

Reminder:

- **Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)** – Register by: 3 June; Test: 27 July (for Medicine at Monash).

1. HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT TERTIARY COURSES/CAREERS?

School students who *do their research* usually find it *easier to make course/career decisions* than those who do not. How/where can I research?

- Go to the **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website** at www.vtac.edu.au and do a **Course Search** (eg find where a particular course is taught, what is this year's ATAR, what are the prerequisite VCE subjects?)
- Go **on-line** and search for courses on institution websites
- Read **brochures/pamphlets** about courses available in the Careers Room
- Go to **career events** such as **Career Expos**; eg VCE Careers Expo 2016 at Caulfield Racecourse (see info later in this newsletter)
- Go to **institution Open Days** (usually on Sundays in August) – dates later
- Go to **events** such as **'Inside Monash'** (previously called 'At Monash') – details later in this newsletter, and **'Focus on Melbourne'** (University) – details later
- Attend **school holiday programs** run by some universities and other organisations (eg the Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary)
- Search the **Job Guide** at www.jobguide.education.gov.au; this site also offers links to other useful careers websites (eg **Job Outlook**). Find out what a particular job involves, and what is the likely rate of employment upon graduation
- Attend **events** run during the year which **focus on particular careers** (eg sports related careers, dietetics, psychology careers seminars have been held in the past) – details in this newsletter as they come to hand



- **Talk to people** who work in careers which interests you; What do they like about their careers? Are there disadvantages? How did they qualify?

2. MONASH UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS

NEWS – Monash offered **more than 10,000 students** a place in an undergraduate course for 2016. There was an increase in offers

made by the Faculty of **Business and Economics**, the Faculty of **Engineering** and the Faculty of **Science** compared with 2015. Of these offers, **5,800** went to students with a **Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) application**. These are applications from students who have suffered disadvantage in their education in some way (eg illness, disability and so on). For your interest, and to give some guidance as to ATARs required by Monash, Clearly-In ATARs for all Monash courses can be viewed at: www.monash.edu/change-of-preference/assets/pdf/2016-round-1-clearly-in-atar.pdf

3. DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT STUDYING AT MONASH UNIVERSITY?

Monash is once again holding a **Seminar Series** where you can find out what it is **really like to study at Monash**. The seminar series this year is known as **'Inside Monash'**. The series kicks off with **Business and Economics on 9 March**, then **Science on 10 March** and **Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences on 15 March**. **When:** 6.30pm-8.00pm, 9 March through to 13 September; **Where:** Clayton, Caulfield or Peninsula campuses; **Bookings/Information:** www.monash.edu/inside-monash; **Other Information:** Call 1800 MONASH.



NOTE: In **April** there are seminars on **Pharmacy, Design and Fine Art, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, Global Studies, Nursing and Midwifery, Architecture, Interior Architecture and Psychology**. Seminars on other courses will follow from May to September. See the above website for details and bookings. These Seminars are highly recommended for learning more about the course/career which interests you.

4. FOCUS ON DEAKIN UNIVERSITY -

Deakin is the **seventh largest** university in Australia with over 53,000 students. It offers over 700 courses and careers at its four campuses:

- the largest campus is in the **Melbourne** suburb of **Burwood**
- there are two campuses in **Geelong**, one at **Warrn Ponds** and the other on the **Geelong Waterfront**
- a campus is located at **Warrnambool**.

Deakin offers real choice about how and when you learn, and it is possible to **fast-track your degree** by studying additional units in **Trimester 3**. You can choose from a wide range of study areas and select from the huge

range of elective units offered in many courses, including, in some cases, the option to choose elective units from a different field. You can also choose how you study. **Cloud (online)**, the fifth campus, provides flexibility, enabling you to study where and when it suits. Deakin is somewhat unusual in offering the **three semesters** (trimesters) per year. This means that it is often possible to complete a three-year degree in two years.

- Deakin does not offer **VET courses** in the way that **RMIT, Swinburne and Victoria Universities** do. However, Deakin has **formal arrangement** with a number of VET providers offering pathways into their degrees. For example, **Bendigo TAFE, Box Hill Institute, Chisholm, Melbourne Polytechnic, Riverina TAFE, South West TAFE and The Gordon** (Geelong) have formal pathways. For details: www.deakin.edu.au/pathways-to-deakin.
- **Another pathway** to Deakin is from **Deakin College**. The College offers Diplomas in Commerce, Computing, Engineering, Health Sciences, Management, Media and Communications and Science. Students who perform well in these **one-year diplomas** are able to transition to the **second year** of a similar degree at Deakin University.

A great new resource for exploring courses and careers at Deakin can be found at: explore.deakin.edu.au. Featuring more than 700 courses and careers, this mobile tool will help you discover the myriad of future options available to you. You can scroll, select and save favourite courses and careers for later reference. See: <http://explore.deakin.edu.au>

5. OPEN DAYS AT HOLMESGLEN – Most tertiary institutions hold their Open Days in August (dates will be provided in the next Newsletter so you can get them in your diary). However, **Holmesglen has Open Days throughout the year.**



Holmesglen is mainly a VET provider (some degrees) with campuses in **Chadstone, City, Moorabbin and Waverley**. **Dates of Open Days** are: 17 March, 12 May, 16 June, 11 August, 15 September, 27 October and 15 December. **On-line bookings** are essential at www.holmesglen.edu.au/open.

6. BIG CAREERS AND EDUCATION EVENT COMING – Attending the **VCE and CAREERS EXPO 2016** is a great opportunity to **collect information** from a huge **range of providers**

at the one location. Exhibitors include: **VCE resource providers, universities and TAFE and training colleges.**



In addition, there will be seminars on VCE subjects, tertiary courses, career, gap year and study advice.

When: 9am-3pm, Thurs 5 & Fri 6 May; 10am-4pm, Sat 7 & Sun 8 May; **Where:** Caulfield Racecourse; **Cost:** \$10 per person, \$25 for families; **Info:** www.vceandcareers.com.au.

Put the date in your diary now! **NOTE:** Events such as these are great for collecting **general information** from many sources, so are particularly good for Year 10-11. **Open Days** at individual institutions will provide more **specific course information.**

7. SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY NEWS –

Swinburne is a provider of **higher education and vocational education and training (VET)** courses. Its main campus is in **Hawthorn**, with small campuses in **Croydon and Wantirna.**

- 2016 saw the introduction of **11 Professional Degrees** in areas such as Arts, Business, Computer Science, Engineering, Games and Interactivity, Health Science, Information and Communication Technology, Media and Communication, and Science. These degrees are **for high-achieving students** and incorporate a **guaranteed, paid, full-time work placement.** They feature a mandatory 12-month work placement which is normally undertaken during the third year of study. Students receive **academic credit and gain valuable skills** that will make graduates **job-ready.** The university will find appropriate placements for students.



UniLink is quite a recent development at Swinburne. UniLink offers **one-year courses** for students who are unable to reach the required ATAR for Swinburne degrees. Around **80% of UniLink students are able to pathway into appropriate degrees at Swinburne** in the following year.

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