Reminders:
- Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) – Register by: 3 June; Test date: 27 July (required by undergraduate Medicine at Monash University)
- Inside Monash Seminars – 15 March: Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
- VCE and Careers Expo – Caulfield Racecourse; Thurs 5 – Sun 8 May; Cost: $10, $25 families; Info: www.vceandcareers.com.au

1. OPEN DAYS – Open Days are held at universities and TAFE institutes each year, giving the public the opportunity to see the facilities, talk to staff and students, collect information and attend information sessions. They are generally held on Sundays later in the year, but dates are provided here so that you can put them in your diary now.

Some Open Day Dates for 2016:
- Sun 31 July – Swinburne University
- Sun 7 Aug – Deakin University (Warrnambool); La Trobe University (Bundoora); Monash University (Caulfield & Clayton)
- Sun 14 Aug – Australian Catholic University (Melbourne), La Trobe University (Bendigo); Monash University (Peninsula); RMIT University; William Angliss Institute
- Sun 21 Aug – Box Hill (Lilydale campus); Deakin University (Waterfront & Warrn Ponds); University of Melbourne
- Sun 28 Aug – ACU (Ballarat): Box Hill Institute (Box Hill); Deakin University (Burwood); Federation University; Victoria University (Footscray campus)

2. HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY? La Trobe holds ‘Experience La Trobe’ days in the school holiday breaks. These are a chance to see facilities, find out about courses and careers, and talk to staff and student ambassadors about La Trobe. You will be able to attend tutorials and lectures; why not attend with friends or family? When: Melbourne campus (Bundoora) 31 March; Bendigo campus 1 April; For more info and to book: See: www.latrobe.edu.au/experience.

3. DO YOU WANT A JOB WORKING WITH ANIMALS?
- A great way to find out more is by attending Healesville Sanctuary’s ‘Keeper for a Day’ or ‘Vet for a Day’ program OR Werribee Open Range Zoo’s ‘Keeper for a Day’ program. These programs are suitable for students in Years 7 – 12. When:
  - Healesville Keeper for a Day: 9.30am-3.30pm, March 29 & 30, April 5 & 6; Cost: $115
  - Healesville Vet for a Day: 9.30am-3.30pm, March 30 & 31 and April 6 & 7; Cost: $129
  - Werribee Open Range Zoo Keeper for a Day: 9.30am-3.30pm, March 29 & 31 and April 6 & 8; Cost: $115.

Information/Booking: Ph 1300 966 784; See also: www.zoo.org.au/education/careers-programs
- Another opportunity to find out about working with animals is to attend the WERRIBEE OPEN DAY. This is run by the University of Melbourne’s Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences. Find out about the B. Agricultural Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine programs, attend course information sessions, explore other careers in science, veterinary nursing and equine studies, tour the facilities and go to food stalls to support Melbourne students. When: 10am-3pm, Sat 19 March; Where: 250 Princes Highway, Werribee; Information: bit.ly/Werribee-open-day-2016.

4. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A NURSING AND/OR MIDWIFERY CAREER? Division 1 nursing involves a three-year degree at university while Division 2 requires an 18-month diploma. Some students who wish to study nursing also wish to study midwifery. This can either be done through a double degree in nursing and midwifery which will take 4 years or by studying nursing and then doing an 18-month course in midwifery. The double degree is offered at Deakin, La Trobe and Monash Universities. The good news for Year 12 students is that Victoria University (St Albans campus) is introducing this double degree in 2017. The aim is to address the challenges in maternity care. Increasing rates of health conditions such as mental health disorders, diabetes and obesity have increased the complexity of care for women.

NOTE: there are many other combinations of double degrees with nursing, providing more employment and interest options upon
5. **CHECK OUT STUDYING SCIENCE AT RMIT** – Deciding where to study after finishing school is a challenge...

One way to find out more is to **visit the university that interests you** and see the facilities. RMIT is offering such an opportunity in the school holidays. Go behind the scenes on a **tour of the facilities**. Students and parents are invited to visit RMIT’s state-of-the-art learning laboratories and to find out about how RMIT degrees provide the knowledge and skills to tackle real-world problems and advance the way we live. Programs cover biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental science, food science, nanotechnology and physics. **When:** 11am-2pm, 30 March; **Where:** Building 3, Level 1, Applied Sciences Reception, RMIT City; **Book/Info:** www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/tours/2016/

6. **DO YOU WANT TO CHECK OUT WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE IN THE CITY?** William Angliss is a provider of courses in hospitality, food, tourism and events. William Angliss is giving school students the chance to delve into the world of Tourism & Travel and Events in the school holidays. **Tourism, Travel and Events** – a hands-on introduction to the travel and tourism industry via an on-site amazing **race-style activity**. Students will then go to the new aeroplane interior demonstration area and be given a taster of what a career as a **flight attendant** could be. After a catered lunch, students will get the chance to jump into the world of **Event Management** with a table theming activity held in the Angliss Restaurant. **When:** 9.30am-2.30pm, Thurs 31 March; **Where:** 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne; **Who:** Students in Years 9-11; **Cost:** $120 (including lunch). **REGISTER HERE!** Enquiries: Marketing@angliss.edu.au

7. **GOOD NEWS FROM BOX HILL INSTITUTE** - The good news is that Box Hill Institute has this year **re-opened the former Swinburne campus at Lilydale**, providing tertiary education in this area once more. A broad range of courses will be available, increasing as time goes by. **NOTE:** **William Angliss Institute** is conducting **cooking and tourism courses** at this campus in conjunction with the Box Hill Institute. Box Hill Institute also has plans to offer other programs and facilities on the Lilydale site.

8. **MONASH UNIVERSITY (BERWICK)** – Many of you will have heard the news that, after about 20 years in operation, Monash has confirmed that it intends to abandon its Berwick campus at the end of 2018.

9. **MORE SWINBURNE NEWS** - In addition to items mentioned in the last edition, Swinburne is proposing the following courses/changes for 2017 (some subject to academic approval):

- Swinburne is considering an **Early Entry Scheme** (already offered by ACU and La Trobe universities). The ATAR would no longer be the sole determinant for entry.
- Introduction of the **Bachelor of Nursing** (possibly at Wantirna)
- **Revised majors in** sports science, nutrition and clinical technologies
- Introduction of **Bachelor of Exercise Science**
- Introduction of a **common first year** for the **Bachelor of Engineering**, giving students a taste of the different fields in engineering before making a decision about their specialisation (similar to Monash University engineering)
- Introducing a **Masters in Occupational Therapy**.

More news on all of this when it becomes available from Swinburne.

- Where can I use my **ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEGREE**? Opportunities are increasing all the time with new technological developments, much more so than in civil engineering for example. Electrical engineering can be used in banking, the television industry, mining, automotive (eg driverless vehicles), marketing, solar cells, the health industry and renewable energy to name a few.
- **ROBOTICS** is another area of growth in engineering (eg drones, robotic vacuum cleaners, humanoid robots, Mars rover).

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