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This is the last edition of Career Newsletter for 2012; it is mainly directed at Year 12 students.

**CHANGE OF PREFERENCE INFORMATION** – Year 12s are reminded that you can change your VTAC preferences until 26 Oct as long as you first applied by 28th Sept. It is also possible to change your VTAC course preferences from **26 Nov till 24 Dec (12 noon)**. You will receive your ATAR on Mon 17 Dec. It is not recommended that you remove a preference from your VTAC list simply because you think your ATAR is not high enough.

**WHERE CAN I GET HELP AT CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (COP) TIME?** Universities and TAFEs will have staff available to assist you till at least Fri 21 Dec (some till Mon 24th). They have provided the following information about assistance on offer (check websites for more information):

- **Australian Catholic Uni:** Call 1300 ASK ACU; **COP Expo:** 10am–3pm, Wed 19 Dec in Daniel Mannix Building
- **Box Hill Institute:** COP information session, ...call 1300 BOX HILL or Andrea on 9286 9553
- **Charles Sturt Uni:** Call 1800 334 733
- **Chisholm TAFE:** Call 1300 CHISHOLM
- **Deakin Uni:** Call 1300 DEGREE; COP 3pm–7pm, Tues 18 Dec (Burwood); See: **www.deakin.edu.au/cop**.
- **East Gippsland TAFE:** Call 1300 133 717
- **Holmesglen Institute:** Call 1300 693 888
- **Kangan Institute:** Call 13 TAFE
- **La Trobe Uni:** COP Hotline: 1300 135 045, 16–22 December; see **www.latrobe.edu.au/prefer**
- **Monash Uni:** Call 1800 MONASH; **COP Expo,** 3–7pm, Wed 19 Dec, Building H, Caulfield campus, 900 Dandenong Road; **www.monash.edu/monash2012:** flyers in Careers Room.
- **NMIT:** Call 9269 1200
- **RMIT Uni & TAFE:** Call 1800 11 RMIT (8.30am–5.30pm weekdays); Info Corner, 330 Swanston St, Melbourne **www.rmit.edu.au/cop**
- **Swinburne Uni & TAFE:** 1:1 appointments 9am–5pm, 17-18 & 20-21 Dec; **online chat,** 9am–5pm, 17-18, 20-21 Dec & 9-12noon, 24 Dec; **COP Expo,** 11am–3pm, Wed 19 Dec (Hawthorn); **www.swinburne.edu.au/rightchoice:** Call 1300 275 794;
- **University of Ballarat:** Call 1800 811 711; COP Information Day 11am–2pm, Wed 19 Dec (Mt Helen)
- **University of Melbourne:** COP Hotline: 13 MELB (13 6352); **website:** **www.cop.unimelb.edu.au**; speak with staff one-on-one at the University Information Centre, Gate 3, Swanston St; attend **Course Information Day,** 10am–2.30pm, Wed 19 Dec, Parkville campus; register on-line to win: **www.cop.unimelb.edu.au**.
- **Victoria University & TAFE:** Call COP hotline, 17-21 December on 1300 VIC UNI; Info Sessions, 19 & 20 Dec; drop-in at City Flinders St campus, 11am–4pm, 17 & 18 Dec
- **William Angliss Institute:** Call 9606 2111

**EARLY ACHIEVERS PROGRAM (EAP) AT ACU** – The Australian Catholic University recognises that you have more to offer than your academic results. The EAP is open to school leavers and non-school leavers and considers the contribution you have made to your community through your school or workplace, local community organisations, culture, sport and/or religious group. For more info: **www.acu.edu.au/eap**. Applications close on 21 October.

**LOOKING FOR A CADETSHIP?** Ever wondered how your clothes make it to the store or how your food gets from the farm to your fork? Logistics involves the integration of information, transport and handling of these materials to meet customers’ needs and opens a world of career opportunities from entry level to senior management. The Victorian Transport Logistics Cadetship offers fulltime employment, a 2-year cadetship, **Cert IV/Diploma in logistics,** attractive salary and paid study leave. Do you enjoy being challenged? Can you problem solve? Do you have a positive attitude and a sound work ethic? You need to have your VCE or VCAL, be 18-25 years and have a drivers licence. **Info:** Kerri Langes, ph 9646 8590, **cadetship@vta.com.au** or see **www.vta.com.au**.

