1. ADVICE NIGHTS AT SWINBURNE

To better inform students and their parents about applying for courses post secondary school, Swinburne invites you to one of their Advice Nights in September. Advice Nights are an opportunity to learn more about clearly - Ins, the application process and studying at Swinburne. Presentations will be made by Swinburne Future Student Advisers, current and past students and a representative from VTAC. The next Advice Night at the Hawthorn campus will take place on Wednesday 17th September, 4:30 – 6:30pm. Registration is essential. For more information about the Advice Nights and to view the program visit: http://www.swinburne.edu.au/vtac/advice-night/?utm_campaign=cp-update-august-matt&utm_source=campaign-monitor&utm_medium=email.

2. WHAT IS MIBT (LA TROBE MELBOURNE, MONASH COLLEGE)?

Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology provides certificate and diploma courses in commerce, computing, engineering, health sciences, management, media and communication and science. The Diploma courses are offered in association with Deakin University campuses. The MIBT courses provide an alternative pathway to university. If students are successful in completing the Diploma they are able to move into the second year of an appropriate Deakin degree. La Trobe Melbourne offers similar pathways to La Trobe University degree courses and Monash College to Monash University courses. If you are concerned you may not achieve a high enough ATAR to access your preferred university course, these institutions may provide a suitable pathway. Note that they are Private Providers which are not government subsidised and therefore will charge full fees for their courses.

3. ENDEAVOUR COLLEGE OF NATURAL HEALTH

This College offers courses in complementary health. According to Endeavour, with an increasing willingness by the community to use wellness and wellbeing products and services, Australia’s demand for complementary health practitioners will continue to grow. The College offers B Health Science degrees in acupuncture, musculoskeletal therapy, naturopathy and nutritional medicine and Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications in massage and homeopathy. It has campuses located in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and the Gold Coast. It is a direct entry institution (no ATAR is required) and FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP are available for selected courses. Endeavour is opening its doors on Saturday 11th October for an interactive and informative Open Day. Register your attendance at: www.naturalhealthopenday.com.au. On the day you will be able to attend mini lectures, see practical demonstrations and talk to lecturers about natural health study and careers in the field. For more information email: info@endeavour.edu.au or telephone 1300 462 887.

4. THE LATROBE NEW B COMMERCE DEGREE FOR 2015

The new B Commerce will give you the opportunity to complete a professionally accredited major along with the chance to interact and learn from business professionals while you study. Choose from majors in Accounting, Economics, Finance, Management and Marketing. It will be offered on the Melbourne (Bundoora) campus and will take 3 years (full time) to complete. Prerequisites: Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in English. If you are interested in studying commerce with another discipline, it is possible to undertake a
double degree: B Commerce / B Arts; B Commerce / B Laws or B Commerce / B Science.

5. ELITE ATHLETE BONUS ENTRY SCHEME AT LA TROBE

Elite athlete future students applying for admission into an undergraduate course at La Trobe via VTAC are offered access to a bonus aggregate points entry scheme. La Trobe University is one of only three Victorian universities that offer bonus aggregate points for elite athletes. The scheme is only available to domestic undergraduate applicants who are classified as an elite athlete, whose sporting commitments have impacted on their previous studies and who are applying for admission to La Trobe via VTAC. Under this scheme students are eligible to receive five bonus aggregate points towards their entry score for admission. As a member of the Elite Athlete Friendly University Network, La Trobe University is committed to providing elite athlete students with assistance and support in successfully combining their academic and sporting pursuits. Visit the website for eligibility criteria and how to apply: [http://www.latrobe.edu.au/sport/elite-athlete](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/sport/elite-athlete).

