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1. WHAT KIND OF ENGINEER ARE YOU?

Are you interested in engineering but not sure which type is the best fit for you? You can now find out with the new RMIT online quiz “What kind of Engineer are you?” To take the quiz visit: https://trueengineer.com.au/.

2. RMIT PRE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMMES

Securing an apprenticeship can be challenging but you can enhance your chances by completing a pre apprenticeship course. Gain a competitive edge and be ahead of other applicants by attending RMIT for a pre apprenticeship in plumbing, electrical, refrigeration and construction. For further information contact Luke Buchannan at the School of Engineering on 0418 717 249.

3. SCIENCE IN THE CITY LAB TOURS

Students and parents are invited to visit the RMIT cutting edge learning laboratories and discover the range of programmes on offer. These include biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental sciences, food science, nanotechnology and physics. The first tour date for 2015 is Monday 30th March, 11:00am – 2:00pm. For further information and to register contact Rebecca McGillivray at: rebecca.mcgillivray@rmit.edu.au.

4. STUDY SINGLE SUBJECTS FROM RMIT DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Single courses are subjects from degree programmes in which anyone can enrol. A single course is ideal for gaining experience as a university student, exploring your interest in a subject before committing to a degree or obtaining credits or exemptions when applying for a degree programme. RMIT offers a wide range of single courses each semester. For further information contact RMIT Short and Single Courses on 9925 8111 or visit: www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au.

5. STUDYING A DEGREE AT BOX HILL INSTITUTE

What’s the difference between studying a degree at Box Hill Institute and studying at a university? A university degree usually has a strong theoretical focus whereas at Box Hill Institute the focus is on the practical side. Box Hill aims for their graduates to be ready to tackle the workforce on completion of their degree so they put the emphasis on job skills. A primary provider of work focussed education in Victoria, Box Hill Institute offers degrees at the Box Hill and Melbourne CBD campuses. Degrees in the City
• Bachelor of Commerce (Applied)
• Bachelor of Hospitality Management
• Bachelor of Library and Information Management (This is the only on campus undergraduate Librarian course in the eastern states).
• Bachelor of Fashion Merchandising Degrees at Box Hill
• Bachelor of Early Childhood (Education & Care)
• Bachelor of Commerce (Applied)
• Bachelor of Fashion
• Bachelor of Fashion Merchandising
• Bachelor of Hospitality Management
• Bachelor of Computer Systems
• Bachelor of Applied Business in the Music Industry
• Bachelor of Applied Music – Audio Production
• Bachelor of Applied Music – Composition
• Bachelor of Applied Music – Performance
• Bachelor of Biosecurity Science
• Bachelor of Science & Biotechnology
Flexible learning options are a feature of the programmes and individual study programmes can be negotiated. These are full fee courses. Australian students are eligible for FEE-HELP. For further information visit: http://www.bhtafe.edu.au/courses/Pages/degrees.aspx.

6. STUDYING COMMUNITY SERVICES AT THE BOX HILL CAE CAMPUS

The Certificate IV in Community Services Work provides learners with the knowledge and skills they need to enter the community services industry. The programme is offered on both a full time and part time basis in 2015 and consists of face to face classes at the city campus, in addition to a student work placement. Subjects are varied and include specialist units in Refugee and Asylum Seeker issues, Alcohol and other Drugs, Mental Health and Children and Youth at risk. For DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE AND how to gain a place contact: Mia Coatsworth on 9652 0746 or via email: mia.coatsworth@cae.edu.au or visit: www.cae.edu.au.
7. APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR LATITUDE GAP YEAR PLACEMENTS IN 2016

Students that may be interested in immersing themselves in a new culture and assisting local communities in meaningful ways may be considering a gap year placement overseas. There are a wide range of placements available with Latitude. Latitude is the original gap year organisation, having supported young Australians on worthwhile and challenging gap year placements for over 40 years. The Latitude website outlines all the details and includes an Application Form for interested students to download: http://www.lattitude.org.au/how-to-apply/ready-to-apply-for-2016. The priority application deadline is Friday 5th June and students are encouraged to apply by this date to secure their placement preference.

