1. ADV DIPLOMA OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY AT BOX HILL INSTITUTE

The Advanced Diploma course at Box Hill has an articulation agreement with Deakin University. On successful completion of this course, students will receive 18 months credit to the B Mechanical Engineering and are able to enrol directly into the fourth semester of the degree course. The course can also allow students to progress to engineering degrees at other tertiary institutions where they will receive from 1 year up to 18 months credit towards a 4 year Mechanical Engineering degree. For more information visit: http://www.bhtafe.edu.au/courses/local/Pages/ENGS.aspx or contact Kokanda Kottampally on 9286 9208 or email: k.kottampally@boxhill.edu.au.

2. B FASHION MERCHANDISING: A NEW DEGREE AT BOX HILL

Are you seeking a career in the world of fashion merchandising, retailing, or marketing? Do you want to travel the world as a fashion buyer, create exciting merchandising displays, develop a fashion website or market a fashion brand using social media? If you are creative, enjoy using social media and technology and are interested in business, the B Fashion Merchandising course will inspire you to pursue your ultimate fashion retail career. Contact Debbie Pratt for further details on 9286 9639 or email: d.pratt@boxhill.edu.au.

3. DIP CHILDRENS’ SERVICES (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE)

**Note that the tuition fees for this course are nil.** Do you enjoy being around children and / or need a pathway to an Early Childhood Development / Primary Teaching course? This course will provide you with the ability to design and implement engaging programs for infants and pre schoolers, including having responsibility for other staff and volunteers. You can learn all about the social, emotional and psychological development of children, plan care routines and handle all aspects of administration in a child care environment. You will also learn how to provide children with a safe and healthy environment and work with children who have additional needs. Learn more via the link below, including dates for the Course Information Sessions: http://www.bhtafe.edu.au/courses/local/Pages/HC505.aspx

4. ONE ON ONE APPOINTMENTS AT WILLIAM ANGLISS

If you are interested in a career in foods, tourism, hospitality or events, you are able to book an appointment with a representative from the William Angliss Future Students team at the Melbourne CBD Campus. They will provide you with a campus tour and consultation about their programmes, pathways and the application processes. To organise an appointment please contact: Andrew Plisi on 9606 2480 or email: andrewpl@angliss.edu.au or Alex Lloyd on 9606 2444 or email: alexl@angliss.edu.au.

5. ATTEND THE EXPERIENCE ANGLISS DAY IN DECEMBER

On 18th December the William Angliss Melbourne CBD Campus will host an Experience Angliss Day from 2:00 – 5:00pm. There will be fun, hands on activities and an information expo for prospective students so you can find out all you need to know about the William Angliss courses before the end of the Change of Preference period.

6. SCHOLARSHIPS AT WILLIAM ANGLISS

William Angliss Institute is now taking applications for scholarships through the William Angliss Institute Foundation, including some new scholarships for 2014. Scholarship applications for Semester 1, 2014 close on Friday 15th November 2013. For information about each of the scholarships offered visit: www.angliss.edu.au/Foundation.

7. ANGLISS SPA

William Angliss Institute's Angliss Spa is now open to the public. The brand new training spa facility located at the Institute's Melbourne campus provides the opportunity for students studying the Dip Holiday Parks and Resorts (specialising in Spa and Wellness) to gain real life experience in a spa environment once they have completed initial training. The Spa and Wellness specialisation is
run in conjunction with the internationally renowned Aurora Spa. The Angliss Spa provides a tranquil sanctuary on campus where staff, students and Institute guests can relax, soak up the atmosphere and enjoy a quality treatment. For details of the full spa menu visit: http://www.angliss.edu.au/Angliss-Training-Spa. The spa is open on Thursdays, 10:00am – 3:00pm and all bookings will be confirmed on Wednesdays.

8. LAUNCH OF FEDERATION UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA

Federation University Australia held its official media launch on 1st October at Victoria’s Parliament House. The new university will amalgamate the University of Ballarat and Monash University's Gippsland campus and will formally begin operations from 1st January, 2014. VTAC applicants who have included at least one University of Ballarat and / or Monash University Gippsland campus course on their VTAC preference list have been advised that these preferences will be for Federation University Australia, with the VTAC codes and university name automatically updated on their preference list. Apart from the new name for the university, there are no changes to the course content or VTAC procedures for the courses to which students have applied. Applicants therefore don’t need to take any further action regarding their current application. As always, applicants should ensure they are aware of all current entry requirements and prerequisites by checking www.vtac.edu.au. Applicants will still have the opportunity to modify their application during the VTAC Change of Preference Period and there will not be any alteration to the selection or offer system. In other words, these students will continue to be part of the same process as all other VTAC applicants. With the exception of the Graduate Entry Medicine and Surgery degree, Monash University will no longer assess or make offers for Gippsland courses, however applicants who received an offer this year and deferred for 2013 will be able to enrol as a Monash student at Gippsland. Applicants should contact the Gippsland campus on 5122 6767 should they have any questions. Further information about Federation University Australia is available at www federation.edu.au or by telephoning 1800 FED UNI (1800 333 864).

