

**STUDENT PATHWAYS AT MESC
CAREER NEWS No.3
2009**

I hope that you enjoyed the first edition of Career News and the associated competition. See the Student Daily Bulletin for the competition related to Number 2! Email your answer to dbatt@mesc.vic.edu.au There will be three prizes - one at each sub school - Junior, Middle and Senior. Remember this career newsletter is published fortnightly throughout the year, giving you news of career events, open days, information sessions, new courses and so on. Do yourself a favour and read it regularly to keep yourself informed and to assist you in your career decision-making.

The VET year has commenced smoothly with over 60 students enrolled in programs offered across the Peninsula VET network of schools and providers. Many VET students doing VCE or VCAL are attending CHISHOLM INSTITUTE OF TAFE located at Frankston and participating in a variety of programs such as Engineering, Electrotechnology, Hospitality, Laboratory Skills, Community Recreation and Sport and Recreation Outdoor Recreation. Other students are travelling to local schools to do Multimedia; Clothing and Fashion; Dance; Hairdressing; Beauty Services; Building & Construction and Community Services Work (Children's Services / Aged Care / Disability).

We are very proud of the Class of 2008 with 81% of students receiving an offer of a University or TAFE place in the first and second rounds of VTAC offers. 56% of students obtained an offer for either their first or second preference, a good indicator that they are investigating their options thoroughly or making realistic judgements about their pathways.

Year 10 students have been allocated to Pre-Senior Classes that will include a strong Career Development component throughout the year including a Work Experience placement. The Year 10 Work Experience program will take place in four different blocks during terms one, two and three. Students are allocated to one of these blocks according to the Pre-Senior class they have selected. These are as follows:

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.

The first team are out on placement as this news letter is published. Thirty-one students have obtained one of a wide variety of placements many in the local area but some as far away as Melbourne CBD where we have a student working in a law firm for the week.

Year 12 "PATHWAY SEMINARS" commenced early March with all year 12 students allocated to groups based on the Study block in their timetable. During the Seminar they will be given information regarding post secondary pathways into either further education at University or TAFE; Apprenticeships or Traineeships; and Job Search skills. These are compulsory for all year 12 students and will be followed with individual interviews with appointments made on the day of the Seminar.

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

**VALUE YOUR RESOURCES!
Especially...TIME, INFORMATION, PEOPLE**

UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS

- Melbourne Law Info Session: 6 for 6.30pm, Wed 18 Mar; Melbourne Law School, 185 Pelham St, Carlton; Reg'n: jd-law@unimelb.edu.au, ph 8344 8912; <http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/>
- Melbourne Uni Info Sessions: 19 Mar (Ballarat), 24 Mar (Sale); 25 Mar (Mentone), 6.30-8.00pm; Info: 1800 801 662 www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic/
- Veterinary Science Open Day 10am-4pm, Sun 22 Mar, 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee; www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday/openday2009reg.html (Melbourne University)
- Parent Evening at Box Hill Institute; 6-9pm, 25 Mar; www.boxhillinstitute.edu.au
- Careers & Employment Expo: 27-28 Mar, Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre; Free; www.eocexpo.com.au
- Monash Uni: 'At Monash' series; Tues 31 Mar - Science; Wed 1 April - Arts/Humanities; see www.monash.edu.au/study/events
- Forensic Medicine: Career info. session at Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, 57-63 Kavanagh St, Southbank; 12.30-4pm, 6 April; www.vifm.org.

1. THE DEFENCE FORCES PAY US A VISIT! Year 10 and 11 students were involved in a presentation by the Australian Defence Force on March 3. A lot of interest has been generated with numerous students coming into the Careers office to obtain more information about the opportunities in the Defence Force - Navy, Army and Airforce. See photograph toward the end of this newsletter

2. WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AND CAREERS? Then, CAREERS EXPOS are for you. Held annually, they provide opportunities for students/parents to collect information/advice at one location. Coming up soon:

- The **National Careers and Employment Expo** is a chance for Year 10 - 12 students to gain career pathway advice and to meet representatives from educational, government and corporate organisations. **When:** 9am-4pm, Fri 27 & Sat 28 March; **Where:** Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre; **Cost:** Free; **Info:** www.eocexpo.com.au. ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS WILL BE ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT EXPO as part of their Career Development program.
- 'The Age' **VCE and Careers Expo** will have over 150 exhibitors and 120 seminars on VCE subjects, study skills, tertiary courses and career advice. **When:** 24-26 April; **Where:** Caulfield Racecourse; **Cost:** \$10 (incl seminars and copy of 'Age'); **Info:** www.education.theage.com.au

