

Dates for Your Diary

6 March: Bookings close for Down on the Farm

14 March: Trial-a-Trade @ William Angliss

19 March: Applications close for Youth Informing Corporate Australia

22 March: Veterinary Science Open Day, Melbourne University

27-28 March: The National Careers & Employment Expo

30, 31 March: Music Video Clip Producer

24-26 April: The Age Careers Expo

April: UMAT applications for many undergraduate health science courses open

6 April: Forensic Medicine Careers

22 May: Tertiary Information Service (TIS) for Year 12s

June 9—19: Year 10 Work Experience

3 August: VTAC applications open

August: University & TAFE Open Days

Career & Transition Events

Whilst you might be familiar with the Inner Melbourne VET Cluster (IMVC) for offering the great range of VET courses, the organisation also offers a comprehensive Career & Transition Program.

Predominantly aimed at Year 10 students in that key deciding year, programs are also available for other students, parents and teachers.

The types of programs include University Discovery Days, Industry Insights, Adopt a School and Trial a Trade.

These **FREE** programs are on offer to all schools belonging to the IMVC, so you will get to meet other students your age in the Cluster, just like attending VET.

A Calendar of Events is outside Sandra's office, so take some time to scroll through it. Events will also be advertised in FHS Career News. **To make a booking to attend an event, email Sandra by the due date.** Expressions of interest will be taken on "first in first served" basis.

Available in Term One are the following:

Creative & Artistic

Music Video Clip Producer

Students will create a piece of music which will become the basis of a music video clip using Sony Acid software. They will then use video footage to enhance their musical piece and produce a final piece of media on DVD.

Objectives of the program include:

- Developing an understanding of the creative process in music and digital video editing
- Developing an understanding of the creative use of video editing software
- Creating a finished media piece.

Who: Years 10, 11 & 12

Where: Alfred Brash SoundHouse, Arts Centre, two days

When: 30, 31 March

Bookings: 2 March

Sciences

Forensic Medicine Careers - VIFM

Due to the sensitive and confidential nature of forensic work, the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine is unable to offer work experience. In response to the numerous requests, the VIFM is running Career Information Afternoons to offer students an insight into the various career options in the forensic sciences and information regarding academic entry requirements.

Speakers include:

- Forensic pathologist
- Forensic toxicologist
- Forensic odontologist
- Forensic entomologist
- Mortuary technician
- Physician from clinical forensic medicine
- Representative from the Donor Tissue Bank of Victoria.

Young people wishing to attend must contact the Institute directly, as entry will only be permitted to those whose name is on the list.

Who: Years 10, 11 & 12

Where: Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, 57-58 Kavanagh Street SOUTHBANK

When: 6 April (holidays) 12.30-4.00pm

Bookings: contact VIFM direct—96844342, jobs@vifm.org

Service Industries

Down on the Farm

The Collingwood Children's Farm is a not for profit community resource where city folk get a country experience. The Children's Farm is offering a four day program spread over 2009 for students.

Students will:

- Test the water from the Yarra River to gain an understanding of its health and its impact on the farm
- Check in on animals and learn about their yearly cycles
- Participate in some land care activities and monitor the space over the year to see the impacts that the seasons have on the land
- Learn about the daily activities on the farm.

Students who are interested in animals, horticulture, science and the environment will find this Adopt a School an interesting and worthwhile experience.

Students will visit the farm one day in each term so they can see how the seasons impact on the land, the animals and the farm's daily work schedules.

Who: Years 9,10 & 11 (we have been allocated spaces for 2 students)

Where: Collingwood Children's Farm

When: Four days spread over each term—dates TBC

Bookings: 6 March

Year 10 Work Experience

Confirmation of work experience placements are starting to emerge. Congratulations to Genna who is at Brunetti's, Leah at Diane Bergeron Interiors and Simon at Wilkins & Kent.

Dates for **Work Experience are Tuesday 9—Friday 19 June.** Students may opt to do both weeks with the one employer, or undertake two different placements. **It is the responsibility of the students, with their family, to secure a placement.**

Once an offer of a placement has been made, the student needs to meet with the employer and get them to fill out the "Offer of Work Experience Placement Form" and return it to Sandra. To allow for legal administration to occur, **placements must be confirmed by the end of Term One.**

Youth Informing Corporate Australia

Unfortunately Worlds of Works (WOW) will not be running this year, due to funding issues. This year the Education Foundation will work to reconsolidate and redesign the program to launch it for next year. Disappointment across the school is palpable.

Instead students may wish to consider the following: The Corporate Australia Students@Work Program provides the opportunity for

students to learn and work at Transfield Services in their office in Malvern.

