Reminders:
VET APPLICATIONS close Friday 19 October.
VET ORIENTATION EVENINGS are compulsory! You will be reminded when you must attend.
VTAC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS close Friday 19 October. Other scholarships: Check the list in the study centre.

KEEP INFORMED AFTER SCHOOL FINISHES – just go to https://www.facebook.com/pages/CareersCBCStKilda/224227510925551 and click “like” for updates and reminders direct to your phone!

The CHANGE of PREFERENCE BOOKLET will be given to all Year 12 students before they leave the College. This booklet contains everything students and parents need to know from now to Change of Preference, Offers and Enrolment!

RSA TRAINING – Year 12 Students who would like to complete a Responsible Serving of Alcohol after the exams, please put your name on the list in the Study Centre. Cost approx.

VTAC APPLICATIONS
Year 12 students applying for access & equity scholarships through VTAC need to make their submissions by NEXT Friday 19 October 2012 at 5.00pm.
Students who have applied for courses with extra-requirements are reminded to meet the required deadlines or they will no longer be eligible to receive an offer of this course.
A reminder to all Year 12 students who made applications to VTAC that they can still make changes to their preferences up until Friday 26 October 2012 at 5.00pm.
Year 12 students are reminded yet again that they cannot enrol in a CSP university course without a Tax File Number (TFN).
The VTAC website is www.vtac.edu.au.

CHANGE YOUR VTAC PREFERENCES - Year 12s are reminded they can change VTAC preferences until 26 Oct as long as you first applied by 28th Sept. You can also change course preferences from 26 Nov till 24 Dec (12 noon). You will receive your ATAR on Mon 17 Dec. It is not recommended that you remove a VTAC preference simply because you think your ATAR is not high enough. Better to come to COP Days at the College get some help to find the best course of action for YOU!

EARLY ACHIEVERS PROGRAM AT ACU Australian Catholic University recognises you have more to offer than your academic results. The EAP is open to school leavers and non-school leavers and considers the contribution you made to your community through school or workplace, local community organisations, culture, sport and/or religious group. Info: www.acu.edu.au/eap. Apply by 21 October.

LOOKING FOR A CADETSHIP? Ever wondered how clothes make it to the store or how food gets from farm to fork? Logistics involves the integration of information, transport and handling of these materials to meet customers’ needs and opens lots of career opportunities. The Victorian Transport Logistics Cadetship offers full-time employment, a 2-year cadetship, Cert IV/Diploma in logistics, a salary and paid study leave. Enjoy being challenged? A problem solver? Have a positive attitude and sound work ethic?

You need to have VCE or VCAL, be 18-25 yrs and a drivers licence. Info: Kerri Langes, ph 9646 8590, cadetship@vta.com.au or www.vtac.com.au.

A SPORT AND FITNESS CAREER? Box Hill institute offers the Diploma of Sport Development (incorporating Cert IV in Fitness), the Diploma of Event Management (Sport), and the Cert IV in Fitness. Many work placement options are available. Info: John ph 8892 2140, j.gillard@boxhill.edu.au Info Evening: When: 6.30-7.30pm, 14 Nov; Where: Bld 8, Level 2, Room 228, Elgar Rd.

PHARMACY AT MONASH – Monash has an Information Session for those who have listed Monash pharmacy courses through VTAC regarding the filling in of the supplementary information form. When: 5-6pm, Tues 16 Oct; Where: Parkville campus; Register: email onshore@monash.edu with your details and the number of additional guests coming. NOTE: the forms are due 5pm, 3 Jan, 2013.

NEW BACHELOR OF MUSIC AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY IN 2013 – Explore popular, western, jazz, electronic, and non-western ‘world’ music through practice, theory, cultural analysis and critical listening. Cutting-edge music technology underpins units that explore song writing and composition for a range of applications including film, TV and multimedia in the B. Music, and equip you with the artistic knowledge, musicianship, technical fluency, creativity, critical listening and analytical skills for the music industry. Selection for the course includes an audition and interview. Apply through VTAC (Code 43331), then contact ph 99192368 or greg.aronson@vu.edu.au for an audition/interview (at St Albans). You will be assessed on criteria including technical ability, musicality, dynamics, tonal quality, intonation, rhythm accuracy and tempo, understanding of musical form and interaction with accompanying musicians and/or music.

