

Career News

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Dates for Your Diary

3 August: VTAC
applications open

10 August, 6:30pm:
VTAC briefing @ FHS
for Year 12 students &
families

August: Tertiary Open
Days

17 August: Career
Talk—Andy Portokallis

24 August: Career
Talk—Tess Kelly

3 September: Australian
Defence Forces GAP
Year applications close

9 October: SEAS
applications close &
supporting
documentation due

14 December: ENTER
released

14-21 December:
Change of Preference

18 January 2010: First
Round Tertiary Course
Offers

The Guides Have Arrived

Term 3 is a key time for decisions about the future for students in years 10, 11 and 12, and to some extent, in year 9. To assist in the decision-making a number of resources are published and distributed to students.

Recent arrivals in the Student Resource Centre include:

Year 12 VCE students

To assist with VTAC applications, VTAC publishes a range of resources. Each Year 12 student will receive a copy of **ABC of Applying**. The aim of this booklet is to provide general information to current Year 12 students and their parents/guardians about researching tertiary options and applying for courses through VTAC.

Limited number of reference copies of the following are available in the Student Resource Centre:

The **VTAC Guide 2010** is a comprehensive publication and lists all courses available for application through VTAC, as well as information about previous ENTER scores and course offers. It is recommended each year 12 student purchase their own copy, available from newsagents for \$15.00.

The **SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme)** is an umbrella program run by most institutions for applicants who have experienced educational disadvantage. SEAS plays a very specific function in selection. The booklet outlines categories for SEAS applications and the institutions which recognise SEAS.

The **Scholarships 2010** booklet outlines all the tertiary scholarships which are administered through VTAC.

Year 10 Students

At the three-way conferences Year 10 students and their families were given their copy of **where to now?**, a guide to VCE, VCAL, Apprenticeships and Traineeships for 2010. The booklet outlines the differences between both senior secondary certificates and helps Year 10 students and their families to make the most appropriate choice for the senior years of schooling.

There are reference copies of **VICTER 2012** available in the Student Resource Centre. This publication by VTAC is for Year 10 students who are considering applying for tertiary study in 2012. This publication is written to help Year 10 students make choices about their Year 11 & 12 studies so they can plan their pathway towards tertiary study.

Each Year 10 student will receive a copy of **Choice!** This is a companion to the VTAC publication **VICTER 2012**. It provides a snapshot of the tertiary education system and explains the terms students need to become familiar with, as well as debunking some of the myths commonly associated with choosing studies by using real life examples.

Currently, in tutorial, Year 10 students are working through the **Job Guide 2009**. Students are reminded to take home the pull-out section: **Parents Talking Career Choices**.

For students wishing to pursue a School-based Apprenticeship, along with their senior school certificate, the INLLEN has published **SBATs - School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships Guide 2009-2010**. Reference copies are available in the Student Resource Centre.

What Are They Doing?

Congratulations to the following students who have already made some considered decisions about their futures:

Jemima (Year 12) was accepted into the Swinburne Senior Secondary College mid-year intake. She is pursuing VCAL, along with completing her VET Broadcasting certificate and continuing with VCE Theatre Studies.

Billy (Year 11) was accepted into the NMIT mid-year intake to pursue a general VCAL certificate.

James (Year 11) has commenced VCAL at the Council of Adult Education in the city.

Adam (Year 11) impressed his work experience employer- East West Childcare Association - so much that he has been offered a regular paid shift as a childcare assistant.

After blitzing his interview - suit and all - Kristian (Year 10) has been accepted into the Sports Education & Development Australia (SEDA) program. Next year he will pursue his passion for sport, commence either VCE or VCAL, and on completion of three years, will gain a diploma in Sport & Recreation.

John (Year 10) has commenced a School-based Apprenticeship. He will work two days a week (paid), be assessed on the job by William Angliss

Institute to gain his TAFE qualifications and complete Year 10 in the remaining three days a week.

Upon agreement by both parties, John's School-based Apprenticeship can become a full-time apprenticeship at any time. John has made a terrific choice to train to become a butcher as there is a huge shortage of skilled butchers—he will never be without work!

Open Days

Listed on the back page are details of forthcoming Open Days. To get the most out of Open Days, try the following:

- Collect an Open Day **timetable** beforehand – from university/TAFE websites (eg www.monash.edu.au/openday). Often lectures/information sessions are held on Open Days – be there at the correct time.
- Allow **sufficient time** for your visit; two hours or so would be wise.
- Speak to **staff** about courses that interest you. Write your **questions** beforehand.
- Speak to **students** studying courses that interest you to get their perspective.
- Collect **information/brochures**.
- Does the course that interests you offer **industry placements** or work experience?
- Are there **international study** opportunities with your course?
- Consider **transport** issues; is the campus you are considering

accessible from where you live? How long will it take to travel there? Will you need accommodation?