Transfield Services is a company working in a number of industries with clients including Shell, Telstra, the Department of Defence and Translink. Transfield have offices in Australia, New Zealand and as far away as the Middle east, Malaysia, Canada and India.

Many of Transfield's Community Engagement Programs involve youth and the company believes no group is better able to inform the company on initiatives that allow Transfield to be better connected with youth.

The program offers students the opportunity to:

- Work within a global economy
- Work in a team
- Develop new skills
- Improve communication, presentation and people skills
- Enhance CV content and gain valuable work experience
- Get a taste of the real world of business first hand
- Be involved in informing Corporate Australia

The selected students will work on a set task for one week and will present their work to an audience at the conclusion of the program. To apply see Sandra, close 19 March.

Who: Year 10

Where: Transfield, Malvern

When: One week, Term 2

Applications: 19 March

Work Experience Tuesday 9—Friday 19 June.

Placements must be confirmed by the end of Term One.

It's Never Too Soon After Year 12

It's never too soon to think about careers, as illustrated by our new Year 7 students. They have been working on an enquiry project on the purposes of school.

They identified **Prepare for future careers** as one of the five main purposes of school.

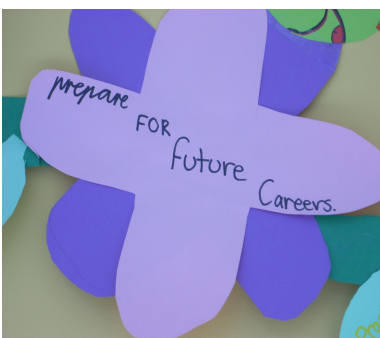
This is what they had to say on the matter:

For this to happen we need to...

- Have Personal Learning Plans
- Make decisions about our learning
- Practice our skills
- Have goals to reach

The benefits of this are...

- We don't have to live with our parents until we are 42
- Doing what you love
- Finding a job so you can support yourself and provide for your family
- Having money; to buy food, get a roof over your head and not be in danger of becoming homeless
- Creating jobs for other people
- We can retire and holiday in the Bahamas



If you are in Year 12, no doubt you have begun to think about where you will study in 2010. Your choices include universities, Technical And Further Education (TAFE) Institutes and independent colleges.

There are several **universities** in Victoria: **Australian Catholic University, Ballarat, Charles Sturt (a NSW uni with a campus at Albury-Wodonga), Deakin, La Trobe, Melbourne, Monash, Swinburne, RMIT and Victoria.** They offer degrees.

TAFE's are located throughout Victoria, with most areas well served. Some TAFE's are linked with a university (eg **RMIT, Swinburne and Victoria**) while others stand alone (eg **Box Hill, Chisholm, and Kangan Batman**). They offer pre-apprenticeships, certificates, diplomas and sometimes degrees.

There are many specialist independent colleges such as **Australian College of Natural Medicine, Australian College of Sports Therapy and Photographic Imaging College**, offering certificates, diplomas and degrees.

Undergraduate university degree courses are subsidised by the government with **Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP)**, except for international students who pay full fees; most TAFE places are also

subsidised (fees are under review), while independent colleges require the payment of full course fees.

There are government loan arrangements available for many fee-paying courses; to find out about payment for courses, and a lot of other information, see

www.goingtouni.gov.au.

NOTE: If you have a CSP you will be required to pay a portion of the fees; this payment, however, can be deferred until you are earning about \$40,000pa (currently) and re-paid through the tax system.

You need to **find the most suitable alternative**; you can get assistance in this process by attending **Open Days** (mainly Sundays in August), going to **seminars, reading course information**, talking to **friends/relatives** and by meeting with the Sandra.

How To Choose A Career

Think about what you **enjoy** doing; what you are **good at**; what school **subjects** you enjoy most; what you **value** most; what **interests** you.

Considering these things will give you valuable clues as to careers that will suit you. For example, do you enjoy science? art? English? business subjects? technology? Is helping others important? Do you like being indoors/outdoors? Are you good with your hands? What sort of activities did you enjoy as a younger child? Spend time using the **Job Guide**.

The benefits of preparing for future careers are...

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- Doing what you love
- Finding a job so you can support yourself & provide for your family...

researching jobs that fit with your interests/abilities.

Remember, you are not choosing a **job for life**.

Think in terms of the next few years only. Technology is rapidly changing various aspects of the job world, and we can't anticipate what we might be doing in 10 or 15 years' time.

Some Advice In Choosing a Course

Make sure that you have the **pre-requisite subjects** for the course. Don't choose a course just because it has a **high ENTER**; you need to **enjoy** and be **suited** to the course.

