1. LAW WORKSHOP

If you are a Year 10, 11 or 12 student who has decided on, or is thinking seriously about, a career in the legal profession, the Next Step Law Workshop will help you to take that ‘next step’. LSAP (Legal Studies and Australian Politics) is an intensive programme aimed at developing your confidence in all the different skills you need to succeed in the legal profession, including communication, teamwork and leadership. LSAP brings you together to work in teams in a wide range of activities, including debating, mock trials and negotiations. You will be introduced to legal concepts and develop some of the tools legal professionals need to succeed. Current university law students mentor the teams throughout the programme. LSAP programmes run year round in metropolitan and regional areas and vary in the number of days they run depending upon location. There is a maximum of 160 participants and a minimum of 50 is needed for the programme to run. A 2 day workshop at Victoria University will be held on 1st October 2014. To register for this programme follow the links on: http://www.leap.vic.edu.au/leap-activities/law. This is a free event.

2. HIGH SCHOOL PROJECTS: YEAR 10 AND 11 OVERSEAS VOLUNTEER PROJECTS RUNNING THIS SUMMER

Places are still available for the High School Volunteer Projects for 2014 / 15 and it is not too late to get involved. The High School Projects are a constructive, busy and well supervised introduction to service in the developing world. The two week trips attract students from all over Australia, New Zealand and beyond; students in Years 10 and 11 can choose to join the groups individually or with friends. The volunteer trips are running this summer in December and January. There are Care and Community Projects in Cambodia, Nepal, Vietnam, Fiji and Sri Lanka and a Medicine and Healthcare Project in Nepal. The projects are an opportunity to experience a different culture and make a positive impact in a local community whilst in a safe supported group. All the projects are a great balance of volunteer work and cultural activities. An interactive online information session will be held on 25th August. This is a chance to learn what each project entails and how they are run, as well as ask questions. Registration and further information about the High School Projects and how to become involved can be found at: http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/more-info/meet-us/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=main_article_link&utm_campaign=2wsNewsletterAugust14

3. ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIPS OPPORTUNITY

Schindler Lifts Australia is offering places in their electrical apprenticeship programme for 2015. Applications for the programme close 5th September, 2014. To find out more, download the programme brochure at: http://www.ceav.vic.edu.au/sites/default/files/Apprenticeship%20Brochure%202014.pdf. You can then apply for the programme using the following link: https://www.onetest.com.au/schindlercareers/

4. TRINITY COLLEGE INVITES YOU TO THEIR YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAMMES IN DECEMBER

Trinity Young Leaders Programmes offer students aged between 14 and 17 a taste of university life. In December, students can choose to participate in an academic stream – all of which align with the University of Melbourne’s New Generation undergraduate degrees - to give you an idea of what you might like to study in the future. The Young Leaders Programmes are designed to inspire, increase confidence and guide students on a pathway to tertiary education. December 2014 will be very exciting for Young Leaders, with the following streams available: Arts - Based on psychological principles,
students will explore Arts majors such as psychology and media and communications. Students will investigate the psychology behind how they persuade others for their own benefit, and how such techniques can influence their interactions and the decisions they make. Students will also have the chance to dissect media industries and their impact on politics, society and culture. In this stream will visit the Melbourne Magistrates Courts and participate in a number of interactive workshops and experiments.

Biomedicine - In this stream students will explore the world of medicine and medical research, including genetics, human physiology and human structure and function. They will also investigate the issues pertinent to our world today and look at the rapidly changing areas of forensics and bioethics. Students will perform real dissections, visit the genetics laboratories at the University of Melbourne, help solve a murder mystery and go on excursions to the Melbourne Museum and the Zoo.

Commerce - Students will explore the fields of accounting, business, economics, finance, management and marketing. You will be introduced to the Australian legal system, civil and contract disputes, the Australian accounting and economics systems, the use of GST, and the developing area of green economics. The Commerce stream will give students an insight into life in the world of business as they participate in interactive workshops and a stock market exchange game.

Science / Engineering - Students will discover the complex world of engineering majors: chemical, civil, electrical and mechanical systems, as well as mathematics, statistics and physics. By looking at how society is progressing in the world of technology and outer space, you will discover the amazing innovations made in astronomy and engineering. Students will visit the Melbourne Museum, participate in a robotics workshop and make their own solar cells and rockets.

