

## Weekly Career News

17 June 2010



### **Yr 10 Career Program and Subject Selections**

Now that the exams are over the Yr 10 students need to start thinking about options for next year. To help them make these decisions we organised a two day program on Monday and Tuesday last week to provide them with lots of information about all the options that will be available to students staying at ACK in 2011.

The program started with an energetic presentation by Darren Pereria. Darren is a motivational speaker, who with his DJ, spoke to the student about 'Shaping their Destiny'. He encouraged the students to write down short term and long term goals and he gave them strategies to stay motivated so that they could achieve these goals.

The second day students were able to discover what sort of personality they are. All personalities can be divided into 4 basic personalities – **Drivers, Promoters, Supporters and Analysers**. Drivers are strong willed, practical and decisive. Promoters are enthusiastic and inspirational, and have a gift of working with people. Supporters are at ease with people, fitting comfortably into most situations. Analysers are perfectionists who look to systems, rules and order within a structured environment. Each student received an eight page report that outlined their personality and gave them some suggestions in regard to careers. If you haven't seen these reports ask your child about them. Also the website [www.mycareermatch.com.au](http://www.mycareermatch.com.au) has a parent link which I would highly recommend.

Students also had the opportunity to hear about every subject and course that we are offering next year. This included hearing about the VCAL certificate, all the VET courses that they can do including the new Laboratory Skills that we are going to offer next year and all the VCE subjects that are on offer including Politics and Philosophy that are also new to our curriculum next year.

The two days finished with Mr. Rovetto explaining that the subject selection this year will be completed online during the first few weeks next term. We are having a parent information night on 26<sup>th</sup> July where we will explain the selection process. Please also take the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers at the next Parent/Teacher /Student night to discuss whether they should continue with their subject.



### **Are you interested in a career in Sport?**

Dr Michael Burke, Course Coordinator of the School of Sport & Exercise Science, spoke to the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Sport and Recreation students about sport courses that Victoria University has to offer. He answered all of the students' questions about how they can get into such courses, including articulating from TAFE courses through to Degree Courses. Michael stressed to the class the importance of once you find your passion to work hard, put your head down and do everything possible to great the best result that you can. He also pointed out to the students that VU can offer lots of pathways if you don't get the ATAR score that is required. Michael was also supported by Damian Pendlebury who is a student of VU and was able to give a student's perspective of Exercise Science. I am sure that some members of this class will consider these courses Michael outlined.



### **Early Entry Programs for Tertiary Institutions**

Australian Catholic University, University of Ballarat and Victoria University offer Assumption College students an opportunity to provide additional information to be considered as part of their entry into their courses. This doesn't happen until next term but they all require references especially if students have been involved in their community. As a result I would strongly suggest that Yr 12's should take the opportunity over these holidays to collect any references that they feel would be suitable.

### **FOCUS ON LOTE BONUS POINTS**

Did you know that just by studying a Language other than English (LOTE) as part of your VCE, you can receive bonus points onto your ATAR through different ways. There has never been a better time to study a LOTE in senior school!

**Middle Banding:** Victorian Universities offer extra points onto your ATAR score through Middle Banding. They recognise that through undertaking certain VCE subjects, you may be better prepared to succeed in certain degrees, like studying science units for science degrees or business units for business degrees. Some universities offer bonus points for having completed a LOTE unit when you apply for certain courses like Arts, International Studies and Languages. Check your VTAC guide for more information. There are similar schemes available in other states. Check your UAC guide for NSW courses.

**Scaling:** VCAA recognises that not all subjects are equal in their degree of difficulty, so some subjects are 'scaled up', meaning that your study score for units 3 and 4 in year 12 is increased according to the recognised difficulty of the subject. Several LOTE subjects are scaled up including Japanese, French, Chinese, Classical Greek and German. For example, if you score a 30 in French in year 12, this will be scaled up to a score of 42. If you score 30 for Japanese, you will receive a score of 39 through scaling. This increases your ATAR score.

