - The University of Melbourne is committed to providing the opportunity for students from a range of disadvantaged backgrounds to enrol in its undergraduate degrees. Access Melbourne is the University’s special entry and access scheme. By applying through Access Melbourne, students any circumstances that have affected a student’s education will be considered in the entry process. This includes financial hardship. Access Melbourne can assist students to gain entry into a course even if their ATAR is below the Clearline Rank and also be considered for a scholarship. To find out more, visit http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/entry-requirements/other-entry-options/access-melbourne

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY NEWS - INFORMATION DAY – VU has an information day at the Footscray Park campus with tours, presentations and a mini faculty expo to find out more about courses. When: 8 Sept; Register or find out more: http://www.vu.edu.au/news/events-for-future-students.

VCE SUMMARY LECTURES – VU is offering a series of summary VCE lectures to help Year 12 students prepare for exams and final assessments. The next series will take place in September - October. See: http://www.vu.edu.au/news/events-for-future-students.

CHECK OUT THE UNIVERSITY OF BALLARAT – Ballarat Open Day is 10am-3pm, Sunday 26 August at all campuses. A free shuttle bus will operate between the Mt Helen, SMB and Camp St campuses, Gillies St, Mt Rowan and the Ballarat Railway station, making it easy for local and visitors from further afield to get around. ALSO: September Campus Tours will be held in the holidays on 27 Sept and 2 Oct at 1pm. Bookings essential. Find them at www.ballarat.edu.au/future-students/open-day. Don’t forget to ask about the First Year Accommodation Guarantee offered by the university.

FORENSIC MEDICINE CAREER INFORMATION AFTERNOON – The Institute of Forensic Medicine is running its
second Career Information Afternoon for 2012 in the September holidays. Due to the popularity of these seminars, students need to register their attendance early.

The Career Information Afternoons have been developed for High School students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to offer an insight into the various career options in the forensic sciences.

**Date:** Friday 28 September 2012
**Time:** 12.30pm – 4.00pm
**Venue:** Institute in the Lecture Theatre (Colonial Services Centre, 57 - 63 Kavanagh Street, Southbank)


**SCHOLARSHIPS AT MONASH UNIVERSITY** More students are guaranteed scholarships in the undergraduate program of their choice at Monash in 2013. Monash has expanded its undergraduate scholarship offerings with the launch of the Sir John Monash Scholarship Program. It recognises the dedication and talent of Australia's highest-achieving students and provides support to those who otherwise might not have the opportunity to participate in a world-class education. Monash will offer more than 1200 new scholarships and bursaries in 2013 as part of the coursework scholarship program worth over $16 million. More than half will be offered to indigenous students, students from regional and remote areas in Australia, and to students from disadvantaged backgrounds. For info go to: [www.monash.edu.au/study/scholarships](http://www.monash.edu.au/study/scholarships).

**EARN UP TO $34,000 WHILE STUDYING I.T.** - Monash Uni has an Industry Based Learning Information Technology program where you earn while you study. Find out about scholarships, how to increase career opportunities and career pathways. **When:** 7-9pm 23 Aug; **Where:** Alexander Stewart Theatre (E7) Bld 72, Monash Clayton; **Register:** Jack Sotiriou, ph 9905 2494, [jack.sotiriou@monash.edu](mailto:jack.sotiriou@monash.edu)

**PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIES COLLEGE OPEN DAY** Students keen to study photography should attend the upcoming Open Day of Photographic Studies College (PSC) on Sunday 26 August from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Activities include -

- new photography exhibition
- course and career information
- 2011 application information
- seminars
- chat with students & staff
- tours of facilities

Visit [www.psc.edu.au](http://www.psc.edu.au) or call (03) 9862 3191 to find out more!

**WHAT ABOUT CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY?** Charles Sturt is a NSW university which has a campus at Albury-Wodonga and Victorian Year 12 students can apply for their courses through the VTAC system (see p 170 of the VTAC Guide). A limited range of degrees is offered as it is a small campus, however, some students might want to consider physiotherapy (last year’s ATAR: 93.44), occupational therapy (75.00), speech pathology (75.00) and podiatry (70.00). These degrees have no prerequisite subjects. Accommodation is available on-site.

