Reminders

- **YEAR 10 Information Night (with VCE/VCAL Subject Expo for all Year 10 students and families)** Thursday 31 July from 6.30
- Simonds and Academy CAREERS EXPO Thursday 7 August from 4.30pm – 6.30pm. At Academy.
  - UMAT Test Date: Wed 30 July, 2014
  - Herald Sun Careers Expo – 15 to 17 August, Jeff’s Shed
  - University / TAFE Open Days 2014 – throughout August
  - Year 12 VTAC applications – see flyer.

**YEAR 12s APPLYING FOR COURSES FOR 2015**

The application process for university and VET places is done through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). Applications are completed on-line at www.vtac.edu.au. Applications open on Monday 4 August, and will cost $28.00 if done on time (ie by 30 Sept). You should wait till your Careers/VTAC Interview before you apply.

**TERTIARY ENTRY GUIDE FOR YEAR 10**

Newspapers will publish a Tertiary Guide for Year 10 Students planning their VCE program for 2015-16. The Guide was included in the paper on Tuesday 22 July.

**OPEN DAYS – SEE ATTACHED LIST**

University and TAFE Open Days are coming up soon. They are VITAL for students to find out more about courses, collect information, talk to staff and students, as well as check out facilities. Year 10-12 students are strongly advised to attend each year

- Allow sufficient time for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
- Speak to staff about courses which interest you - note your questions beforehand

**NOTE:** If you plan to apply for a course involving an interview/folio presentation/ audition as part of the selection process, attending is a must! You might be asked what you learned at Open Day.

**VTAC GUIDE 2015**

The VTAC Guide 2015, with its complete course listings, is NOW available at www.vtac.edu.au. Any Year 12 student who wants to begin familiarising themselves with the VTAC process, courses on offer, key dates, etc. they can access the guide online. The hard copy guide will be available in newspapers no later than the beginning of August at a cost of $12.00. A number of reference copies of the VTAC Guide will soon be available in the Careers Room, but all Year 12 students can purchase their own or download it to their iPad (in sections as it is huge!). The Guide contains the necessary information for applying for courses, SEAS and scholarships in all Victorian universities and TAFE institutes as well as large number of private tertiary providers.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AT BOND UNIVERSITY**

Bond University offers a range of scholarships to both domestic and international students for undergraduate and postgraduate programs. Note that applications for the 2015 Scholarship Program for Australian Year 12 students close on 31 July 2014. Visit www.bond.edu.au/scholarships

**ANOTHER CAREERS EXPO**

The Melbourne Careers Expo is a careers and education event with 180+ exhibitors from many occupations, information from universities, VET, private providers, ‘try a trade’, seminars, GAP year, and government student services info. There will be an opportunity to speak to a number of representatives from tertiary institutions all over Australia, as well as to participate in the ‘Hands-On’ Skills Industry Hub if keen.

**Date:** Friday 15 – Sunday 17 August 2014
**Time:** 10.00am - 3.00pm (Friday) and 10.00am – 4.00pm (Saturday and Sunday)
**Location:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Clarendon Street in Southbank

Visit http://www.careerexpo.com.au/free-ticket-to-expo/to download and print off a FREE ticket to the expo!

**MEDICAL RADIATIONS CAREER OPEN DAY**

Students interested the medical radiations professions might like to attend this event which will include clinical tours and opportunities to speak with professionals and university representatives.

**Date:** Sunday 31 August 2014
**Time:** 10.00am – 2.00pm
**Venue:** Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, St Andrews Place, East Melbourne

For more information visit www.petermac.org/events/medical-radiations-career-open-day-0

**ACU EARLY ACHIEVERS’ PROGRAM**

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?

