1. **WHERE CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AND CAREERS?** The Careers Centre is the obvious starting point, however, there are many other places to obtain information. There are CAREER EXPOS, university and TAFE **OPEN DAYS, CAREER EVENTS** held during the year, and **WEBSITES** to check.
   - **CAREER EXPOS:**
     Why attend? Career Expos are a great opportunity to collect information and to talk to staff from a wide variety of education and training providers at the one time and location. They are an excellent starting point in your exploration. Coming up (dates for your diary):
     - The **Age VCE and Careers Expo** is from Thurs 3 to Sun 6 May at the Caulfield Race Course
     - The **National Careers and Employment Expo:** 18/19 May at Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
     - The **Herald Sun Career Expo** is on 27 – 29 July
     - **Engineering Careers Expo** is 2-7pm, Thurs 29 Mar, Etihad Stadium; [www.engineeringexpo.org.au](http://www.engineeringexpo.org.au)
   - **OPEN DAYS:**
     University and TAFE Open Days are a great source of information as attendance at these provides the opportunity to speak to staff and see facilities. (If you plan to apply for a course requiring an interview, folio presentation or audition as part of the application process, attending really is essential). Generally 10am-4pm:
     - Sat 23 June – **Holmesglen**
     - Sun 24 June – **Victoria Uni**
     - Sat 4 Aug – **Monash Uni** (Berwick, Gippsland, Peninsula)
     - Sun 5 Aug – **La Trobe** (Albury Wodonga); **Monash** (Caulfield, Clayton, Parkville)
     - Sun 12 Aug – **Australian Catholic Uni** (Melbourne); **Deakin** (Warrnambool); **Melbourne** (Parkville & Southbank); **RMIT** (Uni and TAFE)
     - Sun 19 Aug – **Deakin** (Geelong campuses); **La Trobe** (Bendigo); **Swinburne** (Uni & TAFE)
     - Sun 26 Aug – **Australian Catholic Uni** (Ballarat); **Ballarat Uni**; **Box Hill Institute**; **Deakin** (Melbourne Burwood); **La Trobe** (Melbourne Bundoora)
   - **CAREER EVENTS:**
     Various Career Events run throughout the year, and will be notified in CareerNews.
     ✓ Starting very soon is the annual ‘**At Monash**’ Seminar series. These give you a head start when considering where a university degree can take you. **What/When (all 6.30-8pm):**
     - **Architecture** (7 Mar)
     - **Nursing, Paramedics** (8 Mar)
     - **Pharmacy** (13 Mar)
     - **Business** (14 Mar)
     - **Physio & Occupational Therapy** (19 Mar)
     - **IT** (20 Mar)
     - **Health Sci & Social Work** (26 Mar)
     - **Teaching, Sport & Outdoor Rec** (27 Mar)
     - **Medicine, Biomed Sci, Radiography & Nutrition/Dietetics** (28 Mar)
     - **Arts** (29 Mar)
     - **Design & Fine Art** (18 April)
     - **Psychology** (19 April)
     - **Science** (8 May)
     - **Performing Arts** (15 May)
     - **Law** (17 May)
     - **Engineering** (28 June)
Info: 1800 Monash/9903 4810; Register/locations: www.monash.edu/seminars

✓ **Trial-a-Trade day at William Angliss Institute**, offering 14-18 year olds the opportunity to experience foods and hospitality careers (eg chef, baker, barista or patissier); **When:** 9.30am-12pm, Sun 18 March; **Where:** William Angliss, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne; **Cost:** $28.00; **Info/registration:** 1300 264 547 or www.angliss.edu.au/trial.

✓ Experience **environmental science and engineering day at RMIT.** Undertake interactive workshops in environmental engineering, urban planning, environmental science and geospatial science; **When:** Thurs 5 April; **Cost:** Free (incl lunch – a bargain); **Info/registration:** www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays; **Call:** Clare, 9925 3699; more ‘Get Real Experience’ activities coming in arts/design, computing, marketing and medical sciences (info soon)

✓ **What Really Happens After High School?** Find out by being a uni student for a day at La Trobe Uni. which is opening its doors, inviting Yr 10 -12s and parents to ‘Experience La Trobe’. Join in workshops, find out about student life and check out the campus. It’s free, entertainment and lunch provided. **When:** Fri 13 April and Tues 3 July (holidays); **Where:** La Trobe (Bundoora); **Register** (and check sessions at Bendigo and Albury-Wodonga): www.latrobe.edu.au/experience.

✓ The **Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine** is holding a Career Information session offering insights into career opportunities in the forensic sciences. **When:** 12:30 - 4:00pm, Fri 13 April; **Where:** VIFM Lecture Theatre, 57-83 Kavanagh Street, Southbank; **Registration form located at:** http://www.vifm.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Registration-Form-13-April-20121.pdf. For info. visit: http://www.vifm.org/events/16/vifm-careers-information-afternoon/. No seats for parents.

**O WEBSITES:**

University and TAFE websites are a great source of information. NOTE: A website provided in the last newsletter regarding **tertiary study, costs and financial assistance** (with links to other great careers sites) for tertiary education has been updated to www.studyassist.gov.au. A very useful site combining a wealth of career information...

2. **DEAKIN UNIVERSITY LEARNING HUB OPENS IN DANDELONG** – The Deakin Learning Hub in Dandenong opened in February, providing the opportunity for students for Melbourne’s south-east to undertake the Bachelor of Health Sciences using an innovative approach known as community-based learning. This links the classroom experience with input from relevant community groups and local industry. Students study online, but with access to academic staff via the hub, who provide support, advice and guidance. Students study at a time and location convenient to them with the hub providing computer resources and access to Deakin’s library and other online resources. **Where:** Level 3, 237 Lonsdale St, Dandenong; **When:** Business hours, Mon-Fri; www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/hsd/dandenong.

3. **FOCUS ON A CAREER – I WANT TO BE A NURSE** – If so, you have many study options and combinations to consider:

- The **Bachelor of Nursing** (a 3-year undergraduate degree for registration as a Division 1 nurse) is taught at many universities (ACU, Ballarat, Deakin, La Trobe, Monash, RMIT and VU). It is also taught at some TAFE Institutes (eg Holmesglen)
- A number of universities such as ACU and Monash offer a **Bachelor of Midwifery** (for those who wish to work with mothers)
- Some offer a double degree in **Nursing/Midwifery**, where students complete both qualifications in four years (eg Deakin, La Trobe and Monash - Gippsland)
- A number of universities offer other combinations of double degrees such **Nursing/Business Administration** (ACU), **Nursing/Paramedics** (ACU – Ballarat, Monash), **Nursing/Psychology** and **Nursing/Public Health and Health Promotion** at Deakin
- Melbourne university has a post-graduate nursing degree (**Master of Nursing Science**)
- Specialisations: Nursing (**Community Health** – Monash Berwick), Nursing (**Mental Health**) ACU and Nursing (**Practice Leadership**) ACU
In addition, many institutions offer the **Diploma of Nursing** (Division 2), for example, Holmesglen (Moorabbin) Swinburne (Lilydale), and also a number of independent providers. It is sometimes possible to up-grade this qualification to Division 1.

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