**University Bonus Point Schemes:** Some Universities offer students bonus entrance points for having studied a LOTE at school. The following are examples:

**Flinders University, SA:** You must do well in your LOTE 3 + 4 Units and you can receive a maximum of two bonus points per LOTE subject for up to 13 degrees including Arts, International Studies, selected Education degrees, Justice and Society and Media. For more information email [admissions@flinders.edu.au](mailto:admissions@flinders.edu.au)

**Australia National University:** You will receive bonus points if you have successfully completed a LOTE in yr 11 and 12 and are applying for either the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Languages. The Faculty of Asian Studies offers between 2 – 5 entrance bonus points for students undertaking a language major- especially an Asian language.

**University of Adelaide:** You will automatically receive bonus points for entry to the Uni if you successfully complete a LOTE in senior school.

**University of Melbourne:** You will automatically receive bonus points for entry to the Uni if you successfully complete a LOTE in senior school.

**Monash University:** You will automatically receive bonus points for entry to the Uni if you successfully complete a LOTE in senior school.

**University of NSW:** You can receive bonus points if you successfully complete a LOTE in senior school and apply for specific degrees like the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of International Studies.

**University of Queensland:** You can receive bonus points if you successfully complete a LOTE in year 11 and 12 and apply for relevant programs.

**University of Western Australia:** They will be introducing a bonus points scheme from 2012



**Sources:** Go8 Incentive Schemes paper, 14 April 2008 and Flinders University E-News June 2009, VCAA 2009 Scaling Report.

## VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

**BACHELOR OF ORAL HEALTH AT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY** – The university has announced that the **UMAT is no longer required for entry** to this course, effective immediately for 2011 entry. This means that the UMAT is no longer a prerequisite requirement for any University of Melbourne undergraduate degree.

**Interested in studying Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences?** You can ask current Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences students at Monash University questions about this field through their 'Ask a student' Blog. This blog is a great resource for students considering studying at Monash University's Parkville campus. With lots of posts about student life and the chance to ask current students about their experiences, there is plenty of information to help you explore what studying pharmacy or pharmaceutical sciences at Monash University is like. The latest post is about Studying for Mid-Year Exams in Year 12. Visit <https://blogs.monash.edu/pharm/>

**Your guide to a career in Pharmacy.** The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (the peak national professional pharmacy organisation) has recently produced a 'Guide to a career in pharmacy'. This useful resource covers topics like "What is a pharmacist?", "What do they do?" and an explanation of the different kind of pharmacists. More information [www.psa.org.au/pharmacycareers](http://www.psa.org.au/pharmacycareers) . To get copies please phone the PSA on 02 6283 4777.

**Interested in Science?** The Monash University Faculty of Science has updated the Future Students information on their website with a fresh, new look. A feature of the website is the interaction between the courses, the areas of study and careers in Science. Profiles of past students will give prospective students great ideas about where their interest in Science can take them. More information [www.sci.monash.edu](http://www.sci.monash.edu) and click on Information for Future Students

### RMIT OFFERS NEW COURSES IN 2011:

- **Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science)**, a 4-year degree giving students knowledge/practical skills in **exercise prescription, health promotion, physical activity, injury and disease, sport science and human performance, and a strong understanding of clinical situations and conditions**. Students complete field experience with an **extended placement** in Yrs 3 and 4. The degree has links with VIS, AIS, sporting clubs, rehabilitation centres and so on (it replaces the 3-year Human Movement degree). **Info:** [www.rmit.edu.au/medicalsciences](http://www.rmit.edu.au/medicalsciences).
- **Bachelor of Health Science (Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Manual Therapy)** combines two treatment methods and qualifies graduates to be acupuncturists and practitioners of Tui Na therapy. Practical training in **acupuncture, remedial massage and exercise therapy** comprise part of the program. Clinical training in Australia will be required and students have the opportunity of working in a teaching hospital in China. **Info:** Suzi Mansu, ph 9925 7318, [suzi.mansu@rmit.edu.au](mailto:suzi.mansu@rmit.edu.au).
- **Associate Degree in Business** allows students to gain a Higher Education qualification in two years. Benefit from work integrated learning, academic skills development and support and small classes. Successful completion will make students eligible for entry to the three year RMIT Management degree. **Info:** 9925 5444, [theresa.lyford@rmit.edu.au](mailto:theresa.lyford@rmit.edu.au).
- **Bachelor of Science (Geospatial Science)**. Responding to industry demand, this course incorporates studies in **geomatics, cartography and elements of information technology** (replaces the B. App. Science (Geomatics)). **Info:** Ph 9925 2283, [SMGS@rmit.edu.au](mailto:SMGS@rmit.edu.au).