Australian Catholic University’s Early Achievers’ Program (EAP) recognises a students’ potential to achieve great things. Gaining a place in the desired course is dependent on meeting the University’s minimum entry requirements and subject prerequisites, regardless of success in the program, but you only need to gain an ATAR of approximately 70.00 for Law, Law dual degrees and Physiotherapy, 65.00 for Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology degrees or 58.50 for all other ACU degrees. ATAR (or)

The program operates at each of the University’s six campuses nationally. Applications open on Monday 11 August 2014 and close on Monday 20 October 2014. Offers will be made by the end of November 2014. Students should start gathering their required documentation now to submit with along their application. You must meet all the requirements for the EAP to be considered for the program. To find out more and/or to apply, visit www.acu.edu.au/eap

**MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS – PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE –**

Monash Parkville campus will hold an ‘Open House’, 10am-3pm, Sun 17 Aug (same day as Melbourne University’s Open Day). Pharmacy will also be represented at Monash Clayton’s Open Day, Sun 3 Aug.

Info: www.monash.edu/pharm/openhouse.

**MEDICINE, NURSING, HEALTH SCIENCES**

- Physiotherapy – as previously stated, the UMAT and ISAT are not required for 2015 entry. An interview is still required and will be offered based on applicant’s academic record.

- Radiography and Medical Imaging – an interview has been introduced as an extra requirement for entry to this degree. Applicants will be invited to attend an interview based on their academic performance. The interview will involve 4 MMI
• Bachelor of Nursing (Community Health) – Berwick campus won’t have an intake for this degree, but will have the Bachelor of Nursing from 2015 (VTAC - listed with Clayton and Peninsula campuses).

• Direct Entry MBBS – Monash is the only Victorian university offering Year 12 students who aspire to become a doctor the option of applying directly to the B. Medicine and B. Surgery program from school. There are 242 places for domestic students and 65 for international students.

Discontinued courses for 2015 –

• The B. Nursing and B. Emergency Health (Peninsula). Students can alternatively study a B. Nursing followed by a Master of Emergency Health OR a B. Emergency Health (Paramedic) followed by a Master of Nursing Practice.

• The B. Health Science and B. Business (Caulfield campus).

NEW DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION (DHES)
The Diploma of Higher Education Studies (DHES) is a one-year pathway program equivalent to the first year of a Science degree at Monash. It is designed for students who do not get the ATAR required for entry. Students complete six units in Science combined with two units focused on effective university study skills, developing critical thinking skills, and exploring knowledge in higher education and professional contexts. These units provide a solid foundation for tertiary level education. The six Science units completed in the Diploma of Higher Education are first year undergraduate units, which means students gain exposure to University level studies from the very beginning. The Diploma provides the choice, flexibility and the support students need to gain entry into a Monash degree. On completion of the course, students who pass all units and have successfully obtained a required published average score are then eligible to apply for direct entry into the second year of an approved range of Monash courses. Students need to attain a minimum ATAR of 60 to be eligible to apply. For additional information on pathways, please visit www.monash.edu/education or call 1800 MONASH.

BACHELOR GLOBAL STUDIES INFORMATION SESSION
From 2015 Monash University will be offering a new course – Bachelor of Global Studies. This is unique undergraduate course has a strong focus on leadership for social change towards the global challenges facing cultures and communities throughout the world. It will include: core units focusing on leadership development; a broad range of multidisciplinary electives; an overseas study component; a choice of three specialisations (International studies, International relations, and Global cultural literacies) and the option of a double degree with Commerce or Science. Students should note that the Bachelor of Global Studies replaces the following courses in 2015: Bachelor of Arts (Global); Bachelor of Arts (International); Bachelor of Arts (Languages).

To find out more, attend the Information Session:

Date: Wednesday 13 August 2014
Time: 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Venue: Building H Room 116, Monash University Caulfield

MULTIPLE MINI INTERVIEWS - Monash University uses a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) as part of its selection into the following courses:

1. Bachelor of Medicine – 8 stations
2. Bachelor of Radiography & Medical Imaging – 4 stations
3. Bachelor of Physiotherapy – 4 stations

The MMI is a series of interview scenarios consisting of timed interview scenarios. Applicants rotate through the stations, each with its own interviewer and scenario. MMI Stations comprise a series of scenarios and associated questions focusing on an applicant’s motivation, communication skills, critical thinking and ethical/empathic reasoning.

