

# STUDENT PATHWAYS AT MESC

## CAREER NEWS No.6

### 2009

**Year 10 WORK EXPERIENCE** - There is only one remaining group of year 10 students who will undertake their placements in local industries early in term 3. On the whole this has been a very successful program for those students who approached the opportunity to maximise their chance to explore a possible future option for employment.

There were many success stories and very positive reports from Employers. See photos of some students in the workplace further into this newsletter.

**Year 10 CAREER DISCOVERY TOURS** - This annual event in the year 10 program will see the whole of year 10 out and about on THURSDAY JULY 16. Students have been given nine tours to select from covering a broad range of options from University and TAFE pathways and a variety of industries including Trades; Hospitality; Sport & Recreation; Hair & Beauty; Health and Alternative Therapies. Students will travel by train and bus and visit at least two different venues on the day. For many students it does help them to clarify their future pathway goals.

**Year 10 COURSE COUNSELLING - SELECTING AN APPROPRIATE SENIOR SCHOOL COURSE** The process for Course Selection into either a VCE or VCAL program will occur during Term 3. There will be advice regarding an Information Evening and follow up individual Course Counselling interviews for all year 10 students forthcoming. **Student selections will be required by the third week in August.**

**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. All students who have not done so are being encouraged to make arrangements for an interview early in term 3. **The VTAC Applications** for University and TAFE places in 2010 will open on August 3 and close late September.

It is strongly recommended that all year 12 students put in an application for a course at TAFE or University that will enable them to undertake further education and training in 2010. Even in the case of students who are planning to undertake an apprenticeship, it is a good idea to have the option of a course as a fall back position. Students will be guided through the application process early in Term 3.

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

#### ❖ MAKE SURE YOUR GOALS ARE:

- ❖ SPECIFIC
- ❖ ATTAINABLE
- ❖ MEASURABLE
- ❖ WELL COMMUNICATED
- ❖ AGREED UPON

## 1. BOND UNIVERSITY'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

This year in an effort to improve the ease of applications, we have created a streamline online [scholarship application form](#). This new system enables students to register their email address and a chosen password, and will allow them to complete their application in full or in sections which is made possible through the ability to save their application form and log in and out as they wish. Students are able to apply for multiple scholarships through the [online application form](#), and will be required to attach the following information to their application:

- a recent photograph
- their full resume
- all supporting documentation outlined in the [selection guidelines](#) for each scholarship
- certified copies of all Year 10, 11 and 12 reports and academic transcripts

Students will also be required to provide a letter of reference from a nominated person at their High School. This must be a Principal, Vice-Principal, Year Coordinator or someone of similar standing. Students will be able to download an [education reference form](#) whilst completing their scholarship application form and their nominated referee will be required to complete this and send directly to Bond University. APPLICATIONS FOR ALL BOND UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS CLOSE ON FRIDAY, 31ST JULY 2009.

Please note, this is intended to be printed in any school publication. You will soon receive an information pack from Bond University [scholarships@bond.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@bond.edu.au) which includes further information on the scholarships and undergraduate programs available to students in 2010. Contact the Program Marketing and Scholarship Coordinator, with any questions or queries you may have on the online scholarship application process, or the Bond University Scholarship Program on 07 5595 1067 or by email

## 2. ADF GAP YEAR APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2010

"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.

**AS NOTIFIED BY EMAIL ON MAY 19 - There are 267 places available in the Navy, 317 in the Army, and 116 in Air Force. Online applications close 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009. For more information go to [www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/Gapyear/](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/Gapyear/)**

**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** (Waurm 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](http://www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs), [hmnbs-support@deakin.au](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, [lnewson@liv.asn.au](mailto:lnewson@liv.asn.au) (give name, phone, number coming and postcode). **Info:** [www.liv.asn.au/events/lawweek](http://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/](http://www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/music/) and [www.bmus.unimelb.edu.au](http://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](http://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](http://www.amc.edu.au), 1800 030 277 (free in Aust), [amcinfo@amc.edu.au](mailto:amcinfo@amc.edu.au).

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