MONASH UNIVERSITY INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT – The Indigenous Engagement Unit – Yulendid is hosting a fully-funded three day summer camp for Indigenous students. ‘Hands on Monash’ will be held Sun 9 – Tues 11 Dec. Find out about opportunities for study at Monash, and about university life. You must be 16 or over and be currently in Years 10, 11 and 12. Applications close 26 October. Phone: Kristel on 9905 8699 or 0428 323 465. Get an application form: www.monash.edu/study/life/indigenous/about.html;

WHERE CAN I GET HELP AT CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (COP) TIME? TAFEs and Universities will have staff available to assist you till Fri 21 Dec (some till Mon 24th). They are providing the following assistance (check websites for more information):
Australian Catholic Uni: Call 1300 ASK AUC; COP Expo: 10am-3pm, Wed 19 Dec in Daniel Mannix Building
Box Hill Institute: Call 1300 BOX HILL or Andrea on 9286 9553
Charles Stuart Uni: Call 1800 334 733
Chisholm TAFE: Call 1300 CHISHOLM
Deakin Uni: Call 1300 DEGREE; COP 3pm-7pm, Tues 18 Dec (Burwood); See: www.deakin.edu.au/cop.
East Gippsland TAFE: Call 1300 133 717
Holmesglen Institute: Call 1300 693 888
For Kangan TAFE: Call 13 TAFE
La Trobe Uni: COP is 11am - 2pm, Wed 19 Dec; see www.latrobe.edu.au/prepare (see Register for an Event)
Monash University: Call 1800 MONASH; COP Expo will be held on Wednesday 19 Dec, 3 - 7pm at Monash’s Caulfield Campus (building H). See: www.monash.edu.au/cop/
NMIT: Call 9269 1200
RMIT Uni & TAFE: Call 1800 11 RMIT (8.30am-5.30pm weekdays); visit Info Corner, 330 Swanston St; www.rmit.edu.au/cop
Swinburne Uni & TAFE: 1:1 appointments 9am-5pm, 17-18 & 20-21 Dec; online chat, 9am-5pm, 17-18, 20-21 Dec & 9-12noon, 24
WHAT IF MYATAR IS NOT HIGH ENOUGH?
Some Year 12’s are concerned that they will not access the university course of their choice due to their inability to achieve the required ATAR. This is NOT the finish. What should you do?
Firstly, DON’T think that you must remove courses from your VTAC application just because your ATAR doesn’t seem high enough. ATAR’s sometimes come down and it is not necessary to remove courses unless you have more than 12 courses for which you wish to apply.

If you want to go to university but your ATAR concerns you, there are courses and pathways to consider, including the following (many have lower ATAR requirements):
- Complete the Diploma of Tertiary Studies at Monash University in arts, business, education, health promotion, nursing, science or social welfare. See: page 282 VTAC Guide (VTAC codes 26291, 30751 and 29391)
- Complete a course at Monash College; see page 269 of the VTAC Guide (VTAC Codes – various)
- Complete a course at MIBT (Deakin Uni link); see page 265 of the VTAC Guide

Swinburne University (Hawthorn) has an access scheme applying to some schools; this involves a 5-point bonus applied to former Lilydale degrees

Complete a Foundation Studies one year pathways course at Victoria Uni; application form at www.vu.edu.au/courses/applying

Consider studying a related university course with a lower ATAR; if you do well you MAY be able to transfer to your desired course later

Start with a TAFE course in a related field; two years at TAFE often equals one year at university

Complete a TAFE Diploma of Liberal Arts – a pathway into arts, social science and humanities. Kangan (VTAC Code 53311), Swinburne (70091) and VU (79131, 80531) have this Diploma, some with guarantees and points towards a degree

Consider a country/rural campus. ATAR’s are often lower due to lower demand; most have accommodation (apply ASAP)

For nursing consider first completing Division 2 at TAFE or a private provider; apply early and complete the VETASSESS Test if required (eg RMIT requires this by 19 Oct, Holmesglen by end November, while VU requires it 31 October). It is not required by all TAFE’s, for example, Swinburne, where you have to apply direct to Swinburne – on-line.

