1. FACILITIES AT THE VU ST ALBANS FITNESS CENTRE

The brand new Health and Fitness Centre at Building 11, on VU’s St Albans Campus is now open. The Centre features the latest sport and exercise equipment, including revolutionary Lifescape technology that can take you on cycling and walking tours through famous locations around the world. You can cycle a stage of the Tour de France, for example, or hike through Yosemite National Park. The Centre supports the University’s commitment to providing sport, fitness and recreation opportunities as a critical part of the student experience. Membership is open to students, staff and the larger University community and offers specialised programs such as Bootcamp, Teen Gym and Living Longer Living Stronger.

2. TRADING UP YOUR CAREER

Students interested in trades can now tour VU’s new $38.9 million industry training facility at the Sunshine Campus on Ballarat Rd. The state of the art facility houses the Trades College’s building and construction programmes. It is open for guided tours from 1.15 – 2.30pm every Wednesday until 13th March. Visitors can learn about careers in carpentry, bricklaying, plumbing, electrical, engineering, fabrication, furniture and signwriting. Trade teachers will also be available to assist with career advice. Phone 9919 8493 or email buildingconstruction@vu.edu.au to book.

3. THE AGE VCE AND CAREERS EXPO 2013

This is Australia’s biggest careers Expo and will be held from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th May at the Caulfield Racecourse. Free parking is available on site. There are 190 exhibitors, including universities, TAFEs and training colleges and organisations with information about the VCE, careers and gap year programmes and study skills. In addition, 156 seminars about VCE subjects, gap year options, course, career and study advice will run. An Expo Visitor Guide will be published in The Age on Monday 29th April. Visit: vceandcareers.com.au for more information.

4. PROJECTS ABROAD OVERSEAS VOLUNTEER PROGRAMMES

For any students keen to learn more about the Projects Abroad volunteer and work experience programmes an Open Day will be held in Melbourne on Saturday 9th March. It will run from 1:00 – 5:00pm and allow people to drop in for as long as they like, at any point during the day and chat to volunteers and staff or listen to one of a series of talks which will be running. The venue is the Northcote Town Hall, 189 High Street, Northcote. If this date is not convenient, Projects Abroad have arranged an online information session which covers a lot of ground and is very interactive. The next such session is on Tuesday 5th March. Reservations can be made at: http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/more-info/meet-us/

5. ONENETWORK: A CLUB FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

The Institute of Chartered Accountants have launched OneNetwork, a free Chartered Accountants student club, designed specifically for high school and university students. Joining OneNetwork is a smart career move for any aspiring Chartered Accountant because you will gain access to a range of free career enhancing opportunities and resources, such as: access to career tips and job advice, the ability to watch technical vodcasts for study support, entering competitions, reading real life stories from Chartered Accountants and registering for the latest events. To sign up
for OneNetwork visit: http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/Students/OneNetwork or call the customer service team on 1300 137 322. As an added incentive to register, if you sign up between now and the end of March you will go into the draw to win one of six sets of Dr Dre headphones.

6. PLACES STILL AVAILABLE IN SOME WILLIAM ANGLISS COURSES

William Angliss is now accepting direct applications for many of their courses. You can apply online or attend an Information Session on Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} February, 10:30 – 11:30am, at William Angliss, Level 3, Building A, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne.

7. “READY FOR WORK” PROGRAMME IN THE FIRST TERM HOLIDAYS AT WILLIAM ANGLISS

The next intake to this 3 day programme is Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April (finishes Thursday 4\textsuperscript{th} April). It runs 9:00am – 5:00pm for the 3 days and students will learn Basic Coffee Service, Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA), Follow Workplace Hygiene and Basic Food and Beverage Service. Students who successfully complete the programme will have a competitive edge when applying for part time or casual work in the Hospitality industry. The cost is $350. This is ideal for Year 12 students looking to enhance their repertoire of skills or considering a working Gap year in 2014.

8. UNIVERSITY OF BALLARAT HAS PLACES IN HEALTH SCIENCES STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2013.

The School of Health Sciences at the University of Ballarat (UB) is still accepting applications for all Undergraduate Programmes (via Negotiated Offers or via Direct Application – if students haven’t already applied though VTAC). The UB offers courses in Biomedical Science, Human Movement and Sport Sciences, Fitness, Massage and Outdoor Recreation, Paramedicine, Nursing and Midwifery, Aged Care and Allied Health, Psychology, Nutrition and Food Sciences, Brewing and Occupational Health and Safety.

