DATES FOR THE DIARY

- The Age VCE Course and Careers Expo, Caulfield Racecourse, Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th May
- Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT); Registrations are open (this is needed for Monash medicine and physiotherapy and some interstate medical courses)
- ‘At Monash’ lectures continue: Health Science / Social Work: 7th May; Teaching, Sport and Outdoor Recreation: 8th May and 27th June; Information / registration: telephone 1800 MONASH or visit: www.monash.edu/seminars

1. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS?

Statisticians are involved in modelling, (for example, with the weather, fraud detection, crime rates and sport and gambling), and with analysing, (such as in medicine, the environment), engineering and in banking and finance. Demand was forecast (by the Australian government) to grow 33% between 2006 and 2013, corresponding to an annual growth rate of 3.5%. Demand for mathematics and statistics graduates in the Australian economy has outstripped supply in recent years and is forecast to continue to do so. RMIT offers the B Science (Statistics) degree: 2013 ATAR 82.5. In this course you can undertake work experience in the sporting industry, finance and business, health and medicine, sciences and environment and in government. Mathematics and statistics can also be studied at other universities, such as in the B Science at Melbourne and Monash universities.

2. THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE - A WORLD LEADER AND AUSTRALIA’S BEST

The University of Melbourne has topped Australia’s entries in the 2013 Times Higher Education World Reputation Rankings. Melbourne has improved four places from its 2012 position, rising to 39th in the world from 43rd last year. Overall, Australian universities have improved their international standing in the past year and now enjoy the third highest ranked reputation in the world. The rankings show Australia is now only behind the US and UK, with six of our universities ranked in the Top 100. The annual list is based on the largest worldwide invitation only survey of senior academic opinion. It provides the only global index based purely on the power of university brands. The reputation rankings complement the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, in which Melbourne is also number one in Australia and 28th in the world. Find out more about the University of Melbourne rankings by visiting: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/about/reputation-rankings

3. FOCUS ON MELBOURNE 2013

Prospective students and their families are invited to join the University of Melbourne evening seminar series at the Parkville campus: Focus on Commerce, Tuesday 21st May, 6:30 – 8:00pm; Focus on Biomedicine (includes B Oral Health), Wednesday 22nd May, 6:30 – 8:00pm; Focus on Engineering, Tuesday 28th May, 6:30 – 8:00pm; Focus on IT, Tuesday 28th May, 6:30 – 8:00pm; Focus on Agriculture, Wednesday 29th May, 6:30 – 8:00pm. To register to attend Focus on Melbourne events visit: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focus-melb

4. DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY INFORMATION SESSION
Are you wondering about a career in optometry? This information session may help: Tuesday 30th April, 12:00 – 1:00pm, Room 330, Alice Hoy Building, University of Melbourne. The speaker will be Dr Michael Pianta, Department of Optometry and Vision Sciences. At this information session students can learn about the Doctor of Optometry, hear from the course coordinator and a current Doctor of Optometry student, as well as see new teaching and student spaces at the University of Melbourne. To register to attend the event visit: www.graduate.science.unimelb.edu.au/doctor-of-optometry-information-session. For more information contact Thanh Ngo at: thanh.ngo@unimelb.edu.au

5. WHY IS THE DOCTOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE THREE YEARS WHEN OTHER PROGRAMMES FOR GRADUATE PHYSIOTHERAPY ARE TWO YEARS?

