1. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ACCOUNTANT?

Accountants analyse the financial dealings of organisations and give advice about meeting legal requirements and the keeping of financial records. Some specialise in particular areas such as auditing, investment analysis, cost accounting and taxation. Accountants qualify by studying at university for a B Business or a B Commerce with a major in accounting, or completing a B Accounting degree. When choosing the degree you wish to study, it is important to check that it is possible to study an accounting major. Some universities require Units 3 & 4 Maths Methods as a prerequisite – the B Commerce at the University of Melbourne and Monash University (Clayton campus). The Monash University (Caulfield and Peninsula campus) business programmes have a prerequisite requirement of any Year 12 Maths, while other universities, such as ACU, Deakin, Swinburne, La Trobe, RMIT and VU have no maths prerequisite requirements to enter their degree programmes. With some further study, accounting graduates can qualify for entry to the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA), CPA Australia or the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA). Some universities offer scholarships to study accounting. For example, the B Accounting at Monash University offers a $16,000 scholarship, industry placements and mentoring to eligible applicants. Swinburne University offers the B Business (Vice Chancellor’s Scholarship) where a major in accounting can be studied and similarly there are scholarships available for the B Commerce (Chancellor’s Scholars Programme) at the University of Melbourne. Some large accounting firms such as KPMG and Ernst & Young offer traineeships to those wishing to qualify as accountants. These traineeships involve studying part time and working at the accounting firm part time. In this way valuable practical experience is gained while studying. Applications and interviews for the traineeships occur later in the year. It is also possible to study accounting at TAFE. A TAFE qualification, however, will qualify you to work as a bookkeeper, tax agent or payroll clerk, for example, not as an accountant. Students can articulate from a TAFE programme to a university degree programme; usually with credits for previous study undertaken at TAFE. For more information about careers as an accountant and accredited degree programmes, visit: www.cpaaustralia.com.au; www.charteredaccountants.com.au/students or www.publicaccountants.org.au.

2. VU’S FLEXIBLE APPROACH

VU has always embraced flexible pathways for courses across the educational spectrum. They have been building on their expertise by designing and implementing the distinctive VU Model to support the needs and aspirations of students from a wide range of ATARs and backgrounds. The VU Model features work integrated learning options and tailored learning support for students in both wide access Career Start Bachelor degrees and more specialist Professional Bachelor degrees, providing engaging learning experiences, inbuilt entry and exit points and strong career outcomes. VU are renowned for providing both supportive and engaging learning opportunities for a wide range of students; including all ages, cultures, socioeconomic and educational backgrounds. They strongly believe everyone can discover their own success.

3. THE VU B LAW DEGREE

VU’s approach to learning combines theory with practice. Their partnerships with the courts and community legal services give students a unique exposure to the real experience of the justice system. These opportunities challenge students through practical experiences for a rewarding career in law that could range from working for government, the community or in private enterprise. Visit: www.vu.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-laws-blaw to learn more. In a B Laws degree students learn a range of legal professional
skills; such as advocacy, ethical judgement, communication, legal research and writing, interviewing and negotiation and relevant legal professional computing skills. The skills VU graduates acquire during their Law degree ensure they have flexible employment options. As part of the degree students undertake an industry placement. The VU partnerships with the courts and community legal services provide students with a unique exposure to the real experience of the justice system. VU has some of Australia’s most eminent legal professionals imparting their wealth of experience and knowledge as lecturers and adjunct professors. These include the Hon. Justice Chris Maxwell QC, Professor Robert Richter QC, criminal law specialist Robert Stary, former Attorney General Nicola Roxon, Victorian Chief Magistrate Ian Gray and retired High Court Judge the Hon. Michael Kirby.

