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 will commence this term, run via their Tutor classes. Information will also be disseminated via assemblies for both students (during Tutor time) and parents (of an evening to be advised) by Mrs Kathy Karlovic, the Pathways & Transitions Leader.

All Year 12 students have attended the Tertiary Information Service (TIS) Event on Tuesday 16th 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, will be 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 will be held during Careers/Pathways Week on Thursday evening, 25th July. Letters were sent home advising parents of the details.

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...

- University prerequisites for 2016 (Current Year 10 students) – in the daily papers, Monday 22 July (also available on the VTAC website - www.vtac.edu.au/publications.html)
- Open Days - coming up in August

OPEN DAYS...

Annual University and TAFE Open Days are coming up soon. These are a great opportunity for you to check out facilities, courses, locations, attend presentations about courses and careers, and to talk to staff and students. Year 10 is good time to start attending these, as is Year 11. Starting visits in Year 12 is leaving it a bit late, although still worthwhile. Applying for courses happens in Term 3 of the Year 12 year, the same time as Open Days are scheduled.
OPEN DAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (generally 10am to 4pm – check websites & calendar attached):

- **Saturday 3 August** – **Monash** University (Berwick, Gippsland, Peninsula campuses)
- **Sunday 4 August** – **Deakin** University (Warrnambool); **Monash** University (Caulfield, Clayton, Parkville); **Swinburne** (University & TAFE) (Hawthorn)
- **Sunday 11 August** – **Australian Catholic University** (Melbourne); **Deakin** (Geelong); **Gordon** (Geelong); **RMIT** (University and TAFE)
- **Sunday 18 August** – **La Trobe** University (Bendigo); **Melbourne** Uni (Parkville & Southbank - VCA)
- **Sunday 25 August** – **ACU** (Ballarat); **Ballarat** University; **Box Hill** Institute; **Deakin** (Burwood); **La Trobe** (Bundoora); **Victoria** University and TAFE; **William Angliss** Institute
- **Sunday 1 September** – **La Trobe** University (Albury/Wodonga)

**Note:** **Holmesglen** has an Open Day every third **Wednesday** of the month. Visit on your way home from school or during the day. See [www.holmesglen.edu.au/showcase/events/open_wednesdays](http://www.holmesglen.edu.au/showcase/events/open_wednesdays)

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAYS...

Don’t wander aimlessly….try the following:

- Obtain an **Open Day Guide** beforehand (eg from websites like [www.deakin.edu.au/openday](http://www.deakin.edu.au/openday), or [www.openday.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.openday.unimelb.edu.au)) - some hard copies are available in the careers room
- Plan to be at Open Day when relevant **information sessions** are conducted
- Allow **sufficient time** for your visit - two hours or so would be advisable
- Speak to **staff** about courses that interest you - note your **questions** beforehand
- Get a student perspective - speak to **students** studying courses that interest you
- Collect **information/brochures**
- Ask about **industry based-learning** (IBL) opportunities - these can assist with gaining employment
- Ask about **international study** opportunities – a very popular option
- Consider **transport** issues - is the campus accessible from where you live?
- Check the **environment** where you will study - will you be happy there for three/four years?
- Consider the **facilities/clubs** offered at your preferred institution
- Consider visiting a **rural campus**, especially if you think you won’t obtain a high enough ATAR for a metropolitan campus. ATAR’s are often lower and they often offer more personal assistance, accommodation, and a lifestyle which will suit some students.
IMPORTANT NOTE: If you plan to apply for a course involving an interview/folio presentation/audition as part of the selection process you may well be asked what you learnt or found of interest about the course at Open Day. Attendance is A MUST!

EXPLORING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AS A CAREER...
Interested in a career as an O.T.? If so, go to an information and demonstration evening and hear from Occupational Therapists experienced in spinal rehabilitation, hand therapy, mental health and neurology.
When: 5.30-8pm, Thursday 12 September
Where: Education Precinct, Level 4, Austin Tower, Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg
Register: email Monica.williams@austin.org.au – all guests must be registered and places are limited to a maximum of 2 attendees per reservation – you will receive a confirming email.

HERALD SUN MELBOURNE CAREERS EXPO...
A large and comprehensive expo encompassing career opportunities from employment and training in the trades, corporate and professional sectors. There will be a vast array of career advice, employment opportunities, a large university and training representation, and a ‘hands on’ Skills Industry Hub.
When: Friday 16 – Sunday 18 August
Where: Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Clarendon St, Southbank
An opportunity to collect information, talk to people and find out more about careers in one location.

DESIGN COURSES AT SWINBURNE IN 2014...
Swinburne will be making some changes and additions to a range of Bachelor of Design courses in 2014.
- The Bachelor of Design (Industrial Design) will become a four-year program
- The Bachelor of Design (Interior Design) will be replaced with a four-year Bachelor of Design (Interior Architecture)
- A new course, the Bachelor of Film and Television (Animation) will commence in 2014

SCIENCE AT SWINBURNE...
Swinburne will be offering some new majors in the Bachelor of Science in 2014: Applied mathematics, Biomedical physiology, Biomolecular science, Chemistry, Computer science and mathematics, Environmental science, Physics, Psychology, Psychology and Psychophys-iology.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY ARTS DEGREES...
ACU is committed to developing graduates with strong communication and analytical skills, flexible and innovative thinking, who will seek exciting career options in the global workforce. Arts Advantage is a new subject which will stimulate students to think from the very beginning of the degree about work readiness and the attributes sought by employers. The compulsory unit will focus on work readiness, and building relevant skills and knowledge in essential areas. It will be undertaken in the B. Arts, B. Creative Arts and the B. Arts/B. Global Studies from Semester 1, 2014.
PARENTS AND DEAKIN UNIVERSITY...

Would you like to be better informed about further study options for your child, how to prepare for this important transition, and key dates and processes? You will be able to meet staff and students, find out about the range of courses, the costs associated with further study, the VTAC application process and more about campus life. **When/Where:** 6-8pm, Wednesday 24 July, Deakin University, 221 Burwood Highway; 6-8pm, Wednesday 11 September, Geelong Waterfront Campus, 1 Gheringhap St, Geelong


Refreshments will be served, and you can enter into a prize draw to win a $1,000 travel voucher.

STUDENT AND PARENT EVENING AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY...

The transition from school to further education can be daunting for parents and students. Find out about courses, facilities, the VTAC system, how parents can assist with transition, and talk to VU representatives.

**When:** 7-9pm, Tuesday 13 August

**Where:** Footscray Park Campus


WHY STUDY SPORT AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY?

If you are passionate about staying fit and healthy, and want to help others do the same, you can join a motivated group of like-minded people in VU’s College of Sport and Exercise Science. Be spurred on by internationally recognised teaching staff who are highly sought after in the sports and exercise science industries, as coaches, advisers and more. You will also benefit from the close links with sporting institutions such as the Victorian and Australian Institutes of Sport, Western Bulldogs, AFL and Netball Australia. With a range of courses spanning TAFE, bachelor and postgraduate qualifications, you will find an entry point that suits your level of education.

MONASH UNIVERSITY’S NEW BACHELOR OF COUNSELLING...

The Berwick campus of Monash is offering a new degree in counselling in 2014. Recognised by the Australian Counselling Association (ACA), the degree will provide students with a solid background in psychology, as well as in-field placement opportunities and will focus on delivering counselling to diverse communities. At completion of the degree, graduates will be job ready as this course does not require further postgraduate qualifications to find accredited employment (unlike a psychologist).

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