- Check out the **environment** where you will be studying; would you be happy studying there for three or four years?
- Consider the **facilities** offered for your course compared with other institutions.
- Consider visiting a **country campus** on Open Day, especially if you are concerned that you might not obtain a high enough ENTER for a metropolitan campus. ENTER's required for country universities/campuses are generally lower. They also often offer more personal assistance, accommodation on site, and a different lifestyle which will suit some students.
- Be aware that if you plan to apply for a course involving an **interview/folio presentation** as part of the application process (eg design courses) you may well be asked what you found of interest about the course at Open Day. **Attendance is vital.**

Open Day at Melbourne University

Melbourne University has created a **registration section on their website** which will generate a customised itinerary for your Open Day visit. The page is available at www.openday.unimelb.edu.au.

Some students may experience much greater satisfaction & success from doing the more practical VCAL-an alternative Year 11 & 12 certificate.

Year 12 News

Applying for Courses for 2010

VTAC Guide 2010, giving details of courses and how to apply, is now available. Applications open on-line on **Mon 3 August** and close **Wed 30 September**. The processing fee is \$23 if you pay by credit card or \$31 if you have an invoice sent. You can apply after 30 Sept but it will cost \$82. You can apply for up to 12 courses, placed in order of most preferred to least preferred. Be sure to read the Selection Mode and Extra Requirements for any course for which you apply. You can change your preferences after you receive your results on 14 Dec (till 21 Dec).

VTAC Briefing

Sandra is attending a briefing at VTAC on 6th August and will share her learning at a briefing for students and their families at school on Monday 10th August, 6:30 pm.

Special Entry Access Scheme

Check out the Special Entry Access Scheme (**SEAS**) administered by VTAC to see if any of the categories apply to you (non-English speaking background, indigenous Australian, family circumstances, socio-economic background, rural/isolated, under-represented schools, women/men in under-represented disciplines, disability or medical condition, refugee).

Scholarships

VTAC administers most scholarship applications. There are institutional Access and Equity Scholarships, Commonwealth Scholarships and Merit Scholarships. Applications close on 30 October 2009.

Non-VTAC administered scholarships are also available and will be advertised through FHS Career News as they come to hand. Also refer to institution websites.

Monash has published '**Coursework Scholarships 2010 Guide**'. You can access information at www.monash.edu/access.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarships

The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme offers scholarships for the start of the 2010 academic year (up to \$15,000 p.a. for full time study) for students studying in the **health field at university and TAFE**. See: www.rcna.org.au for details/applications.

The Institute of **Quantity Surveyors** is offering twenty \$3,000 scholarships for first year students in accredited **quantity surveying courses**. What do they do? They work as part of a team of advisers **estimating and monitoring construction costs**. After construction they may be involved with tax depreciation, replacement cost estimation for insurance purposes and, if necessary, mediation and

arbitration. Information on the program and about cadetships is at www.aigs.com.au/Publications/QuickDownloads/AIQS%20Scholarship%202009.pdf and at www.aigs.com.au/Publications/QuickDownloads/AIQS%20Cadetship%202009.pdf. Information can also be found at: www.aigs.com.au.

Swinburne Parent & Student Information Sessions

Transition to tertiary education is a big step for students and parents. These sessions will give a **parent's perspective** on the transition from school to tertiary study, a **student's perspective** on going to further study, information about **entry, fees, scholarships, pathways**, and a chance to ask **questions**.
Where/when: 6.30-7.30pm, Wed 2 Sept, Swinburne Hawthorn (TD building, room 121);
Info/reg'n: www.swinburne.edu.au/openday/parents-information-evening.

The Access Monash program helps people of Australian indigenous descent, rural or isolated areas, having socio-economic difficulties, a disability or long-term medical condition, from non-English speaking backgrounds and those with long-term family difficulties, secure a university place.

Tertiary News

Interested in Advertising or Public Relations?

RMIT is running two career days. **The Advertising Careers Day** will provide a realistic, up-to-date overview of the industry and employment opportunities. Find out about branding and strategy, creative advertising, production and study options.

When: 10am-3.30pm, Sat 22 August;

Where: RMIT Building 108, Level 9, Lecture Theatre 16, 239 Bourke St, Melbourne;

Cost: \$55 (incl light lunch);

Registration forms:
www.rmit.edu.au/bus/events/careers/ad.

The **Public Relations Careers Day** is for anyone interested in PR. Find out about consultancy, corporate PR, new media, event management and study options.