Find out more at http://www.med.monash.edu.au/NEW! BACHELOR OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

The Faculty of Business and Economics is about to launch an exciting new business degree, the Bachelor of International Business, designed to help students’ fast-track their global career. Commencing in February 2015, this specialist degree is suited to highly-motivated Year 12 students who are interested in experiencing the fast-paced environment of global business. The course will be delivered in a trimester model – over three semesters per year, and will develop students’ knowledge and skills and prepare them for the international economic, financial, political, legal, managerial and strategic environment of business.

The new degree will be taught in a specially-designed city campus at the heart of Melbourne’s business hub. The anticipated ATAR will be 80+ and the VCE requirements are Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in any Mathematics. For more information, visit www.monash.edu/bib. Also visit www.monash.edu/business-economics/undergraduate/courses for regular updates.

DESTINATION MONASH - Destination Monash features lots of information to help students succeed in their final years of high school. Students, teachers and parents can sign up to stay in touch with the monthly Destination Monash newsletter. Visit www.destination.monash and stay updated!

THE NEW BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS) DEGREE – AVAILABLE FROM 1 JANUARY 2015

The Monash Law Faculty has undertaken a major curriculum review of the Bachelor of Laws degree. Along with all other Australian law schools, Monash has adjusted its course in response to the needs of the legal profession and to ensure it is aligned with contemporary developments in legal education. From 1 January 2015, all new students will be enrolling in the new Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree, which is an AQF level 8. This means that students will be required to undertake a research unit and a commercial law unit, as part of their degree. Find out more at www.law.monash.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/new-bachelor-of-laws-honours-degree.html.

ARE THERE STILL JOBS IN JOURNALISM?

Career Practitioners at a conference at Monash Uni, heard about opportunities in journalism. Journalism is not in decline; it is newspapers that are in decline; newspapers and journalism are not the same thing. The digital era that is destroying the old business model is opening up opportunities. We are entering an age where we can combine all media to tell our stories. Skills needed include enterprise, independence and resourcefulness. Jobs in media are fragmenting with online opportunities proliferating. Journalists need to: think critically, understand the concepts of evidence and impartial argument, find stories, research, interview, write, edit, know the difference between good/bad writing, and digital skills in content creation and distribution. With the skills of journalism, you are also a good fit for jobs in many areas such as PR, communications, speechwriting and producing. NOTE: Journalism can be studied at most universities.

WHAT ABOUT SURVEYING?

Surveying offers opportunities for those looking for a diverse and varied career. The national demand for surveyors means graduates are more likely to secure jobs in surveying compared with many other professions. Surveyors get to work indoors and outdoors, taking precise measurements using specialised technology, then
analysing and interpreting the results. Students interested in maths, geography, physics and science may suit this career.

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS –

BACHELOR OF DESIGN TECHNOLOGY - There is a trend to increasingly adaptive industries, where manufacturing and product development companies are becoming smaller and adopting more diverse interests and product lines. The industry needs versatile, technologically-minded people with design, project management and organisational skills to drive innovation. Commencing in 2015, Deakin’s B. Design Technology has design and innovation as core focus. Gain design skills for application in technological settings, and an understanding of using technology to enhance design and product development. Graduates will be able to create and design consumer, sports, medical or industrial products. Where: Geelong (Waurn Ponds); Prerequisite: English

BACHELOR OF PLANNING (HONOURS) - As cities grow, there is increasing demand for planners to manage change. This new Deakin degree brings together planning, design, urban studies and society in one degree. Where: Geelong (Waterfront); Duration: 4 years; Prerequisite: English.