**WHAT DO NUTRITIONISTS DO?** They help advise the community about good food choices for healthy eating. They consider the nutritional value of foods, the nutrients that bodies need at different stages of development, and the role nutrients and diet play in health and in disease prevention. With the increase in rates of diabetes, obesity and heart disease, nutritionists will play an integral role in reducing mortality rates in communities across Australia. Graduates of nutrition degrees go on to employment in food companies, government organisations and the health industries. Some courses in nutrition that you might wish to consider are: the Bachelor of Human Nutrition at La Trobe Uni, Bachelor of Food and Nutrition at Deakin, Bachelor of Food and Nutritional Science at Ballarat, Bachelor of Food Technology and Nutrition at RMIT and Bachelor of Nutritional Science at Monash. **Note:** Nutrition and Dietetics is available at Monash and La Trobe, and as post-graduate at Deakin.

**PRE-APPRENTICE BRICKLAYER WANTED** Want a job as a bricklayer? Over 90% of Holmesglen's pre-apprentices get jobs after completing their training. Pre-apprenticeships teach students the basic skills of a particular industry so that they are prepared when starting an apprenticeship. Employers know that when the new apprentice has experienced the industry before taking on the commitment of an apprenticeships and are passionate about the field. This pre-apprenticeship takes 14 weeks incorporating on-site training. Next intake: 20 August; other intakes to follow; **Contact:** Glenn McGill, 9564 1584, [glenn.mcgill@holmesglen.edu.au](mailto:glenn.mcgill@holmesglen.edu.au).

**ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY NEWS – NECA**

**APPRENTICESHIP PRE-SELECTION ASSESSMENT – NECA** NECA conducts pre-selection assessments for students interested in an electrical or electronic career. This assessment is highly regarded by employers, providing a common assessment of all candidates from an industry standpoint and a successful result in the assessment will enhance the entry prospects of those interested in electrical apprenticeships. The assessment is set at a level of Year 10 level and an average level of English comprehension and maths should provide satisfactory results. The assessment will be conducted in Melbourne and regional centres during October. Cost: $55.00; Register: [www.neca.asn.au](http://www.neca.asn.au) (go to NECA Victoria site then to Careers and Apprenticeships on left hand menu).

**CAREERS IN THE RAIL INDUSTRY**

There is so much more in rail than driving trains! The Rail Industry offers rewarding career opportunities in a variety of disciplines including:

- Engineering
- Trades and Construction
- Customer Service
- Business / Corporate / Human Resources
- Safety and Environment
- Graduates / Apprenticeships
- Operations


**NURSING CAREERS ALLIED HEALTH (NCAH)** The Nursing Careers Allied Health (NCAH) website is an excellent resource for students keen on a career in nursing and the allied health industry. Students can browse the link and discover summaries of different careers in allied health, as well as the types of jobs out there at the moment. Visit [http://www.ncah.com.au/careers/](http://www.ncah.com.au/careers/).

**JUSTICE COURSES AT NMIT**

NMIT offers a few courses in justice studies. Apply for these courses through VTAC. They include –


Adv. Dip. of Justice

Adv. Dip. of Legal Practice

All require Year 12 but have no VCE prerequisites

**ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS: UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO** Students considering applying to commence study at the University of Otago (New Zealand) in 2013 are reminded that applications are due in by
NEW BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES, SWINBURNE
The new Bachelor of Health Science is designed to equip students with a wide range of skills, knowledge and attributes in order to promote the health and well-being of Australians. Students will undertake specialised studies in one of four major areas: Health Promotion, Nutrition, Psychology, and Sport Science.