The course structure of the Doctor of Physiotherapy at the University of Melbourne was developed following significant research and consultation with leading health and research sector stakeholders, nationally and internationally, to determine the future needs of the physiotherapy profession. It was determined that a three year programme allows the curriculum to move beyond core basic level physiotherapy skills and develop more advanced clinical skills in areas such as advanced radiology and pharmacology, leadership and management and sports medicine to prepare graduates well to practice as primary health practitioners. It has been widely agreed by industry stakeholders that a graduate entry physiotherapy programme that is able to extend over three years provides increased opportunity to produce more work ready graduates for the healthcare profession. Three years also allows for a more extensive clinical programme to be developed which provides experience not only in the core areas of musculoskeletal, neurological and cardiorespiratory physiotherapy but also as preparation for a move into clinical areas across the lifespan, including paediatrics, aged care / rehabilitation and essential areas of future healthcare practice in chronic disease management and health promotion. The third year also enables students to undergo a capstone Work Readiness clinic and culminate their extensive clinical experiences with an extended clinical selective in a variety of clinical areas of personal interest, such as private practice, or undertake an independent research project. Essentially, the three year programme will ensure that graduates from the University of Melbourne’s Doctor of Physiotherapy will be academically excellent, work ready and highly employable in the workforce. For more information about the Doctor of Physiotherapy visit: www.physioth.unimelb.edu.au

6. B MUSIC AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

The B Music aims to produce graduates who are both thinking musicians and musical thinkers – people who will make a difference to our world by embracing and furthering musical practice. The Music programme is offered by the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music and focuses upon Western tradition and classical music. All B Music students share a common first year experience that focuses on developing music performance and applied music skills, as well as enjoying historical, contextual, theoretical and aural studies. Students receive one on one tuition from highly experienced teachers and a wide range of ensemble experiences, including the University of Melbourne Orchestra. In second year, students can choose to remain focused on music performance or shift to other majors such as composition, musicology or ethnomusicology. Third year includes a capstone subject in the chosen major as
well as elective options that allow students to tailor their final year to their interests and future study and career goals. Entry to the B Music is by audition. More details can be found at: www.conservatorium.unimelb.edu.au/bmus

7. DID YOU KNOW?

Attending one of the University of Melbourne's many concerts is a great way for future students to experience what the MCM has to offer. For example, the University of Melbourne Orchestra is performing a free concert with conductor and soloist Christian Lindberg, considered the world's greatest trombonist, at Melbourne's Hamer Hall on Sunday 19th May. Visit: www.conservatorium.unimelb.edu.au/events?id=525 for more details. You can also watch a video of the students discussing performing in the University of Melbourne Orchestra on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=HFS7VJM2iT8#

8. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE TRINITY COLLEGE YOUNG LEADERS SCHOOL

The Trinity College Young Leaders July Programme offers a selection of exciting programmes for Australian and international secondary school students.
Young Leaders July Programme: Week 1: 30th June – 7th July and Week 2: 7th – 14th July. Students choose a one or two week academic stream where they discover how to succeed at university, are inspired by leading academics, learn about their pathway to the University of Melbourne and enjoy a life changing residential programme during the July school holidays. For more information visit: www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/young_leaders

9. JUILLIARD JAZZ SCHOOL AT TRINITY COLLEGE

This event will take place from 30th June – 7th July. It is a one week residential programme, run by the Juilliard School in New York City, for high school musicians aged 14 - 17 who are dedicated, devoted and passionate about jazz: www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/jazz.

Apply now: Applications are open for all Young Leaders July Programmes at Trinity. Scholarships are also available. Contact the Trinity Young Leaders School: youngleaders@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

10. NEW COURSE AT LA TROBE IN 2014: B MECHATRONIC AND ROBOTIC ENGINEERING

Mechatronics and robotics engineers design and integrate mechanical, electronic and software elements to engineer solutions to diverse real world problems. This course provides students with accredited training for the growing fields related to integration and control of mechanical systems. The first year of the course is an engineering common year, providing you with the flexibility to swap to different engineering disciplines. Project work is embedded in all years of study, culminating in a year long project in 4th year. Students complete twelve weeks of paid vacation industry experience throughout the course to prepare them for work in industry. Prerequisite subjects: VCE Units 3 & 4: English (any) and either Mathematical Methods or Specialist Maths
Duration: 4 years full time or part time equivalent