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY INFORMATION – Deakin has information sessions about their courses. When/Where: Burwood – 2.30-4.30 pm, Sat 26 July, Bld Y, room 1.11 A and B; Geelong Waterfront – 6-8pm, Wed 23 July & 2.30-4.30pm, Sat 26 July, Bld AD, room 2.217; Info: 9244 6032 or www.deakin.edu.au/nursing

Register to indicate the session you will attend: nursinfo@deakin.edu.au.

NEWS FROM LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

ASPIRE – EARLY ADMISSIONS PROGRAM - La Trobe University is introducing a new Early Admissions Program – Aspire. This program is aimed at recognising students who are or actively involved in the positive impact of community service and non-academic school commitments, such as leadership, sport or cultural activities. Applicants for this program will be assessed on these criteria and not just ATAR scores. The assessment criteria include – • A recommendation by the Principal (or their nominee)
• A written statement where the student indicates the activities they have been involved in, and the impact these activities have had on their community

Key dates
Applications Opened – Tuesday 1 July 2014
Applications Close – Sunday 31 August 2014
Outcome - early September 2014

The Aspire Program is on offer across all La Trobe courses and campuses, and applicants can now apply and receive conditional offers will be made by September and will be based on the assumption that the student meets the minimum ATAR of 50.3 with the exception of the following professional degree programs:

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<td>Dentistry</td>
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A key feature of Aspire is the enrichment program that accompanies a student’s offer. The enrichment program will run from September through to March and will support these new students through the final stages of VCE and prepare them for university life. The enrichment program will provide high quality and high impact opportunities including:
• A voucher to VCE revision lectures to be held in the September school holidays.
• Mentoring from a La Trobe University student ambassador.
• La Trobe University library card and details about our library services.
• ‘Passport to the world’ a booklet detailing La Trobe’s study abroad program.

Interested Year 12 students are encouraged to speak to Ms Burton in the Careers office or to make an application visit www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire.

STUDY HEALTH AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT -

Health information managers deal with the business side of health and medicine, combining information management, clinical classification and coding, and health data analysis. There is a national workforce shortage in the area of health information management, which means graduates are in high demand. Salaries range from $50,000 at entry level to over $180,000 at senior level. The Bachelor of Health Sciences (Medical Classification)/Bachelor of Health Information Management is a four-year degree offered at the Melbourne campus. A feature of the course is the option for students to take a clinical placement overseas. Graduates of this course work in a wide range of health care settings including hospitals, health services, health-related research centres and government health departments. To find out more visit www.latrobe.edu.au/courses/health-information-management

LIFE SCIENCES COMPUTATION

Computational biology is a new field that brings together mathematics, science and computation to solve some of the world’s big problems, such as cancer. In other words, biology, technology, mathematics and information & computing sciences are brought together and the new field of Computational Biology is formed. Life Scientists who specialise in Computational Biology study biological, behavioural, and social systems. This field is for students who have strengths and interests in biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, technology and computation. Students keen on a career in this new field are encouraged to study a Bachelor of Science, focussing on mathematics and biology, and then continuing to postgraduate studies. Browse the following website to find out more - www.vlsic.org.au/

MEDICAL IMAGING COURSES OFFERED IN VICTORIA

Medical imaging technologists operate X-ray and other imaging equipment, such as MRI and Ultrasound, to produce radiographic images which are used in the diagnosis and subsequent management of disease or injury. Below is a brief summary of some of the four specialised medical imaging areas:

1. Nuclear Medicine Technology

2. Radiation Therapy
Radiation therapists design, plan and administer radiation treatment to cancer patients, and provide related care to patients in conjunction with radiation oncologists or other medical specialists. - www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au/occupation/Radiation-Therapist

3. Diagnostic Radiography (Medical Imaging)
Medical imaging technologists operate X-ray and other imaging equipment, such as Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Ultrasound, to produce radiographic images that are used in the diagnosis and subsequent management of disease or injury - www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au/occupation/Medical-Imaging-Technologist
4. Sonographer/Ultrasound

