I am greatly saddened to see any system introduced that could deter our students from continuing their education at tertiary level. Decisions about what courses to choose are already difficult enough for young people, already confused by the “marketing” of institutions, the concerns about prestige, value, employability and presumed earnings. Now issues such as preparedness to take on substantial debt, fear of choosing a “lesser” course because it might be cheaper, concerns about guaranteed employability skills could cloud their thinking even more. It is already hard to persuade young people that further education will be valuable, of itself, for their own thinking and development, for generic employability skills and their own career development and management. Greater debt could be a huge disincentive for those who need higher education most, in order to advance themselves and their economic place in society. I hope to be able to persuade our current Year 12s to continue with their plans for 2014, though perhaps defer any Gap year plans until the situation is known, to follow their interests and talents by choosing further education after they graduate from Simonds.

THE BUDGET and UNIVERSITY FEES – The recent Federal Budget included changes to higher education funding which will have significant implications for Australian universities. At the recent Australian Catholic University Careers Practitioner Seminar, Vice-Chancellor Greg Craven explained to us how the proposed changes would work and thus affect students (IF the Bill is passed):

- Universities will set their own fees – from 1 Jan 2016, universities will set their own fees for undergraduate courses without government imposed caps. (Currently a commerce degree costs the same amount, no matter at which university you study (except at Bond, which is Australia’s only private university, or a TAFE)) Concern: this will create a situation where some courses at some universities will have much higher fees than others, without any guarantee of quality or suitability, thus substantially increasing student debt.

- The government will contribute 17-20% less to universities – from 1 Jan 2016, students will pay more towards the cost of their degree, and the government will pay less. The Commonwealth contribution will reduce by 20% overall. Concern: Universities will have much less to spend on teaching students, so will have to charge higher fees to maintain even current levels, which they already claim is insufficient to maintain standards. They will also need to subsidise less popular but necessary courses (eg education) by charging more for popular ones.

- Institutions must contribute 20% of fees to fund scholarships for low income students. Concern: Government used to provide equity scholarships for low income students and universities provided merit-based scholarships. Using 20% of fees to provide scholarships removes even more money from the provision of quality teaching, research, student services etc..

- Extend the demand-driven system to sub-bachelor courses and allow HECS loans for them as well as to any provider who wishes to offer tertiary education (ie private universities like Bond) – this system has been expanded to provide Commonwealth Supported Places for any undergraduate qualification offered by a university – diplomas, associate degrees, as well as degrees offered at TAFEs and any other Private Provider who wants to offer tertiary course. Concern: Some institutions will be in this to make a profit rather than for education (as happened when the state government cut funding to the public TAFE system).

Private universities are under no obligation to provide services, campus life or research.

- Start repaying the debt sooner – The HECS-HELP loan will still be available, so students will not have to pay their fees upfront. However, the government has reduced the income threshold so graduates will start making their repayments sooner when they are earning approx. $50,638. Students can still receive a 5% discount for early repayment (min $500) of loans. Concern: this is also the point where interest is charged on the debt, so students will pay more in interest overall. The bonus for early repayment favours those wealthy enough to be able to pay off HECS Loans.

- Rate of interest on the student loan will now be linked to the Commonwealth Bond Rate (currently 4%, capped at 6%-1.5-3.5% effective) rather than CPI (Consumer Price Index – an effective rate of 0%) Concern: this will increase the overall amount owed and dramatically increase the length of time needed to pay off the debt. Currently, most graduates finish paying off their HECS debt during their 30s, but these measures could mean that some students will struggle to pay back the loan by their 50s!

For comparison, students and families might like to research the current state of student debt in the USA, or what happened when fee de-regulation was attempted in the UK.

An additional point to note is that current university students will have the new repayment system applied to them, even though the scheme does not start till 2016. Their fees can increase under this scheme from the start of 2016, even though various politicians have stated the opposite. (Deakin has promised not to raise fees of current students).

