**STORY EXPERTS HOW TO TURN A PASSION INTO A PROFESSION.**

This form is only available to applicants. Applicants must pay an additional assessment fee of $65 with their Supplementary application form.

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRAMATIC ART (NIDA)**

NIDA (in Sydney) is an internationally acclaimed institute for education in theatre, film and television. NIDA is searching for talented students who have a desire to work hard and become successful artists in the arts and entertainment industry. All application, audition, interview and project requirements for NIDA’s tertiary programs are now available on their website, and applications must be made directly to NIDA before Mon 30 Sept (www.nida.edu.au). There will be an information night on Thurs 22 Aug which will be broadcast live online and will be available to stream online later for students who are unable to attend.

Register for the online streaming at www.nida.edu.au/info2013. Auditions and interviews for 2014 are in November. Info: 02 9697 7600, marketing@nida.edu.au.

**FASHION**

For further information, email marketing@designacademy.edu.au or call Joanne Brodie on (03) 9676 9000.

**VCE EXAM PREPARATION & FOLIO PRESENTATION WORKSHOP**

The Academy of Design is hosting 2-day VCE Exam Preparation and Folio Presentation Workshop in the upcoming September school holidays.

**FASHION CAMP**

Want to cut it in fashion? Get a glimpse ‘behind the seams’ of this creative industry with instruction on everything from illustration and construction to styling and visual merchandising. Over five days of intensive fashion you will learn from industry experts how to turn a passion into a profession.

**NMIT’S SMART NEW WEBSITE – WIN A SMART TV**

Register your details and go into the draw to win a SMART TV! Go to www.nmit.edu.au, click on the register button at the top right-hand corner of the home page and follow the prompts!

**EQUITY AND MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS**

All Year 12 students should apply for Equity and Merit Scholarships via VTAC. VTAC
scholarships applications for domestic students close on 18 October. For tips on applying: www.vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html.

GUARANTEED ATARs at 3 UNIVERSITIES!
Most Universities recognise that the ATAR is not always a good measure of a student’s potential to succeed at tertiary study, so they have a variety of schemes, whether through the VTAC SEAS application or outside of it, to give disadvantaged students an opportunity to gain a place.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE has run the Access Melbourne scheme for a number of years to improve access for students who have experienced financial disadvantage. This scheme continues for 2014, allowing students who receive Centrelink payments or whose families receive Family Tax Benefit A to access the six undergraduate degrees with reduced ATARs.
1. You will complete an Australian Year 12 in 2013
2. You are eligible for one or both of the following Access Melbourne categories:
   • Disadvantaged financial background, and/or
   • Applicants from rural or isolated areas
3. You satisfy the prerequisites and achieve the following ATAR or notional ATAR for the following courses:
   • 78 or above — guarantees a place in Arts, Environments or Science
   • 88 or above — guarantees a place in Commerce
   • 95 or above — guarantees a place in Biomedicine

GUARANTEED ATARs at SWINBURNE - Many of Swinburne University’s degrees will have a guaranteed ATAR in 2014. This means that students who meet course prerequisites and achieve an ATAR rank equal to or above the published guaranteed ATAR, and list that course as their highest successful preference through VTAC, will be guaranteed a place in that course. Students who achieve an ATAR just below the published guaranteed ATAR may be eligible for bonus points through middle-band and SEAS consideration. For allist of courses and scholarships with guaranteed ATAR’s see: www.future.swinburne.edu.au/vtac/atar.

MONASH GUARANTEE – Monash has a new admissions program for 2014 – the Monash Guarantee. Students who are financially disadvantaged, Indigenous Australians or completing Year 12 at a Monash under-represented school could be eligible for a guaranteed place at Monash, even if their ATAR is below the clearly-in. Levels for entry are 94, 90, 84 and 75. Have a look at: www.monash.edu/year11/monash-guarantee.

