



## Reminders: OPEN DAYS

Sun 9 Aug – **Australian Catholic University (ACU)** (Fitzroy); **Deakin** (Geelong campuses); **La Trobe** (Bundoora); **RMIT**; **William Angliss**  
Sun 16 Aug – **Melbourne**; **Monash** (Parkville – Pharmacy); **La Trobe** (Bendigo)  
Sun 23 Aug – **Box Hill Institute**; **Deakin** (Burwood); **Victoria** (Footscray)  
Sun 30 Aug – **ACU** (Ballarat); **Federation** (Ballarat & Gippsland)

## YEAR 12 NEWS

### VTAC APPLICATIONS

**Applications for University, VET and private provider courses for 2016 open on Monday 3 August**

APPLICATION

through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre website.

Any **Year 12** student wishing to apply for

courses needs to visit [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au).

Timely applications **close on 30 September**.

After that the application fee rises from \$29 to \$95.

You can apply for up to 12 courses, placing them in the order you most want them.

You will receive an offer early in 2016 for the highest course in your list for which you meet the requirements (eg ATAR). You will be able to change your application at various times from 3 August 2015 through to February 2016.

Check out prerequisites and selection criteria for courses you are applying (eg interview, audition, folio presentation?).

### SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) **2016 Guide** has a section about SEAS (p. 43-54), [www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas.html).

Are you eligible for **special consideration** for your course application?

There are **four categories of disadvantage**.

**NOTE:** SEAS applications are made on the VTAC website, but can only be done after applying for courses (SEAS applications close: 6 October).

## MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS

### 'AT MONASH' SEMINAR SERIES CONTINUES

These continue with:

**Theatre, Performance and Music** on 18 August

**Science** on 27 August

**Teaching** on 1, 3 & 8 September

**Engineering** on 17 September

All seminars are 6.30-8.00pm

**Information/Registration at:**

[www.destination.monash.edu/at-monash](http://www.destination.monash.edu/at-monash)

## MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY UPDATE

To be considered for **Medicine, Physiotherapy and Radiography & Medical Imaging**, VTAC applications must be made by **the close of VTAC's timely application period, 30 September 2015**.

These courses **cannot be added** to an applicant's preference list after this date, due to the interview requirements. However, as long as an applicant has **at least one of the MBBS codes** on their preference list by the close of timely applications, they can add other MBBS codes after this time.

Applicants for Medicine will be required to undertake an **8 station MMI** (Multiple Mini Interview) while applicants for Physiotherapy and Radiography & Medical Imaging will undertake a **4 station MMI**.



## BUSINESS OPEN HOUSE

Monash has a **new city location**; find out about the **Bachelor of International Business** at the **Open House**.

Learn about new degrees, meet students and take a tour.

**When:** 11am-3pm, Sun 9 August

**Where:** 271 Collins St; Melbourne

**Info/Register:** <http://destination.monash/business-open-house>.

## PHARMACY OPEN HOUSE

Check out the **Parkville** campus - take a tour, attend a course info session, talk to staff and students, meet researchers, test your knowledge of chemistry at Atomic Bingo and visit the food vans.

**When:** 10am-3pm, Sunday 16 August

**Information:** <http://destination.monash/pharm-open-house>.

## NEW FACULTY OF SCIENCE WEBSITE

The new **Future Students** section of the website is a great way to find out what makes studying Science at Monash **special and distinctive**.

**See:** <http://monash.edu/science/future-students>.

## RMIT NEWS

### SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY SHORT COURSES

Those on offer are: Ableton Live Music (Music software program), Audio Production – Studio Recording, Production, Lighting for Live Events, Food Photography and Folio Preparation in Photography.

**Information:** 9925 8111

[enquiries@rmit.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@rmit.edu.au) and

[www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au](http://www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au) – get in early!

**\*REMEMBER\***

**CHECK ALL COSTS BEFORE ENROLLING**

## WOMEN IN ENGINEERING EVENT

For National Engineering Week, RMIT has an event for women considering a career in engineering. Hear from engineers and gain insights into the career.

**When:** 1pm, Sun 9 Aug (RMIT Open Day)

**Where:** Story Hall, Building 15, Level 7

**Info:** <http://openday.rmit.edu.au/event/3371/women-in-engineering> .

## RMIT FLIGHT TRAINING DAY

Students interested in a career as a pilot are invited to the RMIT Flight Training Open Day at Point Cook. Meet experienced flight instructors and learn about careers.

