

CAREERS BULLETIN No 11 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.

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
- **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.
- **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
- **Carrick** is a private provider offering courses in dental technology, Hospitality, Beauty Therapy, Hairdressing, Children Services and Community Services. The Open Day is on September 1st. More detail at www.carrickeducation.edu.au

- **TVSA** has been training pilots for more than 25 years. It is conducting an Open Day and seminar on September 9th at the Bacchus Marsh Aerodrome. For more details go to www.tvsa.com.au or phone 53695162 to book your place.
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. **JMC Academy** Come along to one of JMC Academy’s Campus Open Days to learn how you can build your creative future with us. This is your opportunity to get to know JMC Academy. On the day you will take a campus tour, undertake a focused overview of your course of interest, and speak first-hand with current students, scholarship winners and the Heads of JMC Academy’s Music, Audio, Animation, Game Design, Film & TV and Entertainment Business Management departments. Attendees can also view student work and even see live productions in action.

August Open Days

Sydney - August 18th: All Day from 10.30am (until 3.30pm)

Melbourne - August 18th: Sessions 10.30am and 2.30pm

[Click here to register your attendance](#) or call us on 1300 410 311 today!

5. **OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND: Q&A WITH THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS** On 30 August Media Talks will see Faustina Agolley of The Voice and Video Hits fame host an event that will give VCE and tertiary students the opportunity to mingle with some of the brightest stars of the Australian media industry. Joining Faustina on the panel are ABC/SBS journalist Auskar Surbakti, TV executive producer Rachel Moor, journalist Megan Miller, blogger and eBook writer Darren Rowse, and writer and former Cosmopolitan magazine editor Sarah Wilson. A free evening with just 200 tickets available, students are invited to submit a 500-word entry about their passions, fears, what they would get out of the event and what questions they would ask specific panellists. For more information, visit faustinaagolley.com/mediatalks or contact Steve Pereira on 9919 5245.
6. **Sage Massage Open Day** Sage Massage is a Nationally Recognised Registered Training Organisation offering Certificate IV in Massage Therapy Practice and Diploma in Remedial Massage. There are currently 600 massage job opportunities Australia-wide and 91 in Victoria alone. The Open Day on Sunday 19th August between 11am and 4pm is an opportunity to meet the trainers, check out Student Clinic and classrooms, and see what's available on our job board. We encourage those interested in studying massage therapy to come and tour the premises. For more information visit: www.sage.edu.au

- 7. University of Ballarat REEP Program** Students considering study at Ballarat may like to take advantage of the Regional Education Entry Program – Christian College is a nominated school. This means that a Christian College student applying for Ballarat courses have the opportunity to apply for alternative entry into higher education. Successful applicants will get an offer in November, subject to pre-requisites being met and minimum ATAR achieved. If you wish to apply you do so through the VTAC system and also complete a SEAS application for Category 6 which requires you to explain how motivated you are to attend Ballarat and how you contribute positively to you school and community. I have some brochures and you can also go to www.ballarat.edu.au/reep

Reminders

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Animation** A new Bachelor of Creative Arts course is being introduced at Deakin Burwood. This course will include animation as a major.
- 7. 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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- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.

11. **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
12. **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
13. **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>
14. **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.
15. **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.
16. **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.
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4. **Electrical Apprenticeship.** 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.
5. **Automotive Apprenticeships.** Vantage Automotive is an organization that manages apprentices for the motor industry. If you are successful in being chosen you will be trained be one of a number of companies – VW, Jaguar, Audi, Land Rover, Volvo, Renault, Mazda and Subaru. I have some brochures but there is more detail at www.vantageautomotive.com