6. STUDY THE B PSYCHOLOGY (HONOURS) AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

This four year degree is designed for students who want to become a professional psychologist, continue to a research focussed career or build a career in a psychology related field. During the first three years, students will gain an understanding of clinical psychology, abnormal and health psychology, behavioural neuroscience, social psychology, cognition, developmental psychology and psychological interventions. Students will also be able to choose from a wide range of elective subjects. The fourth year is an Honours year, giving students the chance to complete an individual research project under supervision. They will also have the chance to take part in seminars focusing on psychological assessment and interventions, professional and ethical issues, psychological theory and research methods. The B Psychology (Honours) is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC), so it enables students to continue on to an APAC accredited professional psychology postgraduate programme. La Trobe graduates work at research institutes, hospitals, schools, human resource departments, counselling services, public service positions and in private industry. For further information visit the FAQ page [http://latrobe.custhelp.com/app/](http://latrobe.custhelp.com/app/), chat online with one of the La Trobe team members or telephone 1300 135 045.

7. LIVING ON CAMPUS AT LA TROBE

La Trobe accommodation is more than just a place to live, it's a way of life. There are a range of housing options at the campuses to suit students' lifestyles, needs and budgets. Applications are now open across all campuses. All the information on how to apply, important dates and fees and charges are available online.

8. AUSTRALIAN MARITIME COLLEGE (AMC) PROGRAMME BUILDS PRACTICAL ENGINEERING SKILLS

A hands on approach to engineering studies is paying huge dividends to both students and industry partners of the Australian Maritime College, a specialist institute of the University of Tasmania. The Cooperative Engineering Programme is an integrated model of higher education in which motivated students can combine university studies with practical experience. Students alternate periods of full time study with periods of paid full time employment in industry. These work placements, totalling up to 17 months over
the course of the five year degree are undertaken under the supervision of professional engineers. The programme is available to students undertaking a B Engineering in Ocean Engineering, Naval Architecture or Marine and Offshore Engineering who have a minimum ATAR of 85 and maintain a credit average. For more details visit: https://www.amc.edu.au/maritime-engineering/course/bachelor-engineering-co-operative-engineering-program.

9. UTAS PHARMACY RELOCATION FUNDS FOR INTERSTATE STUDENTS

Interstate students who enrol in the B Pharmacy at the University of Tasmania in 2015 are eligible for a $2000 relocation bursary to assist with those extra costs of moving to Tasmania. For full details please visit: http://www.utas.edu.au/pharmacy/scholarships-offers

10. MONASH SCHOLARSHIP IN IT FOR HIGH ACHIEVING YOUNG WOMEN

The Women in Technology Scholarship is a $6,000 scholarship (one off payment) to high achieving female students who apply for a Monash undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Information Technology commencing in 2015. No separate scholarship application is necessary, just apply through VTAC for your course. Further information: 9908 2015 or email: it-admission@monash.edu.

11. STUDY FIRST YEAR DEAKIN UNIVERSITY SUBJECTS AS PART OF YOUR VCE IN 2015

You can extend your studies in VCE Psychology or VCE Health and Human Development by studying first year psychology or health subjects through Deakin University. Applications close Friday 5th December, 2014. For more information visit: deakin.edu.au/future-students/extension-studies or health-enquire@deaking.edu.au.

12. MELBOURNE COLLEGE OF HAIR AND BEAUTY COURSES

This College offers Government subsidised courses in Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy or Business. For eligible individuals, most prices for courses are under $1,000 and this includes books, uniforms, equipment and fees. The College is easily accessed at 244 Flinders St, Melbourne (across the road from Flinders St station). Further information: sandra@mcohb.com.au.

13. DIP JOURNALISM AT MACLEAY COLLEGE

Journalism is an exciting and fast paced career for people who love a challenge and are keen to join a rapidly evolving industry. You can work in TV, radio, online or in print media. Macleay offers a one year full time, full fee diploma course which has an internship placement at the core of the programme. Macleay is a private provider and students have access to FEE-HELP. The College is located at 55 Brady St, South Melbourne. Students can choose to commence their course in February, May or September. Specialist electives on offer in 2015 are Sports Journalism, Fashion Writing, Music and Movie Journalism, Food, Lifestyle and Travel, Investigative Reporting and Business Journalism.