Telephone: 1800 811 711 or email: info@ballarat.edu.au for further information.

9. ACCOMMODATION ON CAMPUS STILL AVAILABLE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BALLARAT

“Living on Res” provides you with an excellent start to your university experience. It provides the following: Success: Proven transition program to help you ‘settle in’. Friends: Develop lifelong friendships. Safe: 24/7 access to residential support. Fun: Planned experiences and instant networks. Easy: No hidden costs with bills included in your rent. Convenient: Residences located on, or close to, campus. First year undergraduate students are guaranteed accommodation during their first year of study. Visit ballarat.edu.au/ubliving for full details. Students who reside in UB Living residences speak positively about their transition experience to University life, have increased opportunity to get to know peers, develop strong interpersonal relationships, study effectively and maintain a healthy, balanced lifestyle. Halls of Residences on and off campus provide fully furnished, single study / bedrooms along with easy access to the University’s facilities and computer network. Flexible catering arrangements are available to suit your needs. Residents also have access to communal living areas with TV / Lounge room, fully equipped kitchens and laundry facilities. Applications are still open.

10. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE VETERINARY SCIENCE AND HOSPITAL OPEN DAY

This will be held on Sunday 17\textsuperscript{th} March, 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Faculty of Veterinary Science. It is an opportunity for future students and the community to go behind the scenes of the state of the art 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 programme.
Animal lovers can meet four legged visitors from Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria and the Victorian Ferret Society, along with many others. Veterinary and community groups will be providing information about pet care and other special interests. The Veterinary Science and Hospital Open Day will be held at the University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital, 250 Princes Highway, Werribee, Victoria. For more information visit: www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday

11. THE B ENVIRONMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

The B Environments is a unique programme that allows students to shape our world through design, management, planning, advising, construction, research and social change. The major areas of study are Architecture, Civil Systems, Construction, Environmental Engineering Systems, Environmental Geographies, Politics and Cultures, Environmental Science, Geomatics, Landscape Architecture, Landscape Management, Property and Urban Design and Planning. The practical experience available in the B Environments includes: field trips to Doncaster, Arthur's Seat, Ferntree Gully, the You Yangs Regional Park and New Zealand. There are third year capstone projects based in Northcote, Apollo Bay, tropical Queensland and China. There are options to study Summer subjects in Germany and London and travelling studios to Cape Town, Tokyo, Gothenburg, Malaga and New Dehli. See some student profiles, student work and career outcomes online at: http://thegenerator.net.au.

12. ‘AT MONASH’ SEMINAR SERIES

The ‘At Monash’ Seminar Series provides an opportunity for students, parents and secondary school teachers to gain an insight into courses and careers in a broad range of fields across the faculties and campuses of Monash University. Each Seminar is unique to the Faculty or discipline but all will cover an overview of the area, current student and graduate perspectives and there will be ample time to collect course information and ask individual questions of the speakers and faculty representatives.

Seminar times:

13. MONASH ARTS FACEBOOK PAGE LAUNCHED

The recently launched Monash Arts Facebook page provides VCE students with an opportunity to learn about studying Arts at Monash. The page features videos of current students describing their experiences and academics providing insights into Monash study areas. ‘Liking’ the Monash Arts Facebook page is a great way for VCE students to begin to get a feel for what university life is like and to ask questions: www.facebook.com/MonashArts

14. FOLIO PREPARATION AND CAREER DISCOVERY COURSES

All At Monash Seminars will begin at 6.30pm and finish around 8pm. Attendance registration is essential on the website: www.monash.edu/seminars

5th March    Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences)
6th March    Architecture and Interior Architecture
7th March    Nursing, Midwifery and Emergency Health
13th March   Business and Economics
14th March   Science
19th March   Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy
20th March   Information Technology
21st March   Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
17th April   Design and Fine Art
18th April   Psychology
1st May      Law
7th May      Health Science and Social Work
8th May      Teaching, Sport and Outdoor Recreation
13th May     Medicine
21st May     Education and Nursing
22nd May     Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences)
28th May     Gippsland Campus Showcase
29th May     Biomedical Science, Radiography, and Nutrition and Dietetics
30th May     Engineering Information Evening
27th June    Teaching, Sport and Outdoor Recreation
20th August Performing Arts and Music
RMIT runs short courses which can improve your skills, help with career decisions and prepare you for future folio presentations. They cover areas such as architectural drawing, 3D product design, AutoCAD, drawing, fashion, studio textiles, design jobs, visual / fine art, desktop publishing, graphic design, advertising, interior decoration and visual merchandising. Contact: 9925 8111 or visit: www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au. Some courses are held on Saturdays, others in school holidays.