If your ENTER is higher than necessary to get into your chosen course it will probably mean that you will achieve very well.

Don't choose a course because **someone else** thinks it's what you should do – it's **your** life! Take **time** in making your decisions.

Consider applying for a course and then **taking a year off** from study to work/volunteer/travel, particularly if you are very unsure (ie **defer** your offer of a place)

Go to **Open Days** (August) to check out the institutions you are considering

Don't assume that you will be **able to transfer** to a preferred course after first year – check what is required for this to happen

Tax File Numbers

The aim of the ATO Schools Tax File Education Program is to provide students with an efficient and convenient way to apply for a tax file number.

The Tax File Number Program is available to all students from Years 9 to 12. Why apply for a tax file number whilst at school?

Any student will require a tax file number if they start (part-time and full-time) and all students planning on a tertiary education require one when they start.

Current Year 12 students are reminded that they cannot enroll in a CSP (Commonwealth Supported Place) university course next year without a tax file number.

There are enough issues to deal with at the time of enrolment without the added hassle of collecting documents to make a Tax File application.

Using the Tax File Education Program relieves students of the necessity to provide birth certificates, passports, etc. When applying for their TFB as the school provides verification of personal details.

Tax File Application Forms are available from Sandra in the Careers Office. Once correctly completed forms are returned to school for verification, they can take up to 28 days to process once they arrive at the Tax Office.

Where They Now?

Well done **Harry** (Year 12, 2008), he has enrolled in a 2-year Diploma of Horticulture at NMIT.

Kris P (Year 11, 2008) is enjoying his Hospitality Management course at William Angliss.

Congratulations to **Clare D** (Year 10, 2008) who has been taken on as an Apprentice by the very well-known and much published Chef, Greg Malouf.



Greg Malouf, photo courtesy Mietta's

His restaurant, MoMo was been re-launched last week in it's new location, as part of the \$40M redevelopment of the Grand Hyatt Melbourne.

MoMo specialises in modern Middle Eastern and Mediterranean cuisine. Talk about starting at the top! Well done Clare!

Make sure that you have the pre-requisite subjects for the course you want to pursue. At tertiary level. It is well worth beginning this investigation in Year 10— Personal Learning Plans will assist this process.

Folio Preparation

The selection process for most tertiary Art & Design courses may include a combination of the following: ENTER, presentation of a folio, attending an interview and doing a design exercise.

RMIT has its Folio Preparation Program for 2009. Folio Preparation courses are beneficial for Year 11 and 12 students wishing to enhance their folios for entry into Art & Design tertiary courses.

It is not essential to attend a folio preparation course to be selected into RMIT programs, however they can enable students to find out more about their chosen career.

Folio Preparation courses include the following:

- Fashion Drawing & Fashion Design
- Studio Textiles & Design
- Visual Merchandising
- Digital Media
- Multimedia
- 3D Product Design
- Visual/Fine Art
- Graphic Design
- Graphic Art
- Interior Decoration
- Drawing Techniques for Design
- AutoCAD—QuickStart
- Introduction to Advertising
- Introduction to Architectural Drawing Techniques
- Interior Design Career Discovery
- Career Discovery—Building Design & Drawing

Cost of courses vary and can be as much as \$300+.

Most of the course are offered throughout the year. However it is recommended to book early as courses fill rapidly towards the end of the year.

For more information refer to the poster in the Art room or go to www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au

Monash Seminar Series 2009

Faculty, student & graduate speakers

Arts & Humanities

Wednesday 1 April Clayton campus

Architecture Wednesday 13 May Caulfield Campus

Business & Economics Wednesday 20 May Caulfield Campus

Design Tuesday 16 June Caulfield Campus

Drama & Theatre Studies Tuesday 19 May Clayton Campus

Education, Sport & Outdoor Recreation Tuesday 5 May Peninsula Campus

Fine Arts Wednesday 24 June Caulfield Campus

Engineering Thursday 21 May Clayton Campus

Information Technology Tuesday 2 June Caulfield Campus

Law Wednesday 3 June Caulfield Campus

Medicine, Biomedical Science, Nutrition & Dietetics Wednesday 17 June

Multimedia & Digital Art Wednesday 15 July

Nursing, Midwifery & Paramedics Wednesday 10 June Peninsula Campus

Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences Tuesday 12 May Parkville Campus

Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy & Health Sciences Thursday 7 May Peninsula Campus

Psychology Monday 18 May Clayton Campus

Science Tuesday 31 March Clayton Campus

For more information & to book online

<http://www.monash.edu.au/study/events> Telephone 9903 4758
Email valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au

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