

## **Information from the Career's Desk.**

### **Are you interested in becoming a Life Guard?**

Kilmore Leisure Centre is running a life guard course for three consecutive days during the holidays. It commences on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March at the Kilmore pool. For further information please contact either Robyn Wilson on 57 821 287 or collect the registration forms from the notice board outside the careers office.

### **Are you interested in becoming a Swimming Teacher?**

Seymour Leisure Centre will be conducting the full Aust Swim teaching course for three consecutive days commencing 30<sup>th</sup> May. Both this course and the Life Guard course will allow qualified instructors to gain employment at any pool not just Seymour and Kilmore. The pay rate for these qualified instructors is approximately \$21 per hour.

For further information search [www.aquarecvic.org.au](http://www.aquarecvic.org.au) or telephone 8843 2000. We also have registration forms in the careers office.

### **Interested in a career in Forensic Medicine?**

The Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine is running an information session on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March (in the school holidays) at their offices in Southbank. This session is for students from Yr 10 – 12 who are interested in forensic science. The information session is designed to offer an insight into the various career options available in the forensic sciences. It will not include a tour of the building. If you are interested please see either Mr. White or Mrs. Pendlebury in the career office for the registration forms. Places for this are very limited so don't leave it too long to think about it!!!!

### **Interested in becoming a Vet?**

The University of Melbourne's Veterinary Clinic and Hospital is holding an Open Day for the public. Go **behind the scenes**, speak to **veterinary staff**, meet **current students** and take a **tour of facilities**. **Lectures** for Year 10 and above will be held at 11am, 12noon, 1.30pm and 2.30pm. **Where:** Veterinary Clinic & Hospital, 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee (Mel 206, H4); **When:** 10am-4pm, Sun 13 April; **Phone:** 9731 2000, email via <http://vet-unimelb.custhelp.com>, or see [www.vet.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au).

### **Get Career/VCE Inforamtion with one visit**

The **Age VCE and Careers Expo 2008** will bring together over 150 organisations including tertiary institutions, VCE resources and career advisers. There will be seminars on VCE subjects (such as 3/4Physics, 3/4Health and Human Development, 3/4Accounting) and career and study advice. A timetable for these seminars is on display outside the careers office. **When:** Friday 11, Sat 12 and Sun 13 April; **Where:** Caulfield Race Course; **Cost:** \$10 (includes seminars); Expo Visitor Guide in The Age, Mon 7 April or go to [www.education.theage.com.au](http://www.education.theage.com.au).

### **Monash University**

Monash University is conducting Course and Career Information Sessions starting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30pm with a session on Psychology. These seminars are to provide students and their parents with an insight into the course and associated careers in various fields. For a full list of Information Sessions and dates go to [www.monash.edu.au/study/events/atmonash/atmonash08.pdf](http://www.monash.edu.au/study/events/atmonash/atmonash08.pdf) or view the list on the careers notice board.

## Gap Year

We have had a few students asking us about various Gap Programs. One such program that we refer students to is the Gap Activity Program. The GAP is a volunteer program for 17 to 25 year old working either overseas or in the Indigenous communities in Australia. Volunteers have the opportunity to work in the areas of community, schools, teaching English as a Foreign Language or helping with Outdoor Education programs. There is an information evening for the GAP on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April from 6:30pm at the University of Melbourne. Students interested in attending this information session need to register on [www.gapactivityproject.org.au](http://www.gapactivityproject.org.au) or come and speak to us in the career's office for more information.

We have also been notified that the Australian Defence Department will be running another Gap Year program in 2009. Applications for this program will come on line as of 1<sup>st</sup> May but interested students can register their interest now on [www.defencejobs.gov.au](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au)

## Interested in becoming a Physiotherapist?

During our interviews of senior students over the past two years many of them have mentioned that they would like a career in physiotherapy. A number of Victorian universities offer this 4-year degree: **Monash** (Peninsula campus), **La Trobe** (Bundoora), **Melbourne** and also **Charles Sturt University**. (Albury-Wodonga). The ENTER required is high due to the demand for the course. **La Trobe** required 95.00 in 2007, and **CSU** 91.00. Monash and Melbourne don't publish an ENTER because they also use results in the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT) for selection.