STILL WORRIED ABOUT YOUR ATAR? TRY THESE:
- EARLY ACHIEVERS’ PROGRAM AT ACU - As a Year 12 student, do you demonstrate leadership in your school or workplace, coordinate a community initiative, volunteer in a local cultural, sporting or religious group or provide care to someone in need?
  ACU’s Early Achievers’ Program (EAP) recognises a students’ potential to achieve great things. You still need to meet the University’s minimum entry requirements and subject prerequisites, regardless of success in the program, but you could gain a place if your ATAR is over 58.5. This is not guaranteed, you must make a successful EAP application! Applications open on Tuesday 13 August 2013 and close on Monday 21 October 2013. Offers will be made by the end of November 2013. Students should start gathering their required documentation now to submit with along their application. You must meet all the requirements for the EAP.
  To find out more and/or to apply, visit www.acu.edu.au/eap
ACU also has a POSTCODE BONUS – enter your postcode to find out whether you receive a 5 point bonus on your aggregate! http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternate_entry/accessacu #eagleschools

PPP at VU – this Portfolio Partnership Program has also been running for a number of years, allowing students to enter a course with an ATAR of 50+. You must follow the application process and lodge your application via SEAS, Category 6. Go to: www.vu.edu.au/study-with-us/your-study-options/vce-and-high-school-students/portfolio-partnership-program to find out how!

MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS
ARCHITECTURE APPLICATIONS – If you are unsure about how to obtain Monash Architecture Pre-Selection Kit information, here is the process. On Open Day students received a flier which states that students are to register online and then they will receive their pre-selection activity. It does not clearly state, however, that this is a different registration to their VTAC application. The link is not provided either so they would not be able to tell from this. In actual fact, students are required to go to the following link: https://mada-web01-v02.oci.monash.edu.au/, where they register for any of the creative courses at Monash Caulfield. This may be apparent to students applying for other MADA courses but those just applying for Architecture may miss this altogether. Once they have submitted this registration they receive an automated email with the pre-selection activity link within it.

MONASH YEAR 11 INSPIRATION DAY - Be inspired about your future tertiary decisions while discovering a world of possibilities at Monash. This event will give you a chance to explore options, life at university, as well as provide the opportunity to discuss your future with staff. When: 11am-3pm, Thurs 26 September; Where: Caulfield Campus; Register: www.monash.edu/year11-day; Info: Eddie Gates, 9903 1613 or onshore-events@monash.edu. Catering provided.

SCHOLARSHIPS AT MONASH – Year 12s who list Monash as a course preference when applying for courses through VTAC will automatically be considered for most merit scholarships. Info see: www.monash.edu/scholarships/merit.

SIR JOHN MONASH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2014 – For students who have excelled, Monash is offering a very generous scholarship program. See: www.monash.edu/scholarships/sir-john.

MONASH GUARANTEE – See above article on Guaranteed ATARs

TRANSITION VIDEOS – ARTS FACULTY
Find this excellent series of transition videos on YouTube. They address a number of questions commonly asked by students.
✓ Schools that make up the Arts faculty
✓ What’s the difference between a lecture, seminar, workshop and tutorial?
✓ Can you bring a laptop to class?
✓ How do you go about selecting a major?
✓ What if there is a timetable clash?
✓ What do lecturers do apart from teach?
✓ What does the uni expect from me?
✓ What are unit guides?

FACULTY OF EDUCATION INFORMATION SESSIONS
The Faculty of Education at Monash University is running a series of Information Sessions in September for students keen on finding out more about the education courses on offer. Students will have an opportunity to learn about course structures, professional placement opportunities and the many career opportunities available after graduation. Find out when: http://education.monash.edu/events/vtac-info-sessions/Registrations are essential.

ENGINEERING AT MONASH
The world needs more engineers - it has been said that we are living in the century of engineering. But as the engineering workforce entry into the world is shifting to an innovation economy, the demand for engineers increases. A report by Engineers Australia has highlighted the serious nature of
Australia’s engineering skills shortage. What does this mean for engineers? More jobs, more pay.
The shortage is not limited to Australia. According to the Times Higher Education it is estimated that UK engineering companies will have 2.74 million job opportunities between 2010 - 2020. In the USA demand for engineers has grown dramatically. Identified, a data and analytics company reported that the USA is increasing its intake of foreign trained engineers to try to bridge the gap. An engineer in the USA earns on average 23 per cent higher than the average salaries nationwide.

