1. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE VETERINARY SCIENCE AND HOSPITAL OPEN DAY

The Veterinary Science Open Day is an opportunity for future students and the community to go behind the scenes at the state of the art University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital in Werribee. Visitors will have the opportunity to speak with veterinary staff, meet current students and tour the facilities. Course and career advice will be available throughout the day, giving prospective students and their parents the opportunity to learn about the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine graduate program. Veterinary and community groups will be providing information about pet care and other special interests. This event will take place on Sunday 16th March, 2014, 10:00am — 3:00pm at the University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital, 250 Princes Highway Werribee, Victoria (Faculty of Veterinary Science, Werribee campus). For more information visit: vet.unimelb.edu.au/events. Put this event in your diary for 2014.

2. 2014 PATERSON SCHOLARSHIP IN ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

This scholarship is now open for applications and has a closing date of 14 March, 2014. It is valued at $4,000 per year for the length of the degree and is open to students who are enrolled, or are to be enrolled, in the first year of the B Environments, B Science, B Biomedicine or B Commerce and are undertaking an engineering pathway or intend to enrol in the Masters of Engineering. Eligibility criteria: Financial need – determined from information provided by the applicant; Disadvantage – defined by the University’s Access Melbourne Scheme and Academic merit – based on student’s results in their final year of VCE. Applicants will need to complete an application form and submit their final year academic results along with a covering letter addressing the selection criteria. Students will also need to fill in a form outlining their weekly expenses. The scholarship provides students with financial assistance through the length of their undergraduate degree (3 years) and the Master of Engineering (2 years), however students are under no obligation to enrol in the Master of Engineering upon completion of their undergraduate degree. Bob Paterson and his wife, Helen, have established the Paterson Scholarships to provide ongoing support to engineering students who are in financial need or disadvantaged but have achieved excellent results in the final year of VCE. For more information and a copy of the application form please contact: Ms Rosa Nacli, Scholarships & Prizes Officer, Melbourne School of Engineering, The University of Melbourne; telephone: 9035 4610 or email: rnacli@unimelb.edu.au

3. MY MELBOURNE

For all the latest on what's happening at the University of Melbourne subscribe to the e-newsletter MyMelbourne. Subscribe now at: blogs.unimelb.edu.au/mymelb

4. AUSTRALIAN YOUTH HUMANITIES FORUM

Part festival of ideas, part careers fair, the Australian Youth Humanities Forum is an exciting initiative that will offer a Humanities counterpart to the highly successful National Youth Science Forum (a summer school which educates VCE students about careers in science). The Australian Youth Humanities Forum will be held at the University of Melbourne on the 18th and 19th January 2014. The pilot forum will bring together 80 VCE students for two days of career presentations, small group discussions, plenary talks (including a lecture by eminent philosopher Raimond Gaita) and mentoring sessions. Speakers at the forum will inspire and inform participants about pathways after university by sharing their reflections and
offering advice. Application forms are available on the website and must be submitted by 29th November 2013. Further information is available at: www.youthhumanities.org or contact: Bridget Vincent at: bridget.vincent@unimelb.edu.au or telephone: 0423 117 089.

5. SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Are you interested in science? Have a look at this great video developed by the Faculty of Science: www.youtube.com/watch?v=nD79HKIlmR0. Many B Science graduates move directly into employment upon completing their degree. The majority, however, continue with further study. The flexible course structure, together with a carefully arranged course plan, can ensure eligibility for entry into a range of graduate courses. Graduate study options are diverse. For more information about study options for graduate science students, visit: bsc.unimelb.edu.au/further-study.

6. WHY STUDY BUSINESS AT VU?

The College of Business at VU offers courses across many disciplines, including accounting and finance, HR, management, supply chain, marketing, international trade, tourism and events. The VU College of Business is one of the largest, most internationally active business schools in Australia, with specialisations in business education, research and consultancy. The courses are designed to produce industry ready graduates through VU’s strong industry links, workplace learning, specialist professional development units and industry xpert teachers.

7. SPOTLIGHT ON THE B BUSINESS (EVENT MANAGEMENT) AT VU

The B Business (Event Management) is one of the most popular courses offered by the VU College of Business. Graduates of this course are among the most sought after in the world. As part of their degree, students complete a minimum of 150 hours industry placement, with a range of placement opportunities available throughout Melbourne’s full calendar of sport, cultural and community events. The three year degree offers hands on training in design, planning, implementation, management and marketing events. Graduates are well prepared for employment. For students studying degrees in the College of Business, VU’s Centre for Work Integrated Learning (WIL) offers professional workplace based activities with an online curriculum designed to give them an edge in today’s highly competitive employment marketplace. Participating in WIL – from the full year Co-op programme to project work – gives graduates the skills to play a productive role in any workplace from day one.

