This is the last edition of Careers Newsletter for 2014 - It is mainly directed at Year 12 students.

Good luck as you progress to higher levels at school, or for Year 12’s, on to University, TAFE, a Gap Year, an Apprenticeship or Traineeship, or to Employment. Remember that you are likely to have several careers throughout your working life so be prepared to gain further education throughout your lifetime.

YEAR 12

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE PERIOD:

After you obtain your results on Monday 15 December, there is a period when you can change your VTAC preferences. You may have changed your mind, or done better (or not as well) as expected. It is a good idea to review your preferences at this stage, up until 12 noon on Monday 22 December. Universities and other providers offer assistance to Year 12’s at this time.

What help is on offer?

- **Australian Catholic University – COP Expo**: 12noon-6pm, Thursday 6 January, 115 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy
  - Hotline: 1300 275 228.

- **Box Hill Institute – Hotline**: 1300 BOX HILL or Andrea on 9286 9553

- **Charles Sturt University** – Call 1800 334 733

- **Chisholm** - Call 1300 244 746

- **Deakin University – Information evenings**: Both 5-7pm, Tuesday 16 December, Melbourne (Burwood) Campus; Wednesday 17 December, Geelong Waterfront Campus, 1 Gheringhap Street.
  - Livechat (get your questions answered) at [www.choose.deakin.edu.au/livechat](http://www.choose.deakin.edu.au/livechat)
  - Tour: 11am-1pm, Tuesday 16 December, Warrnambool Campus & 11am-2pm, Wednesday 17 December, Geelong Waurn Ponds campus
  - **Hotline**: 1300 334 733 (DEGREE).

- **Federation University** – Hotline: 1800 333 864

  - Hotline: 1300 693 888.

- **Kangan** - Call 13 8233

- **La Trobe University – COP Advisory Days**: 16 December (Melbourne and Bendigo)
  - **COP Hotline**: 1300 135 045

- **Monash University – Change of Preference Expo** – 3-7pm, Wednesday 17 December, Building H, Caulfield Campus
  - **COP Hotline**: 1800 666 274 (MONASH)
  - See [www.destination.monash](http://www.destination.monash)

- **NMIT - Hotline**: 9269 1200

- **RMIT – COP Expo** Building 80, 445 Swanston Street, 11am-3pm, Wednesday 17 December
  - **Hotline**: 9925 2260, or visit [Info Corner](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/change-of-preference/events/), 330 Swanston Street (cnr La Trobe Street)

- **Swinburne – Hotline** 1300 275 794
• University of Melbourne - University of Melbourne: Course Information Day, 10am-2.30pm, Wednesday 17 December
  See www.cop.unimelb.edu.au/2014 or Hotline: 13 MELB (13 6352) or 13MELB@unimelb.edu.au, or visit the Information Centre, Gate 3, Swanston St, Melbourne
• Victoria University – COP Expo – 4-7pm, Wednesday 17 December (Footscray)
  Hotline: 1300 842 864
• William Angliss – Experience Angliss Day: 10am-4pm, 18 December
  Hotline: 1300 ANGLISS.

FIRST IN AUSTRALIA – LA TROBE FEE GUARANTEE...
La Trobe’s new ‘Aspire’ program has been well-received, recognising the impact volunteers have on their local communities. To recognise this, and to further reward these contributions, La Trobe has announced it will offer a Fee Guarantee for the undergraduate students who study under the ‘Aspire’ program. In the event of a deregulated fee environment being introduced the La Trobe Guarantee means that a student will not pay more than 10% above the regulated fee in any year, applying for the normal duration of a full-time degree.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER?
A video series is giving the community a chance to find out more of what it takes to become a police officer. Check out a police constable’s experiences during the 33 weeks of training at the Victoria Police Academy.
See the video series at: www.youtube.com/VPBlueTube.

DEFENCE FORCE CHAT...
Army, Navy and Air Force are hosting an Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Facebook chat at 6.30pm, Thursday 23 October. The link to the chat page is: http://www.facebook.com/events/1485699831716414/.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS ABOUT STUDYING VCE...
A range of valuable videos are now available on the Monash YouTube channel, offering tips and advice from students and parents who have survived VCE.
Find out what they have to say.

INTERESTED IN LOGISTICS?
Ever wondered how your clothes make it to the store or how the food you eat gets from the farm to you fork? Logistics involves the integration of information, transport and handling of these materials to meet customers’ needs. There is a vast array of career opportunities in logistics, from entry level to senior management. The Victorian Transport Association is again offering traineeships in logistics in 2015. This is
a two-year program which has young people employed full time with Transport and Logistics companies while they study a **Cert IV in Logistics and a Diploma of Logistics**.  
**For more information**: call Leni on 9646 8590, visit [www.vta.com.au](http://www.vta.com.au) or email [cadetship@vta.com.au](mailto:cadetship@vta.com.au).

