DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT); registrations are open (this is needed for the Monash medicine and physiotherapy courses and for many interstate medical courses)


- Art, Design & Architecture at Monash: workshops for Year 11-12 students interested in studying creative disciplines; 2nd – 4th July or 1st – 3rd October; further information: www.monash.edu/mada/workshops

- Careers in Sports Medicine: 19th June, AAMI Stadium, registration: http://www.trybooking.com/CSIP; further information: megan.marchall@opsmc.com.au

- Box Hill Institute – midyear Information Night, 19th June, at the Information Kiosk, 465 Elgar Road.


- Experience Days at RMIT: July holidays: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays

- Science in the City RMIT school holiday Laboratory tours: www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover.

- RMIT Medical Laboratory visits: www.rmit.edu.au/medicalsciences


1. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STUDYING FILM AND TELEVISION?

RMIT have just launched a new Associate Degree in Screen and Media Production. This is 2 year course which will assist you to “build valuable screen industry skills and knowledge in the key areas of concept development, storytelling, pre-production, production and post-production for single and multi-camera production”. For more information visit: http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/ad017
2. ARE YOU THINKING OF TAKING A GAP YEAR?

If you are interested in studying at university in the future and would like to take a gap year first, you may be interested to read the following article in The Age Newspaper: http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/defer-and-prosper-20130523-2k3vt.html

3. JMC ACADEMY INFORMATION SESSION

This session is aimed at students in Year 11 and 12 and will provide you with an opportunity to ask about courses in animation, film & TV, music, game design, entertainment management and audio engineering. The session will be held on Wednesday 26th June, starting at 6:30pm at the Melbourne campus in South Melbourne. Please RSVP at: http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/

4. THE VICTORIAN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS AND MUSIC: JULY WORKSHOP

The following workshops will be held at the VCA campus in the July school holidays: 1st – 5th July: Pop Song Writing Bootcamp, 2nd July: VCE Analysis Workshop, 6th July: Music Theatre Audition Workshop, 8th – 12th July: Secondary Students Acting Weeklong Workshop and 8th – 12th July: Life of a VCA Dance Student. For more information, contact Danielle Boardman, Programme Coordinator at: VCA@commercial.unimelb.edu.au.

5. USEFUL WEBSITES

This website has been set up by the Federal Government to create a one stop shop to learn about training and tertiary courses, campus facilities, the financial support you may be able to access, salaries on graduation and more. Visit: www.innovation.gov.au/study.

The Myskills website connects students and employers with training organisations that best suit their needs: myskills.gov.au. It is a single point where students can find information about nationally recognised training courses, RTOs, campus services, training delivery modes and VET-FEE HELP loan availability.

The Myuniversity website provides information about Australian universities and other higher education providers including student satisfaction and graduate outcome surveys. Students can search a database of thousands of courses and compare details such as entry requirements and fees: myuniversity.gov.au.

The study assist website provides information to students about the Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP) including HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP, overseas study expenses (OS-HELP) and student services and amenities fees. Study Assist also provides information about student income support payments such as Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY: www.studyassist.gov.au.


6. NEW FLEXIBLE DOUBLE DEGREES AT ANU

From 2014, ANU will provide students with more choice for their ATAR by offering the new Flexible Double Degree programme. You can use your ATAR to choose your own double degree. Choose degrees that suit your broad interests and expand your skills and improve your employability. You will be able to deepen your understanding
or specialise in your preferred discipline. The ANU Flexible Double Degree lets you build skills for your chosen career without forfeiting your passion. You could double up with, for example, engineering and genetics, or commerce and classical studies, or medical science and music. Alternatively, you could use your ANU Flexible Double Degree to explore your core interests with your first programme and deepen your understanding or specialise with your second. Flexible Double Degrees are offered through 3 groups: the 4 year Arts, Social Sciences, Business, Science group, the 5 year Law group and the 5 year Engineering and Advanced Computing group. There are many degree combination choices that you can make within each of these groups. Applications for semester 1, 2014 will be open for all students through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) from early August 2013. You apply for a Flexible Double Degree group that contains the degrees you are interested in. Degrees will be available subject to your selection rank. You specify the two degrees you want to choose when you accept your offer. You must meet the entry requirements for each of your choices.

7. NEW B CRIMINOLOGY AT ANU

The B Criminology programme addresses the causes, politics and management of criminality from a range of disciplinary perspectives. Students are introduced to a range of issues in contemporary criminology including definitions and representations of crime, victimisation, policing, the criminal justice system, transnational crime and restorative justice. The programme draws attention to the social dimensions of crime and deviancy and assesses the effectiveness and implications of crime control measures. Students will be taught by leading scholars in the criminology field and will be exposed to cutting edge research in a diversity of areas. Topics under consideration include: surveillance technology proliferation and policing, criminal justice system commercialisation, illegal drug taking and offending, anti corruption strategies, causes and effects of genocide and terrorism. Through rigorous training in criminological theory and methodology, the B Criminology students develop the analytical skills needed to understand both these, and other, issues of current concern. Students completing this programme will be equipped with the expertise to apply criminological ideas to everyday empirical examples, to interpret crime statistics and reports and to reflect critically upon crime control policies and strategies. This will make you competitive for careers in the public and private sector and / or for continuing studies at the post graduate level.