14. ACU EARLY ACHIEVERS’ PROGRAMME

ACU is looking for students who understand the importance of working toward the common good and who contribute to their communities. ACU believes students should be recognised for their contribution and leadership potential and this is why they grant these students status as Early Achievers. For examples of community involvement you can visit the EAP website at: http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/early_entry/community_involv
One of the biggest benefits of the programme is that successful applicants receive an offer well ahead of the usual tertiary admissions announcements. You can watch the new preparing your EAP application video at: 

Applications close Monday 20th October, outcome advice: End of November 2014.

15. ACU ‘MY CAREER MATCH’

Completing ACU’s My Career Match survey will help students find suitable careers and occupations based on their strengths and personality style. My Career Match produces a specific report for each individual which will help students: discover their strengths and talents and the careers that may match, boost their awareness of the things they are good at, use personal content from the report to strengthen resumes, view ACU course options that match the possible careers and help plan the educational pathway. Follow the course links in the report and be transferred to the ACU website where you can explore the study options available:

16. FREE VCE REVISION LECTURES AT VU

Victoria University is again offering free VCE revision lectures at several VU campuses in September and October. Expert VCE assessors and teachers will provide tips, information and strategies to help you gain that extra edge with VCE exam preparation. Lectures to prepare for the following VCE exams will be offered: Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, English, Legal Studies, Maths Methods and Psychology. Students can learn more and register at: vu.edu.au/vce-lectures.

17. THE AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF SPORTS THERAPY

Have you ever thought of working in an elite environment as a Sports Therapist? Are you interested in working as a Fitness Professional, Masseuse or Myotherapist? ACST provides courses which will give you qualifications to work in these areas. Full time, part time and flexible study options are available. VET FEE-HELP is also available to approved applicants. Get the full rundown on Sports Therapy and the other courses ACST offers at one of their Open Day events: Sunday 7th September, 12 noon to 3:00 pm, Monday 8th September, 12 noon to 3:00 pm and Thursday 11th September 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

18. DEFERRAL OF YOUR 2015 COURSE

Remember that if you want a break from study, you may be able to defer taking up your course offer. Visit: www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/institutions/deferment.html for the deferral policy of each institution. Most universities will allow at least one year of deferral, while others offer up to two years. Be aware, however, that deferral is
not always automatic and you must check the policy for your course.

19. VTAC SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)

If you wish to submit a SEAS application due to some disadvantage you have experienced, these applications can only be completed once you have input a VTAC application. Applications for SEAS close on 7th October. You are strongly advised to at least apply for SEAS Category 1. If any of your personal information and area in which you live is relevant to your application, it will only be applied if you have submitted an application for SEAS Category 1.

20. APPRENTICESHIPS / TRAINEESHIPS

Some Year 12 students will be considering gaining qualifications via an apprenticeship or traineeship. Apprenticeships may take up to four years to complete, while traineeships are usually of 12 – 18 months duration. Completing a pre apprenticeship course with a VET provider (for example: Kangan, VU or NMIT) can often assist in obtaining an apprenticeship. These courses take around four or five months of full time study to complete and are offered in areas such as carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, tiling and many others. Sometimes Group Training Australia (telephone: 1800 819 747) will be able to assist in finding an employer with whom to complete an apprenticeship. A Group Training Organisation employs an apprentice or trainee and places them with a host employer. For names, locations and contact details of Group Training Organisations visit: www.grouptraining.com.au.

21. THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE BURNLEY CAMPUS INFORMATION DAY

The Faculty of Science at the University of Melbourne is holding a Burnley Information Day on Thursday, 11th September, 2014 from 12:00noon to 7:00pm at the Burnley Campus; 500 Yarra Boulevard, Richmond. More information at: http://www.land-environment.unimelb.edu.au/news-and-events/events/burnley-campus-open-day.html.

