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### **PATHWAYS INTERVIEWS/PROGRAMS...**

The initial Year 12 Pathways Interviews have been completed. Year 12's are now invited to stop by the Careers Centre to follow up on the discussions, research, etc. The VTAC Application Process and Other Pathways Application Process have commenced this term, run via their Tutor classes and after school every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3.15 to 4.30pm till the end of Term 3. Information has also been disseminated via assemblies for both students (during Tutor time on Thursday 15 August) and parents (on Tuesday 13 August, 7pm in the College Library) by Mrs Kathy Karlovic, the Pathways & Transitions Leader. All Year 12 students have attended the Tertiary Information Service (TIS) Event on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, held at Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus. The TIS event is an introduction to the VTAC Application Process followed by a mini tertiary institutional expo.

All Year 10 & 11 students are also invited to stop by the Careers Centre to book a pathways interview, visit the Careers Reference Centre, collect tertiary handbooks/brochures, etc.

The Careers Program, which officially commenced last term for both year levels with an Introductory Careers Assembly, has been administered via their MIPS classes. A letter was sent home to parents/guardians via students outlining the Careers Program. The purpose of this program for both the Year 10 & 11 students is to investigate career pathways and to select the appropriate program, either VCE or VCAL and subjects to study in Year 11 or 12, if the VCE program is selected. For the Year 11 students it is important for them to confirm that they have selected the correct program/subjects and to make an informed decision as to which subject they will not continue with the following year (in Year 12). Information Evenings for Year 10 and 11 Parents were held during Careers/Pathways Week on Thursday evening, 25<sup>th</sup> July. Letters were sent home advising parents of the details. The Pathways week consisted of a Pathways Expo with an applied and academic focus, a Subject Expo highlighting the programs and subjects on offer at Wyndham Central College and VCE/VCAL Subject Tasters for our current Year 10 students. The Careers Program is in its final stages with subject/program confirmations taking place.

The Careers Centre is open to all students throughout the school day. It is run via interview bookings to ensure students' needs are met. Students may also stop by – an open door policy – for a quick chat, followed by an appointment booking if necessary.

### **REMINDERS...**

- **Occupational Therapy Information Evening:** 5.30-8pm, Thursday 12 September, Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg **Register:** email [Monica.williams@austin.org.au](mailto:Monica.williams@austin.org.au)
- **Medical Radiations Tours** at Peter Mac, Sunday 15 September.  
**Information:** phone 9656 1375, [RTEducation@petermac.org](mailto:RTEducation@petermac.org), [www.petermac.org](http://www.petermac.org).
- **Deakin University's School Holiday Program:** Monday 23-Friday 27 September  
**Information:** [www.deakin.edu.au/discover](http://www.deakin.edu.au/discover).
- **Fashion Camp:** 23 -27 September, Kangan Institute, Richmond  
**Cost:** \$785, Ages: 15 – 18 years



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**Book:** [www.kangan.edu.au/short-courses-melbourne/fashion-camp/aosc/tfashn12/](http://www.kangan.edu.au/short-courses-melbourne/fashion-camp/aosc/tfashn12/)

- **Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School** – for those in Years 11 & 12 (2014), 12-18 January, 2014  
Phone: 02 9036 6571, [iaess@sydney.edu.au](mailto:iaess@sydney.edu.au), [www.sydney.edu.au/engineering/iaess](http://www.sydney.edu.au/engineering/iaess),  
[www.engineeringaid.org](http://www.engineeringaid.org).
- **Monash Year 11 Inspiration Day** – explore options, university life, discuss your future. Thursday 26 September, Caulfield **Register:** [www.monash.edu/year11-day](http://www.monash.edu/year11-day)  
**Information:** Eddie 9903 1613 or [onsshore-events@monash.edu](mailto:onsshore-events@monash.edu).
- **Nuclear Medicine Hospital Visits** – What is nuclear medicine? Find out on a visit to a major hospital, 26-27 September  
**Information:** [medicallsciences@rmit.edu.au](mailto:medicallsciences@rmit.edu.au), see [www.rmit.edu.au/medicallsciences/nuclearmedicine](http://www.rmit.edu.au/medicallsciences/nuclearmedicine).