**WOMEN IN PHYSICS CAREERS NIGHT**

The Undergraduate Physics Students’ Society with the Laby Foundation and the Melbourne School of Physics is offering a chance to meet and learn about **successful Women in Physics**. It will consist of a panel discussion with physics students and graduates, followed by a panel discussion, followed by a break with refreshments and a chance to meet panellists.  
**When**: 6pm, Tuesday 14 October  
**Where**: Laby Theatre, Melbourne Graduate School of Science at the University of Melbourne  
Free, but **email** attendance at [info@unimelbpss.org](mailto:info@unimelbpss.org) (students and parents welcome).

**RMIT DIPLOMA OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (Building)**

VTAC states that Year 12 applicants need to phone RMIT to book a test for this course. This is incorrect – Year 12’s will be selected solely on their ATAR.

**SCIENCE EXPERIENCE AT RMIT (FOR YEAR 10’S IN 2015)**

This is three fun-filled days of hands-on activities for students entering Year 10 next year. It allows the next generation of curious scientists to go behind the scenes and sample the world of science and technology, perform experiments, participate in field trips, attend university lectures, and experience three days of student life on campus.  
**When**: Tuesday 20-Thursday 22 Jan, 2015 (the program is run at a number of Australian universities including RMIT)  
**Cost**: $115  

**RMIT RACING AT CALDER PARK**

RMIT Racing invites secondary students to attend the Formula SAE, Melbourne’s largest engineering competition at Calder Park Raceway. See the RMIT Electric and renewable ethanol fuelled cars fired up and competing.  
**When**: 9am-4pm, Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 December  
**Where**: Calder Park Raceway  
**Information**: Rose, De Amicis, SAE Australia, Phone 9676 9568.

**NUCLEAR MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications are now open for RMIT Nuclear Medicine Scholarships worth up to $10,000 over three years. They provides assistance towards study and living costs for students commencing the **Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations) Nuclear Medicine stream**, with five scholarships awarded.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS...
Can book 30-minute appointments to talk with University of Melbourne staff about study options, VTAC, and support services. They run 2-5pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
Register: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events

PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS – A POSITIVE MOVE...
A pre-apprenticeship is a positive move towards securing an apprenticeship. Many employers require potential employees to have completed a pre-apprenticeship prior to applying for an apprenticeship. On completion of a pre-apprenticeship, a student receives a nationally recognised qualification – this attracts the attention of employers and can potentially reduce the time of an apprenticeship.

DID YOU KNOW?
Many TAFE’s have articulation arrangements with universities. Eg after completing the Box Hill Institute’s Advanced Diploma of Engineering Technology, students will receive 18 months credit and can enrol into the fourth semester of the Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering at Deakin University. Similar arrangements apply to many other TAFE diplomas.

YEAR 12: EXITING, RESULTS and DECEMBER CHANGE OF PREFERENCE.

1. EXITING:
All students have been issued with a Blue Exit Form.
Exit Forms must be returned to Mrs Karlovic by Friday 24 October, 3pm

2. VCE Results and ATARS available on the internet from 7am MONDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 2014

3. VCE results and ATARS received in the mail by TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER 2014.

4. Mrs. Karlovic, the Pathways & Transitions Leader, will be available to students from Monday 15 December, in the Careers Office from 9am to 4pm for assistance/counselling during results and Change of Preference Time. Each student is entitled to an appointment to assist with decision making regarding pathways, VTAC preference changes, etc. Appointments can be made prior to Monday 15th December as well as on the Monday morning via a telephone call to the College. Students can also make their way to the Careers Office to arrange an appointment or make a booking whilst attending the Year 12 Pathways Morning Tea (see below). Parents are also welcome to attend/make bookings. Every student is encouraged to take the time to have a meeting with Mrs Karlovic, in the Careers Office, during this crucial time.
5. RESULTS/CHANGE of PREFERENCE/PATHWAYS MORNING TEA

DATE: Monday 15th December
TIME: 11am – 12.30pm
LOCATION: To Be Advised

All Year 12 Students are invited to a morning tea to wind down after the rigours of Year 12 and to discuss their Results/Change of Preferences/Pathway Options. Biscuits, donuts, coffee & tea will be available.

Students will also be able to book appointments with Mrs Karlovic during this time to discuss results, preference changes and pathway options.

6. Refer to the VTAC Guide 2015, pages 58-60, for further information regarding accessing of results.

Details regarding SMS notification of Results is also explained on page 60 of the VTAC Guide. Students must go to www.vtac.edu.au/sms for information on registering for the SMS service.

7. VU Portfolio, ACU Early Achiever’s Program & RMIT SNAP Program Students will be notified early December. Please see me so we can then discuss your preferences, depending on the outcome.

Please use the services provided by the College.
Good Luck!

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