

CAREERS BULLETIN No 12 2012

Welcome to the third term Careers Bulletins. The next 6 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.

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
 - **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.
 - **Latrobe University** is conducting a FUTURE STUDENTS ADVISORY DAY
Are you still unsure on what to study? Let us answer all of your questions! Chat to our students and staff about our courses and pathway options at our upcoming Future Students Advisory Days being held in the September school holidays, on Thursday September 27th in Bendigo and Tuesday September 25th in Bundoora. Go to www.latrobe.edu.au/events/2012 to register
 - **Monash University invites** Years 11 & 12 parents to an information evening on September 6th at Caulfield, commencing at 6:30pm. If you are interested you must register at www.monash.edu.au/parent or call 1800MONASH
 - **University of Tasmania Open Day (including AMC)** is on August 26th
- 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. **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
5. **PATS - Pilot Aptitude Training System** PATS is based in the Melbourne CBD and was set up a decade ago. They specialise in assisting young people commence careers as Pilots – both through the Military and as Airline Pilots. With regard to the civilian world there have been significant changes recently. With companies such as Jetstar and Virgins establishing Pilot Cadet programs which are aimed at year 12 graduates. These programs offer a much faster and more secure pathway to becoming an airline pilot. Full details on the PATS website here: www.pilotaptitude.com
6. **What Degree? Which University?** - a website for students, by students What Degree? Which University? (www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com) is a website for students, by students, to help them make informed decisions about what to study and where. With info about degrees and unis in one place, in an easy to understand language, as well as advice about the uni experience, travel, careers, student housing, student exchange and graduate profiles, What Degree? Which University? provides an opportunity for school students to start feeling confident about their choices for the future. For more information visit: www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com
7. **University of Tasmania** courses other than the AMC are direct entry. You must go to the website at www.utas.edu.au for instructions. Applications will remain open until September 28th
8. **'Deakin at your doorstep'** is a program offered through Deakin University that enables students to undertake two years of study to prepare them-selves for a university course. Successful students are awarded an Associate Degree of Arts, Business & Sciences. Applicants are usually not ready to go straight from Year 12 to tertiary study for a number of reasons such as no pre-requisites or insufficient ATAR score. This course has been offered through VTAC in the past but this year is direct entry. If you think that this may apply to you go to <http://deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/apply/alternative-pathways-to-deakin/associate-degree-of-arts-business-and-sciences> for details. Applications will remain open until February 15th 2013. The course is available through HECS.
9. **Australian Catholic University** Applications for the Early Achievers' Program (EAP) are now open. EAP, open to current Year 12 students and non-recent school leavers, considers the contribution students have made to their community through their school or workplace, local community organisation, cultural, sporting or religious group. To make it simpler for the students, ACU has changed the EAP application process, which students should be able to complete in one sitting.
To apply online students need to have:
 - their UAC, VTAC or QTAC application number
 - the name, position and email address of their community experience referee
 - the name and email address of their school Principal (Year 12 applicants only)

- their community experience statement as a Word document to paste into the online application - no more than 500 words
- a copy of their highest educational qualification or CV
- For more information on EAP and the new application process visit www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/why_choose_acu/choosing_the_right_university_to_at_tend/early_entry/how_to_apply/

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Reminders

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

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. **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.
4. **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