Latitude Scholarships: Latitude recognises that funding may be a barrier for many young Australians interested in volunteering overseas during a gap year. As a youth development charity, their aim is to enable as many young people as possible to benefit from these experiences and to assist with this there are scholarships available to help with the placement fee. Latitude scholarships provide discounts on the placement fee for volunteering in China, Vietnam, India and Vanuatu. There are also a limited number of scholarships available of up to 50% of the placement fee, which is a maximum of $2100. To apply, students will need to complete a separate form and submit this with their application to volunteer in 2016. Further information is included on the website at: http://www.lattitude.org.au/find-out-more/latitude-scholarships.

8. NEW VU STUDENT ACCOMMODATION FOR 2016

New student accommodation is under construction at VU’s Footscray Park Campus. The 500 bed complex is being built as part of Footscray University Town, a collaboration with Maribyrnong City Council, focused on the development of a diverse, vibrant and creative arts precinct in Footscray. The new student accommodation complex will be completed in time for the commencement of Semester 1, 2016. Visit: http://www.vu.edu.au/campuses-services/our-facilities/accommodation for more information.

9. DISCIPLINE IN PROFILE: BIOMEDICINE AT VU

Biomedicine is a broad field of study where students gain an in depth understanding of human physiological and anatomical function, disease and medical applications. A degree in Biomedicine and Biomedical Sciences prepares students for a career in preventing and treating diseases. Students are given hands on training and acquire an in depth knowledge of human physiology, combined with essential skills in critical analysis and communication. The VU courses, flexible pathways and hands on approach along with up to the minute technology and strong partnerships with the healthcare industry ensure you gain the practical skills and experience necessary to graduate work ready. Graduates could gain work as Research Assistants, Pathologists, Clinical Trials Coordinators, Injury Rehabilitation Specialists, Pharmaceutical Sales and Marketing representatives, Crime Scene Officers, Science Publicity Officers and Health and Ageing Programme Managers. Courses in Biomedicine offered at VU are:
- Foundation Studies in Engineering and Science; Prerequisites: Nil
- Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Sciences); Prerequisites: Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 25 in English; no science prerequisite.
- Bachelor of Science (Biomedical and Exercise Science); Prerequisites: Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 20 in English and any two of biology, health and human development, physical education, chemistry or mathematics (any).
- Bachelor of Biomedicine; Prerequisites: Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 25 in English and a study score of at least 25 in two of biology, chemistry, any mathematics or physics. Subject Bonus: A study score of 30 in biology, chemistry, any English, any mathematics or physics equals 5 aggregate points per study. Overall maximum of 20 points.

10. 2015 ‘AT MONASH’ SEMINAR SERIES

Are you thinking of studying at Monash? Learn from students, graduates and staff about the Monash university experience. There will also be to collect course information and ask questions of the speakers and faculty representatives. The series commences in March with the following seminars:

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Having business skills gives students an edge in a competitive workforce. Monash Business School’s Bachelor of Business provides students with a comprehensive and flexible course, preparing them for the challenging and fast paced world of business. Students will develop broad business knowledge and acquire expertise in their chosen area of business practice. Graduates can use their professional skills to work in general management and operations, or become a leader in their chosen field. With more than 10 majors to choose from and five double degree options available, students will have choice in their business studies at Monash. The majors available in the Bachelor of Business are: Accounting, Banking and Finance, Business Law, Business Management, Business Management and Strategy, Business Statistics, Economics and Business Strategy, Human Resource Management, International Business, Marketing, Marketing and Communication, Sports Management and Taxation. A range of co-curricular activities develop students’ critical thinking, communication and negotiation skills, as well as employment opportunities. Monash Business offers internships with leading companies and brands, international exchange programmes with one of 100 partner universities across the world, leadership and professional development programmes and networking opportunities with business leaders. In addition students who achieve an ATAR of 98 or higher who are enrolled in a single business degree or business / business specialist double degree, are eligible for selection to the Monash Business School Scholars Programme. Visit the website for more information: http://www.buseco.monash.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/courses/how-to-choose-course.html.

