1. HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT IT’S REALLY LIKE TO STUDY SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, IT OR ARCHITECTURE AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY?

The new Deakin YouTube videos may help to satisfy your curiosity. Recently introduced by the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment, these videos showcase the student experience from the student perspective. Whether you’re interested in science, engineering, IT, architecture or environment, these videos allow you to hear first hand what studying at Deakin is really like; from the facilities to the learning environment, study abroad and work placement opportunities, you’ll gain an insight into what it’s like to be a Deakin student. Visit: youtube.com/user/deakinuniversity to find out more and see for yourself.

2. STUDY CRIMINOLOGY AT DEAKIN BURWOOD

Criminology is now offered at the Deakin Burwood Campus (as well as at Geelong and off campus). Criminology courses offered at Burwood from 2014 are: B Criminology (VTAC Code 1400514631 (CSP) full time / part time), B Criminology / B Information Technology (IT Security) (VTAC Code 1400510031 (CSP) full time / part time), B Criminology / B Laws (VTAC Code 1400515301 (CSP) full time / part time), B Criminology / B Psychological Science VTAC Code 1400510041 (CSP) full time / part time), B Arts (students can select the criminology major as part of their arts degree at Burwood) VTAC code 1400514101 (CSP full time / part time). For more information visit: deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/criminology.

3. CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHING ACCREDITATION AT DEAKIN

Through Deakin’s B Education (Primary) students have the opportunity to gain accreditation to enable them to teach in Catholic primary schools. Students who would like to teach in a Catholic school are required to undertake four units of religious education study. These units can be selected as electives within the B Education (Primary) and are completed through ACU and Deakin’s cross institutional study program. The religious education units are charged as CSP as they form part of the six elective units within the Primary Teaching degree. If you are interested in teaching in a Catholic primary school or need more information about the programme email Student Services on: artsedssall@deakin.edu.au.

4. STUDY SPANISH AT DEAKIN – NEW IN 2014

New to Deakin in 2014, Spanish offers students a unique opportunity to learn about the history and culture of the Spanish speaking world, whilst equipping them with increasingly sought after language skills. Spanish is the official language of 21 countries of the world, including Spain and the nations of Central and South America. After Chinese, it is the largest world language in terms of the number of native speakers. For this reason, the study of Spanish can open doors to new experiences and interests that are not accessible without a knowledge of the language and culture and can also be an important asset in many careers and fields of study. Spanish is available through the following courses: B Arts, Diploma of Language, B International Studies.

5. CREATIVE ARTS STUDENTS

The School of Communication and Creative Arts within the Faculty of Arts and Education at Deakin University has outstanding creative and performing arts facilities, including animation labs, editing suites, a sound studio, film screening rooms, wardrobe and costume department, green room and performance studios. Students will work collaboratively on major projects with students from other creative and performing arts disciplines,
developing the project management and communication and collaboration skills required and valued by creative arts and creative technologies industries. Creative Arts students have access to the Deakin Broadcast Centre, a full high definition television studio that is also used by commercial broadcasters for live television productions. Photography students work in both digital and chemical formats, with access to high quality dark room facilities. Deakin was the first university in the world to take delivery of Red Epic film cameras to complement its existing fleet of high definition digital film cameras. Students can also learn in the Deakin Motion Lab, Australia’s largest and most sophisticated optical motion capture facility. For more information on these state of the art facilities or Deakin’s creative arts courses, visit: deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/creative-arts.

6. OPTOMETRY AT DEAKIN

Deakin’s B Vision Science / Master of Optometry course will be offered from this year as a combined course. Students wishing to study optometry will be able to apply for the combined course, B Vision Science / Master of Optometry, via the usual VTAC processes. It is offered at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus and provides students with the opportunity to study in purpose built facilities in the REACH building. By taking advantage of Deakin’s trimester system, this course makes it possible for students to obtain a professional optometry qualification in just three and a half years of full time study. You can learn more about Deakin’s optometry courses by visiting: deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/optometry.

7. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE COURSES POPULAR CHOICES FOR 2014

VTAC applications for 2014 indicated that Arts and Science degrees at The University of Melbourne were the most popular undergraduate course choices across the state. The B Commerce and B. Biomedicine were also in the top eight most popular course choices. 2124 places were offered for the B. Science, an increase of 11% compared with 2013. Science offered the most places of any course at the university. About one third of all of Melbourne’s offers were made to Access Melbourne categories of disadvantage: financial background or rural and isolated areas. More details are in this media release: www.newsroom.melbourne.edu/news/university-melbourne-courses-again-prove-most-popular.