## SWINBURNE OFFER NEW COURSES FOR 2011

### New courses in Psychology and Forensic Psychology

Swinburne is pleased to announce two new courses in Psychology and Forensic Psychology, commencing next year.

The Bachelor of Arts (Psychology and Forensic Psychology) and the Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology and Forensic Psychology) will see students studying the application of psychology to aspects of the law, the justice system and forensic science.

**Campus:** Hawthorn

**Duration:** Three years full-time

**VCE Prerequisites:** Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 20 in English (any)

**Application:** VTAC

**2010 Round 1 Clearly-In ATAR:** New

More information can be found in the 2011 Course Guide (to be released) and will be up on our website soon.

**DO YOU WANT TO STUDY A LANGUAGE?** If you are thinking of taking a **Gap year after Year 12** and would like to gain language skills to work/travel in another country, why not study a language? RMIT language programs in **Japanese and Chinese (Mandarin)** are offered full-time intensive mode (4 days, 18 hours per week) to complete Cert's I-IV. Engage in cultural activities and language exchange sessions. **Info:** 9925 2448, [Adrienne.bowd@rmit.edu.au](mailto:Adrienne.bowd@rmit.edu.au). **UPCOMING STATE EVENTS**

**FIND OUT ABOUT LA TROBE** – La Trobe is offering 'Experience La Trobe', a popular event for future students and parents. Attend information sessions, go on tours, hear from current students and attend workshops. **When:** Tues 6 July (Melbourne – Bundoora) and Thurs 8 July (Bendigo); **Cost:** Free, incl morning tea and lunch; **Register:** [www.latrobe.edu.au/study/events/experience](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/events/experience).

**WHAT DO CIVIL ENGINEERS DO?** Get a **young engineers' perspective** by attending a seminar presented by Engineers Australia Infrastructure Branch. Young engineers (graduates 3-5 years) will share their experiences on aspects of engineering applied to iconic projects in Victoria and their careers to date. Hear from construction, local government and consulting professions. **When:** 6-8pm, Wed 4 August; **Where:** SKM Auditorium, 590 Orrong Rd, Armadale (next to Toorak Station); **Cost:** Free (incl supper); **Register:** [CSBaker@skm.com.au](mailto:CSBaker@skm.com.au) (give numbers attending and school name); **Info:** Sandra Perrett, 9321 1725; [www.engineersaustralia.org.au/aew](http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/aew).

**EXPLORE MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY FOR A DAY** – 'Access all Areas' is an event designed to allow secondary students to gain information about the university, tailored to their interests. The half-day on-campus program commences with an overview of the **Melbourne Model**, entry requirements and the **transition** to university. There will be **sessions on specific areas of study**, allowing students to select those to suit their interests and speak to staff. **When:** 9am-2pm, Fri 9 July (optional residential college tour to follow); **Where:** Melbourne University (Parkville); **Who:** Year 10-12 students and parents; **Registration:** [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/accessallareas](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/accessallareas); ph 8344 6543

### SHORT COURSES IN THE ARTS, FILM, TV AND RADIO –

- The Faculty of the VCA and Music is offering a diverse range of short courses in the winter school break. Get access to practicing artists and industry professionals, use purpose built training facilities and gain personal advancement in a supportive framework. Short courses in: **art, digital storytelling, film and TV, music theatre, theatre and voice**. **Info:** [www.vcam.unimelb.edu.au/short\\_courses](http://www.vcam.unimelb.edu.au/short_courses).
- The Australian Film TV and Radio School (AFTRS) has a holiday program of short courses for 13-17 y/o's. The school has state-of-the-art courses including **acting and directing for the screen**, focussing on reading and interpreting scripts, planning shots, using story boards to develop a film, and the role of the director. **Info:** 9602 8300; **Web:** [www.aftrs.edu.au](http://www.aftrs.edu.au).

