1. OPEN DAYS CONTINUE -

- Sun 16 Aug – Melbourne; Monash (Parkville – Pharmacy); La Trobe (Bendigo)
- Sun 23 Aug – Box Hill Institute; Deakin (Burwood); Victoria (Footscray)
- Sun 30 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Federation (Ballarat & Gippsland)

2. YEAR 12 STUDENTS

- VTAC APPLICATIONS - Don’t forget to make a VTAC course application if you plan to study next year. Applications are now open, and close for timely applicants on 30 September (cost $29.00). If you apply after this date the cost rises considerably. Remember that you can change your application as many times as you wish at no extra charge, so you don’t have to get it ‘right’ the first time you apply. See: www.vtac.edu.au. You will need to register as an applicant first; after that you can apply using the 1D number VTAC supplies you with when you register. Also apply if you plan to take a year off from study in 2016. You are able to defer taking up the offer of your place for a year in many cases. You can apply for up to 12 courses, placing them in the order you most want them. You will be offered a place in the highest course in your list for which you meet the requirements (eg ATAR).

- NOTE: If you wish to apply for some Fine Arts specialisations at the University of Melbourne (VCA), applications close early (28 August). These specialisations are: animation, dance, film and television and screenwriting.

- SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEMES (SEAS)
  Many institutions offer alternative entry schemes that take into account short and long-term disadvantage. The Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) allow selection officers to grant special consideration for course entry to applicants (you must still complete any selection requirements for the course). These are the four SEAS categories:
  - Personal information and location (all applicants are encouraged to apply for this Category as something in this category may apply to you)
  - Difficult circumstances
  - Disadvantaged financial background
  - Disability or medical condition

NOTE: It is only possible to complete a SEAS application once you have completed a VTAC course application. There is a summary of institutions accepting SEAS categories on page 42 of the VTAC Guide. In many cases you will have to provide suitable evidence for your application for SEAS. The emphasis is on how you believe the matter you refer to in your SEAS application affected your results.

3. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS – WHICH DEGREE OFFERS MULTIPLE JOB OPPORTUNITES2?

Would you like a career that contributes to the national economy, where productivity growth is booming more than in any other industry sector? The University of Melbourne has consulted widely with industry, employers and graduates to develop the new Bachelor of Agriculture. Be empowered with general, technical and problem-solving skills to work in this growth area.

You will study soil science, plant science and animal care, and learn to work in teams to improve animal production and welfare through to addressing climate change and food sustainability. There are MANY career opportunities available for graduates, and positions are often difficult to fill due to a shortage of applicants. NOTE: the B. Agriculture is a possible pathway into studying veterinary science at the University of Melbourne. Info: http://fvas.unimelb.edu.au.

- ELITE ATHLETES AND ARTISTIC PERFORMERS
  The university encourages international, national and state representation in sports and artistic performance and recognises the impact that
training and participation may have on the ability to achieve admission into degrees. The Elite Athlete and Artistic Performers Entry Scheme provides for additional consideration to be given for entry into degrees by elite athletes and artistic performers who meet the prerequisites of the course and can demonstrate that their training, competition, performance and/or practice commitments have interfered with their previous studies. Students interested in applying for this scheme must apply for their degree through VTAC in the usual way, and go to: http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au, then to Admissions and Applications and to High Achievers Programs.

• MUSIC AT MELBOURNE – Melbourne Conservatorium of Music (MCM) has the most comprehensive range of music courses in Australia, an offering enhanced next year by new specialisations as part of the Bachelor of Music. Students can already choose to specialise in Music Performance, Composition and Musicology/ETHnomusicology but in 2016 they will have the option of Jazz & Improvisation or Interactive Composition as two new specialisations. These two specialisations currently sit within the BFA (Contemporary Music) at the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) but will move across to the MCM. Info: http://mcm.unimelb.edu.au.

• OPEN DAY AT BURNLEY CAMPUS – find out about horticultural courses (accredited and non-award), and learn about sustainable gardening and horticultural practice at Melbourne’s Burnley campus. When: 10am-4pm, Sat 5 September; Info: http://events.unimelb.edu.au/events/2332-burnley-open-day.

4. NEW BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – La Trobe is introducing an innovative new B. Engineering (Honours) degree in 2016. Designed to meet the changing needs of industry and to boost graduates’ job prospects, the new degree is unique in Australia and follows international trends offering:

• Multidisciplinary focus covering robotics, electrical, manufacturing and mechanical engineering

• Two common years, followed by the choice of multidisciplinary engineering or civil engineering streams

• Engineering-specific business units – focus on developing commercially-minded engineers

• Design units – focus on developing engineers who have a holistic view of engineering projects and project management

• Six months Work Integrated Learning placement opportunity embedded into the degree, supported by a $10,000 scholarship – guaranteed for students at the Bendigo campus with limited places available for Melbourne (Bundoora) students.

Graduates will be prepared for new roles in emerging industries, will be well positioned for roles as engineers, project managers and engineering consultants in manufacturing, resources, infrastructure development, healthcare, consulting, and government sector.

5. TAKE A TOUR OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) BY VIDEO – go on virtual tours of VU’s Footscray, Flinders St, Queen St, St Albans and Sunshine campuses completed using innovative Steadicam and ground-breaking drone technology; soar over Flemington Racecourse and Footscray Park, see a sport science lab in action, take a seat in a live moot court, step inside a construction site, explore an anatomy lab and more. See it on the Victoria University YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/VictoriaUniversity

6. AUTOMOTIVE MODERN APPRENTICE-SHIP PROGRAM – Vantage Automotive P/L is a provider of government funded vocational learning and outsourced services to major vehicle manufacturers with an extensive client list across Australia. Applications are now being sought from interested students interested in the motor industry as an automotive technician or parts advisor. For information: www.vantageautomotive.com or email reception@vantageautomotive.com or ph (02) 8014 8990. Successful applicants will be offered a job at a dealership near their home.

7. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CIRCUS ARTS (NICA) – is accepting applications for auditions for its accredited courses for 2016. These are: Bachelor of Circus Arts, Certificate IV in Circus Arts and Certificate III in Circus Arts.


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