

STUDENT PATHWAYS AT MESC CAREER NEWS No.5 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.

MAXIMISE!

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

1. DEAKIN UNIVERSITY A Year 10 information event offering course advice to help students land their dream job.

WHEN: Thursday 11 June - 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

WHERE: Melbourne Campus at Burwood and the Geelong Waterfront Campus

The Year 10 'Your future, your choice' night is the perfect opportunity for students to start thinking about the types of university and career options available. They can get advice on prerequisite subjects, speak with Faculty course advisers and chat to current Deakin students.

There will also be a range of industry guest speakers who will share 'a day in their life'. All Year 10 students and their parents are welcome.

2. WORK EXPERIENCE WITH THE MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Emma is pictured here with her supervisor, Rosie Shaw - the Operations Manager with the MSO. Emma's work experience included time spent on stage with orchestra members during rehearsals. This was a highlight for Emma who was able to get to know some of the musicians. She also assisted with planning and operations in preparation for Orchestra tours. In all, the week spent travelling each day by train into Melbourne was a very positive experience for Emma. Emma is a member of the MESC Senior College Band where she plays the flute.

3. UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AND OPTOMETRY –applying Interstate.

There are two new courses being offered by Flinders University in Adelaide for Semester One, 2010 - Optometry and Undergraduate Medicine.

Undergraduate Medicine at Flinders

Bachelor of Clinical Sciences/Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

SATAC Code: 214941

From Semester 1, 2010, Flinders University will be introducing an undergraduate pathway to Medicine.

To complement the established graduate-entry pathway to our internationally renowned Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (BMBS) Flinders is introducing an undergraduate pathway through the Clinical Sciences streams in the Bachelor of Health Sciences or the Bachelor of Medical Science.

This pathway will provide 25 school leavers the opportunity to study the first two years of an undergraduate degree with a clinical sciences emphasis and, subject to passing all topics and maintaining a Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (credit), **guaranteed entry** into the four year BMBS. Students will graduate with a Bachelor of Clinical Sciences/Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery. The combined degree pathway will take six years to complete and is offered on a full time basis only.

This pathway to Medicine is open only to school-leavers and to those applicants who **do not** have an academic record of study at University. Applicants with completed university studies should consider the graduate-entry pathway into the Flinders Medicine program.

Application

Application for the undergraduate medicine pathway course is via the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) - www.satac.edu.au Applications will open on Monday 10 August 2009.

Applicants will need to:

- complete the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE), International Baccalaureate, or interstate equivalents
- undertake the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)

Selection

It is expected that applicants will require a minimum Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) of 95, including Flinders SEAS and RISAS bonus points. Visit flinders.edu.au/schools for bonus point details. Ranking for offers of places will be based on an Entry score combining TER (90%) and a UMAT-derived score (10%) which will be based mainly on Sections 1 and 2 of this test.

Optometry at Flinders

Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Sciences)/Master of Optometry

SATAC Code: 214931

Pre requisites: Stage 2 Chemistry and Physics.

For students interested in Optometry, a new pathway will be introduced at Flinders in 2010. Students will begin the Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Sciences) in 2010 with **guaranteed entry** to a two-year Master of Optometry if students maintain a Grade Point Average of 5.0 (credit) for their undergraduate program.

The Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Sciences)/ Master of Optometry will involve five years of study and fills a crucial gap in South Australia. Previously, students have had to move to Queensland, NSW or Victoria to gain optometry qualifications. Building on our strong tradition of teaching and research in health sciences, these new courses will meet national priority areas of health care and workforce needs and build on our School of Medicine's strengths in rural, remote and Indigenous health. They will also draw on Flinders advanced eye and vision research capability.

Application

Application for the Optometry course is via the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) - www.satac.edu.au . Applications will open on Monday 10 August 2009.

Applicants will need to:

- complete the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE), International Baccalaureate, or interstate equivalents
- undertake the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)
- meet the course pre requisites.

UMAT

The UMAT is used to assist in the selection of students into medicine and health science degree programs at various universities. The UMAT is available to any student whose educational level at the time of sitting the test is year 12 (final year of secondary schooling) or higher. It is administered by ACER and details are available online for registration and support materials.

Email: umat@acer.edu.au Web: <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au/>

3. REMINDERS>>>>COMING SOON

- **Medicine At Deakin** - 5 & 6 May (see Item 4 below)
- **'At Monash' Seminars:** 5 May: Education, Sport & Outdoor Rec.; 7 May: Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy & Health Sciences; 12 May: Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences; 13 May: Architecture; 18 May: Psychology; 19 May: Drama & Theatre Studies; 20 May: Business & Economics; 21 May: Engineering; Contact 9903 4758 or Valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au www.monash.edu.au/study/events for details/booking and other seminars in the series.
- **Engineering Careers Expo:** 1-7pm, Wed 29 April; Melbourne Town Hall (cnr Swanston & Collins St). **Cost:** Free. Hear about opportunities in engineering. **Register** at www.engcareerexpo.org.au; Inquire: 9321 1726.
- **Geomatics Expo** - 5.30-7.30pm, Wed 29 April; Melbourne Uni. (see 9 below)
- **ADF Gap Year** applications open 1 May (see 6 below)
- **Sports Medicine seminars** - 22 May and 24 May (see 8 below)
- **'Focus on Melbourne'** series - commencing 12 May (see 12 below)
- **Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test:** Register by 5 June; Test: 29 July.

