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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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’: Education and nursing 21st May; Biomedical science, radiography and nutrition and dietetics 29th May; Engineering 30th May. 6:30 – 8:00pm; Registration: 1800 MONASH or visit: www.monash.edu/seminars

- Melbourne University ‘Focus’ sessions – Commerce: 21st May; Biomedicine: 22nd May; Engineering: 28th May; IT: 28th May; Agriculture: 29th May; Music: 4th June; Science: 5th June; Environments: 18th June; Law: 19th June; Arts: 25th June; The VCA: 26th June. Visit: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focus-melb

1. DEAKIN UNIVERSITY COURSE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Start planning for your final years of school at the Introduction to University and Further Education events at Deakin. Come along and hear from current students and also past students who are working in their dream jobs and speak with representatives about the courses, pathways and careers that relate to your interests. Pizza will be provided while you have all your questions answered. Sessions will run at the Melbourne Burwood Campus on Tuesday 28th May, 221 Burwood Highway, 6:30 – 8:30 pm and the Geelong Waterfront Campus, Wednesday 29th May, Gheringhap St Geelong, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Learn about Deakin’s range of courses, talk with Deakin staff about study areas and the range of courses on offer and find out which prerequisite subjects or experience you need to complete to get into your chosen course. Start to plan your career path by discovering what a ‘day in the life’ is like for Deakin graduates who are now working in their chosen field. You will also have the chance to chat with them during the careers expo. Enjoy free pizza whilst you speak with current students, staff and faculty representatives. Register to attend at: deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/future-students.

2. COURSES COMMENCING AT DEAKIN IN TRIMESTER 2 2013

There are a number of courses available for a Trimester 2 intake, including many with Commonwealth Supported Places. To find out more and view the list of courses visit: deakin.edu.au/midyear. Applications close 7th July, unless otherwise stated.

3. PATHWAYS TO DEAKIN VIA MIBT

Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology (MIBT) offers students a pathway to university studies if they have missed out on entry at the end of Year 12. MIBT diplomas in commerce, computing, engineering, health sciences, management, media and communication and science lead into more than 40 undergraduate degree courses at Deakin. While the diplomas lead to the second year of specific Deakin bachelor degrees, MIBT diploma graduates can still apply for degrees that are not available through the traditional diploma pathway. In Trimester 1, 2013, MIBT graduates who achieved outstanding results entered the following Deakin degrees outside the usual pathways:

B Arts
B Education (Primary)
B International Studies
B Nursing
B Occupational Therapy
B Property and Real Estate.
As the unit content for other degree courses is not the same as in the diplomas, students are not guaranteed the full 8 credit points and will have to do additional study of first year units for their chosen course. For more information visit: www.mibt.vic.edu.au.

4. DID YOU KNOW VICTORIA UNIVERSITY IS AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED FORCE IN MOOTING?

The moot program at VU’s Victoria Law School provides law students with valuable learning opportunities relevant to the real world. The moot courts at the City Queen Campus provide students with an opportunity to simulate proceedings, draft written appellate submissions and present legal arguments. VU students have many opportunities to participate in moot competitions both locally and internationally. As a result of the successful VU moot programme many international scholars teach in the summer programme and provide students with meaningful insights into the legal profession. For more information about the program and the VU law courses, contact Vivi on 9919 1872 or email: vivi.tan@vu.edu.au

5. SWINBURNE STUDY EXPO

This will be held on Wednesday 29th May, 4:00pm – 8:00pm in the WS Building at the Wantima Campus. Swinburne’s Study Expo is an evening of information and practical assistance to help students get started on the right course to achieve their goals. Students will have access to detailed course information and learn more about Swinburne's suite of student services. Students wishing to attend are encouraged to register at: www.future.swinburne.edu.au/events/study-expo/index.html.

6. COURSE IN TERTIARY TRANSITION SKILLS AT SWINBURNE

Swinburne’s course in tertiary transition skills is a specially designed programme to assist students to make a successful start to their university degree. The programme focuses on developing skills in academic writing, critical analysis, research skills, note taking and learning modes, establishing study patterns, referencing, quoting, summarising and paraphrasing, group work, oral presentation skills, exam preparation and stress management. The programme is available via two delivery modes: Intensive, three weeks full time at Hawthorn campus and Online, six weeks part time. For further information, including course schedule and fee information, visit: www.future.swinburne.edu.au/pathways/transition.