The entry requirements are Units 3 and 4 - a study score of at least 25 in each of English (any) and in Mathematics (any). Applications to this course are to be made through VTAC. To find out more about this course, visit [http://courses.swinburne.edu.au/courses/Bachelor-of-Health-Science-H0639/local?utm_campaign=ls-subject-areas&utm_medium=link&utm_source=ls-website&utm_content=ls](http://courses.swinburne.edu.au/courses/Bachelor-of-Health-Science-H0639/local?utm_campaign=ls-subject-areas&utm_medium=link&utm_source=ls-website&utm_content=ls).

WANT TO WORK AS A COUNSELLOR?
Counsellors assist people to identify and define their emotional issues and better understand themselves by explaining options, setting goals, providing therapy and helping them to take action. Counsellors also provide information to their clients on a relationship, social and educational issues.

Counsellors may perform the following tasks:
- work with clients to find solutions to emotional, mental and lifestyle problems
- act as facilitators in group sessions

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- work with other professionals such as medical practitioners, psychologists and social workers as part of a health management team
- act as intermediaries in resolving conflicts

Some counsellors may also choose to specialise in working with a particular group, such as people from non-English speaking backgrounds, Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander people or single parents. Other counsellors may specialise in a service area such as health, drug and alcohol problems, accommodation, relationships, employment, grief and loss, stress management, child development or abuse issues. Some counselling courses offered at institutions in Victoria include –

Gippsland - Hawthorn - Melbourne - St A - St Albans

Some useful websites to browse include:
- Australian Counselling Association - [www.theaca.net.au](http://www.theaca.net.au)
- Australian Institute of Professional Counsellors (VIC) - [www.aipc.net.au](http://www.aipc.net.au)

BENDIGO BANK SCHOLARSHIPS
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank is committed to supporting youth through various initiatives, including an annual scholarship program. Each year grants are awarded to full-time first year undergraduates studying at an Australian university or college campus for the first time.

The criteria for the scholarships vary, depending on the catchment area. For example, the Community Bank® network and other partners will offer scholarships to local students from their area.

The basic criteria are listed below but students are required to check the additional criteria for the specific scholarship they wish to apply for:
- You are an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- You will be an undergraduate in 2013 (and this is your first attendance at an Australian university/college)
- You graduated from secondary school in either 2012 or in 2011 (you took a GAP year)
- You can demonstrate the disadvantage that is preventing you from taking up the opportunity of this further study
- You are an outstanding student and can demonstrate extensive community involvement


NEW DEGREE IN MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY IN 2013
Central Queensland University (Melbourne campus) will offer the four year combined program consisting of a three year degree in Medical Sonography linked with a Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography from 2013. The first year provides foundation knowledge in sciences, human body systems, study and research skills, and health professional practice. In the second and third year students will focus on pathophysiology, the physics of ultrasound, clinical ultrasonography procedures, and developing skills in communication during clinical placement. Part of the learning will take place in the state of the art digital laboratories. Students will also participate in more than 60 weeks of clinical placement, designed to develop practical skills in a realistic clinical environment. Most of the placement takes place in the final year. The final, graduate diploma contains advanced level sonography courses together with clinical courses leading to full competency.

**Prerequisites:** Units 3 and 4–a study of at least 30 in English (ESL) or at least 25 in any other English.

**Additional information:** Please note that full fee tuition will apply to the Graduate Diploma component of this program.

**Accreditation:** The combined program of Bachelor of Medical Sonography and Graduate Diploma of Medical Sonography has been accredited by the Australasian Sonographer Accreditation Registry (ASA). Both parts of the program must be completed to gain accreditation. This is the first accredited program of its kind in Australia which allows applicants the opportunity to study Sonography without having first taken another degree. Upon graduation, students will be eligible to join the Australian Sonographer Accreditation Registry (ASAR). Applications to this course are through VTAC


IMPORTANT CHANGES AT SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY

Students need to be aware of the following changes:

- Degree courses (Higher Education course) offered at the Lilydale campus, will now be available for students to study at the Hawthorn campus from 2013. Courses currently taught at the Prahran campus will still run at Prahran in 2013 and will then move to the Hawthorn campus in 2014, once the new building is completed.
- The double degree qualification, in Design and Business, that used to be shared between Prahran and Lilydale, will have the business units taught at Hawthorn from 2013.