8. ACCOMMODATION GUARANTEE AT ANU

Applications for accommodation at ANU are free. A place is guaranteed in one of the student residences at ANU for students arriving to study from outside the ACT. Interstate students that wish to receive the accommodation guarantee at ANU for 2014 should apply online from the 31st August to 30th November 2013.

9. ANU OPEN DAY 2013

The ANU Open Day for 2014 will be held on Saturday 31st August, 9:00am – 4:00pm, in Canberra.

10. WILLIAM ANGLISS READY FOR WORK PROGRAMME

Apply Now for the William Angliss “Ready For Work” programme to be run in the July School Holidays; Tuesday 9th July – Thursday 11th July (9:00am – 5:00pm every day). The programme includes:

- Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)
- Basic Coffee Service
- Follow Workplace Hygiene
- Basic Food & Beverage Service
Those who successfully complete the programme will have a competitive edge when applying for part time or casual work in the Hospitality industry. This is ideal for Year 12 students looking to further their qualifications or take a “gap” year when they complete their VCE. The cost is $350.

11. THE WATER RECREATION RESORT MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME AT WILLIAM ANGLISS

Upon completion of this course students graduate with a qualification that allows them to specialise in Water Recreation. It is a 1 ½ year full time course with intakes in February (through VTAC) and July (direct application). The minimum entrance requirement is Year 11. VET FEE HELP is available for this course. The Diploma of Holiday Parks and Resorts combines both training in tourism and hospitality management with specialist water recreation units and qualifications. Students complete units that will equip them with the skills to guide and coordinate kayaking, snorkelling and other water sport activities. They also have the opportunity to receive their Yachting Victoria Industry Certificate. Graduates receive a double qualification: the Dip Holiday Parks and Resorts and the Cert III in Outdoor Recreation.

12. JUNE OPEN DAY AT THE ACADEMY OF INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT (AIE)

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Open Day on Saturday 8th June, 10:00am – 3:00pm. The Melbourne campus (Level 8, 14 Queens Road, Melbourne) will be opening its doors to visitors. Come along to find out about full time and part time courses starting in July 2013 and February 2014. Learn more about intensive mode full time courses where the two year course is completed in 18 months. These courses also offer a mid year July intake. The day will include presentations about different areas of the industry, as well as information about AIE courses and their entry requirements. Student work will be on display and teachers will be available to speak one on one about the courses available and how to enter a creative career. Visit: http://www.aie.edu.au/ for more information.

13. WHITEHOUSE INSTITUTE OF DESIGN AUSTRALIA OPEN DAY

This event will take place at 672 Bourke St, Melbourne on Sunday 21st June. There will be a Fashion Parade and tours of the campus. This is a free event.

14. SPOTLIGHT ON FASHION AT BOX HILL

The topic is: Undressing the Law and Making Real Life Fashion. The guest speaker is: Sharon Givoni who has been practising in the area of intellectual property law & working with well known designers for over 13 years. She will talk about how the area of intellectual property and brand protection is crucial to fashion designers. This seminar will interest everyone who wants to make it in the fashion world and wants to learn how to protect their valuable ideas and designs. Topics include: When and how to protect your designs, patterns and brand names, what to do if someone copies your label, differences between fashion ideas and protectable IP, copyright, design registration and trade mark registration. It will be held in Building W1.162 on Monday 24th June 6:00 -7:00pm.

15. INNOVATION IN TRADES EDUCATION AT VU

Trades education is entering a new phase at Victoria University’s Trades College. With most of the building and construction courses including carpentry, bricklaying
18. THE DIPLOMA IN TERTIARY STUDIES AT NMIT

NMIT’s one year Diploma in Tertiary Studies offers a supportive pathway for students into Bachelor degree studies. With formal articulation agreements to Higher Education and university programs across Melbourne, the higher education Diploma is ideal for VCE students who did not get into the university programme of their choice, or those students needing to build their confidence and skills before entering university.