CADETSHIPS TO STUDY ACCOUNTING Many accounting firms offer cadetships to Year 12 students planning to study business/ accounting at university. For example, Deloitte, EY, PwC, KPMG, and many others offer cadetships. The usual arrangement is that cadetship holders study part-time and work with the company offering the cadetship part-time. This means that recipients gain real-world work experience, are likely to be offered employment on completion of their degree, and are financially rewarded.

A good starting point to find out what is available is at: http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/Students/Whats-on/Event-listing/National-event-info/Cadetships.aspx

EXPERIENCE RMIT – If you are considering studying at RMIT, and in Years 10-12, don’t forget the RMIT ‘Experience Days’ and Tours on offer in the coming holiday break. They cover marketing, advertising, public relations, journalism, engineering, information systems, science laboratory visits, a science day, a trades’ day, and many more. See details at www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays and www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover.

COMPUTER GAMES BOOT CAMP – This seven-day event is for students in Years 9-12, giving an opportunity to experience everything connected to computer games and information technology. Learn from experienced industry professionals, talk to like-minded individuals and expand your networks by participating in workshops, tournaments, presentations, and activities. If you are interested in multimedia, designing or playing games, or looking to a career in IT, this is for you. When: Sat 5 – Fri 11 July; Where: Monash Clayton; Info/register: https://cgc.bitAtech.monash.edu/

MONASH ART, DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE (MADA) – MADA is hosting a range of three-day workshops for Year 11/12 students interested in studying creative disciplines. Students can build folios and attend foundation workshops in architecture, interior architecture, communication design, industrial design and fine art, and experience life at MADA. Industry professionals and academics will run the workshops and guide students through the lessons and activities. When: 1-3 July & 24-26 Sept; Where: MADA,
NEW WEBSITE FOR MONASH UNIVERSITY - Monash has created a new website to help you succeed in the final years of secondary school, and to access vital information in one place. For example, it includes important dates, deadlines, registration for Monash events, VCE tips, study options and information about career paths. See: www.destination.monash.

ARTS AT MONASH - The Faculty of Arts has interviewed some new Arts students to ask them about their aspirations, why they chose Arts at Monash, and their hopes for after graduation. See videos at YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5_b5UuA4Ds. For more information about Arts degrees, see www.arts.monash.edu.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS - What is problem-based learning (PBL)? PBL is offered as part of the Bachelor of Business at the Monash Peninsula campus. PBL uses a small group approach, and focuses on problems similar to those in the workforce. Working in a small team with a mentor, students create solutions to real-life problems, learning the principles of each subject. Site visits/industry placement form an integral part of this approach. Three 'majors' are offered at the campus: business strategy, sports management, and marketing and communication. Students may also undertake a different major, including accounting, at another Monash campus. Information on YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5_b5UuA4Ds.

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY - Deakin University invites students to attend an Information Sessions to learn more about the School of Nursing and Midwifery. Students will get to hear more about the nursing courses, including the combined courses with midwifery, psychological science and public health and health promotion. Details for Melbourne are:

- **Date:** Wednesday 23 July 2014
- **Time:** 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- **Venue:** Burwood Campus, Building Y, Room 1.11 A and B

OR

- **Date:** Saturday 26 July 2014
- **Time:** 2.30pm – 4.30pm
- **Venue:** Burwood Campus, Building Y, Room 1.11 A and B

To register to attend one of the information sessions above, please email nursinfo@deakin.edu.au to advise which session you plan to attend. For more information call (03) 9244 6032 or visit www.deakin.edu.au/nursing.

INTERESTED IN A CAREER WITH ANIMALS?

Holiday programs are on offer (bookings are essential):

- **At Healesville Sanctuary, ‘Winter Wonderland’** is the theme this year - a chance to get close to some of our most endangered alpine animals. The Keep for a Day program allows you to help keepers and learn about their job.

