A warm welcome to parents and students as we start 2016. We hope this year will be a happy, healthy and productive one, especially for our students in Year 12.

This careers newsletter is written for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to help inform you of events and activities which may assist you with planning your direction post secondary school. Our aim is that the content may encourage you to think about your future, assist you to make informed decisions and provide you with help for your career and course research.

Although Year 12 is a very busy year academically and socially, time needs also to be found for thinking about your future. Career News is one way of prompting you with these thoughts by keeping you up to date with events which may support and enhance your career research.

Students in Years 10 and 11 will also make big decisions about subjects they will choose for the following year, and this in turn opens up or shuts down particular pathways. It is important that these decisions and choices are made thoughtfully and after conducting your career research. Again, items in this newsletter may assist you with that research.

The Careers Centre is located in B21. Ms Gibbs and Mrs Borg are available to help students with their career research and to talk about options for your future. Please visit us in B21 or telephone us on 9333 1866 or email your concerns or queries to careers@aitkencollege.edu.au. Good luck to every one for a fulfilling and productive 2016.

**TAFE and university**

During Term 3 our Year 12 students will be making important decisions about what they would like to do when they leave secondary school. Many will choose to continue with more study and to attend either a TAFE or university post Aitken.

In general, TAFE courses are vocational, practical and hands on in nature and are designed to have you work ready at the conclusion of the programme. Often they will have close links with industry and employers. ATARs for TAFE courses are lower than for university and sometimes students are selected via an interview process. The length of TAFE courses is shorter than those at university – varying from 6 months to 2 ½ years depending on the qualification.

University courses tend to be more theoretical in their content and will take a minimum of 3 years to complete – sometimes 4 or 5 years, depending on the course.

It is possible to articulate from a TAFE course into a university degree. Interestingly, many university students go on to complete a TAFE course after finishing their degree to improve their employment prospects. Some careers are only accessible via a university pathway such as doctor, solicitor, veterinarian, optometrist, physiotherapist, kindergarten, primary or secondary teacher, dentist, architect, professional engineer or town planner. Some university courses require a very high ATAR in order to gain a place, so it is important to think carefully about your interests and abilities before deciding your study pathway. It is also essential to have a safety net (or Plan B) in place in case the course you are aiming for is initially not within your reach.
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
- Federation University with campuses in Ballarat and Gippsland
- La Trobe University with campuses in Melbourne (Bundoora), Bendigo, Albury-Wodonga, Mildura and Shepparton
- Monash University with campuses in Clayton, Caulfield, Berwick and Parkville
- RMIT University with campuses in the 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 the Melbourne CBD, Footscray, St Albans 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 at TAFE (pre apprenticeship, apprenticeship, certificate, diploma and some degree courses), TAFE institutes offering courses in the Melbourne area are:

- Box Hill Institute (Box Hill and the CAE in the CBD)
- Kangan Institute (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, CBD, Sunshine)
- William Angliss (CBD).

There are also independent institutions / private providers offering degrees, diplomas and certificates. These institutions charge full fees and their courses are not Government subsidised. Some examples are:

- Academy of Design (Port Melbourne)
- Australian Institute of Fitness (Bendigo, CBD)
- Footscray City Films (Footscray)
- JMC (South Melbourne)
- Photography Studies College (South Melbourne)

**Some useful websites**

A very handy website where you may like to start your career research is the myfuture site: [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au). You do need to set up an account to use the site but it is a simple process and is free. We will be using the myfuture website in Year 10 Careers classes during Term 2 so all Year 10 students will set up an account then.

Other useful sites are to look at are:
News from William Angliss

Current Vacancies

Students are still able to commence courses / classes in February. Direct Applications are still open for Certificates, Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas and Degrees, in Tourism, Hospitality and Events programmes. VTAC applicants can nominate Certificate IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma and Degree programmes in their VTAC preferences during the change of preference periods between offer rounds. Important: To be eligible to receive an offer, applicants need to submit a Pre-Training Form or Pre-Selection Form to William Angliss Institute: http://www.angliss.edu.au/future-students/how-to-apply/item/56-pre-selection-forms.

April Intake for Food Programmes

William Angliss Institute is now accepting applicants for an April intake into their Cookery and Patisserie programmes. The April intake is only available for full time enrolment with classes held five days a week. To apply submit a direct application online at: http://www.angliss.edu.au/future-students/how-to-apply.

One-on-one Appointments


New course for 2016 at Box Hill Institute

Bachelor of Sound Production

The brand new Bachelor of Sound Production is ideal for students who like to record, produce and mix music and live sound, develop interactive cross media sound art, design video games audio and compose and design sound for film, television and theatre.

