

**STUDENT PATHWAYS AT MESC
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I WILL BE TAKING LONG SERVICE LEAVE DURING TERM 4. MS. JO PROSSER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL CAREERS ENQUIRIES AND ASSISTANCE AND MRS. LYN BENNETT, A QUALIFIED CAREER PRACTITIONER AND FORMER MEMBER OF STAFF, WILL BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAYS IN THE CAREERS OFFICE.

VET PROGRAM APPLICATIONS FOR 2010. All student who have applied to do a VET program in 2010, either in year 10, 11 or 12, will receive a letter prior to the end of term 3 with details of the program and important paperwork that needs to be completed and returned to Mrs. Debbie Farag at the College General Office with a deposit by Friday 9th October. Any queries should be directed to Debbie Farag or Mrs. Leanne Paterson in the Senior Sub School office.

Year 12 VTAC APPLICATION ROUND 2009 - 2010 - The VTAC Applications for University and TAFE places in 2010 opened on August 3 and close late September, for timely applications costing \$23. Applications submitted after this date but prior to 13 November are considered "Late Applications" and cost increases to \$82. Finally for "Very Late" applications between 13 November and 12 December the cost is \$106. So there are many good reasons to apply as early as possible. Year 12 students, the majority of whom have attended an individual Pathways appointment, have been encouraged to make their application prior to August 14 and they have been given information to assist them with doing so.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS YEAR 12 STUDENTS: The VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC) administers applications for scholarships at many Victorian universities participating in the VTAC system. All year 12 students will receive a copy of the VTAC publication SCHOLARSHIPS 2010 - A GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS. The publication is also available to download from the VTAC website: www.vtac.edu.au

Any student applying for a university place should investigate scholarships that they may be eligible for as Careers Advisers are constantly told that the universities cannot give them away due to the low numbers applying. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30 OCTOBER 5 PM WITH ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO BE WITH VTAC BY THAT DATE AND TIME.

SPECIAL ENTRY AND ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS). This is an umbrella program run by most institutions for applicants who have experienced educational disadvantage. The scheme allows selection officers to grant extra consideration for course entry to applicants, but it is not used as a replacement for course entry requirements. Consideration of SEAS may relax some aspects of the specific requirements but not exempt them. There are 10 categories within SEAS: Mature age consideration; Non-English speaking background; Recognition as an Indigenous Australian; Difficult family circumstances; Disadvantaged socio-economic background; Applicants from rural or isolated areas; Under-represented school status; Women or Men in under-represented disciplines; Personal disability or medical condition; Refugee status. Some institutions give special consideration for current Year 12 students who have experienced short term disadvantage specifically in Years 11 and 12 which have impacted on their year 12 results (ENTER) in the following categories: Difficult family circumstances; Disadvantaged socio-economic background; Personal disability or medical condition; Refugee status.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE THE SEAS BOOKLET DOWNLOAD AVAILABLE ON THE VTAC WEBSITE: www.vtac.edu.au

See Mrs. Batt for advice if you are uncertain about this application or to check your eligibility to apply.

SEAS APPLICATIONS CLOSE 9TH OCTOBER 2009 - WITH ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO BE AT THE VTAC OFFICE BY 5 PM ON THAT DAY.

While on the topic of the ENTER - from December 2010 will be known as the ATAR - AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS RANK. It is a change in name only with no change to the calculation and it will have no effect on students' ranking or the selection process. The ATAR will be in place with the 2010 release of results

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

CONFUCIOUS SAYING: IF YOU CAN FIND A JOB THAT YOU LOVE YOU WILL NEVER HAVE TO WORK A DAY IN YOUR LIFE!!!

1. CHECK OUT MONASH UNI

- **Peninsula campus - 'Experience Monash'** is a chance for Year 10-12's to see the campus and find out about studying there. Tour, speak to staff/students, get course info, see facilities, learn about transition to uni. **Courses:** business, primary/early childhood education, nursing and midwifery, emergency health, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, sport/recreation. Morning tea/lunch provided. **When:** 10am-2.30pm, 29 Sept; **Where:** McMahons Rd, Frankston; **Program/registration:** www.monash.edu/study/events/experience.
- **Gippsland campus - 'Uni Student for a Day'** will give a taste of what university is really like by being partnered with a current Monash student studying in your field of interest. Attend a lecture or tutorial and explore the campus. **When:** Tues 22, Wed 23 or Thur 24 September; **Where:** Monash Gippsland, Northways Rd, Churchill; **Info/Book:** www.gippsland.monash.edu.au/future/studentforday.html.

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2. NEW AND CANCELLED COURSES THROUGH VTAC - New courses can be accredited after the VTAC Guide is printed. Also, others are cancelled. To check see: www.vtac.edu.au, go to Courses (left of screen), to new and cancelled courses. Eg Monash is now offering **B. Arts (Global)/Science** (code 28181) and Victorian Uni is offering **B. Sport (Coaching)**, code 80121. You can add these to your VTAC application if you wish.

3. DEFERRING AT MELBOURNE AND ACU - Melbourne and Australian Catholic Universities are now allowing deferral for up to two years, as is Deakin University. Check out deferral policy for each university by reading their section in the VTAC Guide. It is not usually possible to defer a TAFE course - apply again later as a NONY12.

4. RMIT FOLIO COURSES IN HOLIDAYS - intensive courses allowing you to expand skills and knowledge to apply to your folio and gain insights into future study options (fashion, 3D product design, visual/fine art, photography, multimedia). Enquiries: 9925 8111, enquiries@rmit.edu.au; www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au.