**A SPORT AND FITNESS CAREER?** Box Hill institute offers the Diploma of Sport Development (incorporating Cert IV in Fitness), the Diploma of Event Management (Sport), and the Cert IV in Fitness. Many work placement options are available through Box Hill. **More info:** John Gillard, ph 9992 2140, j.gillard@boxhill.edu.au; **Info Evening: When:** 6.30-7.30pm, Wed 14 Nov; **Where:** Bld 8, Level 2, Room 228, Elgar Rd.
PHARMACY AT MONASH – Monash has an Information Session for those who have listed Monash pharmacy courses through VTAC regarding the filling in of the supplementary information form. When: 5-6pm, Tues 16 Oct; Where: Parkville campus; Register: email onshore@monash.edu with your details and the number of additional guests coming. NOTE: the forms are due 5pm, 3 Jan, 2013.

NEW BACHELOR OF MUSIC AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY IN 2013 – Explore popular western music, jazz, electronic music, and non-western ‘world’ music through practice, theory, cultural analysis and critical listening. Cutting-edge music technology underpins units that explore song writing and composition for a range of applications including film, TV and multimedia in the B. Music, and equip you with the artistic knowledge, musicianship, technical fluency, creativity, critical listening and analytical skills for the music industry. Selection for the course includes an audition and interview. Apply through VTAC (Code 43331), then contact ph 99192368 or greg.aronson@vu.edu.au for an audition/interview (at St Albans). You will be assessed on criteria including technical ability, musicality, dynamics, tonal quality, intonation, rhythmic accuracy and tempo, understanding of musical form and interaction with accompanying musicians and/or music.

MONASH UNIVERSITY INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT - The Indigenous Engagement Unit – Yulendj is hosting a fully-funded three day summer camp for Indigenous students. ‘Hands on Monash’ will be held Sun 9 – Tues 11 Dec. Find out about opportunities for study at Monash, and about university life. You must be 16 or over and be currently in Years 10, 11 and 12. Get an application form: www.monash.edu/study/life/indigenous/about.html; applications close 26 October. Ph: Kristel on 9905 8699 or 0428 323 465.

WHAT IF MY ATAR IS NOT HIGH ENOUGH?

Some Year 12’s are concerned that they will not access the university course of their choice due to their inability to achieve the required ATAR. This is NOT the finish. What should you do?

Firstly, DON’T think that you must remove courses from your VTAC application just because your ATAR doesn’t seem high enough. ATAR’s sometimes come down and it is not necessary to remove courses unless you have more than 12 courses for which you wish to apply.

If you want to go to university but your ATAR concerns you, there are courses and pathways to consider, including the following (many have lower ATAR requirements):

- Complete the Diploma of Tertiary Studies at Monash University in arts, business, education, health promotion, nursing, science or social welfare. See: page 282 VTAC Guide (VTAC codes 26291, 30751 and 29391)
- Complete a course at Monash College; see page 269 of the VTAC Guide (VTAC Codes – various)
- Complete a course at MIBT (Deakin Uni link); see page 265 of the VTAC Guide
- Swinburne University (Hawthorn) has an access scheme applying to some schools; this involves a 5-point bonus applied to former Lilydale degrees
- Complete a Foundation Studies one year pathways course at Victoria Uni; application form at www.vu.edu.au/courses/applying
- Consider studying a related university course with a lower ATAR; if you do well you MAY be able to transfer to your desired course later
- Start with a TAFE course in a related field; two years at TAFE often equals one year at university
- Complete a TAFE Diploma of Liberal Arts – a pathway into arts, social science and humanities. Kangan (VTAC Code 53311), Swinburne (70091) and VU (79131, 80531) have this Diploma, some with guarantees and points towards a degree
- Consider a country/rural campus. ATAR’s are often lower due to lower demand; most have accommodation (apply ASAP)
- For nursing consider first completing Division 2 at TAFE or a private provider; apply early and complete the VETASSESS Test if required (eg RMIT requires this by 19 Oct, Holmesglen by end November, while VU requires it 31 October). It is not required by all TAFE’s, for example, Swinburne, where you have to apply direct to Swinburne – on-line.
- ACU has certificate and diploma course that can lead on to degrees (through ACUcom) See: http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/2013/other_courses/vocational_education_training_vet/

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