1. THE ROLE OF THE CAREERS ADVISER

Sharon Walpole, CEO of Walpole Publishing in the UK recently wrote the following about the role of a career adviser in a school:

"Teachers do know about work, but careers advice is for specialists. Young people do not sit down at one moment in their lives and make a decision about their future. It is an evolving process and needs to be met with unbiased information and patient support over a period of time. Teachers can provide information on how the courses they are teaching can lead to a range of careers. Support from parents at home can help young people understand that behaviour in the classroom is part of learning employability skills. Information online, in print and multimedia should be provided as resources to be used when working with young people. But only careers advisers can pull all this together with a meaningful conversation about the future."

This is our aim as Careers Advisers at Aitken College – to have meaningful conversations about the future, and life post Aitken, with our students.

2. PROGRAMME NAME CHANGE FOR B APPLIED SCIENCE (PHYSICAL EDUCATION) AT RMIT

The B Applied Science (Physical Education) has been changed to the B Applied Science (Health and Physical Education). Graduates of this course will now be able to teach both Health and Physical Education within primary and secondary schools.

3. MORE FLEXIBLE ENTRY FOR THE LABORATORY SCIENCE DEGREE AT RMIT

Entry into the B Biomedical Science (Laboratory Science) is now more flexible for students who are studying Biology. The prerequisite subjects have changed and are now: a study score of at least 20 in one of Chemistry or Biology and a study score of at least 20 in mathematics (any) or physics; and a study score of at least 25 in any English (except EAL) or at least 30 in English (EAL). This vocationally orientated degree programme is a stepping stone to a career as a medical scientist. Learn more at: www.rmit.edu.au/programs/BP147.

4. RMIT EXPERIENCE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND LOGISTICS DAY

Are you interested in careers that shape our future? This experience day will highlight the job opportunities in business information technology and logistics roles. Through hands on case studies and workshops RMIT will challenge students’ problem solving and people skills and demonstrate how companies use systems and technology to shape business. Register at: http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays

5. NEW RMIT EXPERIENCE DAYS FOR 2014 IN TRADES AND SCIENCE

Two new Experience Day events will be running on the RMIT City campus in 2014. Experience Science Day - Friday 4th July: Through interactive workshops and presentations students will explore areas of forensic chemistry, ecology and physics and discover the career opportunities that science can offer.

Experience Trades Day - Monday 30th June (now also open to VCE students): Students will try hands on workshops in refrigeration, plumbing, cabinet making, electrotechnology and will learn about apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships. Register at: http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays

6. B APPLIED SCIENCE (MEDICAL RADIATIONS) SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department of Health (Victoria) is offering five scholarships of $10,000 for nuclear medicine students studying the B Applied Science (Medical Radiations) in the 2014, 2015 and 2016 intakes. For information regarding eligibility and deadlines visit: http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/nuclear.
For further Information contact RMIT Medical Sciences on 9925 7075 or email: medicalsciences@rmit.edu.au.

7. ‘DESTINATION MONASH’ HAS LAUNCHED

Monash University has created a new website to help you succeed in the final years of high school and allow you to access vital information in the one place. It is also a great tool for parents wanting to support their children in their information gathering and decision making processes. Visit Destination Monash to: bookmark important dates (for example: Monash Open Days), check deadlines (for example: the UMAT registration deadline), register for Monash events (for example: the At Monash Seminar series), get VCE study and wellbeing tips, learn about future study options and discover information about different career paths. Visit the website for more information: www.destination.monash.

8. WHY STUDY ARTS?

The Faculty of Arts at Monash University has interviewed a number of new Arts students to ask them about their aspirations, why they chose Arts at Monash, what they are looking forward to in their degree and what they hope to do when they graduate. Visit YouTube to view their videos: www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxWbg_J0vyk
For more information about Arts at Monash visit the website: artsonline.monash.edu.au or contact Georgina Gibson at georgina.gibson@monash.edu or telephone: 9902 0344.