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**FLYING SCHOLARSHIPS** – Applications are open for those between 17 and 25 years for **four flying training scholarships** offered jointly by the Royal Australian Air Force Association and the Royal Victorian Aero Club. Sponsored mainly by Mobil Aviation, they take the successful candidates through to the General Flying Progress Test stage of the Private Pilots Licence and **valued at about \$6,500** each. They are an ideal entry point for those seeking a long term career or a recreational participation in aviation. **Application forms:** Collect personally from the Royal Victorian Aero Club's counters at Moorabbin Airport or Coldstream Airfield; **Info:** [www.rvac.com.au](http://www.rvac.com.au) or ph 9580 0088; **Applications close:** 31 July, 2010.

#### **MONASH holiday programs**

- Caulfield Campus - Thursday 1 July  
9:30am – 2:15pm
- Clayton Campus - Tuesday 6 July  
9:30am – 2:30pm

Experience Monash offers an ideal opportunity for Year 10-12 students to come to the Caulfield or Clayton campuses to get an idea of what it would be like to be a Monash student. Depending on their interests, students can also select from a range of activities:

#### **Experience Caulfield Campus**

- Advice on Folio building for the Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Visit the STAR lab, a system that recreates the atmosphere of a busy trading room. If shares, money and trading are your thing, this session is for you.
- Experience a Health Sciences tutorial exactly the same as a Monash student would
- Sample lecture from the Faculty of Arts: "Public Relations – what's it all about?"

#### **Experience Clayton Campus**

- Participate in a moot court, hosted by current Law students
- Undertake an experiment in the Mechanical Engineering undergraduate thermodynamics laboratory
- Teaching science with food workshop
- Sample lecture from the Faculty of Arts: "Foreign correspondence and investigative journalism"
- Hands-on Nanotechnology workshop with the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.
- No Stress at Monash workshop, learn about Social Psychology.
- Experience Monash's world class Geosciences facility.

Lunch will be provided and there will be the opportunity to ask questions and talk to University staff and current students.

The full program will be available online in the week commencing 7 June, and registrations are essential as numbers in some workshops are limited.

**More information:** Students can check out the program and register online

[www.monash.edu/expericemonash](http://www.monash.edu/expericemonash)



## JUNE EVENTS

- **Experience Monash**, Psychology & Behavioural Neuroscience (22), Design, Fine Art & Multimedia (23), [www.monash.edu/au/study/events/atmonash](http://www.monash.edu/au/study/events/atmonash)
- **'Focus on Melbourne'**, Uni of Melbourne- Arts (16) and Science (22), [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events)
- **14 June – 23 July: VCE Biology Unit 4 Lab**, La Trobe Uni, Albury-Wodonga Campus, [r.bahrij@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:r.bahrij@latrobe.edu.au)
- **16 – 25, Experience PE VCE Enhancement Program**, RMIT, [www.rmit.edu.au/she/events](http://www.rmit.edu.au/she/events)
- **18: Experience LaTrobe**, Albury-Wodonga Campus, [www.latrobe.edu.au/study](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study)
- **19: SAE Institute & Qantm College Open Days**, South Melbourne, [infomelbourne@sae.edu](mailto:infomelbourne@sae.edu) or [infomelbourne@qantm.com.au](mailto:infomelbourne@qantm.com.au)
- **22: Parent Information Seminar**, Monash Uni, Peninsula Campus, [www.monash.edu.au/events](http://www.monash.edu.au/events)
- **22 – 23: CSU MyDay Creative Visual and Performing Arts**, Wagga Wagga Campus, Charles Sturt Uni, [infoevents@csu.edu.au](mailto:infoevents@csu.edu.au) or 02 6338 6010
- **23: Tertiary Information Seminar**, Albury-Wodonga, [rgalecollins@csu.edu.au](mailto:rgalecollins@csu.edu.au)
- **28 – 1 July: Visual Arts Folio Workshops**, La Trobe Uni, Bendigo Campus, [www.latrobe.edu.au/study](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study)
- **28: University Experience, Education & Early Childhood**, Australian Catholic Uni, Ballarat Campus, [www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience](http://www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience)
- **28: Janet Clark Hall Information Session**, University of Melbourne, [viceprincipal@jch.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:viceprincipal@jch.unimelb.edu.au)
- **28 & 29: Folio Preparation Workshop**, La Trobe Uni, Bendigo Campus, [j.uren@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:j.uren@latrobe.edu.au)
- **28 & 30: University Experience Day**, Australian Catholic Uni, Melbourne & Ballarat Campus, [www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience](http://www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience)
- **29: Experience Health and Medical Sciences Day**, RMIT, [www.rmit.edu.au/she/experience](http://www.rmit.edu.au/she/experience) (applications have now closed)
- **29: Discover Deakin-** Deakin University, [www.deakin.edu.au](http://www.deakin.edu.au)
- **29 & 30: Test Drive Journalism & Test Drive Publicity, Promotion & PR (Berwick Campus)**, Monash Uni, [www.monash.edu.au/events](http://www.monash.edu.au/events)
- **30 and 1 July: Experience Electrical & Computer Engineering**, RMIT, [www.rmit.edu.au/she/experience](http://www.rmit.edu.au/she/experience)
- **30: University Experience, Nursing & Paramedicine**, Australian Catholic Uni, Ballarat Campus, [www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience](http://www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience)