**Vet for a Day, Healesville Sanctuary** - see the vets working with real life cases

**Keeper for a Day at Werribee Open Range Zoo** - find out what a keeper’s day is really like.

**Who? Year 7-12**; **Booking:** 9285 9406; **Info:** www.zoo.org.au/whats-on/school-holidays-at-zoos-victoria.

The RSPCA Burwood will be offering two hands on sessions for students aged between 15 and 18 years who are considering a career with animals or simply have a love of animals and would like to participate.

**Vet Day at the RSPCA (Aged 15+ years)**

Are you interested in working with animals in the future? Do you see yourself as an animal doctor? Go along and discover what it is like to be an RSPCA Vet or Vet nurse, and working in animal care. Places are limited, bookings essential!

**When:** Tuesday 1 July
- **Time:** 9.30am – 3.00pm
- **Cost:** $100

**Animal Attendant for a Day (Aged 13 – 18 years)**

Is your ideal job looking after animals, all day, every day? Animal Attendants spend their day caring for animals in RSPCA shelters. Students are encouraged to go along and find out why Animal Attendants love their job so much and how this might be perfect for them. Places are limited, and bookings are essential!

- **When:** Thursday 10 July 2014

**Law at the University of Melbourne** – The annual Melbourne JD Showcase is coming up. At this workshop, master classes will be held on legal issues, such as So Sue Me! (what a negligence action is all about); dispute resolution interactive session, refugee law, and the environment – who is responsible for contamination? The Showcase will give school students an interactive experience, combining sample law classes with information about Melbourne Law School and the JD degree.

**When:** Wed 2 July;
- **Cost:** $66 (incl morning tea and lunch);
- **Registration and payment:** by 25 June at www.id.law.unimelb.edu.au/schools; Info: Yvonne Au, 8344 8879, y.au@unimelb.edu.au.

**A career with boats?** The 2014 Boating Industry Association Boat Show will have a stand offering a range of information about careers associated with the boating industry including boat and engine manufacturing and retailing, marine accessories manufacturing and retailing, boat and marine engine repairs, marine distributing and wholesale, and tourism. Visit stand A36 from 11am-6pm, Thurs - Sun for career advice. Where: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Clarendon St, Southbank; When: 11am-6pm, Thurs 12 – Mon 16 June. **Note:** Are you aware that the Australian Maritime College in Tasmania offers courses from certificates through to degrees in areas like boating, fishing, engineering and maritime architecture? Check out courses at: www.amc.edu.au.

**Importance of Maths Methods**

Studying Maths Methods (or equivalent) to the end of Year 12 can provide a range of benefits to students entering study at university. Mathematics enhances problem solving and analytical skills which are beneficial for both further study and employment one day. Not only does maths increase a student’s academic skills but, in many cases, is a pre-requisite for entry to a range of different courses at various universities. At the University of Melbourne, the following Bachelor courses include Maths Methods in the pre-requisites, in some cases in combination with other subjects:

- **Agriculture**
  - Units 3 and 4—a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in any other English and a study score of at least 25 in mathematical methods (CAS) or specialist mathematics, or a study score of at least 30 in further mathematics.

- **Biomedicine**
  - Units 3 and 4—a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in any other English, and a study score of at least 25 in chemistry and in mathematical methods (CAS) or specialist mathematics.

- **Comerce**
  - Units 3 and 4—a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in any other English, and a study score of at least 25 in mathematical methods (CAS) or specialist mathematics.

**Note:** Applicants intending to major in Actuarial Studies or complete a breadth sequence in Engineering Systems in the Bachelor of Commerce are encouraged to complete VCE specialist mathematics or may be required to undertake a bridging subject in mathematics as first year breadth. The
NEWS FROM AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
★ UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE DAY
University Experience Day is a hands-on, fun, free event, where students will be able to participate in a range of activities related to the course area of their choice. Students will have the opportunity to meet ACU staff and current students, mingle with other prospective students, and get a good feel for the Melbourne or Ballarat campus. Details for the Melbourne Campus program are -
Date: Tuesday 8 July
Location: Daniel Mannix Building, 8-18 Brunswick St. Fitzroy
Time: Registration at 9am. Event runs from 9.30am - 2.30pm.
Workshops: Students will participate in two workshops of their choice. The workshops with places still available are as follows:
• Business – develop and launch an app into the marketplace
• Education – Digital technologies for the classroom
• Exercise science – exercise scientist for a day
• Law – global, ethical, practical
• Media communications – new media production
• Occupational therapy and speech pathology – working together to make a difference
• Politics – you studying politics can help change the world
• Psychology – what to expect from studying psychology
• Public health – diseases detectives
• The study of theology – real people, real world, real possibilities
• Youth work – it’s more than just having fun