So, what engineering graduates are worth?
Engineering ranks third amongst the ten best paying sectors. Yet engineering graduates also signify six other sectors such as Mining, Oil & Gas; Executive/Corporate Strategy; Construction, Building & Architecture; Scientific; IT and Telecommunications; and Medical & Healthcare.* Indeed, career options available for engineers are many and varied.

Monash University aims at producing engineering graduates that have a competitive edge – when they first enter the workforce and throughout their career. To find out more about engineering courses, visit www.monash.edu.au/study-engineering/. Alternatively call (03) 9905 3404.

Visit www.engineersaustralia.org.au/professional-development/what-engineering for an excellent summary on what engineering is, and the many disciplines in engineering!

UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA
Applications to the University of Tasmania for students commencing in Semester 1, 2014 are now open! Visit http://www.utas.edu.au/admissions to find out more!

LAW COURSES AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY - The law courses offered at VU prepare students in all facets of the legal sector including legal practice, legal administration, management or specialist roles. The flexible pathways give students more options to achieve their goals at their own pace. VU’s Victoria Law School also equips graduates for success in the real world through its excellent moot program. VU’s City Queen campus is right in the middle of Melbourne’s legal precinct, giving students excellent access to the courts and legal libraries.

VU’s Bachelor of Laws places a lot of emphasis on professional workplace-based activities, where our students have opportunities to develop real-world skills. The Magistrates Court program, County Court program, Sunshine Youth Legal Centre work placement and the BLB1103 Law in Practice learning module are designed to give students an edge in a highly competitive employment marketplace. Students develop crucial training in advocacy, ethical judgement, communication, legal research and writing, interviewing and negotiation and computing skills – in real workplaces, and often with real clients.

To find out more visit http://www.vu.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-laws-blaw

NEWS FROM DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

➢ Discover Deakin – School Holiday Program
Deakin University’s school holiday program will be running at all campuses from Monday 23 September to Friday 27 September 2013. Students can register to meet with current Deakin students studying a range of courses, gain insight into those courses, and experience what university life is like.
Registrations will open soon. Please visit www.deakin.edu.au/discover

➢ Information Technology (Mobile and Apps Development)
Introduced this year, Deakin University’s Bachelor of Information Technology (Mobile and Apps Development) has been designed to give students the knowledge needed to help them thrive in this fast-growing and exciting field. With the increase in the use of broadband and mobile devices, industries of all types are developing new mobile apps to satisfy the needs of their customers. This course focuses on the theories, technologies and skills needed to design and develop apps on modern mobile platforms.

From app designer or app consultant to software developer, graduates of this course could find a range of exciting career opportunities including roles such as iOS developer, iPhone application architect, Android developer, iOS web developer and app designer. Graduates could also have the opportunity to continue on to further studies.

The degree is offered at the Burwood Campus by Deakin’s School of Information Technology. For more information about Deakin IT courses visit www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/information-technology

CADETSHIPS IN LOGISTICS – The Victorian Transport Association has a very successful Cadetship program. It is a two-year program which has young people employed full time with logistics companies while studying for the Cert IV in Logistics and a Diploma of Logistics. Info: Kristie, ph 9646 8590, see www.vta.com.au.

DEPI CADETSHIP PROGRAM – Year 12 students considering applying to study a science degree at university are reminded about that applications for the DEPI Cadetship Program close on Tuesday 1 October 2013.


DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING: ONE YEAR ROLES

INFORMATION SESSION

The Army is now offering a range of jobs with only one year of commitment required. Enlistees could be doing anything from organising military hardware, like Abrams Tanks and parachutes, to driving some of the most advanced transport vehicles in the world. There are a range of diverse and challenging roles available, so whatever direction one might want to take, they will find a one-year role that’s right for them.

Over 12 months, they will be paid to work in their chosen role. First, they will complete basic training, including physical training, weapon handling, first aid and field craft. They will then continue to learn on the job as they are immersed in the active Army lifestyle. Working on challenging projects with a close team, making friends that they will keep for life. What’s more, they will be earning a competitive wage and getting great benefits like full medical cover, travel opportunities and they may also be eligible for rental assistance.

After the one year commitment, they can choose to continue their career in the Army or use the valuable skills they have learnt to secure a civilian job. Their role may accord them with a recognised certificate, so they will never feel locked into your Army position.