Students arrive on Sunday 30th November and depart on Sunday 14th December, 2014. The cost is $3,300 per student and includes: tuition, meals, accommodation, mentoring, academic and extracurricular activities. Read about the application and enrolment process and complete an application at:


5. DEAKIN UNIVERSITY (BURWOOD) OPEN DAY 2014

Open Day is the perfect opportunity to see what really makes Deakin tick. Come along and see for yourself why Deakin is a great place to study. To plan your day you are now able to download the free Deakin Open Day app from the Apple App Store and Google Play. The Open Day website: openday.deakin.edu.au, is also a great source of information and will assist you to plan your day. The Deakin Melbourne (Burwood) Campus is open Sunday 24th August, 9:00am – 4:00pm.

6. APPLY NOW FOR 2015 DEAKIN ON CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

Applications are now open for students who are considering studying at Deakin in 2015 and would like to live on campus. With the completion of spacious new buildings in 2013, Deakin now offers greater choice for students. The accommodation includes a range of open and inviting spaces for socialising and studying, and a range of personal and academic support services to help you get the most out of university life. Students should apply for on campus accommodation as early as possible to ensure you have time to complete all the required information. Applications close in early January each year and are available online at: deakin.edu.au/residences. Applications for the Melbourne Burwood Campus accommodation and shared apartment style living at Geelong and Warrnambool must be accompanied by a non refundable application fee. If you are offered a place you will be required to make the first payment by the due date and accept a licence agreement online that sets out your obligations as a resident. Applications for Trimester 1 close on Friday 19th January 2015. Accommodation offers are sent during the week ending Friday 30th January 2015. Please visit deakin.edu.au/residences for a full range of flexible accommodation fee options based on your required trimester periods, catering and services. Burwood (Melbourne) – Indicative weekly rates: $276 – $335; Waurn Ponds
(Geelong) – Indicative weekly rates: $208 – $236; Warrnambool – Indicative weekly rates: $188 – $216. This fee is inclusive of internet, laundry and utilities.

7. NEW B OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AT DEAKIN IN 2015

Commencing in Trimester 1, 2015 Deakin will be offering the B Computer Science. Studying in a fast paced and evolving field, Deakin computer science students acquire the skills to design and develop advanced software systems integrating new computing technologies that enhance business operation in today’s digital age. Students have the opportunity to develop work ready skills by participating in internships and industry placements during the course. With a focus on the technological aspects of IT, including analytics, cloud computing, computer programming, software engineering and database development and administration, students will develop the knowledge, skills and competencies to build a wide range of applications to solve the technological challenges of today and tomorrow. Students will also develop skills in critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork and communication through a variety of platforms. Hands on, experiential learning is a key component of this course and students will have access to specialised computer laboratories and the opportunity to study for industry certifications. Computer Science graduates are highly sought after for employment in a range of areas, including software development, system analytics, business analytics, database development, new technology research, project management, solutions architecture and systems programming. The course is located on the Melbourne Burwood Campus, is three years of full time study and requires VCE units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in English.

8. NEW SCIENCE MAJOR IN FRESHWATER BIOLOGY AT DEAKIN

The Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment at Deakin is excited to announce the introduction of a new major sequence in the B Science from Trimester 1, 2015: Freshwater Biology. Students wishing to study Freshwater Biology are required to commence a B Science at the Melbourne Burwood Campus or Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus. Following successful completion of the first two years of study, students must then complete the requirements of the Freshwater Biology major sequence at the Warrnambool Campus. Freshwater Biology is the study of freshwater ecosystems and the relationships between freshwater organisms and their physical and chemical environment. In completing this major sequence, students will gain theoretical and practical expertise in a range of biological, ecological and environmental processes and issues in the freshwater environment; freshwater organisms and their interactions with the living and non living environment; the influence of biotic, physical and chemical processes on the dynamics of freshwater ecosystems and the impacts of humans on water, waterway management and aquaculture. Freshwater Biology at Deakin focuses on real world problem solving and addresses the challenges facing Australia’s freshwater systems. Students will also have the opportunity to acquire hands on, practical skills by undertaking fieldwork opportunities visiting rivers, lakes, wetlands and estuaries. Industry placements are offered as part of the course, enabling students to acquire work ready skills, build professional networks and explore career opportunities before they graduate. Employment opportunities in Freshwater Biology can be found in government agencies and private industries, with careers ranging from aquatic science to policy setting, academia and research. Graduates may find employment in a diverse range of roles including fisheries officer, environmental officer, aquaculture manager, aquatic ecologist, water planning officer, pest management officer and environmental planner. Prerequisites: VCE units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in English.

9. NEW B COMMUNICATION COURSES AT DEAKIN

Deakin is excited to launch its new B Communication courses, available from 2015. The courses have been designed to prepare students for a career in the dynamic and ever changing communication industry. Students will learn from industry professionals and gain
practical hands on experience through industry internships and work placements. Courses available are: B Communication (Media), B Communication (Public Relations) and B Communication (Journalism). For a glimpse into the Deakin communication programme and to watch the internship video, please visit: deakin.edu.au/communication.

