

### Dates for your Diary

13 September: Folio  
Advice

14 September: Flight  
Training open Day

22 September: RMIT  
Screen printing  
Workshop

30 September: VTAC  
timely applications  
close

3 October: Applica-  
tions close for Work  
Experience at MCC

8 October: Extension  
Program @ Melb Uni  
info night

2 October: Year 12  
Swinburne Uni Dis-  
covery Day

13 November: Be-  
hind the Camera,  
Film & Television  
Industry Induction

14 November: VTAC  
late applications  
(\$79/\$82) close

12 December: VTAC  
very late applications  
(\$102/\$105) close

15 December: ENTER  
scores released

## Time for Decisions

All students in the post compulsory years are currently in the throes of making decisions which will have an impact on the next stage in their lives.

For some students, taking charge of this part of your life can be an very exciting time. For some of you who are still unclear about what it is you exactly want to do over the next little while, or are having trouble narrowing down your choices, this can also be a an unsettling and daunting time. Career counselling can be of great assistance in this instance.

Decisions being made are as follows:

- Yr 12s are applying for university & TAFE courses and making arrangements the Gap Year
- Yr 11s are consolidating their ideas about tertiary options and Year 12 subjects
- Yr 10s are making Yr 11 VCE subject selections, exploring alternative pathways & considering VET subjects
- In Term 4 Yr 9 students will be introduced to the VET & single VCE subjects available to them in Yr 10

Once the on-off application fee is paid, Year 12 students making VTAC applications for 2009 can change course preferences as many times as they wish up until the advertised closing dates. After the release of the ENTER score on 15 December, Change of Preference allows applicants to alter preferences with full knowledge of their VCE ENTER score.

To attain VCE and gain an ENTER score you must complete at least 16 units which must include:

- 3 units of English, including units 3&4
- 3 other sequences of units 3 & 4

As such it is imperative that students going into Year 12 next year make

appropriate choices at the outset. This will minimise subjects being dropped and units being compromised.

Year 11 VCE students can change subjects prior to cut-off dates for each unit, and mid year prior to commencing unit 2, as far as the timetable allows.

Students who are commencing VCE in 2009 can opt for another pathway (VCAL , pre-apprenticeship, traineeship) mid-year, if it becomes apparent that VCE is not the appropriate educational choice after all. A timely mid-unit review will occur to allow for the application process to occur for mid-year intakes.

However, in building the VCE timetable we will be working on current student subject selections. To avoid making changes it is best to make informed and considered decisions, based on interest, ability and future pathways. These decisions should not be taken lightly or in isolation. At each stage of the decision making process in the post compulsory years, students (and parents/carers) are encouraged to meet with Sandra to discuss options.

To cater for the demand in counselling associated with these decisions Sandra has increased her availability for appointments to **four days a week**— Monday-Thursday, until the end of term.

Despite the demands of this time of year, it is always inspiring talking to students about their passions for and thoughts about film making, screen writing, game development, marine biology, patisserie, chemical engineering, sports science, special effects, textile design, archiving, allied health, photography, law and education. This is just a small sample of the areas our students from Years 10 to 12 are contemplating for their futures.

## What's it like to experiment with art & science?

Thank you to Drew Berry, Biomedical Animator and resident animator at the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research. He gave a career talk to a group of over 30 students, discussing his pathway and how he combined his interest in science with his love of computer gaming.



Drew's work has brought him international accolades—an Emmy & a BAFTA award—and has been televised and exhibited around the world.

One of Drew's projects on DNA is on permanent exhibition in the 3D animation room at the Melbourne Museum, and he has some of his work at MOMA in New York.

The most important message from Drew was to follow your passion.

## Jet Career Thinking

Sandra is meeting with groups of students from Jet over the coming weeks to commence the transition process into Year 10 and discuss options for 2009. These include embarking on a single VCE subject, doing a VET course.