When: 10am-3.30pm, Sat 5 Sept;

Where: RMIT Bld 108, Level 9, Lecture Theatre 16, 239 Bourke St, Melbourne;
Cost: \$55 incl. refreshments and light lunch;

Registration forms:
www.rmit.edu.au/bus/events/careers/pr;

Info: for both events: Jenny Tserkezidis, ph 9925 5658, jenny.tserkezidis@rmit.edu.au

Medicine—Universities of Newcastle & New England

Many medicine applicants apply for interstate universities as well as in their own state. Your state

of residence doesn't give priority for a place. The **Bachelor of Medicine – Joint Medical Program (JMP)** is offered by the Universities of Newcastle and of New England in NSW (candidates select the site at which they prefer to enrol). The application process includes an on-line direct university application which must be submitted by **5.00pm on 30 Sept, 2009** (applications open in August). For details see www.newcastle.edu.au/jmp/enrolments/applicationprocess.html.

Want to be a Dietitian?

Monash University is the only Victorian uni offering the **Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics**. However, students who complete Deakin University's **Bachelor of Food Science and Nutrition** with relevant elective subjects or the **Bachelor of Health Sciences** with major studies in food studies and nutrition, plus relevant elective units will be eligible to apply for entry into the 18-month Master of Dietetics at Deakin, providing another way of qualifying to be a dietitian (see www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs; also www.daa.asn.au).

Music Information Evening @ Monash

The Monash University School of Music will hold an information evening for prospective students and teachers. **Topics include:** the range of degrees, entry criteria, selection procedures and audition requirements. Lecturers from specialist areas will

attend. **Info/Bookings:** 9905 3231 or music@arts.monash.edu.au

Be in the Know with Deakin & Monash

During year 11 and 12 students can 'stay in the know' with Deakin and Monash Universities by subscribing to their VCE Newsletters. Hear about courses, careers, scholarships, etc. Register to receive them at future-students@deakin.edu.au and www.monash.edu.au/enews.

Elite Student Athlete & Performers Support Programs

Monash Sport offers a program supporting **student athletes**, helping them under-take higher education while continuing to train and participate in sport at an elite level. **Offers:** course advice, faculty support, access sporting facilities and sometimes financial help (www.sport.monash.edu.au/sportsprograms/athlete-support.html).

Australian Catholic University (ACU) caters for students who are also pursuing **athletic goals** during their formal academic studies. The university will consider admitting a limited number of students who have **outstanding sporting or appropriate recreational or vocational performance** but do not meet the usual entry criteria (see: www.acu.edu.au/eliteathletes).

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Melbourne University is committed to working with students who are **elite athletes or performers** to facilitate progress in their studies concurrently with their participation in sporting or other activities
www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/elite.html

Course Search @ Melbourne University
 The university has developed **Course Search**, a site where you can search career/course options. Check it out at: <http://coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au>.

Making a Difference to the Environment

Do you know that RMIT University is one of Australia's first Fair-Trade universities with industry links in green careers? RMIT runs a range of programs focussing on environmental, sustainability and social responsibility issues.

To find out more, go to RMIT Open day on Sun 9 Aug. There will be information sessions (12 noon and 2pm), displays and detailed program information. **Info:** www.rmit.edu.au/openday.

Free IMVC Career Exploration Activities

IMVC has a swag of activities designed for students to find out more about a range of different industries and occupations. Coming up this term:

Year 9 Swinburne University Discovery Day
 This program is designed to introduce Year 9 students to the tertiary education environment and how it differs from secondary school.

You will undertake fun, practical workshops of your choice in different study areas and participate in an orientation tour of the campus. Students will learn about the differences between TAFE and University, as well as the options and pathways between the two sectors.

When: 23 October
EOI: to Jet Team by 1 September

Human Physiology— Living in Space

Astronauts undertake fitness and medical assessment before spaceflight, and participate in scientific studies on the effect of a space environment on human physiology.

This short day program offers students a hands on introduction to the science of human physiology. Student will measure their own physical parameters, including height, weight, blood pressure, pulse, respiration rate etc. and

then undertake further investigation of cardio-vascular fitness, metabolic rate, and blood and urine analysis.

This program should particularly appeal to students interested in careers in the health, fitness and sport industries.

Students are required to dress in comfortable clothing with closed footwear.

Who: Years 10 & 11
Where: Victorian Space Science Education Centre (VSSEC)
When: 11 Sept or 16 Oct
EOI: email Sandra by 12 Aug

A Focus on Orthoptics at the Eye & Ear Hospital

Come to the Eye & Ear Hospital for a closer look at Orthoptics! This program will provide students with an introduction to a small but exciting profession that also provides opportunity for a diverse range of work that Orthoptists undertake during their career.