11. LA TROBE UNIVERSITY - AIMING TO BE NUMBER 1 IN SPORT

La Trobe have established a specialised unit called La Trobe Sport that will drive their vision to be the University of first choice for the study of, participation in, and partnering in sport in Australia. Specifically to be the leading university in Australia in teaching and research related to sport, support student sport and sport related clubs to increase student participation in sport, actively engage the local community and schools through the use of sporting facilities
and sport services at La Trobe, leverage sports facilities to encourage all members of the University to improve their health and fitness, secure long term, meaningful institutional influence within the sport industry in Victoria and Australia and develop links between high performance sport and the teaching and research capacity of the University. The La Trobe Sport Unit will work closely with all areas of the University to enhance the sport offerings and research outcomes that already exist, as well as build new courses to suit the changing sporting market. La Trobe will work to secure funding to improve sporting facilities for both the University and surrounding communities. La Trobe Sport will build new partnerships with sporting organisations and enhance existing partnerships with organisations such as Melbourne Heart FC, Football Federation Victoria and the MCC. For more information, contact Lisa Hasker, La Trobe Sport, on: l.hasker@latrobe.edu.au

12. ARTS AT MONASH UNIVERSITY - FOCUS ON LANGUAGES

Did you know the Monash University Arts degree offers the option of studying ten different languages? The School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics at Monash is one of the largest in Australia with a diverse range of offerings and a strong international focus. You can study Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Modern Greek, Spanish and Ukrainian. You have the option of taking a language within your three year Arts degree or adding on a one year Diploma of Languages: www.monash.edu.au/pubs/handbooks/courses/2201.html. Monash also offers 'English as an International Language', an area of study increasing in popularity. “We do not teach English,” explains Farzad Sharifian, founder and convener of Monash’s English as an International Language (EIL) programme. “This is not an ESL (English as a Second Language) course. This is an academic programme requiring the same level of English as any other subject.” EIL is a recent concept. Monash is the only university in the world offering a focused EIL programme. As more and more people around the globe communicate in English, the language has diversified and we can now speak of world Englishes, where people in India and China, for example, have developed their own versions of English often reflecting the cultural norms of these countries. English has changed. The concept of EIL recognises that more than 80 percent of English communication is now between non native speakers. Control of English is now outside the “inner circle” countries. In the degree, Monash focuses on advanced intercultural and international communication skills. Students study how English has changed, including through online communication, about world Englishes, as well as learning crucial intercultural communication skills. It’s a course very much at the cutting edge. With companies increasingly international in focus, Professor Sharifian believes students’ skills will be in demand in business, as well as in diplomacy, while other students might teach English overseas. For further information and to learn more about the School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics, visit: http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/future-students/cultures-languagesand-linguistics or: http://melbourne2013.org.au or telephone Georgina Gibson on 9902 0344.

13. MONASH UNIVERSITY ART DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE WORKSHOPS

Monash University Art, Design & Architecture (MADA) is again hosting a range of three day workshops for Year 11 and 12 students interested in studying creative disciplines. Aimed at assisting students with developing their university entrance folios and introducing them to studies in various disciplines, these workshops will be an invaluable experience for students wanting to explore their tertiary options. Communication Design Folio Building Workshop: $310
Industrial Design Folio Building Workshop: $310
Fine Art Folio Building Workshop $310
Interior Architecture Folio Building Workshop: $330
Architecture Foundation Workshop: $330

Prices include all necessary materials and lunch. These workshops will be held on 2nd - 4th July, 10:00am - 5:00pm or 1st - 3rd October, 10:00am - 5:00pm at the MADA studios, Monash University, Caulfield campus. For more details visit monash.edu/mada/workshops or contact: artdes-enquiries@monash.edu or telephone: 9903 1517.

14. PSYCHOLOGISTS FOR THE FUTURE

With mental health more firmly on the public agenda, the need for skilled psychologists to make a difference is growing. The B Psychology (with Honours) at Monash University prepares graduates to work to improve psychological and neurocognitive well being and to conduct research that translates into societal impact. For those wishing to practice psychology or become a member of the Australian Psychological Society, honours study is often the first step to a successful career in the field (access based on third year results). Throughout the degree, students gain broad, interdisciplinary knowledge of psychology and a deep understanding of specific areas, such as brain injury, culture and mental health, forensic behavioural science, neurodevelopment and mood, movement and sleep disorders. They also work with those at the forefront of research. Among other developments, Monash researchers have created novel light therapies to improve alertness, mental performance and mood in neuropsychiatric patients and a smartphone app to gather data on how music affects mood, especially in adolescents. The course is four years with an exit point at three years for those not completing honours. It is offered at the Clayton campus and has a Semester 1 intake only. For more information visit: www.med.monash.edu.au/psych/ or telephone 9905 3968.