10. SCHOLARSHIPS AT MONASH UNIVERSITY FOR 2015

Monash will have a wider range of scholarship options for 2015 entry to their undergraduate courses:

Merit: Students who list Monash as a course preference via VTAC will automatically be considered for most merit scholarships. For further information refer to this website: http://monash.edu/scholarships/merit

Equity and Merit & Equity: All current Year 12 students should apply for these scholarships via VTAC. VTAC scholarship applications for domestic students open 1st August and will close 5:00pm, 17th October, 2014. Check the VTAC website for tips on applying: http://vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html

Sir John Monash Scholarship Programme: In 2015 Monash is supporting students who have excelled with one of the most comprehensive and generous scholarship programmes ever offered in Australia. For more information visit: http://monash.edu/scholarships/sir-john

Monash Scholarship for Exceptional Achievement: ATAR eligibility: 99.95, total value up to $70,000, offered to all eligible students.

Monash Scholarship for Outstanding Achievement: ATAR eligibility: 99.90, total value up to $40,000, offered to all eligible students.

Monash Scholarship for Excellence: ATAR eligibility: 98.00, total value up to $30,000, 40 available

Monash Scholarship for Excellence and Equity: ATAR eligibility: 95.00, total value up to $30,000, 130 available

Monash Community Leaders Scholarship: ATAR eligibility: 90.00, total value up to $4000, 220 available.

11. MONASH ART DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (MADA) FOLIO

BUILDING AND FOUNDATION WORKSHOPS

Monash Art Design & Architecture Folio Building and Foundation workshops for VCE students will be held 24th – 26th September at MADA, Caulfield Campus. The cost is $310 - $330 (which includes a full materials pack and an A3 display book). Headng the workshops are industry professionals and academics who will be there to answer questions and guide participants through the lessons and activities. For all enquiries please telephone 9903 1517 or email: mada@monash.edu. For more information visit: monash.edu/mada/workshops.

12. MONASH B EDUCATION (HONOURS) INFORMATION NIGHT

The Monash Faculty of Education will be running a series of course information evenings in September for the B Education (Honours) and the Master of Teaching. Each session provides prospective students with information on entry requirements, how to apply, course structure and graduate outcomes. If you are interested in the B Education (Honours) you could attend one of the following events: Clayton, Tuesday 2nd September, 6:30pm; Peninsula, Wednesday 3rd September, 6:30pm or Berwick, Wednesday 10th September, 6:30pm. To register visit: https://edumon.wufoo.com/forms/bachelor-of-education-honours-information-night/.

13. FLEXIBLE COURSES AT VU

VU has recently completed a major overhaul of their curriculum. The new course design creates opportunities for all students to pursue their dream career with the multi sector pathways being offered. VU have created a new curriculum that acknowledges the learning differences of students and a delivery method that will give VU students the best opportunities for success. They have developed a suite of entry level degrees designed to provide a base of knowledge in preparation for discipline specialisation in second year. These courses are the B Business, B Sport Management and B Health Science and they will provide students with the opportunity to explore options and develop their passions.
14. B ENGINEERING (ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC) (HONOURS) AT VU

Accredited by Engineers Australia, this course provides VU students with the skills to develop creative and innovative solutions to engineering problems. The VU Problem Based Learning uses real world problems to help students develop crucial skills for their future careers; such as problem solving, teamwork and communication. VU’s Electronic and Electrical Engineering graduates can find employment in a diverse range of industries including robotics, renewable energy, transport, telecommunications, manufacturing and bioengineering. According to VU, an engineering shortage has driven up salaries and put engineers in high demand. New graduates can expect a starting salary of $63,000; well above the graduate average. You should note that in 2015 the entry requirements for B Engineering courses have been adjusted to allow Further Maths as a suitable prerequisite for entry to this course.

15. ‘BE YOU AT VU’: FOR YEAR 10 AND 11 STUDENTS

This is a new programme for students in Years 10 and 11. You are invited to the VU Footscray Park campus on 30th September 2014 for ‘Be You at VU’; a fun filled experience day. Students will have the opportunity to get involved in course and career specific workshops and experience university and TAFE life. More information can be found at: vu.edu.au/be-you-at-VU. This is a free event.

16. EXPLORE VU: INFORMATION SERIES

VU will be offering a series of information evenings for Year 12 students (9th – 25th September 2014) to discuss in depth the offerings within each VU discipline. Students will have the chance to find out about a range of courses in detail in one place and at the same time. More information: http://www.vu.edu.au/Explore-VU.