**When:** 10am-4pm, Sun 23 Aug

**Where:** RAAF Williams Base Point Cook.

## PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY

Some students who would like to study at university do not obtain a high enough ATAR to access their preferred course. **What happens then?** Many universities offer **pathways into university**.

For example, **Deakin** has Deakin College, **Monash** has Monash College, **La Trobe** has La Trobe Melbourne and **Swinburne** has UniLink.

Courses at these institutions can be accessed with lower ATARs and often provide pathways **into university**.

**Other pathways** exist. For example, **Monash** has a number of diploma programs (in science, business, education & nursing), the **University of Melbourne** offers a Diploma of General Studies as a possible pathway, **ACU** offers courses through ACUCom, while **Swinburne, RMIT and Victoria** Universities offer certificate and diploma courses through their VET divisions, often offering pathways to university. Furthermore, some **VET providers** (eg Box Hill Institute) have formal pathways in place to access particular university degrees.

Keep in mind as well, as noted in previous issues, that some universities allow students to access their courses on a **lower ATAR** as a result of the students' **involvement in their communities** (eg **Aspire** at La Trobe and the **Early Achievers Program** at ACU).

## WHERE DO GRADUATES GO?

Decisions about higher education are some of the biggest you will make. '**Where Grads Go**' provides the latest information on what graduates do and how much they earn (figures from the **2014 Australian Graduate Survey** - Graduate Careers Australia). In 2014, the average bachelor graduate earned **\$52,500**. Median salaries of some bachelor degrees were: **mathematics** \$60,000, **IT** \$55,000, **architecture and building** \$53,000, **engineering** \$62,000, **medicine** \$62,000, **nursing** \$54,000, **education** \$59,000, **accounting** \$52,000, **psychology and behavioural sciences** \$52,000, **law and justice studies** \$58,800 and **visual and performing arts**

\$42,000.

**Finding a full-time job** after graduation isn't always easy. The following shows how graduates fared finding **full-time work four months after graduating**: **mathematics** 64.94%, **IT** 67.16%, **engineering** 72.2%, **architecture and building** 68.59%, **medicine** 97.52%, **nursing** 80.07%, **education** 70.01%, **accounting** 73.90%, **psychology and behavioural sciences** 52.14%, **law and justice studies** 72.71%, **visual and performing arts** 44.73% (substantial numbers were also in part-time work, and many go on to further study). In some fields, like **engineering and nursing**, most graduates find **work in the fields they trained for**. Graduates of **other fields** find **work in a wide variety of fields**. Interestingly, **93.9% of Australian bachelor graduates said they were broadly satisfied** with their higher education experience. See: [www.graduatecareers.com.au/wheregradsgo](http://www.graduatecareers.com.au/wheregradsgo).

## REMINDER – SOME USEFUL CAREERS WEBSITES

There are many useful careers websites, including institution websites like [www.holmesglen.edu.au](http://www.holmesglen.edu.au) or [www.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.unimelb.edu.au). Check out these as well (**training opportunities, job prospects, students with disabilities, fees information**): [www.jobguide.education.gov.au](http://www.jobguide.education.gov.au), [www.myskills.gov.au](http://www.myskills.gov.au), [www.joboutlook.gov.au](http://www.joboutlook.gov.au), [www.youth.gov.au](http://www.youth.gov.au), [www.studyassist.gov.au](http://www.studyassist.gov.au), [www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au), [www.education.gov.au/national-disability-coordination-officer-programme](http://www.education.gov.au/national-disability-coordination-officer-programme), [www.education.vic.gov.au/victorianskillsgateway/Pages/home.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/victorianskillsgateway/Pages/home.aspx), [www.myuniversity.gov.au](http://www.myuniversity.gov.au)

## BAPTIST CAMPING VICTORIA: Fully Funded Gap Year Internship for 2016

Baptist Camping Victoria oversees three well-equipped camp facilities throughout the state. They aim to provide a fun and rewarding camp experience to a diverse range of campers. They have run an internship program based at Camp Wilkin in Anglesea on the Great Ocean Road, since 2007 and are excited to offer this opportunity again in 2016. This internship involves facilitating a broad range of activities. They undergo certified training courses to achieve qualifications in various aspects of camp life including a **Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation** and work towards a Diploma of Theology. The program is committed to enriching the spiritual development of those involved.

For more information look on their website: [www.baptistcamping.com.au/12watts](http://www.baptistcamping.com.au/12watts)