8. ATAR RISES FOR DEGREES AT SWINBURNE

Swinburne reports that 2014 has started with a significant increase in the number of students applying for, and being offered, scholarships and degree places at the university. Average ATARs have risen, while the Swinburne Guaranteed ATARs provided more certainty for students and their parents when finalising course preferences. The availability of CSP degree transfer places (UniLink diploma programmes) also provided many motivated students with a great opportunity to pathway into the second year of their preferred degree (available to students with an ATAR of 50 or higher). This year Swinburne offered 28 Vice Chancellor’s Scholarships for academic excellence and an additional 44 scholarships were awarded by university deans. This is almost triple the number of scholarships offered in 2013. Note that Swinburne offers both university and TAFE programmes on their Hawthorn campus whilst the Wantirna and Croydon campuses offer TAFE courses only.

9. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HEALTH SCIENCES BUT UNSURE OF YOUR DIRECTION?

Deakin University suggests that if you are interested in a career in health but are unsure of your direction, their B Health Sciences could be a good option. The degree draws from, and complements, the specialist fields offered by the Faculty of Health and enables you to structure your course and combine fields of study according to your
interests and career ideas. Possible areas of study include: environmental health, exercise science, food studies, health promotion, nutrition, disability, psychology and sport coaching.

10. TRINITY COLLEGE INVITES STUDENTS TO ATTEND THEIR ANNUAL YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAMMES IN 2014

In July Trinity College will be run a Biomedicine stream for the first time. In this stream, students will explore the world of medicine and medical research including genetics, human physiology and human structure and function. Students will perform dissections and visit the genetics laboratories at The University of Melbourne. The very popular Commerce stream will also run. Students will explore the fields of accounting, business, economics, finance, management and marketing. Also in July, the Arts stream will be running which explores Arts Majors such as psychology, media and communications and Fine Arts, which looks at a diverse range of art forms, including performance art, visual art, movement and music. The Social Justice stream is ideal for students looking to develop leadership skills associated with grassroots movements for social justice, such as equality, democracy and transformation in young people. Students who would like a taste of university life should be aged between 14 and 17 and are invited to join the Trinity College programmes in either July or December. Each year more than 300 students from around the world are welcomed and these programmes are designed to inspire, increase confidence and guide students on a pathway to tertiary education. Students are able to choose an academic stream – all of which align with the University of Melbourne’s new generation undergraduate degrees to give students an idea what they might like to study in the future. During the July intake students can choose a one week module or combine two programmes to create a fantastic two week experience. In December students immerse themselves in one academic stream for the two weeks. Programme Dates: July Week 1: 29th June – 6th July; July Week 2: 6th – 13th July; December: 30th November – 14th December. Visit: http://www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/learning/trinity-institute/young-leaders/young-leaders-july-program.html to learn more.

11. WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO’S KEEPER FOR A DAY PROGRAMME

This will be held on April 8th, 10th and 14th. If you are thinking of a career that involves working with animals, take part in this programme for a day during the term 1 holidays. Participate in a range of hands on experiences designed to provide you with an insight into the role of a Zoo Keeper. This is a great opportunity to learn first hand from keepers about the skills and experience recommended to gain a position as a Zoo keeper amongst a competitive field of applicants. The programme is suitable for students in Years 7 – 12, aged 13 - 18 years. The cost is $103.00 ($92.70 zoo members) and bookings can be made on: 9285 9406 or visit: www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day.

12. HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY’S VET FOR A DAY PROGRAMME

This will be held on April 9th, 10th, 16th and 17th. The Healesville Australian Wildlife Health Centre receives over 2,000 injured and orphaned wild animals each year. Come and work alongside the vets in a unique programme with real life cases involving Healesville Sanctuary’s animal collection as well as injured wildlife brought to the hospital. These school holidays the theme is Corroboree, giving you the chance to learn about animals from a traditional perspective. Get up close to amazing animals such as Corroboree frogs, Kangaroos, Dingoes and Sugar Gliders. Vet for a Day allows participants to work in the vet hospital for the day, helping out the vets and learning about one of the most rewarding jobs working with animals Suitable for students in Years 9 – 12, aged 15 - 18 years. The cost is $125 ($112.50 zoo members) and bookings can be made on: 9285 9406 or visit:

13. **HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY’S KEEPER FOR A DAY PROGRAMME**

This will be held on April 8th, 9th, 15th and 16th. Come and work as a Keeper at Healesville Sanctuary these school holidays and get up close to some of our most precious and endangered animals. These school holidays the theme is Corroboree giving you the chance to work with some of the indigenous keepers and also learn about animals from a traditional perspective. Meet amazing Corroboree frogs, pythons and birds of prey. Keeper for a Day allows participants to work in the Sanctuary for the day, helping out the Keepers and learning about one of the most rewarding jobs working with animals. The programme is suitable for students in Years 7 – 12, aged 13 - 18 years. The cost is $103.00 ($92.70 zoo members) and bookings can be made by telephoning: 9285 9406 or visit: www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day.