4. DEAKIN UNIVERSITY PARENT AND STUDENT TERTIARY INFORMATION NIGHT

Deakin University is offering parents and students the opportunity to attend an information night to help you start to plan your VCE, choice of university and career. You will also have the opportunity to learn about Deakin’s range of courses, the VTAC application process, prerequisites and extra requirements, listen to a presentation about costs, scholarships and key dates regarding further study, find out more about life on campus and the student support services available and discover pathways to university. These events will be held at the Melbourne Burwood campus on Wednesday 21st May, 6:00 – 8:00pm and at the Geelong Waterfront campus on Wednesday 28th May, 6:00 – 8:00pm.

5. PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROMOTION – NOW OFFERED AT DEAKIN GEELONG

From 2015, Deakin will run its B Public Health and Health Promotion at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus. It is the same as the course which is offered at the Melbourne Burwood Campus. Studying the B Public Health and Health Promotion will provide you with the skills and knowledge to undertake activities directed at improving the health and wellbeing of the population. The Deakin public health and health promotion staff have established close associations with practising professionals in a wide range of sectors, making the course relevant to real life practice. The practical placement in the final year of the course offers you the opportunity to put theory into practice, consolidating the skills and knowledge you have learned throughout the course and making you career ready when you graduate. If you would like more information visit: deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/health or contact the Health Student and Academic Services on 9251 7777 or email: health-enquire@deakin.edu.au.

6. ENGINEERING AT DEAKIN

Deakin University Engineering is distinctive in that each of the professionally accredited engineering courses are available in two study modes – campus learning and cloud (online) learning. This provides students with the flexibility to choose their preferred study option and also the ability to switch between study modes to fit their studies around their lifestyle, work and other commitments. Undertaking an engineering degree via cloud (online) learning is ideally suited to those students who wish to minimise their requirement to physically attend classes at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus. But that doesn’t mean they miss out on the practical learning experiences that are an integral part of engineering education. Regardless of which option you choose, all students have access to the recently refurbished engineering facilities at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus, enabling you to put theory into practice and acquire the skills and experience that are highly sought after by employers. From 2015, students will also have access to the Centre for Advanced Design in Engineering Training (CADET). An extension of the engineering precinct at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus, CADET will provide some of the best future focused engineering and design facilities and advanced training capabilities in the
7. MEDICINE INFORMATION EVENING

Deakin University will be holding a Medicine Information Evening at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus (where they deliver their post graduate Medicine qualification) on Tuesday 20th May, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Delivered by the School of Medicine you will learn about the courses and pathways available in medicine and optometry at Deakin. More details will be available soon.

8. HELP WITH YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION

If you are in Year 10 university may seem a long way off, but the decisions you make this year about VCE subjects will affect what you’re able to study after you finish Year 12. Whether you’ve made up your mind about university or you’re still undecided, it’s good to get plenty of information now so you’re fully prepared for VCE and beyond. Check out the La Trobe Year 10 videos at: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/year10 to get a head start.

9. GET A HEAD START WITH A SHORT COURSE IN PHYSIOLOGY AND ANATOMY AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

If you have an interest in how the human body works and how its function is related to its structure then this could be the course for you. Enrolment in the online Physiology and Anatomy course is available to anyone who is interested; you do not have to enrol in other studies at La Trobe University. This course is delivered entirely online and although it does not attract any credit points, it is acceptable at a number of Universities as a bridging programme. Find out more about the course at: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/health/areas-of-study/human-biosciences/anatomy-and-physiology/short-courses.

10. STUDY ABROAD AS PART OF YOUR LA TROBE QUALIFICATION

La Trobe is one of the most generous Australian universities when it comes to financial assistance, offering more than AUD$1 million in exchange grants and scholarships every year. Study at La Trobe and you too can choose to study part of your degree in another country. Choose to study at one of over 150 partner institutions in over 40 countries all over the world. In the meantime, you can keep up to date. Sign up at: http://latrobe.custhelp.com/cj/documents/detail/2/keep/?path=feature-title and you could win the ultimate travel experience.