ACU has certificate and diploma course that can lead on to degrees (through ACU.com)


NEWS FROM MONASH UNIVERSITY

- Extension Studies
  Monash Extension (formerly Enhancement Studies) allows high achieving Year 12 students to get a taste of university before finishing school - and be rewarded for it. Students complete a pair of first year university subjects as part of their final year school studies, allowing them to extend and enhance their learning in an area of interest. A reminder about the upcoming Information Evening:
  **Date:** Wednesday 17 October 2012
  **Time:** 7.00pm
  **Venue:** Monash University - Clayton Campus,

For more information and to access the online registration visit www.monash.edu/extension

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- New Elite Internships with Humanities & Social Sciences
  The Faculty of Arts has announced a suite of new Internship Units in the beginning of 2014. In response to student demand, the Faculty of Arts will offer students the opportunity to gain valuable work experience domestically and internationally during their Arts degree. Work experience allows students to get an inside view of a profession or organisation they are interested in, develop some professional skills, make important industry contacts, and apply their university knowledge. The main component of the unit involves a 144 hours equivalent placement in an approved organisation. During this period a project will be completed, which is agreed upon between the organisation and the faculty and the student.

Students with a good academic record in second or third year of their degree will be selected for this excellent opportunity. More information will be available on the university website from the start of 2013. Visit www.arts.monash.edu.au

- New Opportunities in Commerce, Business and Economics
  From 2013 Monash will be offering a range of new degrees to suit high achieving students. Besides the Bachelor of Commerce Scholars Program, Monash will be offering double degrees with Bachelor of Commerce Scholars Program and Bachelor of Economics, and Bachelor of Arts Scholars program and Bachelor of Commerce Scholars Program. As a Scholar, students will receive a $6000 per annum scholarship, mentoring by senior faculty staff, and access to a Scholar study room. They will also be eligible to attend guest lectures, workshops and seminars. Visit http://monash.edu/study/coursefinder/course/4419/ for more.

With opportunities for advanced study and individual research, the Bachelor of Economics Advanced with Honours offers local students a great start to their career. The course content is similar to the Bachelor of Economics but also includes two 12-week industry placements. Students selected for the course will receive a scholarship of $12,000 for each of the two placements. Visit www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/4430/

A new major in Management & Marketing will be available from 2013 at Berwick campus. This major integrates these two areas for future business decision makers, providing an overview of all areas of business operation and encompasses a broad range of elements. This major may include industry based learning and practical study opportunities too.

**NEW VERTICAL DOUBLE DEGREES AT ANU**
From 2013, ANU students will be offered a first-of-its-kind degree, combining undergraduate and graduate study, across a range of disciplines, in one simple application. The new degrees mean a student can complete a bachelor and master’s degree in reduced time, complete several masters courses in a bachelor degree, and graduate from two degrees that will set them up for life. Visit http://students.anu.edu.au/think/verticaldouble.php for more information.

**NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE:**
**EXTENSION STUDIES** The Extension Program is an opportunity
for high achieving Year 12 students to study a university subject whilst at school which counts towards their ATAR and experience university.

Subjects available in 2013 include - Accounting, Art History, Biology, Earth Sciences, Economics, French, German, Hebrew, History, History and Philosophy of Science, Indonesian, Japanese, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics and Psychology. Subjects awaiting final VCAA approval are Ancient Greek, Advanced Ancient Greek, Ancient World Studies, Latin, and Advanced Latin.

High achieving students considering enrolling in an Extension Program in 2013 should attend the Information Evening below.

**When:** Wednesday 24 October 2012  
**Time:** 6.00pm—8.30pm  
**Venue:** Sidney Myer Asia Centre, Parkville Campus

**Registration:** Students should register to attend this event at [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/umep](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/umep)

### Key dates for the 2013 Extension Program

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### 1:1 CONSULTATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students in Year 12 are invited to meet University staff from our admissions team at person in our Parkville campus.

**When:** Every Wednesday afternoon from 3 October until 19 December 2012, students can book a 30 minute one-on-one session.

**Where:** The University of Melbourne Information Centre - Gate 3, Swanston St, Parkville

This is a great opportunity for students to talk about their study options, get advice about their VTAC application, and find out more about our international support and services.

We have appointments available from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Register now** - International students can book an individual consultation session at [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/international-yr12](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/international-yr12)

**More info:** Tel: 03 8344 6543 Email: via [http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/contact](http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/contact)

### NEW CAREERS: HOW TO THRIVE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Produced by the editors of COSMOS, this guide covers careers in science, engineering, law, finance, business, agriculture, architecture, IT, the arts, and much more. *Kick Start Your Career* shares inspiring career success stories from graduates, reviews major career growth areas for jobs of tomorrow and shows you how to gain critical skills to forge your pathway to the future.

Schools are invited to order multiple copies free of charge for their students.

