1. **STUDYING MEDICINE AT MONASH UNIVERSITY**

Monash offers two medicine / surgery (MBBS) degrees. One is an undergraduate degree at the Monash Clayton campus, the other is a Graduate entry programme at the Gippsland campus. The Clayton undergraduate degree selects students on the basis of their Undergraduate Medicine and Health Science Admissions Test (UMAT) results, an interview, and their ATAR. Applicants for this programme cannot have commenced another university degree. The Gippsland Graduate entry programme currently selects students on the basis of results from an appropriate undergraduate degree and results from the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT). From 2017, however, at least 50 of the 75 domestic places available in the Graduate Entry MBBS will be reserved for students who have completed Monash University’s B Biomedical Science degree. The remaining 25 places in this programme will be open to students who have completed the following Monash University degrees: B Biomedical Science (including double degrees), B Pharmacy, B Physiotherapy and B Science (dependent on the completion of designated units). Selection of students for the Graduate entry MBBS will include a multiple mini interview. The GAMSAT will not be required. For further information visit: www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/gippsland/mbbs-pathways.html or telephone: 1800 MONASH (666 274) or email: future@monash.edu. Note that the other institutions in Victoria offering postgraduate medical degrees are The University of Melbourne and Deakin University. Many applicants for medical degrees also apply to interstate universities and sometimes to New Zealand universities (the University of Auckland and Otago University), to increase their chances of being accepted into a medical degree. Competition for places is fierce.

2. **WHAT IS THE UMAT (UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSION TEST)?**

Results from this test are used as part of the selection process for some Australian and New Zealand university health science degrees. In Victoria the only university degree now requiring this test for Year 12 selection is Medicine at Monash Clayton (physiotherapy no longer requires the undertaking of the UMAT as part of its selection process). Some interstate and NZ universities also use the UMAT as part of their selection process. Registrations for UMAT2014 are now open and close at 5:00pm (EST) on Friday 6th June. Candidates who do not register by the close of late registrations (20 June 2014) will not be permitted to sit UMAT2014. The test will take place on Wednesday 30th July, 2014. Year 11 students may not sit the UMAT2014 and should they do so, their results will be cancelled and they may not be allowed to sit the UMAT again. Students sitting the UMAT should note that candidates who do not possess a current passport, driver’s licence or learner’s permit are strongly recommended to apply for a Keypass or Proof of Age Card as soon as possible as no other forms of ID will be accepted. Candidates without correct identification will not be permitted to sit UMAT2014 and will be turned away. The UMAT Information Booklet is available from the UMAT website: www.umat.acer.edu.au. For more information visit: http://umat.acer.edu.au/ or telephone 8508 7643. Practice materials are also available through the UMAT website and can only be completed online. There are currently three full length tests available. There are also some ‘how to’ clips and a quiz on the UMAT website. Watch the videos and complete the quiz questions before registering for the test. Further clips will be released over the coming months.

3. **ANTIPODEANS ABROAD GAPBREAK PROGRAMME**

This Australian owned and run GapBreak programme is now taking applications for gap year students to travel, work and volunteer in Africa, Asia, South America, North America and Europe in 2015. The programme has been operating for over 15 years, and GapBreak pride themselves on their safety record and the support they provide to students. Contact Vara Arnold at: vara@antipodeans.com.au or telephone (02) 9413 1522 or visit: www.antipodeans.com.au to find out more about this programme.
4. **RMIT SCIENCE IN THE CITY LAB TOURS**

Students and parents are invited to visit the cutting edge learning laboratories at RMIT and discover the range of programmes on offer including: biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental sciences, food science, nanotechnology and physics. Tour dates: Monday 7th April 2014, 11:00am to 1:30pm, Monday 30th June 2014, 11:00am to 1:30pm and Monday 22nd September 2014, 11:00am to 1:30pm. Register to attend at: www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover

5. **SHORT COURSES IN ART AND DESIGN AT RMIT**


6. **NEW SCHOLARSHIP FROM FOREVER NEW FOR AN RMIT FASHION DESIGN STUDENT**

Australian retailer Forever New is partnering with RMIT to mentor design students through a new scholarship programme. The scholarship includes $20,000 towards tuition fees and design collection expenses, plus a 12 month employment offer in the design team at Forever New upon graduation. The annual award is given to one RMIT B Design (Fashion) student on completion of their third year.

7. **MONASH UNIVERSITY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

Monash have a dedicated site for parents who would like to help their children in the transition from school to university: monash.edu.au/study/options/parents/. This website helps to provide an idea of the first year experience for students as they make their transition from secondary school to university; from choosing the right course to adjusting to university life.