8. VCAL INTERMEDIATE AT VU

In 2014, Victoria University is offering a new VCAL Intermediate programme at the Sunshine Campus. VCAL Intermediate is a one year programme for young people who have not completed Year 12 and are under 20. In addition to the VCAL Intermediate Certificate, students can select to enrol in either the Cert II in Building and Construction (Carpentry) or the Cert II in Health Support Services. Applications can be made directly to VU by completing the VCAL application form on the website. Completed application forms can be emailed to: vcal@vu.edu.au or faxed to 9919 8817. For general VCAL enquiries, please email: vcal@vu.edu.au or telephone Diane Micallef on 9919 7059.

9. 2015 UK GAP YEAR

This is a reminder to students who are thinking about undertaking a gap year in 2015. It's now time to be thinking about completing an application form so that it can be processed before the summer holidays. More information can be found at: http://www.ukgapyear.com.au/ where an
application form can be downloaded. The closing date for applications is: 28th February, 2014. It is important to note that applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age at the start of their placement. Exceptions can apply to those who are eligible for British or European Union passports. Please contact Louise Brunner or Minetta Cox at Champion Travel on 08 8239 0999 for more information.

10. FREE ‘GET SET’ SEMINAR PASSES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 9, 10, 11 AND 12

Get set for 2014 by learning the secrets of top performing students. Limited seats are available in these seminars. Visit: http://www.getsetevent.com.au/ or telephone 9005 4696 for more information.

11. LA TROBE UNIVERSITY - A NEW VCE PLUS PROGRAMME

This programme is designed to offer high achieving Year 12 VCE students the opportunity to commence their University studies while completing their VCE. A brochure has been produced explaining how the programme works, the subjects offered and at which campus and the the application process for admission. Copies of the brochure and Student Application forms are available on the website: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/school/vce-plus. A wide variety of subjects in Business, Economics, Law, Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences are being offered. Applications close on Friday 13th December, 2013.

12. A GATEWAY TO THE PLUMBING INDUSTRY

Master Plumbers, the Plumbing Trades Employees Union (PETU) and other industry stakeholders have partnered to deliver the 2213VIC Cert II in Plumbing (Pre apprenticeship) at PICAC, the plumbing industry’s world class training facility in Brunswick. A plumbing pre apprenticeship will introduce students to the plumbing industry and make them more attractive to prospective employers. Students completing a pre apprenticeship will gain industry knowledge, workplace exposure and hands on experience. Tuition fee concessions may be available for eligible learners. To find out more, download the course flyer or contact Alexandra Mannell at Master Plumbers. For more information visit: http://www.plumber.com.au/images/stories/pdfs/preapp_flyer_feb14.pdf.

13. APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE MONASH RESIDENTIAL SERVICES (MRS)

There is no application fee - apply now! Monash Residential Services (MRS) accommodation provides a safe and inclusive living environment for Monash students. Every MRS residence has a dedicated Residential Support Team (RST) comprised of paid staff and student leaders. The RST helps residents with the transition into their new home and the Monash University environment, ensuring that residents fit comfortably and quickly into the community and enjoy the experience of living on campus. In addition to a dedicated RST team, Monash has Security Personnel who patrol the campus grounds 24/7. They ensure a safe and secure community whilst maintaining good public relations and help to develop an environment that promotes personal growth within the community. To apply for accommodation at Monash, prospective students can visit: www.monash.edu/mrs. No application fees apply. For more information, please contact Monash Residential Services – ‘More Than just a Room’ on 9905 6200 or email: admissions.mrs@monash.edu.

