

STUDENT PATHWAYS AT MESC CAREER NEWS No.4 2009

Year 10 Work Experience - The first team of students from Ms. Leonard and Ms. Jobson's Pre-Senior classes completed their work experience placements in the week of the 16th - 20th March. We have had some excellent feedback from the students involved and also from some of their employers. The following chart explains the make up of teams 2,3 and 4 and when their work experience week will occur. It would be worthwhile during the coming term break to make enquiries about placements for these rounds.

TEAM	PRE-SENIOR CLASSES	INDUCTION SESSION	WORK EXPERIENCE
1	2 groups ALD & KJN	25 th February	Term 1 16 - 20 March
2	3 groups HPI; SKK; JCT	29 th April	Term 2 18 - 22 May
3	3 groups MCR; NDD; RBS	6 th May	Term 2 1 - 5 June
4	2 groups APO & IKG	17 th June	Term 3 20 - 24 July

Once students know the dates of their placement they can begin to actively search for a position in an Industry area that they are interested in obtaining more information about. It is advisable that students use this opportunity to investigate possible future options and not simply work full time in their current part time or casual employment. The Careers office can provide support and possible contacts for students who have difficulty obtaining a placement.

Year 11 Career Development Activities - All year 11 students attended the National Careers and Employment Expo in Melbourne on Friday 27th March. While there the students were given the opportunity to obtain information about a huge number of industries and pathways into further education, training and employment. During term 2, year 11 students will undertake a number of Career Development activities in their Mentor sessions to enable them to further explore possible future pathways. At year 11 students are expected to take more responsibility in gathering information relevant to their Individual Pathway Plan and to tap into the resources available both within the college in the Pathways Office or at events outside such as the Expo and future Open Days.

Year 12 "PATHWAY SEMINARS" - The majority of year 12 students have participated in a seminar during term one and many of these students have had follow up Individual interviews to obtain more detailed information about their future options. Catch - Up Seminars are planned early in Term 2 for students who have not yet managed to attend a session.

Some of the information in this newsletter has been compiled by Martin Walker.

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Measure every decision based on the impact it has on the desired outcome.

1. 'AT MONASH' SEMINAR SERIES CONTINUES - Coming seminars (all commence 6.30pm): (For info call 9903 4758, or Valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au)

- Tues 5 May: **Education, Sport & Outdoor Recreation**, Peninsula campus, Frankston
- Thur 7 May: **Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Health Sciences**, Peninsula
- Tues 12 May: **Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences**, Parkville campus, 381 Royal Pde
- Wed 13 May: **Architecture**, Caulfield campus
- Mon 18 May: **Psychology**, Clayton campus
- Tues 19 May: **Drama & Theatre Studies**, Clayton campus
- Wed 20 May: **Business & Economics**, Caulfield campus
- Thur 21 May: **Engineering**, Clayton campus

See www.monash.edu.au/study/events for details, and for seminars later in the series.

2. UMAT NEWS - The UMAT 2009 Information booklet is NOW available at <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au>. The Faculty of Health Sciences at La Trobe University has confirmed that the UMAT will **only be a requirement for NON Year 12 applicants** applying for **Dentistry and Oral Health Science** in 2010 and NOT current Year 12 applicants (see page 3 of the 2009 Information Booklet). NOTE: Selection for Monash Uni physiotherapy requires an **interview** in addition to the UMAT and ENTER (see last CareerNews).

3. WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AND CAREERS? VCE AND CAREERS EXPO - A chance to collect info. **at one location** from a range of sources - Universities, TAFE's, student exchange, defence forces, independent colleges, professional bodies, VCE resource providers.

What: 'Age' VCE & Careers Expo

When: 10am-5pm, 24-26 April;

Where: Caulfield Racecourse;

Cost: \$10 (incl. 'Age').

4. INTO DESIGN? The **International Design Week** (4 - 7 May) program includes '**AGIDEAS 2009 Futures**'. Hear insights from **design leaders**; meet **tertiary college staff** with design course info. Gain insights into **pathways** and explore possibilities of a **career in film & TV, graphics, industrial & product design, illustration, motion graphics, architecture, urban design, photography, interactive media and advertising**. Cost (\$30) includes presentations from international and Australian speakers. **When:** Course Expo: 4.00-6.30pm, Speakers: 6.30-8.30pm, Tues 5 May; **Where:** Hamer Hall; **Info:** www.agideas.net, contact@agideas.net, ph 9416 2966.

5. INTERESTED IN ENGINEERING? Engineers Australia invites you to attend their Careers Expo. **When:** 1-7pm, Wed 29 April; **Where:** Melbourne Town Hall (cnr Swanston & Collins St). **Cost:** Free; Find out about making a choice regarding the education and career opportunities available in engineering.

6. CONSIDERING THE DEFENCE FORCE GAP YEAR AFTER YEAR 12? Applications for this program open on 1 May, 2009. Gaining a position is very competitive, so apply early. **Info:** www.defencejobs.com.au OR call 13 19 01.