3. PARENTS HELP WITH THEIR CHILDREN'S CAREER CHOICE - Box Hill Institute is holding a Parent Information Evening where you can talk with staff about your child's future and get help in making choices with them. The TAFE system will be explained, find out about the range of options and the more personalised teaching environment. **When:** 6-9pm, Wed 25 March (info. sessions at 6.30 and 7.45pm with time to talk to staff); **Where:** Box Hill Institute, Elgar Auditorium; **Bookings:** Catrin Harris, 9286 9987, email parents@phtafe.edu.au; **Info:** www.boxhillinstitute.edu.au; Supper, and parking available.

4. DO CAREERS AT THE ZOO INTEREST YOU? Programs available:

- '**Careers at the Zoo**' will provide opportunities for students to meet Zoo employees in a range of departments, explore the educational and career paths in the zoo industry and give you skills to help land the job of your dreams. **When:** 9.30am-2.45pm, Wed 8, Thurs 9, Thurs 16, Fri 17, Thurs 23 and Fri 24 April; **Where:** Werribee Open Range Zoo; **Cost:** \$39.50 incl admission, safari tour, morning tea; **Info:** School career counsellor and www.zoo.org.au/learning.
- '**Keeper for a Day**' - spend a day in the holidays working with zookeepers. **When:** 7, 8, 15, 16 April; 30 June, 1, 7, 8 July; 22, 23, 29, 30 Sept; **Where:** Healesville Sanctuary; **Bookings:** 5957 2818; **See:** www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student_Conferences/Careers; **Cost:**\$99
- 'Vet for a Day' Program (in term time); See above website.

5. DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MONASH UNI? If you answered, 'Yes', then the '**At Monash**' seminar series is for you. This is a series of seminars about Monash courses and graduate outcomes, commencing with:

- **Science on Tues 31 March**
- **Arts & Humanities on Wed 1 April** (both at the Clayton campus, commencing at 6.30pm).

The next seminar in the series is in May; you will be advised of dates as they get closer. For **more info** and to **book online**, and to obtain details about **other sessions**, go to: www.monash.edu/au/study/events/atmonash; **Phone Info:** 9903 4758; **Email:** valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au.

6. WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT MELBOURNE UNI? Information sessions for prospective students/families are being held throughout Victoria. Find out about the **Melbourne Model**, courses, admissions, scholarships, career outcomes, **Access Melbourne** (special entry scheme), accommodation and overseas exchange. Sessions in the Metropolitan region: **When/where**-All 6.30-8.00pm: **Wed 25 March**, Mentone Grammar, 63 Venice St; **Tues 5 May**, Novotel Glen Waverley; **Wed 13 May**, Glen Waverley Secondary College; **Wed 6 May:** Ultima Function Centre, Keilor; **Tues 12 May**, Manningham Function Centre, Doncaster; **further information and to register** see www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne; **Info:** 1800 801 662.

7. WHEN CAN I CHECK OUT UNIVERSITIES AND TAFE'S? OPEN DAYS, held mainly in August, are one of the best opportunities. It is **important** that you visit institutions where you may wish to study. Some courses like **art, design, music, drama and related courses** can involve an **audition, interview and/or folio presentation** as part of the selection process, so attendance at Open Days is **VITAL**. During an **interview** you may be asked what you learned about the course at Open Day - a difficult question to answer if you didn't attend. The dates are provided **now**; put them in **your diary and treat them as a priority**.

A FULL LIST OF DATES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE VTAC WEBSITE SHORTLY:

www.vtac.edu.au

- Sat 1 Aug - **Monash Uni** (some campuses - will be advised later)
- Sun 2 Aug - **Monash Uni** (some campuses - will be advised later)
- Sun 9 Aug - **Deakin Uni** (Geelong); **RMIT Uni/TAFE**; **Gordon TAFE**; **Victoria Uni/TAFE** (Footscray)
- Sat 15 Aug - **Holmesglen TAFE**
- Sun 16 Aug - **Aust. Catholic Uni** (Melbourne); **Deakin Uni** (Warrnambool); **La Trobe Uni** (Bendigo); **Swinburne Uni/TAFE**; **Melbourne Uni**; **Sunraysia TAFE** (Swan Hill);
- Sun 23 Aug - **Box Hill TAFE**; **Deakin Uni** (Melb); **La Trobe Uni** (Albury/Wodonga)
- Sun 30 Aug - **Australian Catholic Uni** (Ballarat); **Ballarat Uni**; **La Trobe Uni** (Bundoora)

