Reminders:
- Sun 17 March – Uni of Melbourne Veterinary Science Open Day (Werribee)
- Early April – registrations for the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) open for Monash medicine and physiotherapy applicants (and some interstate courses)

1. OPEN DAYS – Universities and TAFE Institutes hold annual Open Days for the public. They are an opportunity to visit, talk to staff and students, collect information and see facilities. As such, they are a great way to assist in deciding where you wish to study once you finish school. They are generally held in term 3, but many of the dates are supplied here so you can get them in your diary and make your visits a priority. Year 10 or 11 is a great time to start your visits; Year 12 is not too late.

OPEN DAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (10am – 4pm):
- Sat 3 Aug – Monash Uni (Berwick, Gippsland, Parkville, Peninsula campuses)
- Sun 4 Aug – Deakin Uni (Warwambool); Monash Uni (Caulfield, Clayton); Swinburne (Hawthorn)
- Sun 11 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (Melbourne); Deakin (Geelong); RMIT
- Sun 18 Aug – La Trobe Uni (Bendigo); Melbourne Uni (Parkville & Southbank - VCA);
- Sun 25 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Ballarat Uni; Box Hill Institute: Deakin (Burwood); La Trobe (Bundoora); Victoria Uni; William Angliss Inst.
- Sun 1 Sept – La Trobe (Albury/Wodonga)

Note: Holmesglen has as Open Day every third Wednesday of the month; visit on your way home from school or during the day; see www.holmesglen.edu.au/showcase/events/open_wednesdays.

2. OPEN DAY FOR VETERINARY SCIENCE
The University of Melbourne’s Veterinary Science and Hospital has its’ annual Open Day from 10am to 3pm, Sunday 17 March; Where: 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee; Info: www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday. Step behind the scenes at the veterinary hospital and tour the facilities; discover a range of animals, attend lectures and see displays; speak to staff and students. Course and career advice will be available throughout the day. Prospective students and parents will learn about the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine graduate program. Veterinary and community groups will provide information on pet care and other special interests.

3. EXPLORE COURSES AND CAREERS AT RMIT – Back by popular demand in 2013, is a range of ‘Experience Day’ holiday programs for Year 10-12 students. Get a hands-on and interactive experience of courses on offer at RMIT, and find out about careers in accounting, engineering, fashion, justice, medical sciences, media, advertising, environment, IT, and art and design. To register interest and to be notified when events are on go to: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays.

5. WANT ADVICE FROM SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OR TAFE? Appointments are now available for secondary students throughout the year. You can book a time that suits you to meet a course advisor face to face, receive course advice, ask questions and receive application assistance. Info: www.swinburne.edu.au/study-at-swinburne/events/

6. ENGINEERS CAREERS EXPO – Engineers Australia has an Expo providing interactive workshops, over 80 exhibitors, presentations and advice from leaders in the engineering profession. When: 11am-7pm, Thurs 21 Mar; Where: Etihad stadium; Info: www.engineeringexpo.org.au; OR: Sarah on 9321 1703, scooke@engineersaustralia.org.au.

7. ANOTHER CAREERS WEBSITE TO CHECK - to add to those from last newsletter: www.education.vic.gov.au/victorianskillsgateway

8. MONASH ARTS LAUNCHES FACEBOOK PAGE – This page provides VCE students with a chance to learn about studying at Monash in an environment where you feel at home. Features: current students describing experiences; staff providing insights into their study areas. ‘Liking’ the Monash page is a great way to begin to get a feel for university
life and to ask questions. See: www.facebook.com/MonashArts

9. WANT A HEAD START IN FINDING YOUR IDEAL COURSE? Explore your options early by attending the ‘At Monash Seminars’ to hear from current students, graduates and staff. Gain an overview of the university experience, courses, and careers. What, when and where?
- Arts (Humanities/social sciences): Tues 5 Mar (Caulfield) campus, Wed 22 May (Clayton)
- Architecture and interior architecture: Wed 6 Mar (Caulfield)
- Nursing, midwifery and emergency health: Thurs 7 Mar (Peninsula)
- Business & economics: Wed 13 Mar (Clayton)
- Science: Thurs 14 Mar (Clayton)
- Physiotherapy and occupational therapy: Tues 19 Mar (Peninsula)
- Information technology: Wed 20 Mar (Caulfield)
- Pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences: Thurs 21 Mar (Parkville)
- Design and fine art: Wed 17 April (Caulfield)
- Psychology: Thurs 18 April (Clayton)
- Law: Wed 1 May (Clayton)
- Health science and social work: Tues 7 May (Caulfield)
- Teaching, sport and outdoor recreation: Wed 8 May (Peninsula), Thurs 27 June (Clayton)
- Medicine: Mon 13 May (Clayton)
- Education and nursing: Tues 21 May (Berwick)
- Biomedical science, radiography, and nutrition and dietetics: Wed 29 May (Clayton)
- Engineering: Thurs 30 May (Clayton)
- Performing arts and music: Tues 20 Aug (Clayton)

All seminars: 6.30-8.00pm; Information/registration (essential): call 1800 MONASH or www.monash.edu/seminars. Places are limited.

10. WHERE CAN I STUDY FASHION?

Wanting to study fashion? There are many courses to consider, with University, TAFE and private providers offering qualifications. RMIT university (City) offers a 4-year Bachelor of Design (Fashion). Of the 2012 Year 12 students who applied for this course, 63 were offered a place (ie very competitive). Another 41 non-Year 12s were also offered a place. RMIT TAFE (Brunswick) also offers the 2-year Associate Degree in Fashion Design and Technology, and courses in fashion merchandising.

Many aspiring fashion designers complete a TAFE course first, a great way to start your training. Box Hill Institute, The Gordon (Geelong), Holmesglen (City), Kangan (Richmond) and RMIT TAFE (Brunswick) offer various diploma courses such as Cert IV, the diploma and the advanced diploma in Applied Fashion Design and Technology. Holmesglen also offers the 3-year Bachelor of Fashion (Apparel Engineering and Design), and Box Hill the Bachelor of Fashion Design.

Private colleges: Whitehouse Institute of Design (City) offers a 3-year Bachelor of Design (Fashion), Billy Blue College of Design (City) offers the 3-year Bachelor of Applied Design (Branded Fashion), Holmes Institute (City) offers the Bachelor of Fashion and Business, while the Australian Academy of Design (Port Melb) offers the Bachelor of Design Arts (Fashion Design). Also on offer is the 1-year Diploma of Costume for Performance at Swinburne (wardrobe for film, TV and entertainment). Application almost invariably includes an interview and folio presentation. Therefore, it is essential that you study a VCE subject(s) to help develop a suitable folio as you must be able to demonstrate a suitable level of creativity. Make sure you attend appropriate Open Days. Difficult to explain at an interview why you want to study a particular course if you have never been there....

11. BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE – At Melbourne students mostly choose from one of six initial degrees: arts, biomedicine, commerce, environments, music or science. The B. Environments is a unique program, allowing students to shape our world through design, management, planning, advising, construction, research and social change. Major study areas to choose from: architecture, civil systems, construction, environmental engineering systems, environmental geographies, politics and cultures, environmental science, geomatics, landscape architecture, property and urban planning and design. The degree engages students in interdisciplinary thinking from the start, and leads to a variety of career outcomes.

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