7. MIDYEAR INTAKE NOW OPEN AT RMIT

RMIT is currently accepting applications for Semester 2. Apply direct to RMIT. Programmes are available from a wide range of interest areas. For more information you could attend the RMIT Midyear Expo on Tuesday 28th May, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. There will be information sessions on a range of topics, you can talk to the experts, discuss career development and receive fee advice. You are able to apply on the spot if you have brought the relevant supporting documentation.

8. NEW PROGRAMME AT RMIT

The B Science (Dean’s Scholar) (Honours) is a selective four year full time programme incorporating an honours year for capable and highly motivated students who want research training through hands on participation in research projects. Majors available are: biology, biotechnology, chemistry, physics. Prerequisites: A study score of at least 25 in units 3 and 4
mathematical methods (CAS) or specialist mathematics, and a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or at least 25 in any other English. For further information telephone 9925 3950 or email: sciences@rmit.edu.au

9. NEW VCE EXTENSION SUBJECT IN ENGINEERING AT RMIT

In 2014 RMIT is offering an engineering university subject through the VCAA Higher Education extension programme. This year long subject focuses upon Engineering, Society and Sustainability and Renewable Energy. The subject will count towards the ATAR. Ten places are available with a particular emphasis on Year 12 girls in 2014. Students must be studying, or have completed Maths Methods 3 and 4. Successful students will be eligible for credit in 2 engineering subjects if they chose to study at RMIT in 2015. Further information is available from Dr. Alex Kootsookos, telephone 9925 8075 or email: alex.kootsookos@rmit.edu.au

10. NEW RMIT SHORT COURSES WEBSITE

Visit the new RMIT Short and Single course website at: http://www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au/. New features include: latest news, lecturer profiles, feedback from previous students, create a favourites list, share courses with friends, industry news and links and information resources area with specific information for different users. You can also telephone 9925 8111 for more information.

11. RMIT ‘EXPERIENCE DAYS’ IN 2013

RMIT University offers a number of events designed to provide students in Years 10, 11 and 12 real experience and insight into life on campus and which allow students to engage in hands on workshops and explore different aspects of art, design, science, community studies and engineering. The events will run between Monday 1st July and Friday 5th July during the school holidays. Programmes are available in: Accounting and Finance, Advertising, Marketing and PR, Aerospace, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, Art and Design, Community Justice, Computing and IT, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Environment, Fashion and Textiles, Health and Medical Sciences and Media. For more information and to register visit: http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays.

12. MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS AND GEOSPATIAL SCIENCES SESSIONS AT RMIT

Discover the wonderful world of university Mathematics, Statistics or Geospatial Sciences by taking part in one of the free workshops available to Year 10, 11 and 12 students. Further information: smgs@rmit.edu.au or visit: www.rmit.edu.au/mathsgeo/schoolvisits

13. THE MELBOURNE JD SHOWCASE

The Melbourne Law School is hosting a one day JD showcase specifically designed for school students who are interested in pursuing the study of law at university. Expert teachers will hold master classes in areas of law you have always wanted to know more about. Programme highlights include: So Sue Me! (what’s a Negligence action all about?), Dispute Resolution interactive case and Criminal Law. This event will be held on Wednesday 3rd July, 9:30am – 3:30pm. Cost is $66 and participants will get morning tea, lunch and a showbag. Register now, places are limited. Registration and payment must be received by 5:00pm Friday 28th June (unless sold out prior). Online registration and payment details are available at: www.law.unimelb.edu.au/jd/future-students/information-for-school-students
14. **FOCUS ON MELBOURNE INFORMATION SESSIONS**

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
- Focus on Biomedicine (includes B Oral Health), Wednesday 22nd May
- Focus on Engineering, Tuesday 28th May
- Focus on IT, Tuesday 28th May
- Focus on Agriculture, Wednesday 29th May
- Focus on Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, Tuesday 4th June
- Focus on Science, Wednesday 5th June

All at: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

To register to attend Focus on Melbourne, visit:
www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focus-melb

15. **A UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE VIDEO ABOUT STUDENT LIFE**

A new video showcasing the University of Melbourne Clubs and Societies was shot during O Week 2013. It's a fun look at the huge variety of clubs and societies available to students. You can view the video at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=38PaZeUVgLU

16. **‘MEET THE COLLEGES’ (UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE)**

It's not too early for students to start exploring their accommodation options for 2014. For many students, the decision about which university to attend can be heavily influenced by the housing options available. Students are encouraged to research the different styles of housing and to visit or talk to as many colleges and representatives as possible to work out what is best for them. The University of Melbourne’s residential colleges offer a unique accommodation option, providing students with much more than a place to live. With a fantastic feeling of community, excellent academic support and countless social, cultural and sporting activities, the colleges offer a chance for residents to experience university life to the fullest. Throughout 2013, representatives from University of Melbourne Colleges will be available at Meet Melbourne events, tertiary expos in capital cities and at on campus events such as Access All Areas and Open Day. These representatives can answer any questions students or parents may have about what it's really like to live in college. Students and parents are also welcome at any time of the year to tour the colleges and experience the distinctive atmosphere. Applications for 2014 should be in by the end of November 2013, so there's still plenty of time for visits to as many colleges as students wish. For more information contact the Intercollegiate Office on 9347 9320 or email: enquiries@colleges.unimelb.edu.au or visit:

www.colleges.unimelb.edu.au.