4. MEDICINE AT DEAKIN - Deakin University's Faculty of Health, Medicine, Nursing & Behavioural Sciences is holding medicine info. evenings for students wishing to find out about entry to their four-year, graduate-entry **Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery**. **When/Where:** 6.00pm, Tues 5 May at **Geelong campus** (Waurin Ponds), ka 3.406; **OR** 6.30pm, Wed 6 May at **Melbourne campus** (Burwood), lecture Theatre 13, Building HD; Info: www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs, hmnbs-support@deakin.au; ph 9251 7777.

5. INTERESTED IN MEDIA COMMUNICATION? Australian Catholic Uni (ACU) is offering a **Bachelor of Media Communication** in 2010. Students will qualify with skills in media including **video, radio and print**, and areas like **drama, music, literature** and **visual arts**. You will be ethically informed in all aspects of practice and provide communication that is socially aware and considerate of a culturally diverse audience. Students will have workplace training through an **internship** as well as completion of a **volunteer work experience** unit (**NOTE:** ACU had a 28% growth in enrolments this year).

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. INTERESTED IN GRAPHICS? - The PacPrint National Graphics Exhibition is coming up soon. It will be a five-day exchange of printing technology and graphic intelligence. **When:** 10am-6pm, 16-30 May; **Where:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre; **Cost:** Free; **Info:** www.pacprint.com.au.

8. CAREERS IN SPORTS MEDICINE - Two seminars coming up:

- Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre - sports physician, physiotherapy, soft tissue therapy, dietetics, podiatry, psychology. **When:** Reg'n 6.45-7.15pm, program 7.30pm, Fri 22 May; **Where:** Lexus Centre, Cnr Batman Ave & Swan St, Melb; **Cost:** \$25 per student; **Reg'n:** careers rm or call Emma, ph 9415 8399, ethorncroft@opsmc.com.au.
- Sports Medicine Aust. - podiatry, exercise science, physiotherapy, medicine, psych-ology, dietetics, osteopathy. **When:** 9.15am-12.40pm, Sun 24 May; **Where:** Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre, Champions Room, Albert Park; **Cost:** \$35 per student, \$25 per parent; **Book:** careers room or call Bree York on 9674 8707, bree@vic.sma.org.au

9. WHAT IS GEOMATICS? To find out, go to the **Geomatics Industry Careers night**. Melbourne Uni Geomatics students are holding a trade expo to inform you about geomatics, to meet employers, find out where you can work after graduating (surveying, GIS, GPS, remote sensing). **When:** 5.30-7.30pm, Wed 29 April; **Where:** Grand Buffet Hall, Union House, University of Melb.; **Cost:** Free; **Info:** mboelen@ugrad.unimelb.edu.au.

10. CAREERS IN LAW EXPO (presented by Law Institute and RMIT) - For those interested in a career in the law, and finding out about types of legal practice, career paths, traineeship/practical training. **When:** Wed 13 May (4.30-5.45pm: obtain personal advice and resource materials; 5.45-7.45pm: seminar program featuring guest speakers - solicitors, law clerks, legal assistants, young lawyers); **Where:** RMIT Storey Hall, 342 Swanston St, Melb.; **Cost:** Free; **Book:** Leanne Newson, 9607 9468, newson@liv.asn.au (give name, phone, number coming and postcode). **Info:** www.liv.asn.au/events/lawweek.

11. MUSIC AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE - The Melbourne Faculty of Music and the Faculty of the VCA have joined to be a new Faculty in The University of Melbourne, the Faculty of the VCA and Music. Next year

there will be intakes into the Bachelor of Music degree at the School of Music (Parkville) and the Bachelor of Music Performance at the School of Music (Southbank). It is proposed that the music programs of the Faculty of the VCA and Music will join by 2011 to offer a single B. Music at the Uni. of Melbourne, incorporating current specialisations in the BMusPerf and BMus. The Dip. Music (Practical) will still run for those wishing to pursue practical music studies concurrently with another degree - B. Arts, Science, Commerce, Environments and Biomedicine. See www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/music/ and www.bmus.unimelb.edu.au.

12. FIND OUT ABOUT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY - 'Focus on Melbourne' is an evening seminar series for Yr 10-12 students/families. Get information about courses, hear about the Melbourne Experience, career prospects and ways to get involved with the university community. Evenings to be held, all 6.30-8pm: **Law** (12 May); **Commerce** (27 May); **Engineering** (4 June); **Arts** (9 June), **Music, Visual & Performing Arts** (10 June); **Science** (23 June); **Biomedicine** (22 July); **Environments** (29 July). Info: 8344 6543; Registration (essential): www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne

13. WHAT ABOUT A MARITIME CAREER? The Australian Maritime College in Tasmania offers an exciting range of courses in areas like aquatic biology, ship design, exporting/importing, fisheries biology, logistics, maritime law, marine and coastal conservation, meteorology, ocean engineering, ports and terminals management and wave mechanics. World-class facilities and on-site accommodation available. See: www.amc.edu.au, 1800 030 277 (free in Aust), amcinfo@amc.edu.au.

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



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Secondary College