17. MORE ABOUT APPLYING FOR COURSES THROUGH VTAC FOR ENTRY IN 2015

Remember that once you have applied to VTAC you can change your application / preferences as often as you like at no extra cost. Don’t forget that application fees rise from $28 to $93 after 5:00pm on 30th September.

Consider the ACU Early Achievers’, the La Trobe Aspire and the VU PPP Programmes. Visit: www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternate_entry/early_entry, www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire and http://www.vu.edu.au/study-with-us/your-study-options/vce-high-school-students/portfolio-partnership-program for more information. These schemes may allow you to receive an early offer for the course of your choice. The ACU EAP and La Trobe Aspire programmes look at the contributions you have made to the community (in addition to your ATAR) when making offers for their courses. The VU PPP looks at why you want to study that particular course and your commitment to your study. Also look at SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme) on pages 30 - 43 of the 2015 VTAC Guide. If you have been disadvantaged in some way, you may be able to access your desired course with a lower ATAR. All applicants are advised to apply for Category 1, Personal Information and Location.

Applications for SEAS and the VU PPP close on 7th October, applications for the ACU EAP close on 20th October and for La Trobe Aspire on 30th August.

18. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EVENING AT THE AUSTIN HOSPITAL

Note the change of date of the event from Thursday 11th September to Thursday 4th September.

19. ‘WHERE GRADUATES GO’

Decisions about what and where to study in higher education are some of the biggest you will make. ‘Where Graduates Go’ is dedicated to helping you make informed choices by providing the latest employment information. Figures
here are from the 2013 Australian Graduate Survey, conducted by Graduate Careers Australia. In 2013, the average bachelor degree graduate earned a full time salary of $55,000. Some examples of graduate salaries: engineering - $65,000; medicine - $60,000; education - $57,000; nursing - $52,000; social work and welfare - $55,000; visual and performing arts - $40,000. Finding work after graduation can be a different matter. In 2013, full time employment of graduates (four months after graduating) was as follows: engineering, 82.6%; medicine, 96.9%; education, 70.8%; banking / finance, 75.4%; psychology / behavioural sciences, 56%; law / justice, 75.4%; visual / performing arts, 48.3%. In some fields (for example engineering and nursing) most graduates work in the field they trained for. Graduates of other fields (arts, law, science or commerce, for example) often find work in a wide variety of areas. Postgraduate study can lead to a higher salary and more employment options. Visit: www.graduatecareers.com.au and www.graduateopportunities.com for more information.

20. NEW MEDICAL IMAGING DEGREE AT DEAKIN

Deakin is offering Medical Imaging from 2015 at the Geelong (Waurn Ponds) campus. Medical imaging (sometimes known as Medical Diagnostic Radiography) is the production of high quality images of the structure and function of the body to assist with medical diagnosis and decision making. Radiographers play a pivotal role in medicine and health care, contributing to improving patient outcomes. They work with doctors and allied health professionals. Salaries of practitioners range from $41,000 to $115,000 or more, depending on your position, experience, chosen work area and possible additional future study. Prerequisites for the course are: a study score of at least 25 in units 3 / 4 English and in one of biology, physics or chemistry; and in one of maths methods or specialist maths. Further information: telephone 9251 7777 or email: health-enquire@deakin.edu.au.

21. SCHOLARSHIPS AT DEAKIN

Visit: www.deakin.edu.au/scholarships to find out about current scholarships and award schemes now available for 2015 study.

22. DEFENCE FORCE INFORMATION SESSIONS

To learn more about defence force jobs you could attend one of the following information sessions: 1st September: ADF Technical Trades; 2nd September: Engineering Information Session; 3rd September: One Year Roles in the Army; 10th September: ADFA Information Session; 17th September: Royal Military College Information Session; 23rd September: Army Reserve Information Session; 24th September: Women in Defence. All sessions are from 6:00 – 7:00pm at Defence Force Recruiting, Level 14, 501 Swanton St, Melbourne; RSVP: CPTVIC@dfr.com.au (quoting date / information session / number of seats required).

23. RMIT NUCLEAR MEDICINE LAB VISITS

This programme is for students interested in finding out more about nuclear medicine and the role of nuclear medicine technologists in the investigation, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of disease. In this full day tour, students will visit nuclear medicine departments that support the B Applied Science (Medical Radiations) programmes at RMIT. The visits will take place on 25th and 26th September. Further information and / or registration: telephone 9925 7075 or email: medicalsciences@rmit.edu.au.

24. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RMIT MEDICAL RADIATIONS STUDENTS

The Department of Health (Victoria) is offering five scholarships of $10,000 each for nuclear medicine students commencing the RMIT B Applied Health (Medical Radiations) in 2015 and 2016. More information: www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/nuclear.

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