15. JMC ACADEMY CAMPUS OPEN DAY

Come and experience what it is like to be a student at JMC Academy. Gain advice about the Diploma and Degree courses in film production, music performance, audio engineering, game design, 3D animation and entertainment management. Open Day includes a tour of the campus, interactive workshops and a chance to view student work, live music, studio recordings and much more. It will be held on Saturday 18th May, starting at 10:30am, 171 Bank Street, South Melbourne. To register to attend visit: www.jmcacademy.edu.au/Open-Day-Booking.cfm or telephone 1300 410 311.

16. UTAS PATHWAY PROGRAMMES

The University of Tasmania (UTAS) has several Pre Degree Programmes to help domestic students succeed at university and enable them to work towards bachelor level study. The University Preparation Programme (UPP) is an open entry bridging course which will help students to learn how to learn, speak and write in styles suitable to the university environment, develop problem solving and critical thinking skills, learn to use and manage information, fill in gaps in knowledge, acquire and develop IT skills, develop personal confidence in their ability to succeed at tertiary study and gain an overall understanding of university life and culture. Students who typically enrol in UPP are those wanting an alternative pathway, mature age students, students who did not successfully complete Year 11 or 12 (or did so a long time ago) and students whose first language is not English. The course runs during each main semester in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie and models a real university experience. Students can enrol in up to 4 units per semester in either on campus or distance mode. Successfully completing 8 units qualifies students to meet UTAS General Entry requirements. UPP is HECS free. The B General Studies is a four year degree,
the first year (the foundation year) of which has been specifically designed for students who do not meet entrance criteria for admission to the Faculty of Arts, Education or Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) or for students who want a supported introduction to University study. Typically students have completed some Year 11 or 12 subjects and / or have a VET qualification or work experience but do not quite meet General Entry Requirements. Students study a combination of generic preparation units and Faculty foundation and first year units in addition to a compulsory supported studies unit. There is guaranteed entry into specific degrees, with credit for successful students. Students may also graduate with a Diploma of General Studies (Arts, Education or Science) at the end of their foundation year.

17. UTAS FACULTY OF LAW NOW HAS A JUNE INTAKE

The Faculty of Law at UTAS is now offering mid year entry to the degree. Students are eligible to study Introduction to Law as an intensive 15 day unit during the winter semester. LAW121, Introduction to Law, is the first of two introductory units required for entry into the full law programme. The course covers a diverse range of topics including: ‘thinking like a lawyer’, introduction to the Australian legal system, introduction to Australian Constitutional Law, legal research, legislation, common law and precedent, judges and juries, human rights, and legal problem solving. Introduction to Law is open to students intending to proceed to the full law degree as well as to students in other degrees wanting to pick up an extra unit over winter. Mainland students who wish to relocate to Tasmania for the purposes of a law degree at the university may be eligible for a $5000 relocation scholarship. Students interested in this option are encouraged to contact the Faculty Executive Officer via email: Kira.White@utas.edu.au.

18. BIOTECHNOLOGY AT HOLMESGLEN

Are you interested in health? Cert IV and the Diploma in Laboratory Techniques provide graduates with qualifications to work in roles in laboratories (from technicians to research assistants). Classes at Holmesglen have approximately 20 students, so teachers are able to give them more one on one time. The fully equipped laboratories allow for hands on experience, making graduates work ready on graduation. Cert IV students complete a two week placement, while diploma students can do month long internships. Recent graduates are working at Melbourne Pathology and Peter McCallum Cancer Centre, while others have gone on to study at university. Further information: telephone 9209 5606. NOTE: Similar courses are also offered at Box Hill, Chisholm, Gordon, NMIT and Swinburne TAFEs.