The VTAC website will be updated shortly reflecting these changes.

CAREER AS A DIESEL MECHANIC

Diesel mechanics are also known as Heavy vehicle Motor Mechanics repair, maintain and test heavy vehicles, other engines and related mechanical components.

Heavy vehicle motor mechanics may perform the following tasks:
- diagnose, overhaul, repair, tune, maintain and test diesel and petrol/gas-powered vehicles, including trucks, buses, bulldozers and other earthmoving equipment, tractors, stationary engines (e.g. generators, pumps, compressors and drilling rigs) and agricultural machinery
- detect mechanical and electrical faults by using instruments that check charging and starting circuitry; batteries, ignition and ignition timing; fuel injection systems and speed control; cylinder compression, engine condition, braking efficiency, and wheel balance and alignment
- repair and maintain the hydraulic components of diesel and petrol/gas engines that are used to power attachments such as hoists, booms, scrapers, buckets and augers

Heavy vehicle motor mechanics may have to work in country areas when repairing agricultural, earthmoving and heavy transport machinery.


AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS


NEWS FROM RMIT UNIVERSITY

- **Nuclear Medicine Tours**
  Medical Radiations at RMIT, in collaboration with St Vincent’s and The Austin, are offering behind-the-scenes visits for Year 11 and 12 students interested in finding out more about the role Nuclear Medicine Technologists play in the investigation, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of disease.
  - **Date:** Thursday 27 September 2012 OR Friday 28 September 2012.
  - **Venue:** St Vincent’s Hospital OR The Austin
  - **Students must register for this free event online at** [http://www.rmit.edu.au/medical-radiations/nucmedvisits](http://www.rmit.edu.au/medical-radiations/nucmedvisits) **by Monday 10 September 2012.** On registering, students will be required to choose their preferred day and hospital. Students keen on finding out more about Nuclear Medicine may also like to visit the Victorian Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists at [http://www.vsnmt.com/career-centre/nuclear-medicine-as-a-career](http://www.vsnmt.com/career-centre/nuclear-medicine-as-a-career).

- **Science in the City – Lab Tour**
  RMIT offers a range of science degrees at the city campus including: biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental science, food science, nanotechnology and physics. Many of these can now be studied as a double degree with engineering or with business management. Students and parents are invited to visit the learning laboratories, learn more about the programs, research and training facilities.
  - **Date:** Wednesday 26 September 2012 OR Wednesday 21 November 2012
  - **Time:** 11.00am – 1.00pm (lunch provided)

- **Mechatronics Day**
  Mechatronics is the integration of Mechanical and Electronic Engineering to produce devices and systems to improve human lives. Examples include robots, car controls, traffic systems and elevators.
  The School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering at RMIT University invites students in Year 10 – 12 to visit the Bundoora east campus to experience cutting edge Mechatronics and automation technology in a series of hands-on workshops. Students will participate in a Computer vision workshop, a Robotino competition, and Programmable logic controllers (PLCs).
  - **Date:** Thursday 27 September 2012
  - **Time:** 10.00am – 3.00pm
  - **Venue:** Building 251, Level 3, Cafeteria, Bundoora East campus, Corner McKimmies Lane and Plenty Road in Bundoora
  - **Cost:** Free (lunch provided)

  Registrations are now open and close on 17 September. Visit [http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=26hjgfd90aemz](http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=26hjgfd90aemz) to find out more and/or to register!

RMIT Village

Year 12 students considering applying for student accommodation in 2013 might like to consider RMIT Village - located near Melbourne CBD. It is only a 5-minute tram ride from RMIT University and offers fully furnished, self-contained apartments to suit a range of preferences. Facilities include a student lounge, e-library, high-speed internet, heated swimming pool and a new gym. RMIT Village is conveniently located for RMIT’s City campus (just a 10-minute walk) and Brunswick campus. For more information call (03) 8330 2000 or e-mail info@rmtvillageom.com.au, or visit www.rmitvillageom.com.au.