9. NEW ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE ENTRY MBBS AT MONASH UNIVERSITY

From 2014 there will be amendments to entry requirements for the Graduate Entry B Medicine / B Surgery (MBBS) at Monash. Students who are interested in pathway options to MBBS should consider registering on: www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/gippsland/mbbs-pathways.html to be kept up to date with the latest information. Main changes: For the 2015 and 2016 intakes applicants into the Graduate Entry MBBS will be required to have completed a bachelor degree with substantial Biomedical Science components. Details of which degrees will be acceptable are still to be determined. It has been established that the Monash University B Biomedical Science will meet this entry requirement. Applicants will be required to apply via GEMSAS and undertake the GAMSAT test. For the 2017 intake: at least 50 of the 75 places available into the Graduate Entry MBBS will be reserved for students who have completed the Monash University B Biomedical Science. The allocation of the remaining 25 places is still to be determined. This means if you are considering entry into the Graduate Entry MBBS it is recommended that you undertake the Monash University B Biomedical Science as a pathway into MBBS Graduate Entry. Updates will be provided on the website as soon as they are available.

10. NEW GRADUATE ENTRY PHARMACY PROGRAMME AT MONASH FOR 2014

Students who do not meet the entry requirements to enter the B Pharmacy directly from secondary school can enter the programme at 3rd year as graduates of science based degrees. This new entry point means that graduates wanting to become pharmacists will no longer need to commence their studies at first year level and will be able to qualify for their pharmacy degree in just two more years. Students who have successfully completed an approved degree with a 70%+ GPA in the following disciplines: pharmaceutical science, pharmacology, biomedical science, biomedicine, chemical engineering and science will be eligible to apply. Successful applicants will study a six week summer school bridging programme to catch up their pharmacy practice skills before joining other 3rd year students when semester 1 commences.
Applications will be direct to Monash University. For more information visit: www.monash.edu.au/pharm/future/courses/grad-pharmacy/index.html or contact Zoe Wall, Senior Marketing Manager, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science on 9903 9504 or email: zoe.wall@monash.edu.

11. THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE RANKED AUSTRALIA’S NUMBER 1 UNIVERSITY

The University of Melbourne has retained its position as the Number 1 ranked university in Australia in the latest Times Higher Education rankings. Melbourne now sits 12 places ahead of the second highest ranked Australian university and is one of five Australian institutions in the top 100. The Times Higher Education rankings use 13 indicators addressing the quality of teaching, research, citations, industry income and international outlook to assess the top universities around the world. They have been developed in partnership with Thomson Reuters. The rankings came after the University of Melbourne was ranked number one in Australia and 31st in the world, according to the latest Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings, released last month. The QS World University Rankings also named two of the University’s study areas in the top 20 in the world. Social Sciences moved up from 19 to 16 and Arts moved up from 21 to 19. The QS World University Rankings is an annual league table of the top 700 universities in the world. They have published the annual subject rankings since 2004. Earlier in the year, the University of Melbourne was ranked 54th in the world and first in Australia in the Academic Rankings of World Universities (ARWU). To learn more about the University of Melbourne rankings visit: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/about/reputation-rankings.

12. CHANGE OF PREFERENCE 2013 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

VCE results will be released at 7:00am on Monday 16th December, 2013. If you have any questions about the University of Melbourne during the change of preference period you can telephone the COP Hotline on: 13 MELB (13 6352) or come and meet staff at the University Information Centre, located at Gate 3, Swanston Street. Students can also learn about their preference options on Course Information Day, Wednesday 18th December, 10:00am — 2:30pm at the University of Melbourne, Parkville campus. For more information visit: www.cop.unimelb.edu.au.

13. WHAT CAN I DO IF I DON’T MEET THE MATHEMATICS PREREQUISITE FOR A DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE?

