DATES FOR THE DIARY

- OPEN DAYS; ongoing, refer to the handout you received via your home room teacher. If you have misplaced your Open Day calendar, or did not receive one, please see careers staff in B21.

- Herald Sun Career Expo, 16 – 18 August, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

- Occupational Therapy information evening, 5:30 – 8:00pm, Thursday 12th September, Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg. Register via email: Monica.williams@austin.org.au

1. NEW DOUBLE DEGREE AT RMIT IN 2014

The B. Science (Applied Sciences) / B. Business Management will allow students to prepare for careers in management in science based organisations. Management units provide students with a broad base of business management understanding while the Applied Science component allows students to specialise in one of Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Physics, Food Science or Environmental Science. The common first year ensures all students have a foundation of academic experience across many fields of science before proceeding to subsequent years and deciding on a specialisation.

2. RMIT: NUCLEAR MEDICINE HOSPITAL VISITS

Students can gain an insight into a career in Nuclear Medicine by joining one of the free hospital visits taking place on 26th and 27th September in the T3 holidays. These visits are to a nuclear medicine department at a major teaching hospital in Melbourne. If you are interested in learning more about the role a nuclear medicine technologist plays in the investigation, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of disease you should sign up for one of these visits. Registrations open shortly: www.rmit.edu.au/medicalsciences/nuclear

3. VCE EXTENSION STUDIES AT RMIT IN 2014

RMIT will be offering a number of VCAA Higher Education Extension programmes in 2014. Students will gain credit for 2 RMIT subjects if they continue to a related RMIT degree course in 2015. Subjects are available in Science, IT and Engineering.

4. CAREER IN SPORTS MEDICINE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Are you interested in a Career in Sports Medicine? Sandringham Sports Medicine is offering free Careers Sessions. Students will be allocated to 3 workshops which run for 15 minutes each. Workshops are for observation purposes only and do not require students to participate in manual techniques. These workshops are designed to be interactive, allowing students to ask questions related to a career in Sports Medicine. There will be four workshops available and students will choose which three of the four they wish to observe. The workshops are: Sports Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Remedial Massage / Myotherapy and Sports Dietetics and Nutrition. Students will receive a certificate of attendance at the end of the event. This will take place on Saturday 17th August, 1:00 – 2:00pm (refreshments available at 12.45pm) at 150 Tulip Street in Sandringham. Register online at: http://www.sportsphysio.com.au/our-staff/career-sessions/. For more information please contact Dennise Smith on 9583 5248 or via email: dennise@sportsphysio.com.au.
5.  NANOTECHNOLOGY AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

La Trobe offers 2 double degree programmes in nanotechnology: B. Science (Hons) / Master of Nanotechnology and B Nanotechnology / B Science. Detailed information about the curriculum can be found at: www.latrobe.edu.au/nanotechnology. The programmes feature 3 study streams: nanostructured materials, bionanotechnology and physics at the nanoscale and blend advanced study in the emerging discipline of nanotechnology with a double major in the key enabling sciences of physics and chemistry, biochemistry or mathematics. The programme offers a stimulating university experience in the sciences and many rewarding career pathways, leading to careers in industry, research, government or the commercial sector.

6.  NMIT FAIRFIELD OPEN DAY

NMIT’s Fairfield campus will be hosting an Open Day on Sunday 1st September from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This will be a fantastic opportunity for interested students to view the facilities and chat to staff and current students. More information will be available shortly.

7.  FILM AND TELEVISION AT THE VCA

As Australia’s oldest and well respected university based film school, Film and Television at the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) attracts and challenges a diverse cohort of students. Students are pushed to explore their creative potential, while forming relationships that will prove invaluable throughout their career. The practice based ethos of the VCA puts creativity and storytelling at the heart of everything. The broad range of programmes is taught by some of Australia’s leading filmmakers and industry professionals. VCA graduates have won countless international awards at the Cannes, Sundance, Toronto, Berlin, Tribeca and New York film festivals. The VCA offers the following undergraduate programs for aspiring animators, screenwriters and film and television writer / directors: The B Fine Arts (Animation) based on practical exploration and development of animation screen production. It covers idea development, screenwriting, storyboarding, character design and expression, 2D, 3D, stop motion, motion effects, editing and the use of sound and music, as well as exposure to a wide range of relevant hardware and software. Students are challenged to respond to set problems and to pursue their own creative thinking. Animation graduates are keenly sought after to produce animated works for television series, short films and feature length animations; with many applying their animation skills to video art and installation, website development, games and educational programmes. The B Fine Arts (Film and Television) is focused on practical screen production with an emphasis on screenwriting, directing and editing. Through production based assignments, students strengthen their individual creative voice and crew on fellow student productions – building an important practical overview while developing valuable peer networks. Students are encouraged to explore fresh ideas while developing the expertise to express these ideas effectively for an audience. Graduates of this programme are successful in local and international film festivals, winning numerous awards for their productions. Many VCA graduates develop high profile careers in the film, television or allied industries. The B Fine Arts (Screenwriting) is Australia’s only specialist undergraduate screenwriting degree. It is designed for those who have a desire and talent to write audience driven stories for the screen, including television, gaming, web content, adaptation, children’s and non fiction programming, as well as more
traditional cinematic and academic writing. Screenwriting students share practical classes with directing students from the B Fine Arts (Film and Television) and crew on student films. This provides screenwriting students with a holistic understanding of the industry and the opportunity to build creative relationships with future directors and producers. Screenwriting graduates are also eligible for entry into the VCA’s Master of Film and Television programme, specialising in writing, directing and editing either narrative or documentary films; or the Master of Producing programme, which focuses on the creative and business aspects of being a successful producer in the film, television or allied industries.

