

### **Careers Newsletter.**

We wish our Year 12 students all the best as they embark on the final stage of their secondary schooling. Please use your time wisely.

### **Work Experience**

Twenty –five students completed their work experience in the September holidays, while many more students are organising their placements at the end of the year. Students completing the work experience at the end of the year need to submit their contracts by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Students will also need to complete the relevant OHS modules.

### **Casual /Part Jobs**

Check out the Career’s website, accessed through the Portal for part time jobs.

### **VTAC Applications**

We hope that the year 12 students spend some time between now and the 19<sup>th</sup> December to revise their VTAC application. Students must remember to pay the \$36.00 for the application process, if it not paid students will not receive any offers to study in 2019. Students who have not applied on VTAC will not get an official transcript of their results, students wishing to get the transcript must pay \$25.00 and complete the form on VTAC. (Copies are available in the Careers Office)

### **Apprenticeships/Traineeships**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> October, Gary Brittle from Apprenticeship Matters addressed students interested in the trades.

The OELLEN, in partnership with local TAFE providers, is holding two free information sessions for young people looking for apprenticeships, traineeships and TAFE pathways. Students need to book

When: 25<sup>th</sup> October 6.30 to 8.30pm

Where: Box Hill Institute, Lakeside Lilydale

Year 11 students may be interested in the **VCE Extension Studies in 2019** listed below.

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#### ➤ **Deakin University – Deakin Accelerate**

**Deakin Accelerate** is a distinctive VCE higher education program that allows students to study two first-year university subjects during Year 12. Studying one subject per trimester, this selective program gives students a head-start into university studies and also provides a potential boost to their all-important ATAR score.

Besides the challenge of taking on a university subject, this subject will also count as part of the VCE and contribute towards the ATAR as the fifth or sixth subject. There are no tuition fees for Deakin Accelerate.

**Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [Deakin Accelerate](#)**

#### ➤ **La Trobe University - VCE Plus Program**

**VCE Plus** is an opportunity for high achieving Year 11 VCE students to complete a pair of first-year university subjects in their Year 12 and have them recognised as part of their VCE. Students enrolled in VCE Plus choose one subject per semester. *VCE Plus* is offered at all La Trobe campuses and subjects are delivered online, face-to-face, or a combination of both. There are fees associated with the VCE Plus Program.

**Find out more, including the subjects on offer at [VCE Plus Program](#)**

#### ➤ **Monash University - Extension Studies**

**Monash Extension Studies** allows high achieving Year 12 students to get a taste of university before finishing school - and be rewarded for it. Students complete a pair of first year university subjects as

part of their final year school studies, allowing them to extend and enhance their learning in an area of interest. Students also received credit towards their ATAR. There will be fees associated with the Extension Studies Program.

**Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [Extension Studies](#)**

➤ **RMIT University – VCE Extension**

**RMIT's VCE Extension** allows Year 12 students to undertake university subjects while completing their VCE. These courses are VCAA-accredited towards VCE results and students may be eligible for credit in a related RMIT program.

Students will get a taste of university life, they attend lectures and study on campus with full access to all the services and facilities enjoyed by RMIT students. **VCE Extension** subjects are taught at the City campus and are counted towards students VCE and provide a boost to their ATAR. RMIT charges no fees for RMIT Extension courses.

**Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [VCE Extension](#)**

➤ **University of Melbourne – Extension Program**

The **Extension Program** is an opportunity for high achieving Year 12 students to study a university subject whilst at school which counts towards their ATAR, as well as experience university life. The University of Melbourne does not charge any fees for participation in the Extension Program. However, some School Centres where an Extension subject is taught may charge a reasonable fee to cover teaching and administrative costs.

**Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [Extension Program](#)**



### **Tax File Number**

Year 12 students are reminded yet again that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Supported Place) university course next year without a Tax File Number (TFN). Students who do not have one are reminded to apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

**To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit [TFN Application](#)**



### **Low Income Healthcare Card for Australian Students**

*Once you have finished school you are no longer a student and you may be eligible for a **Low Income Health Care Card**.*

*This card gives access to a range of concessions, not only on some health care items but also on a range of other goods and services if you are on a low income.*

In particular, some TAFE and other short courses offer discounts for cardholders.

You may also be eligible for public transport concessions (note that if you are studying interstate you are not eligible for public transport concessions in Victoria).

Eligibility for a Low Income Health Care Card is based on **YOUR** income over the previous 8 weeks. As long as your income is less than \$4,448 over that period (or \$556 per week) you should qualify. You will maintain the Low Income Health Care Card as long as your income does not exceed \$5,560 (or \$695 per week) in any 8 week period.

**It is highly recommended that all graduating Year 12 students consider applying for this card once the exams are over. Visit [Low Income Healthcare Card](#) and find out more**