The Work Experience seed is being planted. Year 10 students have made presentations to Jet students about their learning from Work Experience. Sandra is also discussing Work Experience with a view to getting Jet students thinking about where they might like to complete a placement. Many large and popular employers, such as national sporting clubs, zoos and museums, have application processes and closing dates well in advance of the Work Experience taking place. **In 2009, Work Experience will run from 8-19 June.**

Thank you to Brooke and Michael from Year 10, who spoke to the entire Jet Team about their experiences at the World of Work (WOW) program earlier in the year. In the week commencing 20 October 25 students from Jet can attend this exciting program—information sheets were given out at the presentation and interested students are asked to write an application to be presented to their team of teachers no later than this Friday, 12 September.

In Term Four there will be an information night for families to discuss all of the aforementioned possibilities.

## Work Experience at Melbourne Cricket Club (The MCG)

MCC has contacted Sandra regarding their Work Experience program for **Year 10 students in 2009.**

MCC offers placements of one week in a selection of their Club Administrative Departments or their Arenas Department, which is specifically developed for students focussing on careers in horticulture and turf management.

MCC always receives more applicants than places available, so hold a ballot then notifies applicants of the results.

Students in Jet are invited to see Sandra to collect the **Invitation to Apply and Application Form**, both of which are due to MCC no later than **3rd Oct 2008.**

## Work Experience with the Victoria Police

Victoria Police has contacted Sandra about it's Work Experience program for 2009. Fitzroy High School can apply for **ONE student** to complete a week of Work Experience with the Victoria Police.

Applications are open from 1-24 October 2008. Please contact Sandra, she will accept the first genuinely interested student and assist them in their application.

## VET Units 3 & 4

Students planning on undertaking VET units 3 & 4 in 2009 need to fill out the application form at the back of the book **as well as an online enrolment form.**

Go to [www.imvc.com.au](http://www.imvc.com.au) and click on the YOUTH tab, VET PROGRAMS and submit an online enrolment. Only students going on to 3 & 4 Hospitality need attend an information session.

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## Australian School-based Apprenticeship (ASbA) Expo

Students from Year 10 are invited to attend an excursion to the Inner Northern Local Learning & Employment Network (INLLEN) ASbA Expo on Wednesday 22nd October at the Coburg Town Hall.

The Expo will have a broad range of organisations who are the key players in ASbA's, Employers, Group Training Organisations, Australian Apprenticeship Centres and Registered Training Providers.

Students will have the opportunity to learn more about ASbAs as well as have the opportunity to register for ASbA places for 2009.

There is also an information session for families from 4:30-7pm—all welcome. Please email Sandra if you wish to attend the student excursion and/or intend going to the family session.

## Study a university subject in Year 12

Melbourne University offers **exceptional Year 12 students** the chance to study a first year university subject **in place of a sixth VCE school subject**. Earn an increment of 4.0, 5.0 or 5.5 points, depending on your results. The University is holding an information session about their **2009 Extension Program**.

**When:** 6.30-8.30pm, Wed 8 October

**Where:** GM 15 Theatre,

Melbourne Law School, 185 Pelham St, Carlton;

**Bookings:**

[www.services.unimelb.edu.au/umep](http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/umep);

**Info booklets:** available from Sandra; or email [extension-program@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:extension-program@unimelb.edu.au) for information or a brochure and application form.

## Free IMVC Industry Induction Program—Behind the Camera, Film & Television

This one day program would ideally suit young people interested in the technical and “behind the camera” jobs in film & television. Although the common perception is that the number of applicants greatly outweighs the number of positions available, there are skill shortages in many aspects of the industry—especially in relation to digital technology.

This program will be hosted by “Verve Knowledge & Skills” and provides participants with an overview of the industry, inform them of where skill shortages exist, the training required and how to get into the industry. As well as presentations by industry professionals and training providers, participants will tour a television studio and/or film studio facility.

**Who:** Year 10

**When:** November 13, full day

**RSVP:** email Sandra by October 10

## University & TAFE Information

### William Angliss Course Information

Below are a few of the many information sessions run by William Angliss in September. All sessions are **6pm-7pm**, in **Building A, Level 3, Theatre**.

