

Information from the Career's Desk.

Responsible Serving of Alcohol

On Tuesday 22nd April we took 28 Year 12 students down to the Kilmore Netball Club to complete an RSA certificate. This certificate was conducted by a representative from GOTafe. During the three hours the students learnt about the new rules and regulations about serving alcohol in licensed premises including the regulation that all employees of a licensed premises will now only be given three months to complete this certificate.

All students passed the theory test at the end of the evening and will now be able to gain employment, either full time or part time, in licensed premises once they turn eighteen. We will advertise similar courses later in the year should any others be conducted locally.

Visit to LaTrobe University

On Tuesday 29th April almost 90 Year 12 students went to LaTrobe University for a Tertiary Information Seminar. Prior to this session students had the opportunity to visit the Sport and Leisure faculty, the Arts/Media faculty, or the Science/Engineering faculty to hear from the heads of these departments about the type of courses covered at LaTrobe. After the information session led by representatives from LaTrobe, RMIT and Swinburne who explained the VTAC application process, students had the opportunity to talk to representatives from various Tertiary Institutions about courses, scholarships and the selection processes. The day finished off with former student Annie Boake given us a guided tour through Menzie's Residential College. We hope this excursion gave students an opportunity to speak to representatives from the three sectors of Tertiary Education and gain information about courses that may or may not interest them for next year.

Yr 10 Subject Selection

We are starting the process of subject selections for 2009 with the Yr 10's in the next few weeks. To assist students with making the correct choices on Friday 16th May the Learning Area Coordinators will speak to the Yr 10's about what subjects that will be available to them in Yr 11. This assembly will be followed by an excursion to the National Careers and Employment Expo. Could you please make sure that all permission slips for this excursion are required to the homeroom teachers as soon as possible?

We will have follow up sessions with the Yr 10's as a group and individually over the next term. We will be having an information session about VCE/VCAL for the parents during term three but please start talking to your child about subjects that they like and skills that you believe that they have.

Do you want to be a Dietician?

Students wanting to become dietitians typically apply for four-year degree courses following Year 12; these courses can often be extremely competitive to get into (ENTER's in the 90's). Deakin University offers another pathway to qualifying as a dietitian. The Bachelor of Food Science and Nutrition is a three-year undergraduate degree that has a more accessible ENTER (68.65 in 2007 and 73.70 in 2008) and can lead to the one-and-a-half year Master of Dietetics. At the end of four and a half years, graduates who complete these programs will hold both a Bachelor and a Masters degree and be able to register as a practicing dietitian. Note: Students wishing to be eligible to apply for the Master of Dietetics need to make sure that they study two second-year biochemistry subjects as part of their Bachelor of Food Science and Nutrition.

Interested in Health Related Courses at Deakin University?

If so, you may wish to attend one of the following information sessions.

Health Sciences and Public Health and Health Promotion – at 6pm on Thurs 15 May, at Burwood campus

Psychology – at 6pm on Thurs 22 May at Burwood Campus; or 6pm on Wed 21 May, at Geelong campus.

Medicine – at 6.30pm on Tues 6 May, at the Geelong campus; or 6pm on Wed 7 May, at the Burwood Campus.

Nursing – at 6pm on Thurs 10 July, at Geelong Waterfront campus; or at 6pm on Wed 30 July, at the Burwood campus.

Bookings and further information: Melbourne 9251 7777; Geelong 5227 2929; Geelong Waterfront 5227 8444.

Flying Scholarships

Three flying training scholarships are offered by the RAAF Association, Victorian Division Foundation and the Royal Victorian Aero Club (sponsored mainly by Mobil Aviation), taking successful candidates through to the General Flying Progress Test stage of the Private Pilots Licence (valued at about \$6,500). Application forms are available at the Royal Victorian Aero Club's counters (Moorabbin Airport or Coldstream Airfield) and delivered back by Friday 1 August. Unfortunately these forms must be picked up and delivered back to the Airport personally. You must be aged 17-25; applicants will be required to complete some tests. Information at: www.flyingtraining.com.au or 9580 0088.