14. MONASH UNIVERSITY: A NEW WAY TO STUDY THEATRE AND PERFORMANCE
Monash University is known for its outstanding Theatre and Performance disciplines currently taught in the B Performing Arts (BPA). With a vision to streamline the course offerings, reduce complexity and strengthen the theory and practice based teachings, the Theatre and Performance disciplines will now be offered in the B Arts (BA). The BPA will be discontinued from 2014 however, students will still be able to take the Theatre major in the BA with a Performance minor being offered in 2015. This change also affects any double degrees associated with the BPA. Students choosing to take Theatre and Performance in the B Arts will not be required to audition. Students who have applied to audition for the B Performing Arts will be notified by post of the changes, how to best move forward and will also have their audition fee refunded. Removing the audition requirement will not impact on the quality or integrity of the programme. The existing high standards will be maintained and the curriculum will continue to be vigorous and robust, taught by the same passionate and committed staff. The BPA has always been a wholistic theatre and performance course, not an acting course or drama school. It has taught students to create their own work and enabled them to work in all aspects of the theatre and performance industry. The aim is to continue to do this, retaining all the best elements of the current subject offerings. As is currently the case in the BA, students undertaking the Theatre major will have the option of taking an extended major, meaning, completing an additional two subjects on top of the required eight subjects. For more information, please contact Georgina Gibson at georgina.gibson@monash.edu or telephone: 9902 0344.

15. CHANGES TO THE GRADUATE ENTRY MBBS (POST GRADUATE MEDICINE) – A FURTHER UPDATE

Due to changes in the Graduate entry MBBS curriculum, which will see Year A of the programme shortened to 15 week semesters, incoming students will be required to have significantly more tertiary level biomedical knowledge.

2015 and 2016 entry: Completion (or in the process of completing) a bachelor degree with a substantial biomedical science component or an allied health degree. Monash University’s B Biomedical Science will meet this entry requirement. Details about other courses or subjects that will meet these requirements are still being determined. Applicants will be required to apply via GEMSAS and undertake the GAMSAT test.

2017 entry and beyond: At least 50 of the 75 domestic places available in the Graduate Entry MBBS, will be reserved for students who have completed Monash University’s B Biomedical Science. The allocation of the remaining 25 places is yet to be determined. Current year 12 students looking at the Graduate Entry MBBS as an option should include Monash University’s B Biomedical Science in their preferences. From this point, second year students in the B Biomedical Science at Monash who maintain a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) (i.e 70 or above) at the end of second year will be offered the opportunity to undertake a select entry interview for the Graduate entry MBBS. They will not be required to undertake the GAMSAT. A conditional offer may be made based on academic performance and interview prior to the commencement of third year. Students will still be required to maintain their WAM during third year of the Biomedical Science programme. Please register at: http://med.monash.edu.au/medical/gippsland/mbbs-pathways.html if you wish to receive updates as they are confirmed.

16. THE FACULTY OF LAW AT MONASH UNIVERSITY

Why study at Monash Law? The Faculty of Law recently developed a short video about studying law at Monash. The video covers the quality, flexibility, opportunities, practicality and employability of students who study law. The video includes current students, alumni and employers. Please visit
the following youtube sites for further information:

Full version: www.youtube.com/watch?v=c5iN8ZPCyGo
Short version: www.youtube.com/watch?v=93oIGFcZWJo.

17. FACULTY OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES AT MONASH

The following is important information for pharmacy applicants: All students who have applied for Pharmacy, or who think they might apply during the change of preference period, must complete and submit the Monash University Supplementary Information Form (Pharmacy) to be considered for a place in the pharmacy programmes; B Pharmacy, B Pharmacy (Scholars Program) and B Pharmacy / B Commence. Applicants not automatically eligible for consideration (middle band) may be considered for an offer according to their responses. They should provide evidence of any relevant experience, interest in and motivation for undertaking the course. Applicants can complete the form online at: www.adm.monash.edu/admissions/vtac. Students should not use their responses to discuss special consideration and are encouraged to demonstrate their understanding of the profession and align their skills with those appropriate to the pharmacy practice.

18. FUTURE STUDENTS’ CAMPUS TOURS

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences runs weekly tours for future students and their family and friends. Bring your support crew! Interested students and their support team can visit Monash on campus to tour the brilliant facilities, meet current students and academics. All your questions about course content, careers, student life and entry requirements will be answered. Tours run every Thursday from 4:00pm – 5:00pm. Registration is essential.

Visit: http://monash.edu.au/pharm/about/events/faculty-tour.html or telephone 9903 9594 to book. Alternative tour dates and times can be made if required – just contact the Faculty!

19. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH ANIMALS?