For further information students should view: [www.physioboard.vic.gov.au](http://www.physioboard.vic.gov.au); [www.latrobe.edu.au/coursefinder](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/coursefinder); [www.med.monash.edu](http://www.med.monash.edu); [www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/physiotherapy](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/physiotherapy); [www.physioth.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.physioth.unimelb.edu.au).

Some of those students interested in this type of work will train instead as **Myotherapists**. This is offered at a number of TAFE institutes (**Chisholm, Holmesglen, Kangan Batman, NMIT, RMIT, Vic University**) and some **Private Colleges**. Myotherapy is the assessment and treatment of muscle pain and related conditions. It can treat sporting or occupational injuries, postural conditions, and chronic neuromuscular disorders and may help prevent injury. Selection for the course usually includes an interview and submission of a supplementary application form in addition to the ENTER, so researching, understanding the course, and attending Open Days is vital.

## Changes in Education Courses from 2009

As a result of a decision by the Victorian Institute of Teaching applicants without satisfactory VCE mathematics study will be required to demonstrate competence in mathematics, and may be required to complete additional mathematics study.

Most Education courses now have Unit 1 and 2 Mathematics as a prerequisite for example all courses at Victoria University and RMIT now require a Mathematics 1 and 2(any).

## Open Days

I was reminded recently by a parent at the Yr 11 information night that Open Days are not only suitable for Yr 11 students as I had mentioned but for students as young as Yr 9 and 10. This is correct, as information about what subjects are required for courses can be gained at Open Days. It would be too late half way through Yr 11 (or even later) to find out that you need to do Chemistry to study physiotherapy.

University Open Days are all held in August. We have advertised these dates so that you can plan a tour or two and students will be reminded through the daily bulletin at a later date.

OPEN DAY DATES

Sat Aug 2	<b>Monash</b> (Gippsland, Berwick, Parkville and Peninsula campuses)
Sun 3 Aug	<b>Monash</b> (Clayton and Caulfield);
Sun 3 Aug	<b>La Trobe</b> (Bendigo)
Sun 10 Aug	<b>Deakin</b> (Geelong); <b>RMIT</b> ;
Sun 10 Aug	<b>Gordon TAFE</b> (Geelong);
Sun 10 Aug	<b>La Trobe</b> (Mildura & Shepparton);
Sun 10 Aug	<b>Sunraysia TAFE</b> (Mildura);
Sun 10 Aug	<b>Victoria Uni</b> (Footscray)
Sun 17 Aug	<b>Deakin</b> (Warrnambool);
Sun 17 Aug	<b>Melbourne Uni</b> (Parkville and St Kilda Rd);
Sun 17 Aug	<b>Sunraysia TAFE</b> (Swan Hill);
Sun 17 Aug	<b>Swinburne Uni and TAFE</b>
Wed 20 Aug	<b>NMIT Careers Expo</b> (4-8pm)
Sun 24 Aug	<b>Deakin</b> (Melbourne campus, Burwood);
Sun 24 Aug	<b>Box Hill TAFE</b> ;
Sun 24 Aug	<b>La Trobe</b> (Albury-Wodonga)
Sun 31 Aug	<b>Australian Catholic Uni</b> (Ballarat);
Sun 31 Aug	<b>Ballarat Uni</b> ;
Sun 31 Aug	<b>La Trobe</b> (Bundoora)

**Reminders**

If you are interested in attending a careers program at either the **Melbourne Aquarium** or **Werribee Zoo** during the school holidays please either refer to the last newsletter or collect the information brochure from the careers office.

If parents have any questions about career information you can now email us on [careers@assumption.vic.edu.au](mailto:careers@assumption.vic.edu.au)

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