1. YEAR 12 NEWS -

**APPLYING FOR COURSES THROUGH VTAC**
Remember to apply by 30 September; if you apply after that the fee rises from $28 to $93!

**EXTRA REQUIREMENTS** – Don’t forget to check whether the course(s) you apply for through VTAC have any extra requirements such as completing a supplementary form, a folio presentation, audition or interview. Failure to meet any of these requirements will result in no offer of a place in 2015.

**CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (COP)** – When you apply for courses through VTAC you are not bound to those preferences. You can change them as much as you like (without extra charge) until 24 October (as long as you first apply by 30 September), then again from 24 November to 22 December. You will receive your ATAR on Mon 15 December, so you have a week after that when you can still change your VTAC preferences.

**TAX FILE NUMBER** – If you do not already have a Tax File Number (TFN) you are advised to apply for one now. You will need it when you enrol in a tertiary course in January.

**VCE RESULTS AND ATAR** VCE Results and ATAR Service will be available from 7.00am on Monday 15 December. You can access your VCE results and ATAR via the internet, SMS and/or mail. The SMS service is provided by Salmart Digital. SMS cost $1.10 max. (incl GST). Call 1800 501 083 for help with SMS registration. You can register from 9am on Monday 10 November till midnight on Sunday 14 December.

**DIPLOMA OF NURSING** – This Diploma (also known as Enrolled or Division 2 Nursing) is offered at some TAFE’s and also at some private providers. Some of these require a VTAC application (eg Box Hill, Bendigo, Holmesglen, RMIT), while others require a direct application to the TAFE. You may also need to sit the VETASSESS Nursing Test (see www.vetassess.com.au). The Diploma can be a pathway into Division 1 nursing at university (Registered nursing), giving credits towards the degree. You are advised to apply for the Diploma if you think you may not achieve a high enough ATAR for the degree.

**IGNITED SCHOLARSHIPS AT DEAKIN** – Deakin is committed to attracting more top female students to its information technology and engineering courses. Ignited scholarships are designed to attract more female students into non-traditional areas of study and work. Scholarships are awarded to successful applicants entering an undergraduate information technology or engineering course in Deakin’s Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment. Each scholarship is valued at $5,000 per year. For details and selection criteria, see www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/scholarships-and-awards/ignited.

**GUARANTEED ATAR’S AT SWINBURNE** – Swinburne has guaranteed ATARs for most degrees. If a student achieves an ATAR equal to or above the guaranteed ATAR, and they’ve listed that course as their highest successful preference through VTAC, their place in that course is guaranteed. See: http://www.future.swinburne.edu.au/vtac/ATAR/index.html. Vice-Chancellor’s and Dean’s scholarship programs also have Guaranteed ATARS. Both exempt students from the student contribution of tuition fees. Students with an ATAR of 95 are eligible for a VC’s scholarship, while students with a 90 ATAR can be awarded a Dean’s scholarship. Scholarships in some discipline areas may have further selection criteria. http://www.future.swinburne.edu.au/scholarships/

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** – the University of Melbourne is offering 30 minute interviews for international students to talk about study options, VTAC applications, and international support services. When: 2-5pm, every Tuesday and Wednesday from 23 September; register online.
2. MONASH ART DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE – MADA is holding folio building and foundation workshops for VCE students. Industry professionals and academics will guide you through the activities. **When**: 24 – 26 Sept; **Where**: MADA, Monash, Caulfield campus; **Cost**: $310; **Info**: ph 9903 1517, or email mada@monash.edu or see: www.monash.edu/mada/workshops.

3. VCE PREREQUISITE SUBJECTS – Universities sometimes require applicants for courses to study certain VCE subjects at school (prerequisite subjects), in addition to English, to be able to access them. Also, each year universities offer new courses and sometimes cancel current courses. Thus, students in Years 10 and 11 in 2014 are advised to check prerequisites for 2017/2016 in VICTER (Victorian Tertiary Entry Requirements) at www.vtac.edu.au/publications when selecting their year 11 and 12 subjects, to make sure they have the latest information about courses on offer, and prerequisites. **NOTE**: Many university degrees have no prerequisites apart from English.

4. INFORMATION SESSIONS AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) – VU has these sessions coming up –

   - **Be You at VU** – attend course/career specific workshops and try university and TAFE life. **When**: 30 Sept; **Where**: Footscray Park; **Who**: Year 10-11; **Info**: www.vu.edu.au/be-you-at-VU
   - **Explore VU Information series** - When: 6:30-8.00pm, now till 25 Sept; **Where**: VU campuses; **Who**: Year 12’s; **Information**: www.vu.edu.au/Explore-VU

5. RMIT NEWS -

   - **NUCLEAR MEDICINE LAB VISITS** – a program/tour for students wanting to find out about nuclear medicine and the role nuclear medicine technologists play in the investigating, diagnosis, and treatment of disease. **When**: 25 & 26 Sept; **Info**: 9925 7075, medicalsciences@rmit.edu.au.
   - **SCIENCE IN THE CITY LAB TOUR** – Visit RMIT’s laboratories to discover the programs offered including: biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental sciences, food sciences, nanotechnology and physics. **When**: 11am-1.30pm, Mon 22 Sept; **Who**: Year 10-12 students and parents; **Register**: www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover.
   - **FOLIO PREPARATION** – A range of courses are available to give insights into a particular design industry including study options available and selection procedures – advertising, autoCAD, building design, graphic design, interior decoration, 3D product design and visual merchandising. **When**: Sept school holidays; **Who**: Years 11/12; **Info**: 9925 8111, www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au.

6. EXPERIENCE DAY – for the RMIT Project Management degree - explore this career option. **When**: Wed 1 Oct; **Who**: Year 10-12; **Register**: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays

7. SCIENCE AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY - Are you considering a career in science, but not sure which area you want to follow? **Deakin’s new suite of videos** will help you to decide. They showcase the degrees in science, biological science, biomedical science, biomedical science and zoology and animal science from both a student and staff perspective. To view the videos and to get more information, go to Science at www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/.

8. BOX HILL INSTITUTE – Audition Preparation Workshops (Creative Industries); **When**: Mon 22 Sept; **Where**: Whitehorse campus, 1000 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill; **Info**: www.bhtafe.edu.au/courses/CJ/Pages/audition-worksshops.aspx

9. INTERESTED IN RADIO AND TV CAREERS? If so, you might want to find out about Holmesglen’s Diploma Screen and Media (Radio & TV). It is a practical intro-duction to radio and television presenting and production. Holmesglen is looking for students with motivation and potential, not necessarily high academic records. Interested students can attend an Open Wednesday Session. **When**: 6-7pm, 17 Sept or 15 Oct; **Where**: Building 1, Batesford RD, Chadstone, Room 1.18; **Register**: www.holmesglen.edu.au/open.

9. ARE YOU HOPING TO BECOME A VET? If so, you probably know that the only Victorian university offering veterinary science is the University of Melbourne. So if you are considering this career, then the **Pre-vet Club** is for you. Meet the world class staff, attend customised lectures, interact with current students, see the Veterinary Hospital in action, and more. Find out how rewarding a career in veterinary science can be. **Register interest at**: www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/pre-vet.

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