9. MONASH ART, DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE FOLIO BUILDING AND FOUNDATION WORKSHOPS

Monash Art, Design and Architecture (MADA) is again hosting a range of 3 day workshops for Year 11 and 12 students who are interested in studying creative disciplines. Students can build folios and attend foundation workshops in Architecture, Interior Architecture, Communication Design, Industrial Design and Fine Art. For a head start, students will have the opportunity to complete design projects for their folios and experience life at MADA. Industry professionals and academics will run the workshops and guide students through the lessons and activities, they will also be on hand to answer student questions. For all enquiries telephone: 9903 1517 or email: mada@monash.edu. For more information visit: monash.edu/mada/workshops.
Workshops will be held in the school holidays: 1st – 3rd July and 24th – 26th September at MADA - Monash University Art Design & Architecture, 900 Dandenong Rd, Caulfield East.

10. APPLYING FOR ART AND DESIGN COURSES AT RMIT: YOUTUBE VIDEO

RMIT have prepared a youtube video with advice for preparing folios and pre selection kits to help make the process easier for students who would like to apply for RMIT Art and Design courses. Visit: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jPly5hHle c&feature=youtu.be for more information.

11. REGISTRATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE DAYS AT ACU NOW OPEN

University Experience Day is a hands on, fun and free event at ACU where students will be able to participate in a range of activities related to the course area of their choice. Students will have the opportunity to meet ACU staff and current students, mingle with other prospective students and get a feel for life on the Melbourne or Ballarat campus. Interested students in Years 10 – 12 should register online now. Please note places are limited and fill up fast. Ballarat Campus: Tuesday 1st July at 1200 Mair Street, Ballarat. Registration at 8:30am. The event runs from 9:00am – 3:30pm. Students will participate in a series of workshops in one of the following study areas: Education – early childhood and primary teaching or Health sciences – nursing and paramedicine, Melbourne Campus: Tuesday 8th July in the Daniel Mannix Building, 8 – 18 Brunswick St, Fitzroy. Registration at 9:00am. The event runs from 9:30am – 2:30pm. Students will participate in
two workshops of their choice. The workshops with places still available are: Business – develop and launch an app into the marketplace, Education – digital technologies for the classroom, Exercise science – be an exercise scientist for a day, Law – global, ethical, practical, Media communications – new media production, Occupational therapy and speech pathology – working together to make a difference, Politics – how you studying politics can help change the world, Psychology – what to expect from studying psychology, Public health – diseases detectives, The study of theology – real people, real world, real possibilities and Youth work – it’s more than just having fun. Visit: http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/courses/applying_to_acu/useful_links/events/university_experience for more information and to register.

12. B BIOSECURITY SCIENCE – NEW AT BOX HILL INSTITUTE

An exciting new course will be offered at Box Hill Institute in 2015. The B Biosecurity Science is designed for people looking to protect Australia and its environment from the threat of invasive animals, plants, pests and disease. Developed with industry and government input, this is the only dedicated undergraduate biosecurity science degree in Australia. Graduates from this course will find work in the new national Post Entry Quarantine facility to be constructed by 2017 in Melbourne, agriculture, nurseries and wineries, animal facilities, food processing facilities and parks and wildlife.

13. PATHWAYS TO VETERINARY NURSING AT BOX HILL

Box Hill Institute is an industry leader in veterinary nurse training. They provide real training for extraordinary results to make students job ready. The Centre for Biotechnology and Animal Sciences offers a series of progressive courses as a pathway into a career in veterinary nursing and provides training for a range of careers in the animal industry. Pathways into veterinary nursing include: Introduction to Animal Nursing Short Course, Cert II in Animal Studies (VETIS), Cert III in Animal Studies, Cert IV in Veterinary Nursing and Veterinary Reception Skill Set. For more information contact: The Centre for Biotechnology and Animal Sciences on 8892 2097 or email: basreception@boxhill.edu.au.