19. HEALTH COURSES AT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU)

The Faculty of Health Sciences at ACU is growing, adding new courses in addition to Nursing and Paramedic. New degrees were introduced in 2013: B Applied Public Health, B Nursing / B Business Administration and B Speech Pathology. The B Applied Public Health / B Global Studies offers the chance to pursue a career in international public health. Starting in 2014, the degree will combine training in public health and global development with access to national and international community development programmes. A full semester placement in a community development setting is part of the third year curriculum. ACU’s B Exercise and Health Science has an Outdoor Recreation Leadership stream. If a student chooses to undertake all eight units in Outdoor Recreation they can obtain Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) accreditation for Outdoor Recreation as a teaching method. Graduates of the Outdoor Recreation Leadership stream work in areas such as: expedition guide, nature tourism, camp directors, programme directors for wilderness and adventure therapy, risk assessment, government department
management including marine safety, land care and national parks and for outdoor companies.

20. **SWINBURNE NEWS UPDATE**

Swinburne is both a university and a TAFE. It has a university / TAFE campus in Hawthorn and TAFE campuses at Croydon and Wantirna. (Note that the Lilydale and Prahran campuses are closing). At a recent conference Careers Counsellors were told that Swinburne's goal is to be Australia's leader in science, innovation, business and design by 2020. Swinburne is judged to be in the top 400 universities in the world (of 15,000) and is rated third in Victoria. It has leading achievement in design and engineering and in games design (eg Orpheus). Animation is being added as a stream to the Swinburne Film and Television degree. Swinburne also offers strong programmes in entrepreneurship. Industry based learning (IBL) is a feature of nearly all courses at Swinburne (and this has been the case for 50 years). IBL provides students with work experience, helps improve their academic performance and helps to clarify career goals. The university introduced Swinburne Connect in 2012. All students are contacted in the first few weeks of their degree and are offered learning support if it is considered necessary. The aim is reduce the first year drop out rate from the university. With regard to employment outcomes, we were told that in 2012 the unemployment rate was 4.8% overall in Australia, but for those with a Certificate III or IV it was 4.4%, while for those with a university degree it was 2.7%.

21. **PILOT TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP**

The Royal Victorian Aero Club is offering a pilot training scholarship to encourage young Australians to take up a career (or long term recreational participation) in aviation. Information and a data pack are available at [www.rvac.com.au](http://www.rvac.com.au), with applications closing on 31st July. Further information is also available from Kerin: kgreenwood@tpg.com.au (the scholarship coordinator).

22. **MID YEAR ENTRY AT WILLIAM ANGLISS**

William Angliss are now accepting applications for mid year entry into their courses. They will hold their annual Mid Year Expo on Wednesday 8th May at the Melbourne CBD campus (155 La Trobe Street) from 4:00 – 6:00pm. The Mid Year Expo is not only for people looking to commence their studies in July. It will also provide an opportunity for current Year 12 students to gain a head start in researching their tertiary options for 2014. William Angliss experts will be on hand to field any questions about courses and tours of the specialist training facilities will also be available. For further information and registration visit: [www.angliss.edu.au/midyear](http://www.angliss.edu.au/midyear).

23. **SPOTLIGHT ON THE WILLIAM ANGLISS RESORT MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES – SPA AND WELLNESS**

William Angliss Resort Management students have the opportunity to graduate with a qualification that specialises in a stream of their choice. The Spa and Wellness stream is 1 ½ years full time, with a February intake (through VTAC) and direct application in July. Students must have completed Year 11 to access the course. VET FEE HELP is available. The Diploma of Holiday Parks and Resorts combines both training in tourism and hospitality management with specialist spa units and qualifications. Students complete units in nail services, waxing and spa therapies, which is delivered in partnership with Aurora Spa. It is a double qualification; graduates receive the Diploma of Holiday Parks and Resorts, as well as the Cert IV in Beauty Therapy. The course is ideal for students who aspire to manage their own spa business or facility.

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