**When:** **8 Sept:** hospitality, **9 Sept:** tourism, event mgt & ecotourism; **16 Sept:** confectionery, food technology, cookery & patisserie.

**Info:** Vanessa Brady, 9606 2156

### Free Folio Advice

Chisholm TAFE is offering prospective students applying for a VTAC listed art or design course or tertiary level course the opportunity to have their folios evaluated prior to attending interviews later in 2008.

Have a 15-min mock interview with an experienced interviewer/ folio assessor.

**When:** 9.30am-1.30pm, Sat 13 Sept.

**Where:** Dandenong campus – Building J & Frankston campus – Building C;

**Bookings:** Frankston – Robyn, 9238 8216; Dandenong – Lisa/Julie, 9212 5250.

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## A Career in Nursing

Year 12's who are applying to study nursing have several options. Firstly, study at a **metropolitan** university for three years to become a Division 1 nurse (most require an ENTER of 70+).

Secondly, you can study Division 1 nursing at a **rural** university campus where an ENTER of 55-65 would probably get you a place.

Thirdly, you might wish to do a one-year **Division 2 nursing course** at TAFE. If you want this option, **apply directly** to TAFE **soon** (except where the course is taught at a TAFE with an entry in the VTAC Guide on pp. 529-530)

## Bachelor of Environments

This is one of six 'New Generation' degrees at Melbourne University, a new degree reflecting the changing demands and challenges of the world today. It brings together expertise from a range of disciplines to provide leadership in the study of built and natural environments.

The three-year degree gives a broad understanding of issues and challenges that shape diverse environments, whilst providing students with the opportunity to focus on an area of specialisation of the students' choice.

**Info:** 8344 6417, [abp-unimelb.custhelp.com](mailto:abp-unimelb.custhelp.com), [www.benvs.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.benvs.unimelb.edu.au).

## Flight Training Open Day

The Diploma in Air Transport (Airline Pilot) has been designed to offer the most efficient and up to date method of training to reach the Commercial Pilot Licence.

The program is designed to be completed within 12 months allowing graduates to commence work in the industry as soon as possible. The program also includes the theory required to complete the Instrument Rating theory exam (IREX) and the Air Transport Pilot Licence theory exam (ATPL).

Interested students are invited to come along to RMIT's Flight Training Open Day. Activities will include:

- information sessions,
- static aircraft displays,
- RAAF museum,
- flying display.

Instructing staff will be available to provide one-on-one advice on RMIT programs and career prospects in the airline industry.

Date: 14 September 2008  
Time: 10 am to 4 pm  
Location: Building 202, level 1, RAAF Williams, Point Cook.

Further information, contact Bob Duddington  
Tel. 03 9394 9999  
Email: [bob.duddington@rmit.edu.au](mailto:bob.duddington@rmit.edu.au)

## Textile and Printing workshops

Not sure what study in textiles involves? Need something extra for your folio or just want to learn some new skills?

The Diploma of Arts, Studio Textile Design & Screen Print Design students have put together some fantastic workshops to help secondary school students explore the world of textiles.

Workshop dates and times:

### Screen printing textiles

Monday 22 September 2008, 10 am – 1 pm and 2 pm – 5 pm

Tuesday 23 September 2008, 10 am – 1 pm

Workshops also available in Felting, Shibori and Machine Knitting.

Cost: 1 workshop - \$50  
2 workshops - \$90  
3 workshops - \$130  
4 workshops - \$170

Location: Brunswick campus. Places are limited and must be booked by **11 September 2008**.

Further information and bookings, contact Lucy Adam Tel. 03 9925 9421  
Email: [lucy.adam@rmit.edu.au](mailto:lucy.adam@rmit.edu.au)

## Souvlakihut

### Casual Greek Restaurants is coming to the City of Melbourne

We are looking for enthusiastic and energetic part-time employees to join us.

No experience is necessary, you will be provided with initial and on-going training.

If you are interested please email your resume to [info@souvlakihut.com.au](mailto:info@souvlakihut.com.au) or call and give your details to Lily on (03) 9338 1499 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday

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