Orthoptists work in special eye clinics and monitor eye disease using highly specialized skills and equipment, and assist in providing treatment and rehabilitation of patients with vision impairment and eye diseases like cataract, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration. This includes prescribing glasses and being involved in patient education programs for preventative eye health. They specialize in treating

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kids who have strabismus (or 'lazy eye') and adults with double vision resulting from neurologic origin or trauma.

This program will consist of an information session plus an opportunity to experience the clinical setting first hand with 'real patients' and an Orthoptist as your guide.

Who: Years 11 & 12 (priority)

When: 28 Aug

EOI: Email Sandra by 6 Aug

Trial A Trade

Trial a Trade programs give young people a chance to explore a number of vocational options, assisting them with their future pathway decision making. Trial a Trade activities provide students with a hands on experience of a specific trade area. All Trial a Trade programs are suitable for Year 10 students but students from other year groups will be considered.

Bakery

Students will be exposed to a number of basic baking techniques, including:
Production of basic yeasted goods (bread rolls)
Production of cakes (muffins) Application of icings and decorations (cupcakes) Shortbread: rolling, moulding and filling of small fruit pies.

When: 11 Sept

Beauty Therapy

The Beauty Therapy Trial a Trade at Headmasters will give students an insight into the Beauty industry, and associated careers. Students who attend will

have the opportunity to meet with current students, tour Headmaster's Academy, and receive information about the courses and further training offered. Participants will receive a treatment as part of the day.

When: 16 Sept

Hairdressing

The Hairdressing Trial a Trade at Headmasters will give students an insight into the hairdressing industry, and associated careers. Students will have the opportunity to meet with current students, tour Headmaster's Academy, and receive information about the courses and further training offered. Participants will receive a treatment as part of the day (e.g. a blow-dry or style/put-up).

When: 30 Oct

Trial a Trade Experience

This is a five day program aimed to provide students with a experience of a range of trades. We have had great feedback from past participating students.

Day 1: Barbeque @ William Angliss

Day 2: Hospitality @ William Angliss

Day 3: Fashion/Textiles @ RMIT

Day 4: Beauty Therapy @ Headmasters

Day 5: Floristry @ Holmesglen

When: 14 - 18 Sept

To express interest in attending any of the Trial a Trade programs, email Sandra by 13 August.

"What's it Like to Be...?" Career Talks

Two exciting speakers are booked in to talk about their interesting and varied careers.

Andy Portokallis, local Fitzroy identity, qualified engineer and **owner of Bar Open, Pony, Yah Yah's** will talk about how he has carved out a career for himself. He uses his engineering expertise to fit out commercial and residential properties, recycling most of his materials - as well as sating his love of music by running music venues.

When: Monday 17 August, during tutorial

Who: interested students from years 10 - 12

Tess Kelly, Media Director Global Surf Industries, former hairdresser and web designer will talk about what it is like to travel the world to remote surfing locations all in a day's work. She will also talk about her career journey from hairdresser to international jetsetter.

When: Monday 24 August, during tutorial

Who: interested students from years 10 - 12

Lucky door prizes available at both career talks.

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Open Days

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Institution	Campus	Date	Time
Australian Catholic University	Fitzroy	16 August	10 am - 3 pm
Australian Institute of Public Safety *	Melbourne	9 August	10 am - 4 pm
Ballarat University	St Helen SMB Camp Street	30 August	10 am - 3 pm
Box Hill Institute	Elgar, Nelson & Whitehorse	23 August	10 am - 3 pm
Deakin University	Burwood	23 August	10 am - 4 pm
Footscray City College Footscray City Films*	Footscray City College	23 August	1 pm - 4 pm
Holmesglen TAFE	Chadstone, Moorabbin, Waverley	15 August	10 am - 3 pm
International Design School *	Southbank & South Melbourne	15 & 16 August	10 am - 4 pm
JMC Academy*	Melbourne	15 August	
La Trobe University	Bundoora	30 August	10 am - 4 pm
NMIT (Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE)	Preston	1 September	3 pm - 8 pm
Qantm College Melbourne*	Melbourne	29 August	10 am - 2 pm
RMIT University	City, Brunswick, Bundoora	9 August	10 am - 4 pm
Southern School of Natural Therapies*	Fitzroy	www.southernschool.com	
Swinburne University of Technology	Hawthorn, Lilydale, Prahran	16 August	10 am - 4 pm
University of Melbourne	Parkville, Victorian College of the Arts	16 August	10 am - 4 pm
Victoria University	Footscray Park	9 August	10 am - 4 pm
ANU, Uni of Canberra, ACU National, CIT, ADFA/UNSW	Canberra	29 August www.tertiaryopenay.com	9 am - 4 pm

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Find following a selection of Open Days, mainly for Melbourne-based institutions:

* denotes independent tertiary college

** this is not an exhaustive list, refer to VTAC website or individual institution websites for full details of Open Days.