## JULY EVENTS

- **Experience Monash**, Caulfield Campus (1) and Clayton Campus (6), [www.monash.edu.au/study/events](http://www.monash.edu.au/study/events)
- **5 – 9: Medical Laboratory Visits for VCE students**, RMIT, [www.rmit.edu.au/she/events](http://www.rmit.edu.au/she/events)
- **6: Experience Environmental Science & Engineering**, RMIT, [www.rmit.edu.au/she/experience](http://www.rmit.edu.au/she/experience)
- **6 and 21: Digi Pix – School Holiday workshops**, Wodonga Tafe, [bcsi@wodongatafe.edu.au](mailto:bcsi@wodongatafe.edu.au) 02 6055 6000
- **7: Art Industries Day**, Australian Catholic Uni, Melbourne Campus, [www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience](http://www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience)
- **8: Experience La Trobe**, Bendigo Campus, [www.latrobe.edu.au/study](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study)
- **8: Experience Aerospace, Mechanical & Mechatronics Engineering**, RMIT, [www.rmit.edu.au/she/experience](http://www.rmit.edu.au/she/experience) (applications have closed)
- **8: 'Be a Student for a Day**, Australian Catholic Uni, Melbourne Campus, [www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience](http://www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience)
- **8: Discover Deakin-** Deakin University, [www.deakin.edu.au](http://www.deakin.edu.au)
- **9 – 15: Gaming Boot Camp**, Monash University, [www.monash.edu.au/events](http://www.monash.edu.au/events)
- **21: Yr 10 VCE Information Evening**, La Trobe Uni, Bundoora Campus, [www.latrobe.edu.au/study](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study)
- **22: Scholarship Information Evening**, UNSW, [www.unsw.edu.au](http://www.unsw.edu.au)
- **28: Parent Information Session**, La Trobe Uni, Bundoora Campus, [www.latrobe.edu.au/study](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study)
- **30 – 1 August: Herald Sun Careers Expo**



## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Studying Business in 2010?** Flinders University Business School have just announced a new scholarship for students commencing the Bachelor of Business or the Bachelor of Commerce. Up to two scholarships will be offered each year with a value of \$5000 each for the first year of study. Applicants must- be an Australian citizen, have completed year 12 no more than 3 years before commencing the scholarship, be admitted to Flinders University on the basis of their school results, currently reside in a rural or regional area of Australia, be enrolled full-time and be in receipt of a means tested Commonwealth income support payment or be able to demonstrate financial hardship. For further information about the scholarship, please search [www.flinders.edu.au/scholarships/](http://www.flinders.edu.au/scholarships/)

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Reminder to students that we have a booking sheet on the door of the Career Office. Students only need to fill on time that suits their timetable.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

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

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