Email: careers-guide@lists.unimelb.edu.au  
[www.cosmosmagazine.com/kickstart](http://www.cosmosmagazine.com/kickstart)

### STUDENT UNION VCE SUMMER SCHOOL

Applications are now open for the Melbourne University Student Union VCE Summer School.

The program is designed to provide students who are from a range of disadvantaged schools and backgrounds with an inspiring and practical introduction to their VCE years, both in terms of academic skills and personal development.

Students are tutored in small class sizes (no more than 15 students) and are offered one-on-one, focused learning in a friendly and personal environment, where everyone is encouraged to actively participate. The academic program is complemented by activities, workshops and the opportunity to hear from guest speakers.

**When:** Monday 7 January to Friday 18 January 2013  
**Cost:** $170 for the entire two weeks.  
**More info:** Full details on the program are available via the Summer School website: [www.union.unimelb.edu.au/summerschool](http://www.union.unimelb.edu.au/summerschool)  
Email: summerschool@union.unimelb.edu.au

### TRINITY YOUNG LEADERS SUMMER SCHOOL

The Young Leaders Program at Trinity College at the University of Melbourne offers an outstanding academic and personal development opportunities and a hands-on taste of university life.

**Who:** Australian and international students aged 14–17  
**When:** Sunday 2 December to Sunday 16 December 2012  
**Where:** Trinity College, University of Melbourne

To find out more and to register, visit: [www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/learning/trinity-institute/young-leaders.html](http://www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/learning/trinity-institute/young-leaders.html)  
Or email: summerschool@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

### DIVE INTO DESIGN: ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN SUMMER SCHOOL

Are you creative, with a demonstrated ability to think outside the box? Are you concerned with creating a more sustainable world through design? Do you want to apply your skills and learn your potential might be? Why not dive into design?

The Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning invites students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to take part in an annual four day workshop at the University of Melbourne during the December school holiday.

*Dive into Design* introduces students to a range of design skills, programs and concepts, currently used in architecture and design tertiary courses and in the industry, including:

- Photoshop and SketchUp
- Architectural drawings and graphics
- Spatial drawing
- Urban design
- Model making
- Landscape architecture

No prior skills or knowledge is expected. Students just need to have an interest in architecture and design. All sessions are highly interactive and led by experienced tutors, lecturers or industry professionals.

Experience University life first hand in a safe and friendly environment and gain the practical knowledge they need to make key decisions about their future. Encourage your students to *dive into design*.

**When:** Monday 10 to Thursday 13 December 2012  
**Time:** 9.30am — 4.30pm each day  
**Cost:** $450 per student (includes all workshop materials, lunches and snacks).

For full program details and to register visit: [www.benvs.unimelb.edu.au/summer-school-2012](http://www.benvs.unimelb.edu.au/summer-school-2012)  
For more information, contact Amber Perry, Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning Tel: 03 9035 4982 Email: perrya@unimelb.edu.au

### NEWS FROM SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY

**Prerequisite changes:**

- **Bachelor of Engineering (Product Design Engineering)** - Selection for 2013 will only be based on ATAR (students will not be required to attend an interview, as in previous years).
- **Associate Degree in Engineering** - For 2013 entry, a study score of at least 20 in Maths (any) is required (previously a study score of at least 20 in Mathematical Methods was required).
- **Aviation Management** - For 2013 entry, a study score of at least 20 in Maths (any) is required (previously, a study score of at least 20 in Mathematical Methods was required).

**Reminders:**

- **Diploma of Nursing** - Students currently completing Year 12 do not need to sit the VETASSESS test.
- **English study scores** - The study score of the bachelor degrees has changed for 2013 selection. These degrees now require Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or at least 25 in any other English.
CHARLIE BELL SCHOLARSHIP FOR FUTURE LEADERS
The Charlie Bell Scholarship for Future Leaders honours Charlie Bell, the former McDonald’s Corporation CEO. Three scholarships are awarded, aimed at assisting people realise their academic and professional goals. One $15,000 scholarship is open to a current employee of McDonald’s; one $15,000 for a non-employee of McDonald’s; and a third scholarship – valued at $10,000 – may be granted at the discretion of the Selection Committee. Applicants must be eligible to commence an undergraduate degree at an Australian University in Semester 1 2013 and be an Australian citizen or have permanent residency. Applications close on 29 October 2012. Download the application form at http://mcdonalds.com.au/#/home/promo15

