Reminder:
- UMAT – Registrations: 1 April till 3 June; test date: 27 July; see http://umat.acer.edu.au
- 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. **WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY DEGREE OR TAFE QUALIFICATION?** Swinburne has a great addition to their website. It gives details of employment options from their courses, employment information, average salaries and so on. Check it out at: www.swinburne.edu.au/careers and go to What Can I do with my Degree?

2. **EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES FOR GRADUATES** – Decisions about higher education are some of the biggest you will have to make. What to study? What type if degree? What is right for me? To help with this GradFiles 2010 provides summary information. **Highlights:**
   - 76.2% of bachelor degree graduates seeking full-time employment were in full-time employment within four months of completing their degrees;
   - around one-fifth if graduates were undertaking further full-time study;
   - the median annual starting salary for new Australian resident bachelor degree graduates aged less than 25 and in their first full-time employment in Australia was $49,000 (25.6% higher than the median earnings for all Australians aged 20-24 in 2009);
   - 93.2% of graduates expressed broad satisfaction with their courses.

While for students leaving secondary school and intending to start a degree it will be 3-4 years before they will look for full-time employment, current graduate employment levels are very relevant. However, it is worth remembering that the employment market may change substantially by their graduation time. Remember, too, however, that graduates are less likely to be unemployed in the long-term than non-graduates (GradFiles, Dec 2010); see www.gradonline.com.au.

3. **FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MONASH UNIVERSITY DEGREES** – The ‘At Monash’ Seminar Series is an opportunity to hear from staff/students, get your questions answered, and collect information. All seminars commence at 6.30pm; **Information:** 9903 4810.
   - Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tues 10 May at Parkville
   - Berwick Campus Showcase, Wed 11 May
   - Business and Economics, Tues 17 May at Caulfield
   - Architecture, Wed 18 May at Caulfield
   - Engineering, Thurs 19 May at Clayton
   - Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, Mon 23 May at Peninsula
   - Science, Thurs 26 May at Clayton
   - Health Science and Social Work, Mon 30 May at Caulfield
   - Information Technology, Tues 31 May at Caulfield
   - Law, Wed 1 June at Caulfield
   - Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedics, Thurs 2 June at Peninsula
   - Education, Sport and Outdoor Recreation, Tues 7 June at Peninsula
   - Gippsland Campus Showcase, Thurs 9 June
   - Medicine, Biomedical Science, Radiography & Nutrition and Dietetics, Wed 15 June at Clayton
   - Arts, Humanities and Performing Arts, Thurs 16 June at Clayton
   - Psychology and Behavioural Neuroscience, Tues 21 June at Clayton

4. **LAW AT MELBOURNE UNI** – The Melbourne JD is a fully graduate law degree and the only degree offered by Melbourne Law School leading to admission to legal practice. Find out the advantages of the Melbourne JD at the Juris Doctor Information Session. **When:** 6.00pm (registration at 5.30), Tues 17 May; **Where:** G08, Ground Floor, Melbourne Law School; **Register:** [www.jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/events/CareersUpdate](http://www.jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/events/CareersUpdate)

5. **INTERESTED IN SPORTS MEDICINE?** Sports medicine offers fantastic career opportunities, giving the chance to work with motivated athletes. Two careers evenings are being held:
   - Hear from practitioners in **sports medicine, nutrition, podiatry, psychology, massage therapy, physiotherapy and exercise physiology.** Ask questions and collect info. **When:** 6.30-7pm (registration), 7.30pm (start), Wed 25 May; **Where:** Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre (new AAMI Park Stadium) Olympic Blvd, Melbourne; **Cost:** $25 per student; **Enquiries and bookings** (by 20 May): opsmc@opsmc.com.au OR
   - Hear from a **doctor, physiotherapist, sports scientist, dietitian, psychologist, podiatrist and osteopath** at a seminar on Careers in Sports Medicine and Science seminar. Universities will be in attendance. **When:** 9.30am-1.30pm, Sun 29 May; **Where:** Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, Champions Room, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park; **Cost:** Students $40, parents $25; **Register at:** vic.sma.org.au; **Info:** 96674 8777.

6. **DO YOU WANT TO STUDY OPTOMETRY?** Deakin University will offer a course in optometry at their Geelong (Waurn Ponds) campus in 2012, the second university offering optometry in Victoria (Melbourne Uni is the other). Deakin’s program is being developed in response to the growing demand for optometrists throughout Australia. The goal of the program is to contribute to and improve the eye health of Australians by educating new optometrists who are clinically competent, work ready, motivated to pursue careers in rural/regional areas.

7. **FOCUS ON MELBOURNE** – Yr 10-12 students are invited to look at study options available in New Generation degrees (all 7pm-8.30pm). **Focus on Environments**, Wed 4 May; **Focus on Engineering and IT**, Wed 11 May; **Focus on Biomedicine**, Wed 18 May. For details/booking see [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne).


9. **WHAT IS ENGINEERING SCIENCE (SPORTS ENGINEERING)?** Sports Engineering at Victoria Uni (Footscray Park) is the only course in Victoria emphasizing the application of engineering technology to sports. The course covers areas in human movement sciences; mechanical and electronic; and software engineering with a strong emphasis on sports. Studies are primarily in the School of Engineering and Science with some studies in the new VU Sports Science and Learning Commons Building. Students gain skills to design sports equipment and instrumentation, design solutions to enhance athlete performance, design solutions which minimize the risk of sports injury and work in groups to solve real world industry problems. As a sports engineer you can work with coaches, elite athletes, the disabled, sports goods manufacturers, venue managers and other engineers. Graduates can look forward to working in areas like AFL, tennis, cricket, swimming and golf (eg designing lightweight tennis racquets, designing safer cycling helmets, sensor systems to improve athlete training). Pre-requisite subjects are Units 3/4 English (any) and a maths. **Info:** Dr Lai, 9919 4425, Daniel.lai@vu.edu.au.

10. **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** – If you plan to apply for medicine, dentistry or physio-therapy you may be required to sit for the International Student Admissions Test (ISAT). It is required for international students currently studying an Australian Year 12 for several courses. Sittings are available between April and October. Register on-line at [http://isat.acer.edu.au](http://isat.acer.edu.au).

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