### CAREERS IN PSYCHOLOGY...

Many students indicate an interest in studying psychology, and are unsure what it involves. Find out by attending a **'Careers in Psychology'** free information evening run by the Australian Psychological Society (APS) Student Society. **When:** 6.30-9.00pm, Fri 20 September

**Where:** Advanced Technologies Centre, Swinburne University of Technology, 427-451 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn

**Parking:** [www.swinburne.edu.au/corporate/facserv/parking.html](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/corporate/facserv/parking.html). Bookings not required.

### YEAR 12 STUDENTS:

#### • APPLYING FOR COURSES...

A reminder that you need to apply for courses through VTAC for 2014 by 27 September ([www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)). The cost of applying up to that date is \$27.00. If you apply after this date the charge rises to \$91.00. You can apply without paying at the time, but be aware that if you do not pay at all, you will not receive an offer of a place in January 2014. Remember that once you apply, you can change your application. The final time you can change your application is at noon on 23 December.

#### • SCHOLARSHIPS...

**Reminder:** All current Year 12 students are advised to apply for Equity and Merit scholarships via VTAC. VTAC scholarship applications for domestic students close at 5pm on 18 October 2013.

**See:** [www.vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html).

Also check individual institution websites for other scholarships.

There are also **Student Start-Up and Relocation Scholarships** available to students receiving income support; these are administered by Centrelink.



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**Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships** are administered by institutions and will be allocated to students who meet the Commonwealth eligibility as described on the Centrelink website and have had their indigenous status confirmed.

### ● OFFERS...

VTAC has announced that **offer letters will no longer be mailed** to applicants. When offers of places are released on 17 January 2014, applicants will be able to view their offers in their **VTAC user account**. Offers may also be published by newspapers with the applicant's permission.

**NOTE:** Verbal offers have no status. If you receive a verbal offer, ask for the name of the person making the offer and contact VTAC.

### INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH ANIMALS?

**Werribee Open Range Zoo** and **Healesville Sanctuary** are offering opportunities to find out more about what it takes to work in these environments, and to find out about careers. Check out the duties of keepers including feed preparation, animal enrichment, exhibit maintenance and animal encounters.

**Werribee - When:** 24, 26 & 30 September and 2 October

**Book:** [www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day](http://www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day).

**Healesville - When:** 24 & 25 September and 1 & 2 October

**Book:** [www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day](http://www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day).

**Cost for any day:** \$103 (incl morning tea).

Healesville also has a **Vet for Day** program on 25 & 26 September and 2 & 3 October

**Book:** [www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day](http://www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day)

**Cost:** \$125.

**Enquiries for all sessions:** 9285 9406.

### AUTOMOTIVE MODERN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM...

Vantage Automotive P/L is a major provider of government funded vocational learning and outsourced services to major vehicle manufacturers. Applications are being sought from people interested in joining the motor trade. Applicants from all over Australia are encouraged to apply, and if you are selected will be offered full time employment at a dealer close to your home. Positions are already available for 2014.

**Information/apply:** [www.vantageautomotive.com](http://www.vantageautomotive.com).

Another suitable organisation is the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce (VACC)

See [www.vacc.com.au](http://www.vacc.com.au) and go to Apprenticeships and Training.

### NURSING AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY...

From time to time, universities change the prerequisites for their courses. La Trobe university has announced that **from 2016** (applicable to current Year 10 students) the **Bachelor of Nursing** and the **Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery** will require a study score of at least 20 in one of Units 3 & 4 **biology, chemistry, physics, any maths, psychology, physical education or Health and Human Development** (in addition to Units 3 & 4 **English** (any), currently the only prerequisite).