22. ASSURED OFFER PROGRAMME AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

The Deakin Assured Offer Programme (DAOP) provides eligible Year 12 students with the chance to receive a conditional offer of a place in November in one of the participating Deakin courses. It guarantees an offer even if the Clearly-In ATAR increases in 2015. The programme acknowledges the work VCE students put into their final year and minimises the stress of waiting for an offer in January. Application process: register your details at www.deakin.edu.au/assured and list up to 12 DAOP courses. If you achieve the minimum ATAR for a course and meet the course prerequisites, you are guaranteed a Deakin VTAC offer for 2015.

23. DISCOVER DEAKIN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Deakin is offering Year 10, 11 and 12 students the chance to find out more about Deakin and its courses through attendance at workshops and seminars during the term 3 school holidays. You will be able to talk with staff and students about courses and ask questions. It will be held at the Geelong Waurn Ponds campus, 9:00am - 12noon on Monday 22nd September and at the Deakin Burwood campus on Tuesday 23rd September (9:00am – 12noon). For more information or to book a place visit: http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/why-choose-deakin/prospective-student-events/discover-deakin

24. THE B ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY (CIVIL) – NEW AT NMIT FOR 2015
The B Engineering Technology (Civil) was developed following rigorous consultation with industry stakeholders, benchmarking comparative courses within Australia. The programme offers an exit point after the first two years at the Associate Degree level. At the third and fourth year, the programme offers specialisation in one of its major streams: Structural Engineering, Municipal Engineering / Transportation or Construction Management. Within the Structural Engineering stream you will be specialising in the design of concrete, steel and timber structures. Graduates of this stream will have an opportunity to complement the work of Architects in designing large buildings and skyscrapers. Structural engineers can work in: bridge design, highway structures, hydraulic structures, oil, gas and mineral exploration and utilisation facilities. The Municipal Engineering / Transportation stream allows you to specialise in municipal / transportation engineering. Municipal engineers are responsible of specifying, designing, constructing and maintaining: public walkways, water supplies and drainage networks, waste management systems and town planning and subdivision. Transportation engineers are responsible for designing, testing and improving transportation systems to avoid traffic congestion and ensure easy flow of traffic through the network. In the Construction Management stream you will learn more about managing construction projects. Construction Engineers are often required in the planning, construction and management of large infrastructure projects such as: highways, airports, ports, dams, bridges, mines and complex building projects. During the final semester of the course students will engage in a major project. The project could be a real life project from industry or a simulated one. Students are required to progress through the steps of formalising client requirements, developing specifications, conducting literature reviews, developing an optimised solution(s), detailed design and evaluations. A minimum score of 25 in one of the VCE Units 3 and 4 English subjects or equivalent and a minimum score of 25 in VCE Units 3 and 4 Mathematical Methods (CAS) is required. Students lacking the mathematics prerequisite will be required to complete a bridging course in Engineering Mathematics. Entry is via VTAC for Semester 1. Applicants may apply directly to NMIT for the Semester 2 intake. For more information, applicants are encouraged to attend one of NMIT’s Information Nights and to visit: http://www.nmit.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-engineering-technology-civil/

25. VU CERT III EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

As stated in the VTAC Guide, this course is not currently available to current Year 12 applicants via VTAC. This is because the course entry stipulates that a Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care is a prerequisite. At this late stage VTAC will not allow VU to vary these requirements. So the advice to current Year 12 applicants interested in the Diploma is as follows:
Apply direct to VU for admission to the Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care via the A120 hardcopy application. This qualification is the minimum required by the industry. Taking this option has the following benefits: no application fee, get an outcome earlier than through the VTAC system, applicants can pathway into the Diploma mid 2015 with no impact on course duration and you gain the minimum qualification for employment in the industry while continuing your studies; or
Apply direct to VU for admission to the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care with the following considerations: if applying for a full time position an outcome cannot be confirmed until VTAC applicants are exhausted (in late January), if applying for a part time place you will receive an earlier outcome.

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