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Reminders:
- LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – ‘Talk and Tour’; Year 10-12 students/parents; check courses, see the uni, ask questions. Fri 15 April, La Trobe, Bundoora; Register: www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour
- ART AND DESIGN AT SWINBURNE – Art and Design Discovery Day (Prahran), 9am-3.30pm, 21 April; registration: www.swin.edu.au/artanddesign; Questions: Montana Daknach, 9214 8904.
- ‘ACCESS ALL AREAS’ AT MELBOURNE UNI - Year 12’s - admission requirements, course info. 15 April; Registration: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events; Info: 8344 6543
- THE AGE VCE AND CAREERS EXPO 2011 – collect information, ask questions, explore options at one location; 10am-4pm, Fri 6, Sat 7 and Sun 8 May; Caulfield Racecourse

1. FOCUS ON SWINBURNE – Swinburne is both a university and a TAFE. It has university and TAFE campuses at Hawthorn, Lilydale and Prahran and TAFE campuses only at Croydon and Wantirna. At TAFE it is possible to complete pre-apprenticeships, certificates and diplomas; at university students complete degrees. The Swinburne Entry Scheme ensures that students can move seamlessly through from lower to higher qualifications. Upon satisfactory completion of your TAFE diploma or advanced diploma, you will automatically be eligible for a place in a Swinburne degree course, with credit granted for your TAFE studies.

2. PSYCHOLOGY AT SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY – Psychology is the systematic study of mental processes and behaviour; it looks at views of the self, relationships, psychological development and emotional disorders. University psychology courses must be accredited by the Australian Psychological Accreditation Council (APAC). Psychology graduates are highly sought after by a range of organisations to work in human services such as community health, clinical psychology in hospitals, scientific research, counselling and welfare, organisational behaviour, HRM and marketing. Further study graduates can become psychological practitioners. Psychophysiology can lead to science careers such as hospital scientist, medical research, sleep lab and cognitive studies. Swinburne has several courses that include a psychology major: B. Social Science (Psychology), B. Arts (Psychology and Psychophysiology), B Arts (Psychology & Forensic Psychology) and so on. The course names are indicative of the interest stream involved. Regardless of the course, 12 subjects are required for a psychology major (of 24). In 2012 a new stream in Sports Psychology is commencing. Four sports psychology subjects will be required. In student surveys, Swinburne is rated very highly for teaching quality, graduate satisfaction, staff qualifications and generic skills (2011 Good Universities Guide). Psychology is forecast to have the highest percentage employment growth of all occupational groups in the next decade. Many people take up a career related to psychology after completion of a three-year program, about half choose to undertake further study in order to work as psychologists. NOTE: Psychology can be studied at any university. Do your research to decide which university/course best suits your needs.

3. UMAT 2011 – The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) is a 2 hour and 45 minute multiple-choice test used to assist with selection of students into medicine and health science degree programs. It is required for Year 12 applicants for Monash University’s Medicine/Surgery, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy and Pharmacy/Commerce degrees (La Trobe Uni also uses it for non-Year 12 applicants for Dentistry and Oral Health Science). Registrations are on-line and are now open and must be completed by 5.00pm AEST on Friday 3 June. The test date is Wed 27 July 2011. Before registering for the test you should read the UMAT2011 Information Booklet which is available at http://umat.acer.edu.au. Candidates must be in at least their final year of secondary schooling or above to be eligible to sit UMAT. UMAT Practice Test 1 and 2 are electronic books currently available for sale at the UMAT website.
4. **DO YOU WANT ASSISTANCE TO STUDY ACCOUNTING?** Several major accounting firms offer cadetships. Ernst & Young’s program provides students with opportunities to gain practical experience while studying at university over a four-year period. The cadet studies a single degree with an accounting major. Students work full-time and study part-time for two years, and two years of study is done full-time at university. **Applications** for the program open on **9 May at www.ey.com/au/careers** (close 22 June at 12 noon). Ernst & Young is holding an **information session** for students and parents to find out more about the program. **When:** 5.30-7pm, Wed 8 June; **Where:** EY Building, 8 Exhibition St, Melbourne. **Further details:** EY website (www.ey.com.au) and you are asked to RSVP. **NOTE:** be aware that other accounting firms offer similar programs.

5. **NURSING AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AT DEAKIN** – Deakin University has announced a change in the pre-requisites for both nursing single and combined degrees (eg Nursing/Midwifery, Nursing/Psychology) and for occupational therapy for 2012. Applicants now require **VCE units 3 and 4** – a **study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English**.

6. **WHAT DOES HONOURS AT DEAKIN MEAN?** Are you unsure what honours is about and what it means to consider a course which can lead to honours? **Honours at Deakin:**
   - is a specialist year of study occurring as part of a degree or following an undergraduate degree
   - offers the opportunity to pursue further study in a chosen field
   - gives access to leading researchers and experts in the field
   - offers great personal satisfaction
   - enhances employment prospects

   **The Deakin honours program seeks:**
   - High-achieving and motivated students
   - Those wishing to enhance their bachelors degree
   - Students with a passion and desire to make a difference.
   - For more info: [www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/honours](http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/honours)

   **NOTE:** Other universities also offer honours years, and, in addition, Masters degrees and PhD’s (Doctor of Philosophy).

7. **INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN THE BUILDING INDUSTRY?** Do you believe that the building industry only relates to trades, starting with an apprenticeship and progressing to the tools on a building site? Well, in fact, the **building industry is constantly changing** and so are career opportunities, which range from the key building trades to managers and professionals with a university degree. The Building Commission recently launched the ‘**Careers in Building**’ website designed to give you information about career options, skills shortages and education pathways. See: [www.virtualcareersexpo.com/buildingcommission](http://www.virtualcareersexpo.com/buildingcommission). The building industry is one of the largest in Victoria, employing 184,000 in 2010. Also see: [www.buildingcommission.com.au/careersinbuilding](http://www.buildingcommission.com.au/careersinbuilding).

8. **JOIN THE UNDERWATER TEAM** – Melbourne Aquarium is offering two holiday programs:
   - **Aquarist for a Day** gives secondary students interested in a career in marine sciences a chance to experience a day in the life of an aquarist. **Includes:** behavioural observation of live animals, interaction with animals, food preparation and animal feeding; **Cost:** $99.
   - **‘Aquarist for a Week’** includes the above activities plus: quarantine procedures, water testing and display maintenance, the new Shark Walker, and diving in the Aquarium’s Oceanarium; **Cost:** $1,300; **Age:** 14 and above.


9. **I WANT TO BE A PHYSIOTHERAPIST** – Physiotherapy is a very popular career choice. Physiotherapists focus on prevention, assessment and treatment of physical disorders and the promotion of movement and health. The popularity of courses to train physiotherapists means that ATAR required has risen to exceptional levels. It can be studied at **La Trobe University** (Bundoora and some rural campuses) where the Bundoora ATAR last year was 96.40, at **Monash Uni** (Peninsula campus) where the ATAR is not published because students must also complete the UMAT as part of the selection process (see item 3 above), at **Melbourne Uni** where an undergraduate degree in biosciences must first be completed (eg Melbourne’s B. Biomedicine or B. Science), and at **Charles Sturt Uni** (Albury/Wodonga) where last year’s ATAR was 91.00. Some students who consider studying physiotherapy also consider becoming **Myotherapists**. This can be studied at Chisholm, Kangan and RMIT TAFE’s.
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