5. ACCESS MELBOURNE - Melbourne Uni is committed to increasing numbers of students from educationally, financially or socially disadvantaged backgrounds enrolling in undergraduate programs. **Access Melbourne** is a special entry and access scheme designed to increase participation of students from diverse backgrounds. Applications for Access Melbourne are made using the SEAS application on the VTAC website. Once you have submitted a VTAC course application you can access the SEAS application through MyInfo on the VTAC website. Students who apply for Access Melbourne will be considered for a Melbourne Access Scholarship.

6. DOXA CADETSHIP PROGRAM - Think that university is beyond your reach? If you are **socially or financially** disadvantaged and offered a university place you may be eligible for a Doxa Cadetship which provides financial assistance, work experience, a mentor, book allowance and professional and personal development. Application forms available at www.doxa.org.au or call 9328 8046. A project of the Doxa Youth Foundation.

7. ADF GAP YEAR APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2010 - Application closing date extended until the end of September.

"The ADF Gap Year is about providing young Australians improved communication, leadership and problem-solving skills while having the opportunity to develop teamwork, camaraderie, integrity and self-discipline," Mr Snowdon said.

"Gap Year represents a unique opportunity to undertake training, acquire transferable skills, gain independence and maturity, and become more self-reliant."

The Gap Year program has been structured to offer a meaningful experience in the ADF that will expose members to military training and lifestyle in a way that would broaden their understanding and appreciation of Service life. www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/Gapyear/

8. MONASH ENGINEERING INFORMATION EVENING - An evening for prospective students/parents with academic, student and graduate speakers. An opportunity to follow up on Open Day or if you couldn't attend.

When: 7-9.30pm, Thur 10 Sept; **Where:** Lecture Theatre C1, Building 63, Clayton; **Register:** www.eng.monash.edu.au/prospective or ph 9905 3404.

9. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY - Austin Health has provided a **different phone contact** for the Information Session on 17 Sept from that given in the last Newsletter -contact **Loretta Hanson** on ph 9496 5105, loretta.hanson@austin.org.au.

FOCUS ON SWINBURNE

Swinburne is a university (Hawthorn, Lilydale, Prahran) and a TAFE Institute (Croydon, Lilydale, Prahran, Wantirna). Swinburne College, Unilink, is for international students not ready for uni. study or don't meet the requirements for entry to a degree. Offers business, design, IT and engineering. See: <http://www.international.swinburne.edu.au/courses/degree-transfer-programs/>

10. SWINBURNE WALK 'N' TALK - Find out more about Swinburne and what's on offer at a Walk 'n' Talk during the school holidays. Students/parents will hear current students talk about their study experiences; find out about pathways, course selection and how to manage transition from school to tertiary study. Go on a tour and join a workshop of your choice. **When/where:** 2-4pm, Fri 25 Sept, **Hawthorn**; 2-4pm, Tues 29 Sept, **Croydon** campus; Workshop examples @Hawthorn: ICT, mechatronics and robotics, electrical and renewable energy; @ Croydon: building and construction, plumbing, ICT. **See:** www.future.swinburne.edu.au/events or email Lana at Iricciutelli@swin.edu.au.

11. WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY DEGREE? This is a commonly asked question, along with 'where can my TAFE course take me'? Swinburne has developed a website which will assist you to answer these questions. See: www.swinburne.edu.au/careers.

12. LIKE TO QUESTION A SWINBURNE GRADUATE? Is it hard to settle into uni life? Where will my course get me? What's it really like? If you have questions about Swinburne you can get an answer from someone who has been there and done that. This service is operating till 29 Sept. Go to: www.swinburne.edu.au/askagrad.

13. DESIGN INFORMATION SESSIONS - Did you miss Open Day? Swinburne Faculty of Design is holding evening info. sessions. **When:** (all session begin at 7pm) Double degree in Design/Business, Fri 18 Sept; Communication Design, Mon 21 Sept; Industrial Des, Tues 22 Sept; Interior Des, Wed 23 Sept; Multimedia Des, Thurs 24 Sept; Film & TV, Fri 25 Sept; **Where:** Room PA309, PA Building, Prahran campus; **NOTE:** Same info as given at Open day; **Information:** www.swinburne.edu.au/design.

14. DISCOVER DEAKIN - This Deakin holiday program provides the chance to get an inside look at Deakin University and what it offers. Go on a tour, find out about courses, meet current students, see accommodation and learn about transition to uni. **When:** Tues 22 & Mon 28 Sept (all campuses); **Bookings:** www.deakin.edu.au/discover.

15. TALK AND TOUR AT LA TROBE - An opportunity to get to know La Trobe's Bundoora campus and see what is has to offer. Talk to faculty representatives and current students, go on a tour, hear about courses, and have morning tea. **When:** Thurs 24 September; **Information/bookings:** See: www.latrobe.edu.au/study/events.

16. LOOK AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY - Check out **Creative Industries** (graphic design, multimedia & games, music, professional writing, visual arts, theatre arts) at an **Expo**, 10am-3pm, Sun 13 Sept, City Flinders Street campus. Also animal studies, vet nursing, children's and community Services, tourism and events, 10am-3pm, Sun 13 Sept, Werribee campus. Other Expos to follow (see next newsletter). Info www.vu.edu.au/visitvu.

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helping students at MESC manage their life, learning and work!



Mount Eliza
Secondary College

See Mrs. Batt or Ms. Prosser for assistance.