Applications for these three undergraduate programmes open via VTAC on Monday 5th August and close on Friday 30th August 2013. Please note that this is earlier than the closing date for other VTAC applications. Late applications are not accepted. For more course information and application details visit: http://www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/ftv/undergrad or attend Open Day on Sunday 18th August: https://openday.unimelb.edu.au.

8. YEAR 12 STUDENTS APPLYING FOR COURSES FOR 2014 THROUGH VTAC

VTAC Applications for entry to courses in 2014 opened Monday 5th August: www.vtac.edu.au. The cost of a timely application is $27. You have until Friday 27th September to input a ‘timely’ application. After that a late fee of $91 will apply for applications made up to 8th November and then a very late application fee of $116 applies until 6th December. You first need to register as a VTAC applicant. You need your VCAA number to be able to undertake the registration process. When applying, you can list up to 12 courses, putting them in the order you most want them. You will be offered a place in the first course on your list for which you meet all the selection requirements (including ATAR).

9. YEAR 12 SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)

The 2014 VTAC Guide includes a section about making a SEAS application (pages 28 - 42). You are advised to read this section to find out if you are eligible for any special consideration with your course application. Also see: www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas.html. NOTE: SEAS applications are made on the VTAC website, but can only be completed after first applying for courses. Applications for SEAS close: 8th October.

10. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Most institutions listed in the VTAC Guide have a number of scholarships available to applicants. Scholarships require either a direct application from the applicant or an application through the VTAC system. Read your VTAC Guide (pages 43 - 48) or visit the VTAC website for more information.

11. ACCESS MELBOURNE

‘Access Melbourne’ provides educational opportunities for students from a diverse range of backgrounds enrolling in undergraduate degrees at the University of Melbourne. The university has a selection guarantee for eligible applicants in the following Access Melbourne categories:

- Disadvantaged financial background
- Applicants from rural or isolated areas

Students who complete an Australian Year 12 in 2013 and are eligible under one or both of these categories will be guaranteed a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) in an undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne, providing they meet the course prerequisites and achieve the following ATAR or notional ATAR: for Arts, Environments or Science an ATAR of 78+, for Commerce an ATAR...
of 88+, for Biomedicine an ATAR of 95+. Even where a student’s ATAR falls below these levels, they will still be considered for a place. Visit: www.access.unimelb.edu.au for more information.

12. WOMEN IN ENGINEERING

Engineers design, create, explore, innovate and work in many different environments. Find out how women are making a difference across all fields of engineering. Hear guest speakers Kylie Bishop, Environment Advisor with ExxonMobil and Asintha Nanayakkara Aerospace Engineer with Fortburn Pty, 1:00 – 2:00pm, Sunday 11th August at the RMIT Open Day, in Storey Hall, Level 7, RMIT, 336 - 348 Swanston St, Melbourne. For more information visit: www.rmit.edu.au/engineering.

13. EARLY ACHIEVERS PROGRAM (EAP) AT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

ACU looks beyond a student’s ATAR for students who understand the importance of working for the common good and show a willingness to make a contribution to their communities. ACU wants to recognise these students for their contribution and potential and invites them to apply for their EAP. One of the benefits of the programme is that successful applicants receive an offer well ahead of the usual tertiary admissions announcements. Applications open 13th August and close 21st October. For more information visit: http://www.acu.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/566355/MER1550_EAP_Brochure.pdf or telephone: 1300 ASK ACU or email: futurestudents@acu.edu.au

14. LA TROBE UNIVERSITY ASSISTS WITH YEAR 10 SUBJECT CHOICE FOR YEAR 11


15. ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIPS

The Electrical Preapprenticeship course (Cert II in Electrotechnology Prevocational) provides the basic skills to make you job ready for an electrical apprenticeship. NECA (The National Electrical and Communications Association) has teamed up with Milwaukee, offering students who successfully complete their preapprenticeship a free Milwaukee Drill Kit (conditions apply). Further information: www.370degrees.com.au or telephone: 9388 0566. Note also that Tenex is seeking to recruit Electrical Lineworker apprentices and Electrical Fitter apprentices. Visit: www.agaustralia.com.au or telephone Matt on: 04088 124 240 for more information.

16. APPS DEVELOPMENT: AN EXCITING CAREER CHOICE

Introduced this year, Deakin University’s B Information Technology (Mobile and Apps Development) was designed to provide the knowledge needed for you to thrive in this fast growing field. With the increase in the use of broadband and mobile devices, industries are constantly developing new mobile apps. The focus is on theories, technologies and the skills needed to design and develop apps on modern mobile platforms. Careers include iOS developer, iPhone application architect, Android developer, iOS web developer and app designer. For more information visit: www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/information-technology.

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