Students and their families are invited to attend to the ‘One Year of Adventure’ Information Evening at the Defence Force Recruiting Centre in Melbourne.

Date: Wednesday 28 August 2013
Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Location: 501 Swanston Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Meeting Place: Level 14 Reception area

To RSVP please email CPTVIC@dfr.com.au

For more information about the One Year Roles, visit http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/army/oneyearroles

SPORT AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

La Trobe University offers a range of courses with a focus on sport or applications in sport. Such undergraduate courses include – Dietetics
Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Dietetic Practice
Exercise Physiology
Bachelor of Health Science and Master of Exercise Physiology
Exercise science
Bachelor of Exercise Science
Bachelor of Exercise Science and Master of Exercise Physiology
Nutrition
Bachelor of Human Nutrition
Outdoor Education
Bachelor of Physical and Outdoor Education
Bachelor of Outdoor Education
Bachelor of Outdoor Recreation Education
Physical Education
Bachelor of Physical and Health Education
Physiology
Bachelor of Bioscience
Physiotherapy
Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Physiotherapy Practice
Podiatry
Bachelor of Health Science and Master of Podiatric Practice
Prosthetics and Orthotics
Bachelor of Health Science and Master of Clinical Prosthetics and Orthotics
Sport Journalism
Bachelor of Journalism (Sport)
Sport Management
Bachelor of Business (Sport Development and Management)
Bachelor of Business (Sport Management)

For details regarding research opportunities, partnerships with sporting teams, and scholarships available visit http://www.latrobe.edu.au/sport

A CAREER IN JOURNALISM

Students who enjoy writing are often very keen to undertake a course in Journalism after Year 12, however it is often a better idea to study an area of interest in some depth, taking a degree such as science, economics or politics first and then a postgraduate qualification in journalism as desired. A few bachelor degrees do offer the opportunity to do other majors for breadth, but these are few. Times are certainly changing in the world of media, so you need to be well-informed. The following article from The Guardian should be of interest:

Journalism is an extremely rewarding career to pursue, from the choice to follow in the footsteps of the great wordsmiths, to the first article published and beyond. Broadcasting is probably the most widely recognized form, but there are plenty of different roads to choose from in a journalism career.

Print media is still going strong with the aid of online content, and non-commercial avenues like blogging and social media are easily available.

Here are some tips for kick-starting a career in journalism:

- Be passionate about the subject, the people involved in the story, what happened, and what they do. Cultivating a passion for people is vital to journalists.
- Practice writing for fun, even when there’s no deadline and no paycheque involved, because experience matters.
- Get as much work experience as possible at any media outlet with a vacancy.
- Interview people often, and work on interview techniques.
- Speak with other journalists, from beginners to veteran reporters. Maybe they will have valuable advice, or maybe they will remind you why journalism is so great.

Source: http://careers.guardian.co.uk/sports-journalism-tips-gabby-logan

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA & HOLMESGLEN**

Commencing this year, the University of Canberra (UC) began delivering university degrees at Holmesglen campuses. This means that:

- Students are enrolled as a University of Canberra student with full access to University of Canberra resources

**INTERESTED IN A MEDICAL RADIATIONS CAREER?**

If so, you can find out more about the profession at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. Staff will conduct tours of the medical radiations department and provide career and professional advice. University course providers will also attend. Where: St Andrews Place, East Melbourne; When: 10am-2pm, Sun 15 Sept; Ph: 9656 1375, RTEducation@petermac.org, www.petermac.org

**LA TROBE UNI ASSISTS WITH YEAR 11 SUBJECT CHOICE**

- Have a look at the following: www.latrobe.edu.au/year10

**NEW SCIENCE DEGREE AT MONASH**

A science education complemented by skills in leadership, entrepreneurship and communication will be the focus of the new Bachelor of Science (Global Challenges) in 2014. The course targets those wanting to push the boundaries of possibility, effect change in the world, and use science as a base to establish themselves as leaders in their career. Students will take two internships, at least one internationally, financially supported by the university. There will also be a year-long project where students work with peers and mentors, partnered with an organisation to tackle an issue. Info: www.monash.edu/have-you-got-the-edge.

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