Reminders

UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSION TEST – Register by 1 June at www.umat.acer.edu.au, test: 25 July

TIS EVENT for all Year 12s Tuesday 8 May at RMIT

*AT Monash Seminars- www.monash.edu/seminars

Science Tuesday 8 May Clayton
Performing Arts Tuesday 15 May Clayton

*CAREERS IN SPORTS MEDICINE – Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre; nutrition, sports medicine, podiatry, psychology, massage, physiotherapy exercise physiology; 23 May; Reg’n: http://www.trybooking.com/BHCW

NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT WEEK 14 – 18 May

THE AGE’ VCE AND CAREERS EXPO IS ON! This is a large education and careers event with over 190 organisations providing VCE, tertiary course, career, study skills and gap year information and resources. Exhibitors include Australia’s major universities. There will be 170 seminars on VCE subjects including English and maths, tertiary courses, career and study advice. When: 9am-3pm, Thurs 3 & Fri 4 May; 10am-4pm, Sat 5 and Sun 6 May; Where: Caulfield Racecourse; Cost: $10; See ‘The Age’ 30 April or vceandcareers.com.au.

BACHELOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF SURGERY AT MONASH – Prospective students and parents are invited to an information session on the admission process to this under-graduate degree. When: 6:30-8pm, Wed 30 May; Where: Building 63, Lecture Theatre C1, Clayton campus.

DEAKIN MEDICINE AND OPTOMETRY INFORMATION EVENINGS – Explore courses, entry requirements, pathways and study options. The B. Medicine B. Surgery is a four-year graduate-entry program. Applicants must have completed as undergraduate degree, however, there are no prerequisites within the undergraduate degree for entry. The B. Vision Science and Masters of Optometry can be completed in three and a half years due to Deakin’s trimester system. Medicine and Optometry information evenings: (all 6-8.30pm) Tues 15 May, Peter Thwaites Lecture Theatre, Building ia1.006, Geelong Waurn Ponds; Wed 16 May, LT Education Resource Centre, Ballarat Hospital; Thurs 17 May Lecture Theatre 13, Building hC2.005, Burwood. Info: 9251 7777, health-enquiry@deakin.edu.au.

WHERE AND WHAT IS THE WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE? William Angliss is a specialist centre for food, tourism, hospitality and events careers. Located at 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne, it has been training hospitality leaders in the industry for 70 years with courses ranging from apprenticeships and certificates in cookery, baking, patisserie and butchery, to certificate, diploma and advanced diploma courses in hospitality, tourism, events and business. Specialisations include eco tourism, tour guiding, resorts, and sustainability. It also offers two specialist degree programs, the Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management and the Bachelor of Culinary Management. See: www.angliss.edu.au.

FOCUS ON MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY – Why not join the evening information seminar series at Melbourne? Look at options for pursuing university study and your dream career. When: (all 7-8.30pm); Tues 15 May – Focus on Arts; Tues 22 May – Focus on IT and Engineering; Thurs 24 May, Focus on Biomedicine; Tues 29

FUTURE LAW: EVENTS FOR FUTURE LAWYERS – Are you interested in studying law at Melbourne University? Register for Future Law to get quarterly newsletters, invitations to Law School events and activities and information related to key dates for admission. For more details and registration go to: www.law.unimelb.edu.au/jd/future-students/future-law/

Can you picture yourself as a law student? If you want to learn more, hear about student experiences of the Melbourne JD, the amount of reading required, the LSAT exam etc at the Melbourne JD Student Panel. When: 6-7pm, Wed 2 May; Find out more: http://go.unimelb.edu.au/5ic


VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) NEWS – VU (like Swinburne and RMIT) offers both higher education and vocational education. At a recent career counsellors conference we were reminded of the expectation that by 2025 (in 13 years) one third of jobs will require at least a Bachelor’s degree. Universities are being required to introduce measures making access more available to applicants form low socio-economic groups; VU already meets these targets. Enrolments in vocational education have risen greatly; since 2008 there has been a 44% increase, largely in government subsidised training outside the TAFE system. Offers to university for 2012 saw a general decrease in clearly-in ATARS, while middle-band applicants (those who obtain a place below the clearly-in) increased in numbers. There was also an increase in non-school leaver offers.

PATHWAYS AT VU – VU has earned a reputation as a distinctive institution providing opportunities for the diverse communities and learners. Pathways have been developed (see www.vu.edu.au/Pathways), offering flexible exit points, reduced study time, with the majority of diploma to bachelor pathways providing substantial credit for learners. An average of 16% (and growing) of students commencing higher education courses articulate from vocational education, with pathways students performing academically as well as non-pathway students.