7. TRAINEESHIPS IN BUSINESS OR ACCOUNTING The Deloitte Traineeship (cadetship) Program provides high achieving Year 12 students with the opportunity to gain paid employment while completing a relevant university degree. Over the coming months Deloitte will be recruiting Year 12 students who intend to apply for business, commerce and accounting degrees in 2010. Applications for their Traineeship Program closed on Monday June 22. Find out more at the in-house information evening:

WHEN: THURSDAY JUNE 11, 2009

TIME: 5.30 - 7.30 PM

WHERE: 550 BOURKE STREET MELBOURNE.

RSVP ESSENTIAL: Kerry Marshall Graduate Recruitment Manager kermarshall@deloitte.com.au T: 03 9208 6036

8. SKI & SNOWBOARD INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS,

School Leavers can become qualified as a ski or snowboard instructor and work at a top resort in the USA or Canada. This is not just for experienced skiers or snowboarders, it is open for motivated individuals with a passion for adventure and fun! Applicants must be 18 years of age by the 22 December 2009. See noticeboard in the VCE Study Centre for further details or email Sarah Arkin, Operations Director, at Educating Adventures Limited sstraining@educatingadventures.com
Website: www.educatingadventures.com

9. FOCUS ON SOME GREAT OPTIONS AT RMIT

- **Textile Design:** a 3-yr **B. Arts** degree at **Brunswick** with an industry focus, real time client projects and compulsory 'work integrated learning'; high employment rate, with many employers contacting RMIT direct. **Key skills gained:** computer aided design, technical print, weave and knot, business, communication, developing a folio, preparation for work (with industry trained staff). Textile designers are creative producers of design, aware of sustainability issues, trained in team work, employed in fashion, home-wares, automotive, sportswear, interior, product design, branding, forecasting. **Selection:** folio (70%) interview (30%). www.rmit.edu.au/textiledesign.
- **Architecture:** a 3-yr **B. Architectural Design** degree leading to the 2-yr **Master of Architecture** professional qualification. Last year saw 30 applicants per place. **Who is suited?** Like doodling, sketching, drawing, observing, measuring, making, modelling, creating? Interested in constructing, wood or metal working? Enjoy presenting, collaborating, discussing, critiquing, thinking, problem solving, wondering? You have independence, drive, observation skills, curiosity, commitment, resilience and ambition. After five years of study you will need **two years** employment to satisfy ARVB registration. Employment rate is high, with many students working part-time in the field during the course. **Selection** is by pre-selection kit, interview and ENTER.
- **Communications:** there are four 3-year **Bachelor of Communications** degrees:
 - **Journalism:** (quite high attrition after 1st year); tough career - must be compet-itive. Trains for entry level jobs in multimedia - print, radio, TV, on-line. Work in news, magazines, freelance or specialist areas. Selection: ENTER (95.75 in 2008)
 - **Public Relations:** graduates work in media relations, often dealing with journalists. They sometimes have corporate roles and some move up through organisations into strategic planning, working in campaigns, re-branding and in consultancy. Selection: test, interview, ENTER.
 - **Media:** graduates work in production, not reporting. They can work in radio and TV, and with cinema and documentaries. Selection: ENTER (92.90 in 2008).
 - **Professional Communication:** covers the areas from the three above; students specialise later in one or two of them. Some humanities subjects are studied as well (eg literature, philosophy). Selection: ENTER (94.25 in 2008).

- **Health:** RMIT has several health-related degrees (most run at Bundoora campus).
 - **Chinese Medicine:** a 5-year degree, the only university degree in Victoria offering studies in both **Chinese Herbal Medicine** and **Acupuncture**.
 - **Chiropractic:** a 3-year degree plus 2-yr Master degree program (only course in Victoria); selection by ENTER and completion of a form. You **MUST** be able to demonstrate a commitment to this method of health care.
 - **Osteopathy:** a 3-year degree plus 2-yr Master degree program (one of two courses in Victoria); selection - same as chiropractic.
 - **Disability Studies:** only degree specialising in Disability in Victoria. Support people with a disability and the community in education, policy, case management, recreation. Selection by ENTER (52.45 in 2008).
 - **Laboratory Medicine** - provides a theoretical and practical foundation for employment as medical scientist (eg pathology, medical research) (70.55 in 2008)
 - **Nursing:** a 3-year degree to become a registered Division 1 nurse. Selection by ENTER (66.15 in 2008). Can also complete Division 11 nursing at RMIT TAFE.
 - **Psychology:** two 3-year degrees available, one in Applied Science, one in Social Science. Selection is by ENTER (81.95 and 86.55 in 2008).

OPEN DAY AT RMIT - CITY, BUNDOORA & BRUNSWICK, SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 2009 10am - 4pm

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SEE MRS. BATT OR MS. PROSSER IN THE CAREERS OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



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