Interested students in years 10 – 12 should register online now as places are limited and fill up fast! Visit and register at www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/future_students/undergraduate/experience_uni_before_you_start/events/university_experience_day?utm_source=ClickDimensions&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Careers%20Advisors%20Newsletter%20-%20May%202014%20-%20Melbourne

★ BACHELOR OF GLOBAL STUDIES (DUAL DEGREES)
ACU offers a range of double degrees for people interested in the social, political, cultural, environmental and economic changes shaping our world. The global studies course explores issues such as environmental sustainability, global health, global change and development, world politics and justice. The Global Studies dual degrees are:
Bachelor of Applied Public Health/ Bachelor of Global Studies
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Global Studies
Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Global Studies
Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Global Studies
Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Global Studies

Students of these courses will have the opportunity to study or work overseas in an area relevant to their studies and interests. In fact, most of these courses require students to study abroad (ACU has over 60 partner institutions around the world) and/or do an internship that provides international work experience. Find out more about at: www.acu.edu.au/courses/2013/undergraduate/international_development_and_global_studies/global_studies

SCIENCE DEGREES AT BOX HILL INSTITUTE
The Centre for Biotechnology and Animal Sciences of Box Hill Institute offers a range of science courses, from certificates through to degree. Degree courses on offer include -
★ BACHELOR OF BIOSECURITY SCIENCE
This is a new course being offered in 2015! It is designed for people looking to protect Australia and its environment from the threat of invasive animals, plants, pests and disease. Students develop their skills and knowledge in plant and animal sciences, in combination with an understanding of the social & economic framework surrounding the biosecurity continuum - onshore, at the border and offshore. Graduates will find work in:
• The new national Post-Entry Quarantine facility to be constructed by 2017 in Melbourne
• Agriculture, nurseries and wineries
• Animal facilities
• Food processing facilities
• Parks and wildlife

Find out more at www.bhtafe.edu.au/courses/local/Pages/8801.aspx

★ BACHELOR OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
Do you wish to work in medical testing laboratories? Do you see your future in finding new drugs to treat diseases? Would you like to be involved in the development of new technologies to solve environmental problems? The Bachelor of Biotechnology is a three year course which will equip students with the knowledge and technical skills to secure their place in the science and biotechnology industry. This course has a heavy industry focus and develops the skills and knowledge for students to succeed in the workplace. Students also undertake an 8 week internship at the end of the course which often leads to ongoing employment. Graduates from this course find work in scientific and environmental research (university, Government department), forensic science, pathology, biochemistry or microbiology. Other positions students might consider are work in genetic research, environmental research or pharmaceutical research and drug development.

For more information on these and other Biotechnology programs, please visit www.boxhill.edu.au or contact the Centre for Biotechnology and Animal Sciences on (03) 8892 2098.

NEWS FROM JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY (JCU)
★ Quick Facts about JCU
• JCU is 1 university in 2 countries with 3 campuses (Cairns, Townsville and Singapore)
• JCU is the second-oldest university in Queensland
• JCU has four faculties:
  Faculty of Arts, Education and Social Sciences
  Faculty of Law, Business and Creative Arts
  Faculty of Medicine, Health and Molecular Sciences
  Faculty of Science and Engineering
• The most popular courses offered at JCU include:
  Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery
  Bachelor of Dental Surgery
  Bachelor of Physiotherapy
  Bachelor of Veterinary Science
  Bachelor of Science (Marine Biology)
• JCU has an excellent Student Exchange Program
Students should visit www.jcu.edu.au for more information!