There are ways you can catch up. You could undertake maths as a single subject at the University of Melbourne. The Semester 1 subject Introduction to Mathematics is equivalent to VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4 (you must have completed Units 1 and 2 Mathematical Methods or equivalent first). If Semester 1 has already started, you could undertake Senior Mathematics through UniLearn (an 18 week online subject). If you achieve a final score of 75% you will meet the University of Melbourne Mathematics entry requirements. For more information visit: Single Subject Studies: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/courses/cap or Unilearn: www.unilearn.net.au/our-courses/senior-mathematics.

14. CHANGE OF PREFERENCE ADVISORY DAYS AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

It can really help to talk things through once you know your ATAR. During Change of Preference you can attend a La Trobe University event and chat to their team about your options. Be prepared and register now at: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/choices/events for one of the events:

Melbourne (Bundoora): Wednesday 18th December, 11:00am – 2:00pm;
Bendigo: Wednesday 18th December, 11:00am – 2:00pm; Shepparton: Thursday 19th December, 11:00am – 2:00pm; Mildura: Thursday 19th December, 11:00am – 2:00pm; Albury-Wodonga: Monday 16th December – Friday 20th December, 9:00 am – 5:00pm.

15. COURSE INFORMATION SESSIONS AT KANGAN

You can register for the Kangan course information sessions in Business, Management and Accounting,
Fashion, Health, Nursing and Pathology, Horticulture and Logistics. The sessions will cover career outcomes, university pathways, flexible learning options, scholarships and government funding. It is also a chance to meet the Kangan teachers and explore the campuses. Visit: http://www.kangan.edu.au/certificates-diplomas-advanced-melbourne/information-session/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Info rmation+sessions+eDM&utm_content=Information +sessions+eDM+CID_ba56c42a96a8dce1e72365e 0820d8546&utm_source=Email_Campaign&utm_te rm=Register%20now for a full list of subjects, dates and online registration.

16. PROJECTS ABROAD INFORMATION SESSION

Projects Abroad organises volunteer and work experience programmes in 28 developing countries. These projects are in areas such as teaching, childcare, conservation, human rights, healthcare and community work in countries such as Kenya, Nepal, Cambodia and Peru. The session will feature presentations from staff and past volunteers, along with lots of opportunities to chat and ask questions. The event will be held on Saturday 9th November, 1:00 – 3:00pm (drop in anytime for as long as you like) at the Northcote Town Hall, 189 High Street, Northcote, 3070. Bookings can be made at: http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/about-us/meet-us/information-evenings/. For people who can’t make this event, an online information session will run on Tuesday 19th November. More details can be found at: http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/more-in info/meet-us/#online-information-sessions.

17. NMIT B EDUCATION EARLY YEARS INFORMATION EVENING

This will be held on Thursday 24th October at 6:30pm, Building F, Room 104, NMIT Preston campus. Registration to attend is required: 9269 1390. Learn more about the course, how it is delivered, career options and speak to staff. NMIT offers small class sizes and a very practical programme with multiple exit points with different levels of qualification after completing 2, 3 or 4 years. Completing the four year B Education allows you to register with the VIT as a primary teacher. CSP funded places are available. For entry to the course students need to successfully complete the VCE with a minimum study score of 25 in English and satisfactory completion of units 1 and 2 General Maths or higher. There is no minimum ATAR but all applicants are interviewed. Prospective students should telephone 9269 1390 to arrange an interview time.

18. YHA FACT SHEET

YHA have produced a Fact Sheet with ideas for semester breaks, gap years and working holidays overseas. It offers a summary of the 29 countries that offer working holiday visas for young Australians. The sheet is freely available for download from: www.yha.com.au.

19. MEDICAL RECEPTION COURSE

This is an opportunity for school leavers who are looking for a part time job while studying or seeking an ongoing role. This nationally accredited training can be completed online from home or in a face to face teaching environment. The course is offered by Medical Administration Training. To learn more visit: www.medtrain.com.au or telephone: 1300 887 082.

20. SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCIENCE EXPERIENCE AT RMIT

This is a 3 day programme full of hands on activities for students entering Year 10 in 2014. Go behind the scenes in the world of science and technology at RMIT from 21st – 23rd January. The cost is $115. To register visit: www.rmit.edu.au/scienceexperience or for further information telephone: Sarah on 9925 9570.

21. ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIPS

NECA (the National Electrical and Communications Association) Victoria has partnered with E-Oz Energy Skills Australia to help provide the industry with access to quality apprentices. Interested students can undertake the Energise Oz Readiness Assessment free of charge. If you meet the requirements, your details will be sent to NECA members in Victoria for possible employment selection. To sit the Readiness Assessment, select the NECA pre selection session you wish to attend by visiting: http://www.energiseoz.com.au/index.php/apprentic e/register.

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