DEAKIN NAO!
The Games and Interactive Virtual Environments (GIVE) group in Deakin’s School of Information Technology has recently acquired four Nao humanoid robots (pronounced ‘now’) as part of its Future Technologies Initiative, a theme of teaching and research focusing on the new frontiers of interactive technology. The Nao robot is a 57 cm humanoid robot with 25 degrees of freedom. It has built-in sensors, two cameras, and is capable of object recognition, face detection and recognition, text-to-speech, speech recognition, sound detection and localisation. Nao can speak eight languages and conduct speech recognition in seven of these, including English and Chinese. The robots will be used to enhance teaching and learning to produce the next generation of technologists capable of designing and developing applications for embodied technologies: computing systems that interact with their environment through perception, reasoning and action. To find out more about IT at Deakin, visit the School of Information Technology website at deakin.edu.au/scitech/it.

NEWS FROM RMIT UNIVERSITY
Changes to Art and Design Entrance Requirements
The following programs no longer require a folio for application:
✓ Bachelor of Arts (Photography)
✓ Diploma of Interactive Digital Media
✓ Diploma of Screen and Media
Selection mode for current Year 12 students is ATAR and two-stage process with a middle-band of approximately 20%.
For more information contact student recruitment on (03) 9925 2555 or email Student.recruitment@rmit.edu.au

New Bachelor of Arts (Criminology and Psychology)
RMIT has a new Bachelor of Arts (Criminology and Psychology) commencing in 2013. This is a merger of the accredited psychology major with a major in applied criminology, giving students the knowledge and skills for a wide range of employment opportunities in the justice and human services sectors. This course prepares students to provide high quality services to clients of the criminal justice system, particularly those with mental health issues. Graduates of this program will be better prepared to deal with these issues at the frontline of organisations such as policing and correctional services, child protection and youth services. The VTAC code is 33651(CSP). To find out more, visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bp295

ANIMAL STUDIES AND VETERINARY NURSING at NMIT
Despite Victorian Government budget cuts across the VET sector, NMIT’s Animal Studies and Veterinary Nursing programs will expand in 2013. NMIT can confirm that all of its Animal Studies and Veterinary Nursing programs will continue next year, including:
✓ Certificate II in Animal Studies
✓ Certificate III in Animal Technology
✓ Diploma of Animal Technology
✓ Certificate III in Companion Animal Services
✓ Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing
Future developments in the program include the creation of an NMIT Veterinary Nursing Clinic. It is anticipated that the clinic could be in operation by 2014 and would provide services to the public as well as valuable hands-on experience for Veterinary Nursing students.
For more information contact our Agriculture and Animal Science Department call (03) 9269 8970 or visit http://www.nmit.edu.au/departments/agriculture_and_animal_science

WORK IN ADVERTISING & PUBLIC RELATIONS
How do community organisations communicate with the public and building their profile? How do corporations develop a brand and then protect it when crises arise? How do emergency bodies warn the public when danger threatens? How do health agencies shape a campaign to change behaviour on smoking, eating, and exercise? How do politicians shape or challenge public opinion? These are all roles fulfilled by strategic communications practitioners.

To find out more about this course, visit http://www.latrobe.edu.au/courses/strategic-communication

APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINEESHIP CAREER PATHWAYS
Group Training Organisations are there to help career seekers get the apprenticeship or traineeship that is right for them. Group Training Organisations (GTOs) can provide the advice and the apprenticeship or traineeship opportunities that will get careers started. GTOs employ apprentices and trainees and place them with a host business until the apprenticeship or traineeship has been completed. They guarantee your employment to the end of your apprenticeship. The national network of GTOs employs around 35,000 apprentices and trainees, making it Australia’s largest employer network of apprentices and trainees. Over 100,000 businesses have used a GTO to employ their apprentices and trainees. GTOs are seeking potential apprentices and trainees in many industries to fill their vacancies.

Apprenticeships and traineeships offer the ability to ‘learn and earn’ from day one. They combine training and paid employment, leading to skills and qualifications that are recognised across Australia. A GTO is a one-stop-shop for unbiased information, advice and assistance in finding the right apprenticeship or traineeship. Group Training Organisations also organise off-the-job training with a TAFE or Registered Training Organisation. They look after wages, worker’s compensation and other employee benefits, and most importantly they monitor progress and offer mentoring and support throughout the apprenticeship or traineeship. Find the right GTO for you at: www.grouptraining.com.au

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