14. NURSING AND MIDWIFERY INFORMATION EVENINGS AT DEAKIN

Deakin University invites you to attend an information evening to learn more about the School of Nursing and Midwifery. Come along to hear more about the Deakin nursing courses, including combined courses with midwifery, psychological science and public health and health promotion. Melbourne Burwood Campus: Building Y, room 1.11 A and B, Wednesday 23rd July, 6:00pm – 8:00pm and Saturday 26th July, 2:30pm – 4:30pm. Geelong Waterfront campus: Building AD, room 2.217, Wednesday 23rd July 6:00pm – 8:00pm and Saturday 26th July, 2:30pm – 4:30pm.

15. GET INTO THE WILD WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AT DEAKIN

Deakin University’s environmental science courses offer students many opportunities to get up close and personal with various animal species in their natural habitats. The Deakin environment blog showcases what the staff and students are involved in. It features the environments they study, the places they go, the research they have undertaken, as well as highlighting interesting environmental science news from Deakin and around the world. A regular feature on the Deakin environment blog are posts by current and past students discussing the exciting things they do within their communities. At Deakin they encourage students to volunteer and participate in international study opportunities to improve their skills and prepare them for greater future career opportunities. They also offer a number of local and international field trip opportunities in locations ranging from The Grampians all the way to Peru. Visit the environment blog at: deakin-environment.tumblr.com. For more information about Deakin environmental
16. STUDY IT @ DEAKIN

Deakin University offers students the opportunity to study a diverse range of areas within the IT discipline – including computer science, games design and development, and IT security. The new suite of Deakin videos showcase what it is like to study IT @ Deakin from both a student and staff perspective. According to Deakin the perception of computer games has completely shifted. Games are now fundamental tools used in sales and marketing, business strategy, education and science; they are much more than just entertainment products. Graduates are well prepared for careers beyond traditional roles in gaming companies. IT security is ideally suited to students who are interested in tackling cyber crime and cyber security head on. With the ever growing threat of cyber security issues, graduates with specialist skills in this fast paced and rapidly changing area of IT are highly sought after to help secure Australia’s digital future. Computer science focuses on the technological aspects of computing and IT, including the development of analytical skills and an understanding of programming and software engineering. Watch the videos and find out more by visiting the Deakin computer science, games design and development and IT security websites: http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/computer-science-and-software-development, http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/games-design-and-development and http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/it-security.

17. PROFESSOR GREG CRAVEN FROM ACU DISCUSSED THE BUDGET IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE TERTIARY STUDY

At the recent ACU Careers Advisers Day, Professor Greg Craven spoke about the content of the Federal Budget which related to changes to higher education funding. These changes will have significant implications for Australian universities. From 1st January 2016 universities will set their own fees for Australian undergraduate courses. In addition, the government will contribute less and students will pay more towards the cost of their degree. The Commonwealth contribution will reduce by 20% overall. The demand driven system will be extended to provide Commonwealth Supported Places for any undergraduate qualification offered by a university including diplomas and associate degrees. Government funding has also been extended to students studying at registered higher education providers (including TAFEs). The HELP loan will still be available so that students will not have to pay their fees upfront, however, the government has reduced the income threshold at which graduates will start making their repayments and therefore repayments will be made sooner. For ACU students (if the changes pass in parliament), this means that current ACU students or those who have accepted a place at ACU and elected to defer that offer on or before 13th May, 2014, will not be affected by these changes as long as they complete their degree by the end of 2020. Students who accept an offer of enrolment from 14th May 2014 until 1st Jan 2016 will be charged under the existing arrangements until 31st December 2015. After that, they will be charged under the new arrangements.

18. LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

The annual Melbourne JD Showcase will take place on Wednesday 2nd July. At this workshop master classes will be held on legal issues such as “So Sue Me!” (what a negligence action is all about), dispute resolution interactive session, refugee law and the environment – who is responsible for contamination? The Showcase will provide students with an interactive experience, combining sample law classes with information about the Melbourne Law School and the JD degree. The cost is $66 (including morning tea and lunch). Registration and payment must be made by 25th June: www.jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/schools. Further information: Yvonne Au, 8344 8879, y.au@unimelb.edu.au. Compiled by: c. borg and m. walker