

CAREERS BULLETIN No 10 2012

Welcome to the third term Careers Bulletins. The next 10 weeks will be especially important for Year 12 students as the VTAC application process commences on August 6th. Prior to that students will have the opportunity to purchase VTAC Guide 2013 which is now at newsagents for \$12. Mrs Swann, Mr Pobjoy and my-self will also be attending a VTAC information session on August 10th which will be followed by a Year 12 assembly when all the details will be covered. Might I suggest that students wait until after this assembly before enrolling so that they are clear on all the details?

Years 10 & 11 students will also be choosing their 2013 courses during this period and a lot of the material published in this bulletin will be relevant to that process. Of special importance is VICTER 2015 for the Year 10 students which can be accessed at www.vtac.edu.au Year 11 students will need to access VICTER 2014 at the same site as there are limited print copies available in the library.

Material mainly of interest to Years 10 & 11 students, and also all apprenticeship information will be included in a separate section and the end of this newsletter.

1. Open Days. Most tertiary institutions will conduct Open Days during this term and it is highly recommended that you attend the Open Day of any institution that you may consider choosing. Years 10 & 11 students will also benefit from these days. There is a list for Victoria published on the VTAC website and also in the Guide. I will also remind you of events not listed on the VTAC site in this bulletin.

- All 5 Canberra institutions, including the Australian Defence Force Academy will be open from 9:00am on Saturday August 26th
- Marcus Oldham Institute (the place at the top of the Senior School driveway) will be open from 10:00am on August 12th
- Macleay College is a private provider of Journalism courses and will conduct its Open Day from 10:00am on August 25th. Details at www.macleay.edu.au
- **Lost on Campus App.** Now available from the AppStore is a free app called lost on campus. It provides maps and photographs on university campuses to guide you around Open Days. Latrobe, RMIT and Deakin have also included their Open Day events planners. The app providers have also supplied wallet sized guides which are available in the library display.
- **RMIT Open Day** Visit the website at <http://www.rmit.edu.au/openday> for details of the program, maps and other details.
- **Melbourne University.** If you cannot attend the Open Day, a similar program will be conducted on September 27th, called Access All Areas. If you are interested there are details at www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au
- **'Behind the scenes'** is an RMIT program that gives students an insight in to the role of nuclear medicine in the health sector. If you are interested in a career in Medical Radiations go to www.rmit.edu.au/medical-radiations/nucmedvisits for further information and to register. The program is on Sept 27 or 28 and you must register before Sept 10.
- **'Science in the city'** is an RMIT program that gives students an insight in to science degrees and includes tours of the facilities. It is on Tuesday Sept 25th commencing at

11am (lunch provided). To register go to
www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover

- **Charles Sturt University** does not have a separate Open Day but you may arrange a visit at any time to any campus, Phone 1800334733 or go to www.csu.edu.au/campustour 3 days' notice is required
2. **SEAS Applications** There is no separate application booklet for SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme) in 2012 with all applications being done through the VTAC site. Page 27 onwards in the Guide outlines all the qualifications and explains how you might qualify. **ALL** Christian College students are advised to apply for SEAS in Category One which only requires a submission – no evidence. You may get consideration for the location of your home, the school or even if you happen to apply for an institution where Christian College is under represented.
 3. **Extra Requirements and pre-requisites.** Many courses, especially those such as art & design, music and drama have 'Extra Requirements'. These can be things such as additional paperwork, interviews, auditions, web-site forms to complete and so on. You must take careful note of these when you are reading your VTAC Guide – *if you do not complete the extra requirements you will not be considered for the course, no matter how good your ATAR is!!* Likewise, if you have not met the pre-requisites for a course you will not be considered irrespective of your ATAR. **Remember – many courses now have a minimum English score!!**
 4. **Scholarships** There is no separate application booklet for Scholarship applications in 2012 with all applications being done through the VTAC site. Page 44 onwards in the Guide outlines all the qualifications and explains how you might qualify. For individual institutions information you must go to the home pages of the colleges you apply for, eg Deakin at www.deakin.edu.au has an extensive offering of scholarships.
 5. **Important change for Agriculture at Melbourne Uni** A new major – 'Production Animal Health' has been introduced. Not only might this prepare you for a career in Animal husbandry it could also place you on a pathway to Vet Science
 6. **Arts / Psychology at Deakin** This course will return to Deakin in 2013. Undergraduates will study Psychology as a major in their Arts degree but will not be guaranteed a place in the Honours program – students studying Psychology through Arts must earn high grades to enter further study.
 7. **Swinburne University** advises applicants that the Lilydale Campus will close at the end of this year and all courses will be transferred to Hawthorn. The same will occur with Prahran courses in 2014.
 8. **Children's Services** The Gordon Institute advises all potential applicants that this course is no longer through VTAC and you must apply directly to the Institute. There is also a compulsory information session.
 9. **Animation** A new Bachelor of Creative Arts course is being introduced at Deakin Burwood. This course will include animation as a major.
 10. **Gordon Institute** If you are applying for a course at the Gordon you **MUST** check out the website first at www.gordontafe.edu.au as there have been significant changes to government funding and the costs of many programs will change.
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12. **Architecture** Deakin and the Gordon have combined to create a new Bachelor of Architectural Technology course which includes aspects of architectural design, drafting, building construction and technology.
13. **National Institute of Dramatic Art** Applications for NIDA are now open, including their new program – Bachelor of Dramatic Art (Staging). All NIDA programs are direct entry through the website at www.nida.edu.au and when you register you may also arrange audition, interview and project requirements.
14. **University College (University of Melbourne)** is offering a scholarship specifically for students from the South West Region. For details go to www.unicol.unimelb.edu.au
15. **The National Theater** is offering a 'gap' year program in acting and performance for students considering careers in the performing arts but who are not yet ready to apply for a full-time course. For details go to www.nationaltheatre.org.au
16. **Medical Work Experience for Australian Students - Gap Medics.** Gap Medics offers an amazing experience for **Australian Students in years 11 and 12, Gap Years and Pre-Clinical Undergraduates** to gain valuable hospital work experience on an academically enriching and fully supported placement in **Tanzania!** In **January 2013** Gap Medics are inviting along Australian students for an extra-special program of 2 to 6 week placements of real work experience in a hospital environment; shadowing senior Doctors, a range of medical specialists and clinical mentors as they perform their usual rounds, treatments, consultations and surgeries; this practical experience is supplemented with a series of fascinating clinical tuition seminars.
<http://www.gapmedics.co.uk/blog/2012/07/19/australian-special-january-2013>
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Reminders

