Reminders:
- Melbourne Uni Veterinary Science and Hospital Open Day. Attend lectures, pet demonstrations, tours and get course advice; 10am-3pm, Sun 25 March, 250 Princes Hwy, Werrindee; www.vet.unimelb.edu.au
- ‘At Monash’ Seminar series. Get a head start when considering where a university degree can take you. Info: 1800 Monash/9903 4810; Register/locations: www.monash.edu/seminars
- Experience environmental science and engineering day at RMIT. Thurs 5 April; Cost: Free; Info/register: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays; Ph: 9925 3699; more ‘Get Real Experience’ activities coming
- ‘Experience La Trobe’. Year 10-12s join in workshops, find out about student life and check out the campus; 13 April, 3 July at La Trobe (Bundoora); Register: www.latrobe.edu.au/experience.

1. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS –
   - BACHELOR OF FINE ART - The Uni. of Melbourne plans to introduce two new specialisations into the Bachelor of Fine Art at the Southbank campus in 2013 – animation and screen writing (subject to accreditation). These will be in addition to the contemporary music, dance, film and television, music theatre, production, theatre practice and visual art programs already offered.
   - SCHOLARSHIPS AT MELBOURNE - If you are thinking about studying engineering at Melbourne, you might want to apply for the Paterson Scholarship of $4,000pa for the length of an appropriate undergraduate degree. Applicants will need to complete an application form and provide copies of their VCE results along with a letter addressing the selection criteria (including financial need). Browse scholarships at www.services.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships/ugrad.
   - DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE?
     - Then ‘Meet Melbourne’ may be the program for you. This program involves Uni of Melbourne visits to regional and some metropolitan centres, aiming to give information about courses and careers, scholarships, entry requirements and so on. Sessions are being held at Albury, Ballarat, Bendigo, Caroline Springs, Dandenong, Frankston, Geelong, Glen Waverley, Hamilton, Sale, Shepparton, Warrigal, and Warrnambool. For details and registration, go to: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne.
     - Alternatively, ‘Access All Areas 2012’ may suit you. This is a series of events especially designed for Year 10-12 students and their families, offering a personalised insight into the University. Find out about undergraduate degrees and graduate pathways, opportunities to enrich your degree (eg concurrent diplomas, exchange and study abroad), admission and entry requirements, Access Melbourne and scholarships, accommodation and transition programs. When: 9am-3pm, Fri 13 April, 13 July and 27 Sept; Where: Parkville campus; Cost: Free, but limited places; Register: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/accessallareas.

2. SCHOLARSHIPS AT VICTORIA UNI (VU) – The Faculty of Health, Engineering and Science awards a number of scholarships up to the value of $20,000 to students who have achieved an ATAR of 80 or above. See the VU website along with eligibility criteria and application forms. Get info on 9919 2009, daryl.cornish@vu.edu.au.

3. ZOO KEEPER FOR A DAY – This is a hands-on school holiday program for students interested in a career working with animals. Help out the animal keepers and learn about a most rewarding job. Speak with animal keepers about their jobs and experience. When/where: 9.30am-4pm, 3rd, 10th and 12th April at Werrindee Open Range Zoo, K Road, Werrindee; 9.30am-3.30pm, 3rd, 5th and 10th April (Year 7/8), 4th and 11th April (Years 9/10), Healesville Sanctuary, Badger Creek Rd, Healesville; Cost: $102 (incl morning tea); Bookings: ph 9285 9406 (pay when booking); Details of holiday programs: www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Camps-Holidays.
4. **VCE CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY REVISION LECTURES AT MONASH** – These monthly revision lectures will help prepare you for your exams. The seminars are designed to encourage revision throughout the year, clarifying and consolidating concepts as they are introduced in the classroom. **When:** Biology 4-5pm, Chemistry 5.30-6.30pm, 21 Mar, 18 April, 23 May, 6 June, 18 July, 22 Aug and 19 Sept; **Where:** Monash Parkville campus, 381 Royal Parade; **Register:** (free), but registration essential: [www.pharm.monash.edu/events](http://www.pharm.monash.edu/events) or call 9903 9504. You can attend both Biology and Chemistry if you wish, with afternoon tea provided.

5. **PARENTS AS CAREER TRANSITION SUPPORT (PACTS)** – Parents often want help in planning the future for their child with a mild intellectual disability. Do you need to know more about education and training? Would you like to meet representatives from different services? PACTS has two information workshops for parents of secondary school students from 15 years of age. **When:** 6-8pm, 18 April and 2 May; **Where:** Montrose Town Centre Library Room, 935 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Montrose; **Book:** Cherie Messerie, cmesserie@oellen.org.au, 9723 2717.

6. **BIG SCIENCE, SMALL SCIENCE** (BSSS) - Is RMIT’s new way of delivering science straight to young minds through Facebook. The page is regularly updated with scientific articles, quizzes, facts, polls and events. Check it out at [www.facebook.com/rmitscience](http://www.facebook.com/rmitscience).

7. **A CAREER IN LEGAL SERVICES** – Are you aware of the jobs available in the legal sector apart for becoming a solicitor or barrister? **Law clerks, paralegals and legal executives** may be employed by law firms, government departments, legal aid organisations, financial institutions, corporations and court registries. They perform legal work on behalf of clients under the supervision of a lawyer and can specialise in areas such as litigation, conveyancing, personal injury compensation, criminal law, family law, probate or corporate law. **More about courses/careers:** [www.rmit.edu.au/programs/ad015](http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/ad015). **NOTE:** Undergraduate law degrees can be studied at Australian Catholic (from 2013), Deakin, La Trobe, Monash and Victoria universities. Postgraduate studies in law can be taken at Melbourne and RMIT universities.

8. **DO YOU WANT TO BE AN INTERIOR DESIGNER?** One question you first need to ask yourself is, do I know the difference between an **interior designer** and an **interior decorator**? An **interior designer** designs and supervises the construction of building interiors, so, among other things, they need an understanding of building construction. To work in this field you would usually have at least a diploma such as the **Diploma of Interior Decoration and Design**, offered at several TAFE Institutes, however, many interior designers have a **university degree** such as **Interior Architecture** from Monash or **Interior Design** from RMIT or Swinburne. **Interior decorators**, on the other hand, plan and implement decoration of homes, offices and so on (e.g. colour schemes, lighting, furniture) and would often complete the **Diploma of Interior Decoration and Design**. Most courses require applicants to attend an **interview and folio presentation** as part of the application process at the end of Year 12 (all except Interior Design at Swinburne Uni which selects on ATAR). Thus, prospective applicants need to attend **Open Days** to find out more about the course for which they are applying, and to help them decide at which institution they prefer to study. It is also important to be able to explain at the interview why you prefer a particular institution – very difficult to answer if you have never been there!

- Students interested in design might also consider studying architecture, industrial design, communication or graphic design, building design (architectural), product design, fashion design or visual merchandising.

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