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### LA TROBE MELBOURNE...

La Trobe Melbourne is a pathway into a degree from La Trobe University. La Trobe Melbourne is part of the Navitas group, an internationally recognised education provider with the knowledge and resources of staff in more than 50 different college and campuses worldwide. The diploma programs are in Business, IT, Mass Media and Communication, Bioscience and Health Science. These diploma programs are equivalent to the first year of a University degree, but with smaller class sizes and increased academic contact. After you have completed the Diploma, you progress into second year of a range of Bachelor degrees at La Trobe University (see pages 230-231 of VTAC Guide).

**NOTE:** This is similar to the **Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology's (MIBT)** relationship with Deakin University. Monash College also has pathways to Monash University; Swinburne has UniLink.

Check fee structure.

Another pathway to university is a TAFE Diploma. As a rule, two years at TAFE equals one year at university (in a related field).

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) BONUS SCHEMES...

ACU offers a number of bonus schemes to Year 12 applicants, including the **Early Achievers Program (EAP)** and the **Elite Athlete Bonus** (5 point bonus). Some of these schemes apply to applicants automatically, while others require an application form.

For details see: [www.acu.edu.au/accessacu](http://www.acu.edu.au/accessacu).

Applications for EAP close on 21 October

Applications for the Elite Athlete Bonus scheme close on 1 November.

Please see Mrs Karlovic asap for assistance with applications for these bonus schemes.

### MORE THAN ONE CAREER – A LAW PANEL EVENT...

The Faculty of Law at Australian Catholic University (ACU) is hosting a **panel of law professionals** to discuss the **benefits and opportunities from studying law**. It is an opportunity for students to find out about the **range of careers** that ACU law graduates may undertake. Some panel members have pursued the traditional employment path, while others use their degree to influence policy or fulfil a critical role in organisations. Guest panel members include **Cr Jackie Fristacky**, Mayor of Yarra City Council, **George Georgio SC**, Barrister, **Peter Seidel** Partner, Arnold Bloch Leibler and **Danielle Taske** General Counsel, Work Safe.

**When:** 6-7.30pm, Thursday 19 September

**Where:** ACU Melbourne Campus, Fitzroy

**Information**

**and**

**bookings:**

[http://www.acu.edu.au/about\\_acu/faculties\\_institutes\\_and\\_centres/law/news/more\\_than\\_one\\_career\\_-\\_law\\_panel\\_event](http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/faculties_institutes_and_centres/law/news/more_than_one_career_-_law_panel_event)



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### **JMC ACADEMY...**

Has **workshops in the holidays** to help you find out what a career in the creative industries can be like. JMC specialises in courses in **3D animation, audio engineering and sound, entertainment business management, film and TV production, games design and contemporary music performance.**

**Where:** JMC, 171 Bank St, South Melbourne

**Cost:** \$10 per day (with lunch)

**Bookings:** [www.jmccademy.edu.au/News/2013-07-05/MELBOURNE-WORKSHOPS.cfm](http://www.jmccademy.edu.au/News/2013-07-05/MELBOURNE-WORKSHOPS.cfm).

### **AUDIO-VISUAL TECHNOLOGY...**

Do you want to learn the broad skills of the audio-visual industry including **lighting, sound, TV production, design, installation and event management** while working on **real-life productions and events** around Melbourne?

If so, you might be interested in the one-year Certificate IV or the two-year Diploma in Audio-Visual Technology at RMIT.

Audio-visual technologies have a worldwide presence in home, shopping, government and corporate environments, and their evolving applications are one way for companies to differentiate themselves from competitors.

As AV technology is aligning with computer technology, **new job roles are being created to cater for a new market.**

Industry professionals often look to employ RMIT graduates due to their professionalism and strong can-do attitude.

**Info:** [www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c4230](http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c4230).

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