19. VCE EXTENSION SUBJECT IN ENGINEERING AT RMIT

In 2014 RMIT is offering two engineering units through the VCAA Higher Education extension program. The units focus on Engineering, Society and Sustainability and Renewable Energy. The successful completion of both units will count towards a student’s ATAR. Students must be studying or have completed Mathematical Methods units 3 and 4. Successful students will be eligible for credit in 2 engineering subjects if they chose to study at RMIT in 2015. For further information contact Dr. Alex Kootsookos on 9925 8075 or email: alex.kootsookos@rmit.edu.au or patricia.mclaughlin@rmit.edu.au

20. VCE EXTENSION SUBJECT IN APPLIED SCIENCE AT RMIT

In 2014 RMIT is offering two applied science units through the VCAA Higher Education extension programme. The first unit focuses on the award winning online course, Outbreak: The Detection and Control of Infectious Disease and the second semester unit is an Introduction to Microbiology, Immunology and Genetics. The successful completion of both units will count towards a student’s ATAR. Students must be studying or have completed Mathematical Methods units 3 and 4 or Specialist Maths. If students are
considering studying Biomedical science at RMIT they must also be studying Chemistry units 3 and 4. Successful students will be eligible for credit in 2 applied science subjects if they chose to study at RMIT in 2015. For further information contact: Dr Danilla Grando on 9925 8075 or email: daniilla.grando@rmit.edu.au

21. MINIMUM STUDY SCORES FOR ALL RMIT PREREQUISITES

From Semester 1, 2014, minimum study scores will apply to all prerequisites for RMIT bachelor degrees and associate degrees. This is to address the new VTAC initiative where minimum study scores are to be specified for prerequisite subjects. Study scores will be listed in the 2014 RMIT Interest Area brochures which will be available online in the coming weeks. Study scores will also be published via VTAC in July. Please note that the introduction of study scores has only been applied to existing prerequisite subjects. Prerequisites remain consistent with VIC TER.

22. REMINDER - OPEN DAYS ARE COMING

Open Days at universities and TAFEs will take place in August, usually on Sundays. Keep Sundays in August free so you can visit tertiary campuses. Open Days are a great way to learn more about courses and facilities, talk to staff and students, collect information and to attend relevant information sessions. A calendar of Open Day dates will be provided to students in Term 3.

23. MORE VET AND ‘KEEPER FOR A DAY’ PROGRAMMES

Along with Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Zoo, the RSPCA is holding a Vet Day, Animal Attendant Days and a First Aid for Animals Day in the school holidays. Register at:

www.rspcavic.org/services/education/. The cost is $100 for new members.

24. THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT

The ICHM prepares students for careers in the international hotel business and is a member of the Swiss Hotel Association. ICHM is holding Career Weeks for Year 11 and 12 students in the holidays. Prospective students ‘live in’ and learn about the international tourism and hospitality industry and explore courses. Dates: 8th – 12th July or 30th September – 4th October at ICHM, Days Rd, Regency Park, South Australia. Further information: admissions@ichm.edu.au or: www.ichm.edu.au.

25. WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL WHILE STUDYING?

Most Universities have ‘links’ with universities overseas and it is often possible to complete part of your degree at one of these partner universities. La Trobe University, for example, has over 100 partner institutions in more than 30 countries. You are able to do a semester or one year exchange, short term programme or internship. These programmes should not add to the length of time it takes to complete your degree. Students pay their normal Australian tertiary fees (HECS HELP, FEE HELP or full fees) to La Trobe for the duration of the degree but do not pay tuition fees to the host institution. Students pay the cost of their flights, accommodation, meals and incidentals, but La Trobe provides Mobility Grants. For a list of La Trobe partner institutions visit: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/edabroad/exchange/partners. Other universities also offer similar programmes – visit their websites for more information.

26. WHAT IS THE B. ORAL HEALTH?
The University of Melbourne’s B. Oral Health degree trains students to work within a dental team and qualifies students for professional registration with the Dental Board of Australia as an oral health therapist (hygienist and therapist). The university provides state of the art facilities, a dental simulation lab and excellent teaching staff. The degree takes 3 years of full time study which includes clinical placements. The Clearly – In for 2013 was 86.15. A similar degree (Bachelor of Oral Health Science) is offered at La Trobe University (Bendigo campus). This degree can be completed in 2 ½ years.

28. NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU)

VU is offering new scholarships in 2014. These Chancellors Scholarships for Excellence will provide successful students with $5,000pa for up to 4 years (a maximum of $20,000), plus offer additional benefits. To be considered you must achieve an ATAR of at least 90.00. There will be 100 scholarships available. To be eligible you must be currently enrolled in Year 12, meet the prerequisites for the course, apply for and be offered a place at VU and enrol full time in 2014. Applications are made through VTAC, 7th August to 27th September, 2013.

29. YEAR 10 INDEPENDENCE DAY AT MONASH UNIVERSITY

Monash University is again running a tailored programme for Year 10 students: Year 10 Independence Day. It provides the opportunity for students to explore Monash and to learn about the prerequisite subjects they will require in 2016 with the launch of the Year 10 Guide to University Entry 2016. Students also have the chance to learn about the different ways to choose a university course, pathways available, talk to representatives from faculties and take part in a wide range of workshops. Students are encouraged to register early. The event will take place on Thursday 4th July, 11:00am – 3:00pm at the Monash Clayton campus. Register at: www.monash.edu/year10-day.

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