11. MONASH RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Monash Residential Services (MRS) offers Monash students independent living options where the focus is on supporting residents during their stay. Students will find living on campus with MRS is an excellent stepping stone into tertiary study and general university life. On campus living provides residents with a large range of events, activities and academic programmes that are available exclusively to those living at MRS. These can range from large scale residential balls to carnivals, establishing study groups to academic dinners, or simply cooking classes within the residential hall. The possibilities are endless and MRS are constantly looking to enhance their offerings. Students can see a number of events via the MRS website, or read the quarterly newsletter, “The 24.7”, to see just what has been happening: http://mrs.monash.edu/oncampus/24-7.html. MRS encourage students to view the website and see how exciting living on campus can be. Applications for 2015 open later in August this year and will be available online at: http://mrs.monash.edu/.

12. WHAT IS ACTUARIAL STUDIES?
Actuarial careers were top spot in a 2013 study by the Wall Street Journal's job site: CareerCast.com which looked at which were the best jobs to have. Yet many people have not heard of actuarial studies. Actuaries are responsible for identifying, analysing and assessing risk. They determine the likelihood of risk to ensure the safeguard of an organisation and they advise on the potential consequences of risk. This is done by creating mathematical models using past data and the actuary’s own knowledge and experience. These models are used to generate future scenarios in order to determine how likely and how severe future risks may be. Actuaries traditionally work in consulting, banking, superannuation, stockbroking, insurance and investment and can also find work in consumer behaviour analysis (eg loyalty card schemes) and developing areas such as environmental studies, climate change and genetics. At Monash University you can study actuarial studies as part of the B Commerce or the B of Economics. Units offered in the actuarial studies major include Data modelling and computing, Actuarial statistics, Probability and statistical inference for economics and business, Financial institutions and markets, Financial econometrics and Contingencies in insurance and pensions. For more information about studying actuarial studies and career outcomes visit: www.buseco.monash.edu.au/undergraduate/majors/actuarial-studies.html. Monash courses are accredited by the Actuarial Institute of Australia, which is the professional body for actuaries in Australia: www.actuaries.asn.au/default.aspx.

13. MONASH LAUNCHES NEW EDUCATION DEGREE IN 2015

Monash University believes that a teaching degree from Monash will prepare aspiring educators to be tomorrow’s leaders. The newly developed, innovative B Education (Honours) is a four year specialist course, which prepares students for a career as an educator in the early childhood sector, in primary or secondary schools or a combination of these. The honours component of the degree is embedded into the four year course so that, in an Australian first, graduates will have an honours qualification. This means that on graduation they are ready to take a leading role in their chosen educational setting and teaching field. It also means they can choose to study for a fifth year, either immediately or at some time in the future, and will then qualify for an advanced master's degree, putting them ahead of the game. At Monash, students will learn how to work with children and young people with varied needs to develop their creative, intellectual, personal, physical and social capabilities and how to foster learning in diverse ways. The eight areas of specialisation reflect the age ranges of the students with whom they wish to work. They are: Early Years Education, Early Years and Primary Education, Primary Education (single degree or double degree options with Arts, Science, Visual Arts), Primary and Secondary Education, Primary and Secondary Special Education

Primary and Secondary Health and Physical Education, Secondary Health and Physical Education, Secondary education (double degree only with Arts, Science, Commerce, Music, Visual Arts ). Throughout their degree, students build their knowledge of teaching and learning through practical experiences in many settings, including unique opportunities in locations such as the Cook Islands, Malaysia, Italy and South Africa. Education at Monash University has been ranked sixth in the world in the latest QS World University Rankings by Subject 2014. The recently released QS rankings places the Education discipline at Monash amongst the very best in the world. For further details visit: www.monash.edu/education or contact Seshna Maharaj, Manager, Marketing and Communications at: seshna.maharaj@monash.edu.