7. WANT TO STUDY A MEDICAL-RELATED COURSE IN 2010? If so, you may need to sit the **Undergraduate Medicine & Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)**. This is used in the selection of students for certain Australian degrees; eg Selection of students to study **medicine at Monash Uni**. involves a combination of ENTER, UMAT and interview; **pharmacy and physiotherapy at Monash** use the ENTER and UMAT. The UMAT test date for 2009 is **29 July**; **registrations open in April**. The **UMAT Information Booklet** will be available **ONLY** on line in **late March**. In the meantime, the UMAT 2008 Information Booklet and other information is at <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au>. NOTE: Some **University of Melbourne** courses which required the UMAT no longer do so as they are post-graduate entry under the 'Melbourne Model' (dentistry, medicine optometry, physiotherapy). The Bachelor of Oral Health still uses the UMAT. Consider applying **interstate** to increase your chances of securing a place in these competitive courses. See information in yellow box below.



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AN IMPORTANT NOTICE! FOR ALL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR COURSES IN MEDICINE AND OTHER HEALTH SCIENCE CAREERS.

Students interested in pursuing medicine, and other health science careers need to sit the UMAT on JULY 29, 2009. Preparation programs exist to help students perform at their best and will be advertised in the Career News as information is received. THE UMAT (UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSION TEST) IS ADMINISTERED BY ACER - PLEASE VISIT THEIR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS REGARDING ENROLLING FOR THIS YEAR'S TEST AND RESOURCE MATERIALS AVAILABLE. <http://umat.acer.edu.au> Phone: 9277 5746 / 5502 or email: umat@acer.edu.au

8. GOT A PASSION FOR ART AND DESIGN OR FILM AND TV? Want to know how to combine imagination, innovation and a creative mind with smart business sense as a career? Then go to **Swinburne** in the holidays and meet with teachers from their Art and Design/Film & TV courses. **When:** 9.30am-3.30pm, Thurs 7 April; **Where:** Swinburne (Prahran), 144 High St; **Cost:** Free, incl. lunch; **Register:** www.future.swinburne.edu.au/artanddesign; **Contact:** Stephanie Yeoh for details, 9214 8298, spyeoh@swinburne.edu.au. Places limited.

9. **WANT TO SEE LA TROBE UNIVERSITY (MELB)?** Then try 'Talk and Tour'. For Yr 10-12's/families wanting to see the campus/facilities, explore courses, meet faculty rep's. **When:** 9.30am-12noon, 7 April (optional afternoon activities); **Where:** Glenn College, Plenty Rd, Bundoora; **Info:** 1300 135 045; **Bookings (essential):** www.latrobe.edu.au/study/events/talk-and-tour-2009.

10. **SCHOOL HOLIDAY TOURS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE?** Melbourne university is holding the 'Access All Areas' program, offering a personal look at the university. The day-long program includes the **Melbourne Model**, sessions covering how to get **into Melbourne, transition**, and **campus tours**. **When:** Fri 17 April; **Who:** Year 10-12 students/parents; **Cost:** Free; **Registration (essential)** from 16 March at www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic/.

11. **CAN I BE PAID TO STUDY ACCOUNTING?** Some accounting firms offer **cadet/trainee programs**, where students study and work while gaining a university degree - a great way for ambitious students to get a head-start. Some examples:

- **Ernst & Young** offers cadetships to those who may be studying Yr 12 accounting and other business subjects; **applications open:** 4 May; **close:** 17 June; **See:** www.ey.com.au/careers - go to Careers then students, for info/applications.
- **PricewaterhouseCoopers** offers a similar program; applications **open** on 4 May and **close** on 19 June (www.pwc.com/au/careers - go to Students, Traineeship program).

12. **ALTERNATIVE CAREERS EXPO** - Do naturopathy, massage, kinesiology or homeopathy interest you? What about circus, tattooing & piercing, martial arts, fitness, golf, costume making? This Expo is for you! **When:** 1pm-7pm, Tues 31 Mar; **Where:** EV's Youth Centre, Mt Dandenong Rd, Croydon (Mel 50 J4); **Info:** Hayley.wallace@eiep.org.

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



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