14. **A DAY AT MELBOURNE**

The University of Melbourne invites all Year 10 to 12 students and their families to experience a Day at Melbourne. A Day at Melbourne is replacing the Access All Areas events of the past and will be very similar in nature, providing an opportunity to come and explore the Parkville campus and find out more about the range of study options available. This includes a chance to hear from current students about what it’s like to study at Melbourne, as well as tailored sessions about entry requirements, course structures and other opportunities available to Melbourne students. A tour of the Southbank campus will also be included in the programme for those who wish to visit the Victorian College of the Arts. This event provides a great opportunity to gather information and talk to University staff about all aspects of studying and life at Melbourne. Come along to A Day at Melbourne and find out more about: undergraduate degrees and graduate pathways at Melbourne, unique opportunities to enrich degrees such as concurrent diplomas and going on exchange and study abroad, admissions and entry requirements, Access Melbourne and Melbourne Scholarships, accommodation options and how parents can help with the transition to university. The event will be held on Friday 11th April, 2014, 10:00am – 3:30pm at The University of Melbourne, Parkville campus. For further information visit: http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria/a_day_at_melbourne2

15. **BEAUTY THERAPY TASTER PROGRAMME**

The Beauty and Hair Academy of Australia will be offering Year 11 and 12 students an opportunity to participate in a Beauty Therapy taster programme. The programme is designed to provide students with a ‘taste’ of what might be involved should they choose to study a Diploma of Beauty Therapy and follow a career in the beauty industry. The four week, after school, programme will run once a week from 4 pm till 6 pm. Students will be able to choose from either a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday class. This free taster programme will cover Nail Art, Facials and Make up. Students will also be able to experience and observe demonstrations in the Spa room, tour the state of the art facilities and talk with highly qualified and experienced trainers about opportunities available in the beauty industry. Classes will be limited to 16 students in each group, with two groups running each night. Students will receive a workshop participation certificate at the end of the four weeks. The programme will start the week beginning August 4th and will be completed the week beginning August 25th. This programme is open to all Year 11 and 12 students. To register for the program please email Felicity at: felicity.d@beautyandhairacademy.com.au with your name, email address, telephone number and age and the preferred day you wish to attend or telephone her on 9469 5483. Places are limited, so register now so that you don’t miss out. The Beauty and Hair Academy is located at 1 / 58 Mahoney's
There are a huge range of GAP year options for students completing Year 12. Some have been mentioned in previous editions of Career News. Here are some more:

16. GAP MEDICS

This programme offers students interested in healthcare a genuine insight into the hospital work of doctors and nurses in Tanzania, Zanzibar, Thailand and the Czech Republic. Gap Medics are offering an exciting project for students that are looking to apply for university courses in medicine, nursing, dentistry or midwifery. Gap Medics is a provider of short term healthcare work experience placements abroad. Although based in the UK, its programmes are open to students from all around the world. This organisation is dedicated to arranging hospital work experience placements for students who are applying to medical or nursing school in particular. So, what does the project involve? During weekdays, students shadow highly skilled doctors in their day to day work on a fully supervised hospital placement. Students will also have the benefit of clinical teaching, safe and secure accommodation, food, transfers in Tanzania or Thailand, local orientations, 24/7 support from Gap Medics support teams overseas and in the UK and lots of help with preparations for their trip too. Visit http://www.gapmedics.com/ to find out more.

17. GAP YEAR THROUGH TUTORS WORLDWIDE

There are many different ways in which a GAP Year can be organised. Tutors Worldwide offers students the opportunity to work in an overseas school environment at either prep or secondary school level. Currently Tutors Worldwide recruits for (both senior and junior) schools in the UK, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa and from among students in the same countries, incorporating personal visits to all countries. For more information or to download the application form, visit http://www.tutorsworldwide.org/. Applications close 10th April, 2014.

18. VOLUNTEER ABROAD WITH WEP

World Education Programme (WEP) Australia is now offering a range of international programmes for people over the age of 18. Programmes include volunteer and conservation projects, work and travel and internships, teaching English overseas, international language study and language and volunteer packages. WEP’s GAP programmes bring together volunteers from all over the world to help communities in need. Volunteers learn to work through the various challenges of adapting to a new culture, mature, gain more confidence and develop greater self awareness, gain a better understanding of the world and international relations and develop a much more worldly, focused and determined approach to life once back in Australia. Find out more by visiting: www.volunteerabroad.com.au or telephone: 1300 884 733.

19. AFX STUDENT EXCHANGE

AFX Student Exchange offers a range of programmes including high school or GAP year programmes to France. For more information about all the programmes offered by AFX visit: http://www.australia-france-exchange.com/australie/

20. AU PAIR, VOLUNTEER, EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

AIFS and its family of companies organises cultural exchange programmes throughout the world. Whether you are looking for a cultural exchange programme, an Au Pair placement, a volunteer role or a stint with Camp America; AIFS has a range of opportunities and programmes to offer. Visit http://www.aifsaustralia.com/ to learn more.

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