If you are keen to find out what it takes to work in a zoo, caring for an amazing array of different animals, then come out to the Werribee Open Range Zoo next school holidays. Come and discover what a keeper's day really involves! Keeper for a Day allows participants to work in the Zoo for the day, helping out the keepers and learning about one of the most rewarding jobs at a zoo. You will go behind the scenes, taking part in many daily duties of a keeper, which could include: animal enrichment, exhibit maintenance and animal encounters. You will also go on a safari tour with a difference and have the opportunity to speak with Zoo keepers about their jobs and experience. Be prepared for the smell, sweat and of course, the fun of it all.

Times: 9:30am to 3:30pm
Dates: January 15, 17, 21, 22 & 24
Location: Werribee Open Range Zoo
Cost: $103.00; $92.70 zoo members
Restrictions: This programme is for students in Years 7 to 12. Covered shoes must be worn. All participants must agree to follow Zoo educator instructions. Bring your own morning tea, lunch, water bottle and Digital Device to capture the moment. Telephone: 9285 9406 to reserve your place. Payment is required at time of booking. Numbers are strictly limited and bookings are not refundable.

20. FIND OUT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A ZOO KEEPER

Come and work as a keeper at the Healesville Sanctuary these school holidays and get up close to some of our most precious and endangered animals. Be the first to go behind the scenes and meet the dedicated
keepers caring for animals such as the Platypus and Mountain Pygmy Possums. Get up close to amazing predators such as Tasmanian Devils, snakes and birds of prey. Keeper for a Day allows participants to work in the sanctuary for the day, helping out the keepers and learning about one of the most rewarding jobs. You will go behind the scenes, taking part in many daily duties of a threatened species keeper, which could include: food preparation, animal enrichment, health checks and animal contact.

Times: 9:30am to 3:30pm
Dates: January 14, 15, 21 & 22
Location: Healesville Sanctuary
Cost: $103 ($92.70 zoo members)
Restrictions: This programme is for students in Years 7 to 12. Covered shoes must be worn. All participants must agree to follow Zoo educator instructions. Bring your own morning tea, lunch, water bottle and Digital Device to capture the moment. Telephone: 9285 9406 to reserve your place. Payment is required at time of booking. Numbers are strictly limited and bookings are not refundable.

21. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VET?

The Australian Wildlife Health Centre receives over 2,000 injured and orphaned wild animals each year. Come and work alongside the vets in a unique programme with real life cases involving Healesville Sanctuary’s animal collection as well as injured wildlife brought to the hospital. ‘Vet for a Day’ allows participants to work in the vet hospital for the day, helping out the vets and learning about one of the most rewarding jobs. You will go behind the scenes, taking part in many daily duties of a vet which could include animal contact, diagnosis, suturing, health checks and rehabilitation.

Times: 9:30am to 3:30pm
Dates: January 16 & 23
Location: Healesville Sanctuary
Cost: $125; $112.50 zoo members
Restrictions: This programme is for students in Years 7 to 12. Covered shoes must be worn. All participants must agree to follow Zoo educator instructions. Bring your own morning tea, lunch, water bottle and Digital Device to capture the moment. Telephone: 9285 9406 to reserve your place. Payment is required at time of booking. Numbers are strictly limited and bookings are not refundable.

22. THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY

Healthcare and Social Assistance has experienced strong growth over the past decade and is Australia’s largest employing industry, with almost 1.4 million workers, or 11.9% of national employment. It is also the largest employer in regional Australia, with more than half a million jobs outside state capitals. Over the five years to November 2017, employment is expected to continue to increase strongly, up by 13.0% (or 177,800). This represents more than one fifth of the total number of new jobs. The industry’s workforce is female dominated (most of the largest occupations have relatively small proportions of males employed). It also has a slightly higher proportion of older workers than the average across all industries. Workers in the Healthcare and Social Assistance industry are generally highly skilled. Most workers hold post school qualifications, reflecting the requirements for entry to most of the occupations which are key to the sector. A high proportion of workers are Professionals (almost twice the average for all industries). Healthcare information websites for further information: Job Outlook: http://joboutlook.gov.au/industryspecific.aspx?search=industry&industry=Q; Myfuture: http://www.myfuture.edu.au/The%20Facts/Work%20and%20Employment/Industries/Details.aspx?anzsic=Q and MyHealthCareer: http://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/. My Health Career has over 100 videos about 10 different health careers from real health practitioners. Everything from the future of pharmacy in Australia to the difference between a nutritionist and a dietitian, to 8 areas of specialisation in podiatry..... plus much more. Definitely worth a look.

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