15. MONASH UNIVERSITY MUSIC SCHOOL

Monash is soon to have a new state of the art building to house the Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music. In addition to teaching and practise spaces, it will include a concert hall, jazz club and a recording studio. The building will offer world class facilities and will be a fusion of elegant design and high technology infrastructure, reflecting the philosophy underlying the School of Music, which seeks to inspire its students with an experience of music's power to transform lives. There is also a new subject available to study: “Song writing: how to write a pop tune”, including weekly lectures focusing on popular composition and creative writing. For further information and to view a virtual image of the new building visit: http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/music.

16. DO YOU LIKE WORKING WITH NUMBERS?

Do you like numbers and want to work in a fast paced and well paid business environment? Have you considered Actuarial Studies? The profession of Actuary was second on the ‘10 Best Jobs of 2012’ study ranking by the Wall Street Journal's job site CareerCast.com. The course provides grounding in the traditional actuarial skills of mathematics, statistics, demography, finance and economics and is taught in the Monash B. Commerce and B. Economics course. Visit: www.buseco.monash.edu.au/ebs/student/undergrad/actuarial for more information. Note that The University of Melbourne also offers actuarial studies in its B Commerce degree. If you plan to undertake actuarial studies you are advised to study Specialist Maths in Year 12.

17. NURSING OFFERED AT THE MONASH CLAYTON CAMPUS IN 2013

Monash now teaches Nursing at the Clayton campus. Prerequisites are: units 3 / 4 English (any) and maths (Units 1 & 2 General or Methods, or units 3 / 4 Maths (any)).

18. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SOUND, LIGHTING AND VIDEO OPERATION FOR LIVE EVENTS?

RMIT’s Cert IV / Diploma in Audiovisual Technology may interest you. Graduates are sought after for work in AV operation for live events, broadcast TV and radio, education AV support, lighting operation, permanent AV design and installation and vision operation. If you are technically minded, enjoy assisting with active productions or school events, you will probably enjoy this course. Selection is based on interview. Completing VET Music Industry or Live production, theatre and events provides a good background. For further information email: simon.embury@rmit.edu.au, or telephone 9925 4345, or visit: www.rmit.edu.au/mediacommunication.

19. ARE YOU CONSIDERED COMPLETING A PRE APPRENTICESHIP?

Pre apprenticeship courses are offered in areas such as plumbing, electrical, carpentry and automotive. If completed before attempting to gain an apprenticeship, they cover some modules normally covered in the apprenticeship. Pre apprenticeship courses usually take about four months and may assist students with gaining an apprenticeship. They can be completed at TAFE.

20. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AT ANU
ANU has developed a number of unique degrees for high achieving students. In Arts and Science, these degrees are called PhB (Bachelor of Philosophy). In Engineering and Computer Science the degrees are known as ‘Research and Development (R&D)’ programmes. Each programme is accredited by the relevant professional body and adds an extra R&D element. This provides students with a unique set of skills and career opportunities. R&D programs are specially designed to provide the best in theory and practice. They expose students to the research environment in a way that is intellectually challenging and stimulating. The R&D degrees offer students the opportunity to undertake research projects and advanced courses with some of the world’s leading researchers. They also provide students with an outstanding opportunity to work in research and development in the private sector, or to continue their study and undertake a PhD programme. If you are interested in making a difference and you like a challenge, consider one of the ANU unique R&D degrees.

21. NEW COURSES AT ACU IN 2014

In 2014 there will be several new courses commencing at the Melbourne campus. These include:

**Faculty of Business**
- B Accounting and Finance
- B Information Technology

**Faculty of Education**
- B Teaching / B Arts (Visual Arts)
- B Education Primary (Honours)

**Faculty of Health Sciences**
- B Applied Public Health / B Global Studies
- B Exercise Science / B Public Health
- B Exercise Science / B Business Administration

More information on these new courses as it becomes available.