In Victoria students can study medical imaging (also known as medical radiography or medical radiations) at the following universities:

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<td>RMIT University</td>
<td>Medical Radiations (Radiography)</td>
<td>Units 1 and 2: satisfactory completion in one of Biology or Chemistry; and Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods (CAS) or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.</td>
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NUCLEAR MEDICINE LAB VISITS
What is nuclear medicine? What do nuclear medicine technologists do? This program is designed for students interested in finding out more about the role Nuclear Medicine Technologists play in the investigation, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of disease. In the full day tour, students will visit nuclear medicine departments that support the Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations) program offered at RMIT.

Dates: Thursday 25 September 2014 OR Friday 26 September 2014
For further information contact the RMIT Medical Sciences faculty on (03) 9925 7075 or by email at medicalsciences@rmit.edu.au. Alternatively visit http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=305moju8q12g1

If you want to find out more about Nuclear Medicine, visit the Victorian Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists at www.vsnmt.com/career-centre/nuclear-medicine-as-a-career

Also: the excellent Medical Radiations Careers Open Day at Peter Mac is on Sunday 31 August. See Page 1 for details

THE NEW COLUMBO PLAN
The New Colombo Plan is a signature initiative of the Australian Government which aims to lift knowledge of the Indo Pacific in Australia by supporting Australian undergraduates to study and undertake internships in the region. It offers Australian undergraduates new opportunities for prestigious scholarships and grants for study and internships/mentorships in the Indo Pacific region.

Students considering doing part of their university study overseas should consider the new Colombo Plan launched by the Australian Government late last year.

Quick Facts about the New Colombo Plan (NCP)

- The New Colombo Plan offers prestigious for semester-based study and internships, as well as a mobility grants to support hundreds of Australian students to undertake short and long-term study, internships, practicums and research overseas.
- Internships and mentorships will foster links between Australian participants and businesses and other institutions in the region.
- Internships are a monitored work or volunteer experience, where students test their skills in real-life situations, explore career options and gain insight into an organisation.
- A mentorship is a personal development relationship where a business professional or academic helps to guide a student in his or her work or career.

WHAT IS VET IN THE VCE?
VET stands for Vocational Education and Training, and vocation refers to work or employment. VET in the VCE programs are designed to give students an exposure to practical skills and an understanding of what it is like to ‘learn through doing’. So, students can opt to do a VET study while completing their VCE and, in most cases, the VET qualification contributes towards the VCE and the ATAR. A VET study is compulsory for VCAL students! Students wishing to find out more should visit http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vet/index.aspx You can check the VET studies available at Simonds at: www.imvc.com.au

STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION SESSION
Student Exchange Australia is an award winning, not-for-profit student exchange company, and provides exchange opportunities to 25 different countries for periods of 2 to 12 months. Students are placed with fully vetted host families and attend school full time. Students keen on find out more about these exchange opportunities should attend an upcoming Information Session.

Date: Wednesday 30 July 2014
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens, 380 William St Melbourne
Visit www.studentexchange.org.au or call 1300 135 331 for more information.

BACHELOR OF MEDICAL SCIENCE (VISION SCIENCE)/MASTER OF OPTOMETRY
Flinders University in South Australia offers the 5-year Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science)/Master of Optometry. This double degree provides students with the skills they will need to provide vital optometry services to the community. It will also give them the necessary training to perform valuable research into eye diseases and conditions that cause blindness, and to identify, diagnose and treat a variety of eye problems. A minimum ATAR of 95 is expected to be competitive for a place. Visit www.flinders.edu.au/courses/undergrad/bmsmopt/bmsm_opt_home.cfm to find out more.

Flinders University recently launched its Flinders Vision Clinic which will enable optometry students to see real patients and provide optometry services to the South Australian community. Visit www.flindersvision.com.au/

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