14. PHARMACY AT MONASH

As of 2015, the B Pharmacy degree will be renamed the B Pharmacy (Honours) and the B Pharmacy (Scholars) will be renamed the B Pharmacy (Honours) (Scholars). All students who are considering the B Pharmacy in 2015 should be aware that the Supplementary
Information form will no longer be required when applying through VTAC. Note also that the B Pharmacy / Commerce double degree has been discontinued. For more information, please contact Tom Day, Student Recruitment Officer on 9903 9594 or email: tom.day@monash.edu.

15. LEARN MORE ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

If you would like to find out more about Melbourne degrees, you may wish to attend a ‘Focus on Melbourne’ seminar. Explore your options, meet staff and students, and hear about courses and careers. Sessions will take place on the following dates: 27th May – Focus on Commerce; 28th May – Focus on Environments, 3rd June – Focus on Science, 4th June – Focus on Agriculture, 10th June – Focus on Law, 11th June – Focus on Engineering and IT, 18th June – Focus on the Conservatorium of Music and 25th June – Focus on the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA). More information and bookings at: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events2014.

16. WHAT IS SPEECH PATHOLOGY?

Speech pathologists (or therapists) diagnose and treat people with communication disorders (eg speech, voice) and people with problems swallowing or eating. They may work with people who have a cleft palate, delayed speech, stuttering or brain damage and also work as part of a team with other health professionals. A number of universities in Victoria offer degrees in speech pathology: The Australian Catholic University, La Trobe University and Charles Sturt University all offer four year degrees. Speech pathology can also be studied at the University of Melbourne where students first complete a three year undergraduate degree followed by a two year Masters in Speech Pathology. The Clearly-in ATAR for ACU for 2014 was 85.20, La Trobe (Bundoora campus) 90.15, (Bendigo campus) 83.10 and Charles Sturt 75.00. Note: the 2014 ATAR is only a guide, ATARs move up and down according to factors such as the number of applicants for a course, the quality of those applicant’s results and the number of places available in the course.

17. BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY SEMINARS AT MONASH PARKVILLE

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Monash University (Parkville campus) is offering support to current Unit 3 & 4 Biology and Chemistry students. Seminars are designed to reinforce key learnings and are delivered by qualified VCE teachers. Dates of seminars: Biology – 5:30 – 7:00pm, 4th June, 27th August and 8th November; Chemistry: 4:30 – 6:00pm, 11th June, 3rd September and 15th October at the Parkville campus, 381 Royal Parade, Parkville. These seminars are free. Register at: www.monash.edu/pharm/about/events/vce-seminars.html. Further information: Tom Day on 9903 9594 or email: tom.day@monash.edu.

18. CAREER DISCOVERY IN FASHION AND TEXTILES - RMIT

The Australian Fashion and Textile industry has undergone fundamental change and restructure over the past 2 decades. While this change began in the 1990s with the move to off shore manufacturing, more recent challenges involve developing the capability to adapt to global competition within the Australian marketplace. RMIT Fashion and Textiles has met these challenges by developing programmes that provide skills, knowledge and education in discipline areas associated with logistics, digital design, specification development, e-tailing, merchandising and marketing. It is important that students interested in entering this vibrant and exciting industry are aware of the study options available to them. Educational programmes and pathways servicing this industry and the skills and knowledge they provide are varied in content and focus. You may love the idea of working in this dynamic, exciting and ever changing
industry and would like to discover how it might suit you. This could be as a creative designer with your own business through to managing a large scale retail operation. To assist you in selecting the most appropriate fashion course, RMIT Fashion and Textiles Department is conducting a Career Discovery in Fashion and Textiles course. The programme will cover trends in the industry, the courses available and allow students to undertake some practical activities. Career options in fashion and textiles are diverse and multi faceted and RMIT’s School of Fashion is acutely aware of the skills and knowledge required by graduates to participate and positively contribute in today’s competitive marketplace. As a result of attending and participating in this course prospective RMIT Fashion and Textiles applicants will be better informed about the industry they are hoping to enter and better able to select the study programme best suited to them. This programme is suitable for students in Years 11 and 12 and will run from 9:30am to 4:30pm, 1st – 3rd July, 2014 at a cost of $350 on the Brunswick campus. To enrol contact RMIT Training on 9925 8111.