★ FAST FACTS FOR HEALTH STUDENTS
JCU has four application-based programs: medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy and veterinary science. Students applying for one
or more of these courses should take note of the following Top Tips for Written Applications:

1. Read and follow the instructions to the letter
2. Make sure to sign the Declaration, and have it witnessed by an authorized person
3. Check and double check before you send your application in, as JCU can only accept one copy of the application per student
4. Get the application in before the closing date – for everyone’s peace of mind!
5. Look for opportunities that indicate your commitment/motivation to study health (e.g. work experience, volunteer work, paid employment) etc.
6. Complete your answers within the space provided
7. Write neatly so your answers can be read!
8. Keep abreast of current events as you may be asked to give your opinion on these should you be invited to an interview
9. Arrange no more than 3 letters of support
10. Remember: your application is heavily weighted to get to interview stage. You must be passionate about indigenous, tropical and rural health and reflect this in your application

CAREER IN FILM & TELEVISION

There are so many roles in the film and television industry – from the camera operator, producer, director, editor, lighting technician, floor manager, not to mention the actor and television presenter! Visit www.media-match.com/usa/jobtypes/job-descriptions.php for an interesting, detailed list of the many roles in this industry. Some film and television university degree courses offered in Victoria include –

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CAREER IN ACCOUNTING

Although they can work across a range of industries, the one thing all accountants have in common is they all need to be good with numbers! Most accountants deal with financial reports, tax audits and financial investigations – done within government or private businesses. Many accountants work for companies that prepare financial statements for presentation to boards of directors, management, shareholders and statutory bodies. They may have responsibilities where they conduct financial investigations, undertake audits, prepare reports and advise on matters as the purchase and sale of businesses, mergers, financing, suspected fraud, insolvency and taxation. Finance is central part of any business, and thus accountants’ skills are highly valued.

Accounting is offered at many universities, either as a specialized degree or as a major offered in more general business or commerce degrees.


The following Victorian institutions offer accredited Bachelor of Accounting degrees:

- Australian Catholic University - This accredited course enables graduates to pursue professional careers in finance and accounting. Focusing on auditing, budget analysis, portfolio management, investment analysis, mergers and acquisitions, and taxation strategy, this program gives students comprehensive and essential skills in the fields of accounting and finance. Students may seek membership with the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia; Certified Practicing Accountants Australia; Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance and the Financial Services Institute of Australasia upon successful completion of this course.
- Charles Sturt University - The degree is accredited by CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. Graduates are eligible for associate membership of CPA Australia and to enter the CPA Program conducted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Graduates are also eligible to join the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants at the member level without further study and to become an Associate of the Institute of Public Accountants.
- Holmesglen Institute - Graduates of this degree may apply for associate membership of CPA Australia and the Institute of Public Accountants. Graduates also meet the academic entry requirements of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICAA) Program.
- La Trobe University - The Bachelor of Accounting offers students the flexibility to enhance their business skills by adding to their final degree an additional business major in Management, Financial Management, Financial Planning, and Management Information Systems, depending on the campus. Popular minors in the growing areas of Forensic Accounting, Management Accounting and Public Sector Accounting are also offered at the Melbourne campus. In addition to fulfilling requirements for membership of CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, students this course is also recognised by other professional groups such as the National Institute of Accountants (NIA) and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) in the UK.
- Monash University - The accounting degree offers six core units that introduce students to the key principles of business, including marketing, accounting, management and economics. Accounting graduates gain an associate membership of and entry to CPA Program of CPA Australia, entry to the Chartered Accountants Program of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia (ICAA) and associate membership of the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA).
- RMIT - The course includes fundamental Accounting subjects covering general accounting, corporate accounting, management accounting, auditing and taxation and financial management whilst at the same time providing a focus on environmental sustainability through subjects such as Introduction to Sustainability Studies, Environmental Law and Environmental Economics and Policy. Opportunities exist for graduates to apply for membership with the CPA, ICA and IPA.
Students are invited to bring their folio and get constructive feedback from top creative educators on presentation, finish, design principles and aesthetic focus. The $45 fee includes:

- 1 hour tutorial on exam preparation for either:
- Visual Communication & Design
- Product Design & Technology, or
- Studio Arts

Plus 1 free session covering Tertiary Interview Tips and 1 free session on your folio. Students can choose from one of the following specialisations:

- Communication Design
- Fashion & Costume Design
- Filmmaking & Photography
- Graphic & Digital Design
- Visual Arts

Or visit www.designacademy.edu.au/index.html

NEWS FROM DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

➤ ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AT DEAKIN

Deakin’s Environmental Science courses offer students many opportunities to get up close and personal with various animal species in their natural habitats, and its Environment blog showcases what Deakin staff and students get up to. It features the environments they study, the places they go, the research they’ve done as well as highlighting interesting environmental science news from Deakin and around the world.

A regular feature on the Deakin Environment blog are posts by current and past students discussing the amazing things they do within their communities.

At Deakin, all students are encouraged to volunteer and participate in international study opportunities to improve their skills and prepare them for greater future career opportunities. Deakin also offers a number of local and international field trip opportunities in locations ranging from The Grampians all the way to Peru.

Find our more at the Environment blog at www.deakin-environment.tumblr.com and for more information about our environmental science courses, please visit www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/environment.

➤ IT @ DEAKIN

Deakin University offers students the opportunity to study a diverse range of areas within the IT discipline – including computer science, games design and development, and IT security.

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ACADEMY OF DESIGN - VCE HELP PROGRAMS

The Academy of Design will be running a more of its successful VCE HELP DAYS in the coming weeks. Sessions focusing on Visual Communication Design, Product Design & Technology and Interactive Digital Media.

VCE HELP DAYS

Product Design & Technology Intensive Units 3 & 4
The SAT Folio - Stages 2 & 3, Presenter: Katrina Wheaton-Penniall
Date: Saturday 28 June:
Time: 12.30pm - 1.30pm
This session will concentrate on the Unit 3 folio work that should be completed or nearing completion at this point. It includes the product design process (Design & Development, and Planning & Production), with special attention given to folio items related to these stages: Visualisations; Design Options, Decision Matrix & Justification; Working Drawings; Planning Components and Production. This session is free, however registrations are essential. Register at www.stickytickets.com.au/15721/product_design_technology_intensive_for_year_12_students.aspx

INTERACTIVE DIGITAL MEDIA INTENSIVE UNITS 3 & 4
Looking forward to the IDM exam. Presented by Ana Tuckerman
Date: Saturday 28 June:
Time: 11.30am - 1.00pm
This session focuses on what skills students should be perfecting during the year that will help them get the best outcome in the practical part of their exam. This session is free, however registrations are essential. Register at https://www.stickytickets.com.au/16632/interactive_digital_media_intensive_for_year_12_students.aspx

EXAM & FOLIO WORKSHOPS

Date: Wednesday 24 September 2014
Cost: $45 includes lunch

These workshops assist students with their preparation for the all-important VCE Exams and tertiary interviews. Presenters are all accomplished educators and leaders in their field.

Swinburne University - This course equips students with the skills needed for a career in accounting and beyond. Students learn to use accounting systems to record and analyse business activities, employ financial statements to guide investment decisions and use information from cost accounting systems to make decisions, price products, develop operating strategies and evaluate business performance. Graduates are eligible to apply for membership of CPA Australia (CPA), the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia (ICAA), the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA).


Victoria University - The Bachelor of Business gives students options to tailor their learning to their specific needs. All students study a common first year which is complemented in second and third years by specialisations in either two business disciplines, or a single specialisation and an area of study. Bachelor of Business Accounting specialisation offers students the opportunity for entry into CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia as an associate member when the appropriate sequence of units is completed.


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www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=BP254

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