17. **MECHATRONICS: DESIGNING OUR FUTURE**

Mechatronics Engineering is a fast growing profession and graduates are in high demand both in Australia and overseas. Mechatronics is an exciting discipline that integrates mechanical, electronic and software engineering, offering graduates a wealth of well paid career opportunities in fields as diverse as aeronautics, robotics, energy and biomechanics. Mechatronics graduates work on the development of ‘smart’ products and systems such as computer-controlled robots, washing machines, automotive equipment, medical imaging systems, wind and wave generators and hybrid and electric vehicles. Mechatronics has applications in a range of fields, including robotics, medical technology, human - machine interaction, manufacturing, unmanned aerial vehicles and education. Imagine developing machinery that simulates the hand movements in surgery and dentistry so that students can practice and develop their skills in a virtual environment, or designing a human exoskeleton to help people who have lost the ability through illness or
accident, to walk again. The University of Melbourne mechatronics experts and their students are working on these projects and more. Graduates are employed by companies such as Bosch, Honeywell, Ford and Siemens. The Master of Engineering (Mechatronics) offers students a professional qualification in Mechatronics at the graduate level. It is the first course in Australia to be accredited in Europe by EUR-ACE®. For more information about the Master of Engineering (Mechatronics), go to: www.eng.unimelb.edu.au/study/graduate/master-eng-mechatronics

18. CAREERS IN SPORTS MEDICINE

Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre is holding the annual Careers in Sports Medicine Evening. The aim is to build awareness of the role of the health professional involved in caring for athletes, whether they compete for Australia or exercise for fitness. Sports medicine, nutrition, podiatry, psychology, massage therapy, physiotherapy and exercise physiology practitioners will each give short talks and answer questions. Information handouts will be available. This event will be held on Wednesday 19th June, 6:30 – 7:00pm (registration); 7:30 – 9:00pm (talks) at AAMI Stadium, 60 Olympic Blvd, Entrance F, Gate 4, Corporate Entrance, Olympic Room 3 (see www.opsmc.com.au for map). Parking: Via Entrance D, Multideck Eastern Plaza Carpark (Off Olympic Blvd). The cost is $25 per student. Registration: http://www.trybooking.com/CSIP. For further information contact: megan.marchall@opsmc.com.au.

19. WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PAID WHILE STUDYING TO BE AN ACCOUNTANT?

Some accounting firms offer Cadetships to graduating Year 12 students wishing to study accounting and business at university. They provide students with the chance to gain practical experience while studying. At Ernst & Young, for example, students work full time and study part time for the first part of their degree, then undertake full time study to complete the degree. Students studying other subjects such as business management, legal studies, economics and IT may also be interested. For more information about EY cadetships visit: www.ey.com/au/careers (applications open 20th May, close 21st June, 2013). EY is holding an information session on 11th June, 5:30 – 7:00pm at their offices, 8 Exhibition St, Melbourne. Other companies offering cadetships are: BDO (applications opened 22nd April, close 19th June), visit: http://www.bdo.com.au/careers/programs-and-dates/melbourne-cadet-program. PwC (applications opened 22nd April, close 19th June), visit: http://www.pwc.com.au/careers/student/programs/trainee/index.htm.

20. CHANGES TO HECS-HELP

HECS-HELP is an Australian government loan scheme to assist eligible students in Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) at university pay their student contribution amounts. Subject to the passage of the legislation, from 1st January 2014, the government will remove the upfront HECS-HELP discount of 10% for eligible students who pay their student contributions upfront and the voluntary HELP repayment bonus of 5%. Currently the HECS-HELP programme allows eligible CSP students to defer their student contributions and repay them later through the tax system. At the moment CSP students who elect to pay their contributions in full, or in part and pay $500 or more of their student contribution amount upfront, receive a 10% discount. People who have a HELP debt and make a voluntary repayment of $500 or more towards their debt currently receive a bonus of 5%. These discounts will be removed from 1st January 2014.

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