1. **MyUniversity.gov.au** This web site is now available for you to compare all 39 Australian universities including location, facilities, student services, scores and residential services.
2. **Law at ACU.** If you are considering applying for one of the 6 Law courses at ACU 2 new scholarship programs have been introduced. For further details see me.
3. **Monash Medicine, Nursing and Health Science**

MBBS- Interview dates released

4-18 December 2012 and 7-10 January 2013 (Scholarships and Scholars Programs)

Selection for the Monash MBBS course remains unchanged. Selection is based upon a combination of the applicant's UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test), academic studies and performance at a Multiple Mini Interview. Please see the Monash MBBS website for further

details: www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/central/prospective-students.html

State policy changes:

There have been some changes in state policy relating to the amount of intern training positions available in Victoria. The MBBS department has released the following statement regarding the changes;

'We are currently in a period of considerable reform with respect to Health Workforce Planning. The university is working closely with relevant parties, including the Victorian Department of Health and Health Workforce Australia to ensure that commitments to provide intern training positions for all Domestic students trained in Victoria are realised. In

addition, effort is being put into establishing training positions for as many international students as possible within the various jurisdictions in Australia.'

4. **Summer Employment** BBQs Galore in Grovedale are looking for part time employees, especially over the summer holiday period. This may include training in September. If you are interested, see me for further details.
5. **Living at Melbourne Uni.** Ormond College is offering financial assistance to prospective residents in the form of both scholarships and employment opportunities. If you are thinking of applying for 2013 go to www.ormond.unimelb.edu.au for further details. Ormond will be conducting tours on the Open Day on August 19th
6. **Australian Maritime College (University of Tasmania)** If you are interested in a maritime career and would like to attend the Open Day in Launceston on August 26th the AMC is conducting a competition with a prize of return air fares. Go to www.amc.edu.au/openday for details. If you are attending anyway go to the website to book spots in the more popular attractions such as the simulators. AMC will also be at the Geelong Careers Expo
7. **unioptions** This is a new website at www.unioptions.com.au which is designed for students and parents who wish to examine pathways to uni, especially those students who do not achieve their desired ATAR.

Year 10 & 11 / Apprenticeships

1. **Apprenticeships** There have been major changes in Geelong in the past 12 months – the most important of which is that the Geelong office of the Australian Apprenticeships Centre is now operated by MEGT. Contact at www.megt.com.au or phone 136348
2. **Apprenticeships** At the recent 'My Brilliant Career' day Year 10 students were introduced to the Australian Apprenticeship Pathways website at www.aapathways.com.au It is important that Year 11&12 students considering apprenticeships familiarize themselves with this excellent resource. If you would like to work through the information with me send me an e-mail and we can arrange a time to meet.
3. **Are you looking for a brick-laying apprenticeship next year?** At the end of this term the Gordon is offering a program to introduce student to brick-laying. The cost is \$50. If you are interested see me.
4. **Summer Employment** BBQs Galore in Grovedale are looking for part time employees, especially over the summer holiday period. This may include training in September. If you are interested, see me for further details.
5. **Electrical Apprenticeships** The NECA is an organization that organizes apprentices for the electrical industry. Each year it conducts testing to identify potential apprentices. This year's test will be in October. The cost is \$55. To apply and see more details go to www.neca.asn.au – there is also a practice test at this site.