Reasons to study sound production with BHI:
• Sound production skills are highly sought after both locally and internationally
• Guaranteed work placements
• All students will engineer and work on a released music product
• All students will work on film and receive a real film sound credit as part of the sound for media programme
• Films are screened at cinemas such as the iconic Astor Cinema and ACMI

Entry requirements:
Direct application to the Institute.
Year 12 applicants will need their VCE with a minimum of 20 in English, and to attend a formal interview and present a portfolio.
Where is the growth in jobs in the future?

The Employment Outlook to November 2019 provides an overview of the employment outlook across industries, occupations, states and territories and regions. This report is based on the previously released 2015 Employment Projections for the five years to November 2019.


The Australian Government estimates that the job market will grow 1.2 million by November 2019. Currently 11.6 million people are in jobs and this will increase by 10% to 12.8 million. More than 50% of the new jobs will require a Diploma or Degree qualification.

The top jobs by growth are:
- Sports, Travel and Personal Service Workers
- Information Professionals
- Health, Education, ICT and Other Managers
- Health Diagnostic and Therapy Professionals
- Carers and Aides
- General Enquiry Clerks, Call Centre, Receptionists
- Legal, Social and Welfare Professionals
- Medical Practitioners and Nurses
- Sales, Marketing and Public Relations Professionals
- Community and Personal Service Workers
- Health and Welfare Support Workers
- Food Trades
- ICT Professionals

The UMAT

The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) is developed each year by ACER on behalf of the UMAT Consortium. The test is developed and used specifically to assist with the selection of students into medicine and health science degree programmes at undergraduate level. The UMAT is designed to assess general attributes and abilities gained through prior experience and learning; specifically, the acquisition of skills in critical thinking and problem solving, understanding people and abstract non-verbal reasoning. These abilities are considered important to the study and later practice of professions in the health sciences. The UMAT is an aptitude test. It is not curriculum based and presupposes no particular subjects of study at secondary level. It does not require any knowledge or skills in mathematics or sciences, or in any other area of the curriculum. It is designed to complement your academic results, not to replicate them. It is not a personality or IQ test. UMAT is offered once a year only.

UMAT scores can be used for admission to any of the UMAT Consortium universities ONLY in the year following the test. For example, results from UMAT2016 can be used for undergraduate medicine or health science courses beginning in 2017 but NOT 2018. Do not register for UMAT2016 unless you are planning to apply for a course commencing in 2017 AND you meet the eligibility criteria specified in the UMAT2016 Information Booklet: [https://umat.acer.edu.au](https://umat.acer.edu.au).

In Victoria, the only undergraduate course requiring current Year 12 students to sit the UMAT is the Bachelor Medicine / Surgery (Honours) at Monash University.
UMAT is designed to measure ability in the following areas:

- Logical Reasoning and Problem Solving
- Understanding People
- Non-verbal Reasoning

UMAT questions do not test academic knowledge and do not require special understanding of any academic discipline. Questions assess your ability to comprehend, draw logical conclusions, reach solutions by identifying relevant facts, evaluate information, pinpoint additional or missing information and generate and test plausible hypotheses.

The fee to sit UMAT2016 is $250. If you are eligible for concession, the registration fee is $150.

Registrations are open now and the deadline is 5:00 pm Friday 3rd June, 2016.

Test date: Wednesday 27th July, 2016.

**New Professional Degrees at Swinburne**

From 2016, Swinburne will be offering a unique opportunity for high achieving students to enrol in a degree that incorporates a guaranteed, paid, full time work placement. Swinburne's professional degrees feature a mandatory 12 month work placement which is normally undertaken during the third year of study. You will be paid for the placement, receive academic credit and gain invaluable skills that will ensure you are job ready upon graduation.

A professional degree will set you apart from other graduates. It will allow you to:

- Put your knowledge into practice in a real work situation
- Explore the avenues that your career could take
- Build your professional network
- Test your work capabilities
- Receive valuable mentoring and unique industry insights before you graduate
- Maintain your student benefits
- Add substantial, discipline specific experience to your Resume

Professional Degree courses currently offered at Swinburne:

- Bachelor of Arts (Professional)
- Bachelor of Business (Professional)
- Bachelor of Computer Science (Professional)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Professional)
- Bachelor of Games and Interactivity (Professional)
- Bachelor of Health Science (Professional)
- Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology (Professional)
- Bachelor of Media and Communication (Professional)
- Bachelor of Science (Professional)

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