NEW COURSES IN YOUTH WORK AT VU – VU has welcomed the first cohort of 150 students in to the Bachelor of Youth Work, the Bachelor of Youth Work/Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Management and the pathway program, the Diploma of Youth Work. Young adults with a passion for Youth Work who do not have theATAR for the degree course, can undertake the Diploma then join colleagues in the degree in their third year and complete at the same time. The course trains graduates to run youth/community events, develop community recreation programs and to engage and empower young people. Info: robyn.broadbent@vu.edu.au or ph 9919 4861.

FIND OUT ABOUT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – La Trobe has a new Year 10 resource at www.latrobe.edu.au/year10. By watching the videos you can find out about where subjects lead, prerequisites, the ATAR, pathways, and so on. You can also follow the La Trobe student bloggers for a real life account of what happens at uni at www.latrobe.edu/studentblogs. You can also sign up for the upcoming Experience La Trobe events at www.latrobe.edu.au/experience.

FREE EXAM STRATEGY LECTURES FOR UNIT 3 - The School for Excellence (TSFX) will be running a series of free lectures titled “Mastering the Exams”. These lectures are designed to help students maximise examination scores. These lectures are FREE OF CHARGE to all students but participating
students will be required to make a minimum $10 donation to one of the charity representatives attending on that day – Fred Hollows Foundation or Beyond Blue.

Date: Saturday 5 May # or 12 May or Saturday 2 June 2012
Time: 10.00am – 2.00pm
Venues: The University of Melbourne (Parkville Campus)
La Trobe University (Bundoora) #
For more information and/or register, visit www.tsfx.com.au

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

The Faculty of Information Technology is offering Work Experience placements for students at this year’s Computer Games Boot Camp (CGBC) at Monash University, Clayton Campus. Students have the opportunity to be involved in a diverse range of areas including Broadcast production, Project management, Activity coordinator, Tech support, Media crew, Industry support, Tournament support and many more. Work Experience is completed during the weekday period of the event Monday 9 July - Friday 13 July 2012. Due to the overwhelming response in 2011, extra placements have been made available for CGBC 2012. Please contact Andrew Owen at andrew.owen@infotech.monash.edu.au or on (03) 9903 1441. Alternatively visit www.infotech.monash.edu.au

NEWS FROM HOLMESGLEN INSTITUTE

➢ Pre-Apprenticeship & Apprenticeship Programs
Holmesglen offers a range of pre-apprenticeship & apprenticeship programs, some of which are tabled below. Students can be assured that, once they have completed their pre-apprenticeship, Holmesglen will assist them where possible, to find an apprenticeship! The courses on offer include Bread/Bakery, Bricklaying, Carpentry, Commercial Cookery, Electrical/Electrotechnology, Plumbing. To find out more, visit http://www.holmesglen.edu.au/programs/apprenticeships

➢ Engineering Gap Year
Holmesglen Institute offers a Certificate III in Engineering as an eight month Gap Year program for students who want to experience specialised skills within engineering prior to undertaking engineering studies at degree level. Students gain practical experience and a solid base of knowledge in the engineering sector and the program contains a selection of subjects that are beneficial in understanding aspects of the manufacturing and engineering industry in Australia. Visit http://www.holmesglen.edu.au/careers/engineering_and_technology/certificate_iii_in_engineering_mechanical-gap_year_program to find out more!

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE –

➢ What is a GPA?
Students often ask what a GPA is. At university grades are reported as a GPA – which stands for Grade Point Average – a calculation of the average percentage grade a student achieves in their degree.

➢ Mapping out a Course
Most undergraduate degrees include the following types of subjects:
- Compulsory subjects – taken by all students enrolled in a chosen degree
- Major subjects – taken by students studying the same specialisation in a chosen degree
- Elective subjects – students choose subjects of interest, often relating to their major
- Breadth studies - subjects from outside the core degree, often unrelated to the degree but of interest to student

➢ Concurrent Diplomas
University of Melbourne offers a range of concurrent diplomas – allowing students an opportunity to study for an extra qualification alongside their degree. This can enhance their employability and also allow students to develop a detailed knowledge in an area outside of their main area of study. Concurrent diplomas are offered in:
- Informatics
- Languages
- Mathematical Sciences
- Music (Practical)
- Global Issues
To find out more, visit http://www.studentcentre.unimelb.edu.au/eastern/course_info/concurrent_diplomas

NEW BACHELOR OF APPLIED PUBLIC HEALTH (BAPH)
will be offered in 2013 at the ACU Melbourne campus.
Public Health is the science of protecting and improving community and population health via education, advocacy, promotion of healthy lifestyles, and research for disease and injury prevention. ACU’s three-year BAPH has a strong applied (practical) component, providing opportunities for work integrated learning opportunities locally, nationally and overseas. The degree prepares graduates for employment in state, federal and international health and development agencies, in career roles such as public health advocate, community health officer, health policy analyst, program evaluator, health educator and epidemiologist.