Royal Victorian Aero Club

The Royal Victorian Aero Club runs a monthly 'Young Eagles Victoria' program. It aims to introduce and encourage those aged 12-17 to join the world of aviation and to learn about the career possibilities. Find out about topics like aerodynamics and pilot training, and participate in an airborne experience with one of the Club's pilot members. The aim of the program is to introduce young people to the excitement of aviation. This program runs once a month on a Sunday at Moorabbin Airport and you can get more information and the registration forms from: www.rvac.com.au.

NATIONAL CAREERS & EMPLOYMENT EXPO

This expo is suitable for students from Year 10 – 12. It provides students the chance to meet people from Australia's leading organisations, government bodies, educational and training providers. It is on Friday 16 & Saturday 17 May; at Melbourne Exhibition Centre. We are taking all Year 10 students to this expo on Friday 16th June.

For further information: www.eocexpo.com.au, or ring 1300 667 121. **Cost:** Free.

What can you do with an Exercise Science Degree?

Many students have mentioned in their interviews that they would like to complete a course in Exercise Science but have been unable to articulate what type of job that they will do when they have finished the degree. At a recent career teachers seminar at Victoria University we heard about all the different careers that recent graduates of Exercise Science have now entered into. These include Gym Instructors, Coaching Programs, Sports Psychology, Exercise Rehabilitation, Resort and Cruise Directors and Teaching.

For further information students can view the powerpoint display on

www.vu.edu.au/Future_Students/Careers_advisors/VU_Forum_2008/indexdl_91091.aspx

Free VCE Unit 3 Exam Lectures

Victoria University is conducting free exam preparation lectures for the subjects holding mid-year exams. Lectures for Accounting, Chemistry and Psychology will be held on Saturday 31st May while lectures for Biology and Physics will be held on Sunday 1st June. For further information and registration students can view www.vu.edu.au/freelectures

Are you interested in a career in Aerospace, Automotive, Mechanical or Mechatronic engineering?

RMIT University is conducting an “Experience Engineering Program” for year 11 and 12 students who may want a chance to explore and build on their understanding of Engineering through a series of hands-on workshops. It is being held on Thursday 3rd July at the Bundoora Campus. The cost is free and lunch will be supplied. Registrations can be made on www.rmit.edu.au/aero-mech and they close on the 15th June.

Medical Laboratory Visits

Have you ever wondered what happens after you have a blood test or other medical tests? Now's your chance to find out what really happens with a behind the scene tour of the Medical laboratories around Melbourne and in Geelong, Mildura and Albury/Wodonga. Such laboratories include those at The Royal Children's Hospital and the Red Cross Blood Bank. These tours are suitable for students from Yr 10 -12 who are interested in a career in laboratory investigation, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of disease or just want to learn more about the role of the Medical Scientist. They are being conducted between the 7th and 11th July. Details on the visits and how to register can be found at: www.rmit.edu.au/medical-sciences/lab-visits Registration closes on the 13th June.

Are you interested in a career as a paralegal?

Are you in Yr 10 – 12 and are interested in a paralegal career as a legal administrator, a conveyancer, a law clerk or a litigation officer? Victoria University in conjunction with the law Institute of Victoria is conducting an information forum on Tuesday 13th May between 10am and 1pm at their Sunshine campus. Entry is free but as places are strictly limited, you must book either by telephoning (03) 9919 8804 or emailing admin.legal@vu.edu.au

Reminders

1. UMAT registration closes on the 6th June – see newsletter 5
2. Open Day Dates – see newsletter 3
3. ADF Gap Program registration opens 1st May – see newsletter 3
4. KPMG information sessions – see newsletter 4

If parents have any questions about career information you can now email us on careers@assumption.vic.edu.au

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