8. **AT MONASH SEMINAR SERIES**

The At Monash Seminar Series provides an opportunity for students and parents to gain an insight into courses and careers in a broad range of fields across the faculties and campuses of Monash University. Each Seminar is unique to the Faculty or discipline but all will include an overview of the area, current student and graduate perspectives and allow ample time to pick up course information and ask individual questions of the speakers and faculty representatives. The Series commences in March, with the following seminars: Business and Economics, Tuesday 4th March at Peninsula; Nursing, Midwifery and Emergency Health, Thursday, 6th March at Peninsula; Business and Economics, Wednesday, 12th March at Clayton; Science, Thursday, 13th March at Clayton; Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, Tuesday, 18th March at Peninsula, Information Technology, Wednesday, 19th March at Caulfield; Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Thursday, 20th March at Parkville; Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences), Tuesday 25th March at Caulfield; Design and Fine Art, Wednesday, 26th March at Caulfield and Teaching, Thursday 27th March at Peninsula campus. All seminars commence at 6:30pm and finish at 8:00pm. To view the full list of seminars and to register, visit: monash.edu/seminars.

9. **MONASH IT INFORMATION EVENT**

The Monash Faculty of Information Technology is introducing a new induction event for 2014. ‘First Strike’ will give students and parents the opportunity to find out about IT activities, events and competitions for 2014. Meet like minded students interested in Games Development,
Multimedia and Information Technology. The event includes: Introduction to the IT Challenge competition, Work Experience preparation at CGBC – Computer Games Boot Camp (Step IT Up program), Introduction to Project Development (Prepare your project for 2014), Multimedia and live broadcast preparation for CGBC, e.g. animations, videos, channel IDs, student and industry presentations and 2014 event and activity information. This will take place Saturday 22nd February – Sunday 23rd February, 11:00am – 6:00pm and is aimed at all secondary school students in Years 7 – 12 with an interest in IT. It will be held on the Ground level, Building H at the Caulfield Campus. For more information visit: https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/.

10. MONASH PHYSIOTHERAPY: CHANGES TO ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The UMAT will no longer be required for students applying for the Monash B Physiotherapy for entry in 2015 and beyond. Applicants will still be required to undertake an interview. Applicants will be ranked for interview eligibility based on their academic record (Year 12 equivalent studies or GPA) and demonstrated completion of prerequisite subjects. All applicants must be available for a face to face interview at the designated time. For detailed information please visit: www.med.monash.edu.au/physio/index.html after February 2014.

11. OPEN DAY AT THE BEAUTY AND HAIR ACADEMY OF AUSTRALIA

The Beauty and Hair Academy of Australia are opening their doors on Sunday February 23rd, 2014 from 10:00am to 3:00pm to show case their facilities and courses for students and parents (1/58 Mahoneys Road, Thomastown, 3074). Visitors will be able to watch and participate in demonstrations, tour the beautiful training academy including the largest spa training facility in the Northern suburbs and talk with experienced educators about the comprehensive Beauty Therapy programme and Salon Management programme as well as various certificate courses. If this is for you, register your interest on the Facebook page event: https://www.facebook.com/beautyandhairacademy or telephone: 9469 5483 or email: info@beautyandhairacademy.com.au. Web: www.beautyandhairacademy.com.au

12. ONE ON ONE APPOINTMENTS AT WILLIAM ANGLISS

If you are interested in a career in foods, tourism, hospitality or events you are welcome to book an appointment with a representative from the William Angliss Future Students team at the Melbourne CBD Campus. They can provide a tailored campus tour and consultation about their programmes, pathways and application processes.

13. PLUMBING CAREERS EXHIBITION

The Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC) is hosting a Plumbing Careers Exhibition on Tuesday 11th March. Students considering a career in the plumbing industry will have the opportunity to meet representatives from Registered Training Organisations, TAFEs, employers and others involved in vocational education and training. Students will gain an insight regarding the industry, the training involved in becoming a plumber and the career paths available. The exhibition commences at 1:00pm and concludes at 4:00pm at PICAC, 6 / 306 Albert Road, Brunswick, Victoria. It is easily accessible by Public Transport.

14. PROJECTS ABROAD GAP YEAR

Projects Abroad has been organising gap year opportunities for students for nearly 20 years. Their philosophy is for a gap year to be successful it must be well planned and expose the student to a variety of experiences. Through volunteering and travelling with a purpose students can learn a lot about themselves and the world around them. This in turn assists with the transition to tertiary study and success in future endeavours. You can request a brochure, visit the website: www.projects-abroad.com.au, telephone 1300 132 831 for further information or attend an information evening. The next Information Evening in Melbourne will be held on Tuesday 18th February (visit the website for details) or there will be an online information session on Tuesday 25th February.