19. USEFUL WEBSITE

The Young Worker Toolkit helps you find information about your responsibilities and where you stand at work. There is information about starting your job, pay and conditions, safety, problems at work, quitting or losing your job and getting help. Visit: www.youngworkertoolkit.youth.gov.au to learn more.

20. MOORABBIN FLYING SERVICES (MFS)

Students are able to study the VET in Schools Cert IV in Aviation (Commercial Pilot Aeroplane Licence) through MFS. MFS are having an Open Day on Saturday 24th May and also Saturday 30th August for students who would like to learn more about study options for 2015. There is also the opportunity to take part in a 3 day school holiday programme (Get the “Real Hands” On Experience) which is an Airline Pilot Workshop. Over the 3 days, 9:30am – 3:30pm, you receive a Log Book, Fly to Coldstream, Essendon and Tyabb, receive an introduction to ground theory, career advice, 2 flight training lessons and 15 minutes simulator time. The cost is $699. Visit: www.mfs.com.au or telephone 9580 8822 for more information.

21. LIGHTMARE INTERACTIVE DIGITAL MEDIA PROGRAMME AT THE CAE

If you are interested in gaming and digital media here is an opportunity to be engaged in a unique programme which can contribute to the ATAR. The programme offers VCE credit, affordable delivery of a Cert III qualification and paid work. Enrolments are being taken now for a June start. Students should be in Years 10 or 11 and the course is offered at the CAE City campus and the Nelson campus of Box Hill Institute. The programme is completed over approximately 6 ½ months. For more information visit: www.lightmare.com.au, email Korey Fernando at: Korey@lightmare.com.au or telephone: 0468 304 773.

22. DESTINATION MONASH

Monash has just launched the Destination Monash website. This website is created to help students succeed in their final years of high school—whether they intend to study at Monash or not. Students can visit Destination Monash to bookmark important dates such as the UMAT registration deadline and The Age VCE and Careers Expo; register for Monash events, such as Open Day and the At Monash Seminar series; obtain study tips and wellbeing advice to help you through your VCE; learn about university courses and future study options and discover all the different career paths available. The new website (within Monash’s new domain) is www.destination.monash.
The Computer Games Boot Camp is a seven day event run by the Faculty of Information Technology for students in Years 9 – 12 to experience everything connected to computer games and information technology. Students will learn from experienced industry professionals, talk to like minded individuals and expand their networks, with the opportunity to participate in workshops, tournaments, presentations and activities. If you are interested in becoming IT professionals, building and designing games, multimedia or simply playing games this event is for YOU. It will take place from Saturday 5th July until Friday 11th July at the Monash Clayton Campus.

For more information and to register, visit: https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/ 

Monash Art Design & Architecture (MADA) is again hosting a range of 3 day workshops for students in Years 11 and 12 who are interested in studying creative disciplines. These include folio building and foundation workshops in Architecture, Interior Architecture, Communication Design, Industrial Design and Fine Art. Students will have the opportunity to complete design projects for their folios, as well as experience what it’s like to study at MADA. Heading the workshops are industry professionals and academics who will be on hand to answer questions and guide students through the lessons and activities. For all enquiries please telephone: 9903 1517 or email: mada@monash.edu. For more information, please visit: monash.edu/mada/workshops. The workshops will be held from 1st – 3rd July and 24th – 26th September at Monash University Art Design & Architecture, 900 Dandenong Rd, Caulfield East.

Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre is running a ‘Careers in Sports Medicine Evening’, introducing the world of sports medicine to students in Years 10 - 12. Build your awareness of careers in health which involve caring for athletes, whether competing for Australia or exercising for fitness. Sports medicine, nutrition, podiatry, psychology, massage, physiotherapy and exercise physiology will be represented. Registration is 6:30 – 7:00pm on Wednesday 28th May; talks are 7:30 – 9:00pm at AAMI Park Stadium, 60 Olympic Boulevard, Entrance F, Gate 4, Corporate Entrance, Olympic Room 3. Parking: Eastern Plaza Carpark; cost: $25, parents free. Register to attend at: www.trybooking.com/EPDE, Further information is available from: megan.marshall@opsmc.com.au or visit: www.opsmc.com.au.