22. STUDYING AT LE CORDON BLEU

Do you have a passion for cooking, particularly French cuisine? Le Cordon Bleu, as a culinary arts school, was founded in Paris in 1895 by the journalist and publisher of *La Cuisinière Cordon Bleu* magazine, Marthe Distel. From this point on, the international reputation of Le Cordon Bleu spread rapidly. Today, Le Cordon Bleu offers more than 29 international schools across 5 continents, and is attended by more than 20,000 students every year. Students are taught by Master Chefs, of which the majority come from Michelin starred restaurants or are winners of prestigious competitions and titles such as *Meilleur Ouvrier de France*. They pass on their knowledge of classic French cuisine and modern international culinary techniques to the students. Le Cordon Bleu Australia has a number of campuses; Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne. Le Cordon Bleu offers the following degree programs:
- B Business (International Hotel Management)
- B Business (International Restaurant Management)
- B Business (Food Entrepreneurship)
- B Business (Wine Entrepreneurship)
- B Business (Culinary Management)

Visit [http://www.cordonbleu.edu/home/en](http://www.cordonbleu.edu/home/en) to find out more.

23. THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Located by the Clear Water Bay on the Kowloon Peninsula in Hong Kong, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) is one of the top universities in the world. In the QS Top Universities ranking, HKUST ranked No. 1 in the Asian University Rankings in 2011 and 2012; ranked No. 40 in the World Rankings IN 2011 and No. 22 in Engineering and IT in 2011. HKUST has exchange partnerships with universities all over the world and the universities in Australia it partners with are:
- Monash University
- University of New South Wales
- University of Sydney

To find out more about the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, visit: [http://join.ust.hk/](http://join.ust.hk/)

24. THE GROUP OF EIGHT UNIVERSITIES IN AUSTRALIA

The Group of Eight (Go8) is an association of leading Australian universities,
comprehensive in general and professional education and distinguished by depth and breadth in research. The Go8 universities continually aim to:

- enhance the contribution of its member universities to the nation’s social, economic, cultural and environmental well being and prosperity;
- extend the contribution of its member universities to the generation and preservation of the world’s stock of knowledge;
- strengthen Australia’s capacity to engage in and benefit from global developments, respond to global and local challenges;
- expand opportunities for Australian students, regardless of background, to participate in higher education of world class.

To find out more about the Group of Eight Universities, visit: http://www.go8.edu.au/. Monash University and the University of Melbourne are the Victorian universities in the Group of Eight.

25. YOUTH CENTRAL WEBSITE

Youth Central has a huge range of tools and information for students about apprenticeships, traineeships, finding a job, and more. Topics and tools include:

- Animated interactive guides about getting an apprenticeship
- Video interviews with employment experts
- Printable job search checklists
- Downloadable résumé templates
- Career profiles
- Information about your rights at work

For more information, browse: www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

26. YOUNG WORKER TOOLKIT

The Young Worker Toolkit helps students find information about their rights and responsibilities in the workforce. Visit: http://youngworkertoolkit.youth.gov.au/ to learn more.

27. CERT III AND IV IN SCIENCE AT NMIT

These are 2 courses which develop skills and knowledge in Science and Maths to prepare students for Science / Engineering courses at university and TAFE. The Cert IV in Science offers Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Mathematics and Academic Literacy. Students who complete this course can use their results to apply for a university course through the VTAC system. Cert III in Science offers similar subjects giving students the opportunity to consolidate fundamental concepts. For more information telephone: 9269 8971 or visit: www.nmit.edu.au

28. NSR SOCCER AUSTRALIA – USA COLLEGE PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NSR Soccer Australia assists talented soccer players with entry to the US College system by providing a one stop shop to the US College scholarship options and pathways. Both male and female players are welcomed. Further information: 9773 1333 or email: enquiries@nsr-inc.com or visit: www.nsrscocceraustralia.com

29. LATITUDE GLOBAL VOLUNTEERING GAP YEAR PLACEMENTS

Applications are now open for 2014 placements with Latitude Global Volunteering. There are a wide range of placements available in Europe, the Americas, Africa and Asia / Pacific. Visit: www.lattitude.org.au for more information.

30. ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA CAREERS EXPO 2013

This is a free event which will provide students with access to interactive workshops, over 80 exhibitors from engineering, science and technological industries, engineering presentations and advice from employers and employees in the industry. It will be held on Thursday 21st March, 11:00am – 7:00pm at Etihad Stadium. Register now at: www.engineeringexpo.org.au. For more information email: Sarah Cooke: scooke@engineersaustralia.org.au or telephone: 9321 1703.

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