14. MONASH RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Monash Residential Services (MRS) is excited to be welcoming back over 1000 returning residents and meeting 900 new residents in 2015. To assist these residents’ transition to on campus living, MRS runs a two week ‘O’program’ filled with a range of activities, events and educational seminars. Similar programs and events are offered to residents throughout the year, all with the aim of supporting and developing residents and the residential community. Visit: www.monash.edu/mrs for more information on accommodation.

15. WHERE CAN I UNDERTAKE TERTIARY STUDY IN VICTORIA?
After completing Year 12, there are many options for further study. The following are the universities in Victoria:

Australian Catholic University (ACU) with campuses in Melbourne (Fitzroy) and Ballarat
Deakin University with campuses in Burwood, Geelong and Warrnambool
Monash University with campuses in Clayton, Caulfield, Berwick and Parkville
RMIT University with campuses in Melbourne CBD, Brunswick and Bundoora
Swinburne University (Hawthorn campus)
University of Melbourne with campuses in Parkville, Burnley, Southbank, Werribee Creswick, Dookie and Shepparton
Victoria University with campuses in Melbourne CBD, Footscray, St Albans, Melton and Sunshine

You can investigate their facilities and courses by attending Open Days, which are usually held on Sundays in August.

If you plan to undertake a VET course (pre apprenticeship, apprenticeship, certificate, diploma and some degree courses), institutes offering courses in the Melbourne area are:

Box Hill Institute at Box Hill and at the CAE (City)
Kangan (Broadmeadows, Richmond, Essendon and Docklands)

Melbourne Polytechnic (formerly NMIT; campuses in Collingwood, Epping, Preston, Prahran, Heidelberg)
RMIT (City and Brunswick)
Swinburne (Hawthorn, Croydon, Wantirna)
Victoria University (Footscray, City)
William Angliss (City).

There are also independent institutions / private providers offering degrees, diplomas and certificates. Examples are:

Academy of Design (Port Melbourne)
Australian Institute of Fitness (Bendigo, City)
Footscray City Films
JMC (South Melbourne)

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

Results from this test are used as part of the selection process for some Australian and New Zealand university degrees in Health Science. In Victoria the undergraduate Medical degree at Monash University (Clayton) and the undergraduate Dentistry and Oral Health Science qualifications at La Trobe University require students to sit the UMAT as part of their selection process. Registrations for UMAT2015 are now open and close at 5:00pm on Friday 5th June. The test will take place on Wednesday 29th July. The UMAT Information Booklet is available from the UMAT website: www.umat.acer.edu.au. Practice materials are also available through the UMAT website and can only be completed online. There are currently four practice tests available: UMAT Practice Test 1, UMAT Practice Test 2, UMAT Practice Test 3 and Additional Practice Questions. UMAT Practice Test 1 will be included with the UMAT2015 registration. In addition, candidates will have access to some free preparation videos once they complete their registration to sit UMAT2015. Candidates with a disability or other health related needs and who wish to apply for special testing conditions must do so by Friday 19th June. This includes candidates who have diabetes and require food during the test.

17. 2015 AVALON AIRSHOW

Students interested in a career in the aviation industry may be interested in attending the Avalon Airshow. You will be able to learn about RMIT’s flight training programme, aerospace and mechanical engineering programmes. The airshow will take place from 24th February to 1st March, 2015 at the Avalon Airport. Further information: www.airshow.com.au/airshow2015/.

18. NEW VETERINARY NURSING ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Melbourne Polytechnic (formerly NMIT) is offering a new 2 year associate degree in Veterinary Nursing. This is the first para professional veterinary nursing qualification in Australia. It is designed to produce highly skilled clinicians with exceptional levels of practical skill, knowledge and in depth understanding gained through a stimulating exploration of the academic underpinnings of the field. It is offered at the Epping campus. Graduate employment will be in the private and public sectors, including veterinary practices, as veterinary nurses and practice managers and in large organisations (veterinary pharmaceutical, veterinary nutrition companies and animal research facilities). Prerequisites for the course are: successful completion of Year 12 VCE or recognised equivalent with a study score of at least 20 in any English and a study score of at least 20 in one of any Mathematics, Chemistry or Biology; or successful completion of a Diploma course in Veterinary Nursing or a related area; or at least two years of related industry experience. Applications are through VTAC.

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