'Science in the City’ is a specialised tour of RMIT's Science facilities where students and parents can learn more about the RMIT science programmes. Find out about the wide range of single and double degree science programmes available at the city campus including biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental science, food science, nanotechnology and physics. You will also learn about career options. The event will be held from 11:00am – 1:30pm on Monday 30th June and Monday 22nd September. Register at: www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover.
careers. The following events will take place during school holidays: Monday 30th June, Accounting and Finance, Trades Day; Tuesday 1st July, Community Justice, Engineering (City), Health and Medical (Bundoora), Journalism and Audio Visual; Wednesday 2nd July, Information Systems and Logistics; Thursday 3rd July, Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations, Engineering (Bundoora), Environment; Friday 4th July, Art and Design, Science; Wednesday 1st October, Project Management. More information and registration at: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays.

28. RMIT SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOSPITAL LABORATORY VISITS

Hospital laboratory visits are for students interested in careers as medical scientists. Tours provide you with the chance to see the inner workings of a laboratory and to observe where current students are completing their professional practice. Tours cover both the laboratory medicine and nuclear medicine course options and the sessions are held at major teaching hospitals from 2nd – 11th July. Register at: RMIT Medical Sciences by telephoning 9925 7075 or email: medicalsciences@rmit.edu.au.

29. LEARN MORE ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

‘My Melbourne’ is the University’s monthly newsletter for future students. It is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening at the university and find out about the opportunities for students. Current students contribute to ‘My Melbourne’, so readers find out what it’s really like to be a student at Melbourne. Get tips, learn about university experiences, find out about college life. Visit: blogs.unimelb.edu.au/mymelb.

30. NEW YORK JAZZ SYMPOSIUM

Students aged 14 - 17 who want to learn from some of the world’s greatest jazz musicians may join the New York Jazz Symposium at Trinity College (University of Melbourne). Carl Allen (drums), Rodney Jones (guitar), Mat Jodrell (trumpet) and Carla Cook (vocals) will work with passionate young jazz musicians from around the world. Live on campus at college for a week and form part of an ensemble group, focusing on jazz performance. Hear the journey of a musician, increase your confidence to perform and jam with other musicians. Some students say it is like having six months’ worth of practice in one week. This will take place from Sunday 29th June – Saturday 5th July, 2014. The cost is $1,650 per person (scholarships available). Applications close on Friday 23rd May. Further information: www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/learning/trinity-institute/new-york-jazz-symposium.html or enquire by telephoning Lisa Mac: 9348 7565 or email: lisamac@trinity.unimelb.edu.au.

31. AVIATION CAREERS EXPO

If you would like to find out more about Swinburne’s aviation courses for 2015 you should attend the Aviation Careers Expo. Representatives from CAE Oxford Aviation Academy and some of Australia’s top aviation organisations and major airlines will attend. This will take place at 5:30pm on Monday 2nd June at the Swinburne Hawthorn campus. Register online by Friday 30th May at: http://www.swinburne.edu.au/science-engineering-technology/schools/engineering/departments/aviation/events/aviation-career-expo/?utm_campaign=cp-update-may-matt&utm_source=campaign-monitor&utm_medium=email.

32. FLYING TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

The Royal Victorian Aero Club with the 460 Bomber Squadron Scholarship Trust is offering a flight training scholarship designed to take the successful candidate to the GEPT stage of the Private Pilot’s Licence. Terms and conditions for the scholarship can be viewed at: www.rvac.com.au. Application forms are available at the Royal Victorian Aero Club at Moorabbin Airport, telephone: 8586 7777.

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