Students wanting to study public health have a strong interest in the health and well-being of communities, combined with an interest in one or more disciplines related to big picture issues such as social justice, geography, economics, statistics, law, politics and environmental sustainability. VCE requirement is Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English. For further information visit, www.acu.edu.au/courses/health/public_health/ or email Dr Shawn Somerset at shawn.somerset@acu.edu.au.

NEWS FROM DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

➢ Thinking about a Career in Medicine or Optometry? You should attend Deakin’s Medicine and Optometry Information Evenings. Students will hear from academic staff about the courses available, entry requirements, pathways and study options. You will find out about course structures, teaching methods and placement opportunities. Professional accreditation will also be discussed, as will the speciality practise areas and career opportunities available following successful completion of these courses. Contact Health – Student and Academic Services on 03 9251 7777 or health-enquire@deakin.edu.au

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1. Medicine at Deakin
The Deakin Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (BMBBS) is a four-year, graduate-entry program that prepares students for practice within a wide range of health care settings. A graduate-entry program requires successful completion of an undergraduate degree; however, there are no prerequisites within the undergraduate degree for entry into the Deakin’s BMBBS program. This means students bring the added benefit of varying backgrounds and experience to the course.

2. Optometry at Deakin
Deakin optometry is unique in several ways, including the emphasis on case- and team-based learning; an extensive, fully-equipped clinical skills facility, industry partnerships, and a
curriculum that delivers across clinical, commercial and professional domains in optometry. The Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry can be completed in just three and a half years of full-time study if students study three trimesters per year.

IT @ Deakin
IT students at Deakin have access to specialised computer labs to help put theory into practice. Some of the facilities available include:

1. A head start to Cisco Industry Certification
The CCNA Exploration and CCNP curricula of the Cisco® Networking Academy® are incorporated into units offered by the School of Information Technology. These units are supported by dedicated, well-equipped laboratories with modern facilities and high equipment to student ratios. Students completing these units are well prepared to complete the internationally recognised CCNA and CCNP industry certifications and undertake careers such as a network administrator, network installer or network engineer.

2. Get an edge on Gaming
A range of facilities support units in game design and development. Practical work takes place in modern laboratories equipped with high end PCs fitted with specialist graphics cards. The quality of the hardware is matched by the range of software available, including professional software development platforms, industry standard modelling and animation packages, Steam, and motion capture software compatible with the systems used in Deakin’s state-of-the-art motion capture facility.

3. A hands-on approach to IT security
IT security students put theory into practice during hands-on work activities in Deakin’s computer labs. The recently updated IT security lab at the Melbourne Burwood Campus is equipped with modern facilities and experienced staff.

For more information about Deakin’s IT courses visit www.deakin.edu.au/scitech/it.

CAREER IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING
Urban and regional planners (often also called Town Planners) develop policies and plans for the use of land and resources. They advise on the economic, environmental, social and cultural needs of particular localities or regions as they relate to the built environment and the community. They also work on large-scale projects such as new suburbs, towns, industrial areas, commercial and retail developments, urban renewal projects and transportation links.

Urban and regional planners may perform the following tasks:

- develop long-range objectives to cope with growth and change, in consultation with affected communities
- perform surveys and site inspections
- compile and analyse information on physical, economic, social, legal, political, cultural and environmental factors which affect land use
- discuss plans with local communities, private companies and government organisations
- consider new developments or re-developing areas and advise state and local governments on planning issues for projects such as new suburbs, transportation links, industrial estates, retail complexes and housing developments
- draw up plans for development or re-development and evaluate proposals in terms of benefits and costs, recommending how schemes can be carried out
- prepare urban and rural subdivision plans, taking into account various land uses, including residential, public open space, schools and shops
- prepare and coordinate economic, social and environmental impact studies

Planning is a broadly based discipline and it is possible to specialise in a wide range of fields, including strategic planning, urban design, environmental impact assessment, residential planning, commercial and industrial planning, heritage planning, tourism planning and social planning. Successful planners need to

- have good oral and written communication skills
- be interested in social, economic, environmental & cultural issues
- be able to produce detailed and accurate work
- Have good analytical and problem-solving skills

To become a planner, students usually have to study urban, regional, community and/or environmental planning at university. They may also consider other degrees that emphasise related fields of architecture, economics, environmental management or science, geography and sociology. Entry to these courses requires students to attain their VCE and a year 12 maths is highly recommended. Degree studies in urban and regional planning are necessary for professional recognition by the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA). For further information visit http://www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au/occupation/Urban-And-Regional-Planner/VIC.

Victorian universities that offer courses –

Deakin University
Bachelor of Environmental Science – Environmental Management and Sustainability

La Trobe University
Bachelor of Urban, Rural and Environmental Planning

RMIT University
Bachelor of Social Science – Environment
http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bp000
Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning
http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=utvcjl1xot7m1
Bachelor of Design - Landscape Architecture/Bachelor of Urban & Regional Planning
http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bp239

University of Melbourne
Bachelor of Environments
http://benvs.unimelb.edu.au/

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