

REMINDERS>>>>COMING SOON

- > **'Focus on Melbourne' program: Biomedicine (22 July), Environments (29 July);** Book: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne.
- > **Melbourne Careers Expo:** Fri 24, Sat 25/Sun 26 July; www.careerexpo.com.au

1. OPEN DAYS THIS TERM! Attending university and TAFE Open Days is a great way to find out about them. Here are some dates (most are from 10am-4pm): Check our website www.careersatnotre.wetpaint.com for a list of Open Days or you can get a list for the careers room.

- Sat 1 Aug - **Monash Uni** (Berwick, Gippsland, Parkville and Peninsula campuses)
- Sun 2 Aug - **Monash Uni** (Caulfield and Clayton campuses)
- Sun 9 Aug - **Deakin Uni** (Geelong); **RMIT Uni/TAFE**; **Gordon TAFE**; **Victoria Uni/TAFE** (Footscray); **William Angliss TAFE**
- 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**; **LaTrobe Uni** (Bundoora)

2. HOW DO I GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAYS? Try the following:

- > Collect an Open Day **timetable** beforehand - from the careers room or university/TAFE websites (eg www.monash.edu.au/openday). Often lectures/information sessions are held on Open Days - be there at the correct time.
- > Allow **sufficient time** for your visit; two hours or so would be wise.
- > Speak to **staff** about courses that interest you. Write your **questions** beforehand.
- > Speak to **students** studying courses that interest you to get their perspective.

- > Collect **information/brochures**.
- > Does the course that interests you offer **industry placements** or work experience?
- > Are there **international study** opportunities with your course?
- > Consider **transport** issues; is the campus you are considering accessible from where you live? How long will it take to travel there? Will you need accommodation?
- > Check out the **environment** where you will be studying; would you be happy studying there for three or four years?
- > Consider the **facilities** offered for your course compared with other institutions.
- > Consider visiting a **country campus** on Open Day, especially if you are concerned that you might not obtain a high enough ENTER for a metropolitan campus. ENTER's required for country universities/campuses are generally lower. They also often offer more personal assistance, accommodation on site, and a different lifestyle which will suit some students.
- > Be aware that if you plan to apply for a course involving an **interview/folio presentation** as part of the application process (eg design courses) you may well be asked what you found of interest about the course at Open Day. Attendance, therefore, is vital.

3. OPEN DAY AT MEOURNE UNIVERSITY - Melbourne University has created a **registration section on their website** which will generate a customised itinerary for your Open Day visit. The page is available at www.openday.unimelb.edu.au. We have advertised a \$10.00 VLine return ticket for students and parents. We have to have the list in by 23rd July. So far 11 people have given us their money.

4. YEAR 10 STUDENTS PLANNING FOR 2010 - The 'Herald Sun' and 'Age' will have Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) **Tertiary Entry Supplements** in their **Monday 27 July editions**, including lists of prerequisites for courses in 2012 at TAFE's, universities and independent colleges, and lots of other information. A great resource.

5. Careers Expo Melbourne Expo is this weekend at the Melbourne Convention and

Exhibition Centre from Friday 24th July to Sunday 26th July. We still have a few free tickets. This is an excellent resource under one roof.

6. WANT TO WORK IN

ADVERTISING? RMIT Careers Day will provide a realistic, up-to-date overview of the industry and employment opportunities. Find out about branding and strategy, creative advertising, production and study options. **When:** 10am-3.30pm, Sat 22 August; **Where:** RMIT Building 108, Level 9, Lecture Theatre 16, 239 Bourke St, Melbourne; **Cost:** \$55 (incl refreshments and light lunch); **Info:** Jenny Tserkezidis: jenny.tserkezidis@rmit.edu.au, ph 9925 5658; **Registration forms** in careers room; www.rmit.edu.au/bus/events/careers/ad.

7. INTERESTED IN PUBLIC

RELATIONS? RMIT is holding a careers day for anyone interested in PR. Find out about consultancy, corporate PR, new media, event management and study options. **When:** 10am-3.30pm, Sat 5 Sept; **Where:** RMIT Bld 108, Level 9, Lecture Theatre 16, 239 Bourke St, Melbourne; **Cost:** \$55 incl. refreshments and light lunch; **Info:** Jenny Tserkezidis, ph 9925 5658, jenny.tserkezidis@rmit.edu.au; www.rmit.edu.au/bus/events/careers/pr;

Registration forms in Careers Room.

8. MEDICINE - UNIVERSITIES OF NEWCASTLE AND NEW ENGLAND -

Many medicine applicants apply for interstate universities as well as in their own state. Your state of residence doesn't give priority for a place. The **Bachelor of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP)** is offered by the Universities of Newcastle and of New England in NSW (candidates select the site at which they prefer to enrol). The application process includes an on-line direct university application which must be submitted **by 5.00pm on 30 Sept, 2009** (applications open in August). For details see www.newcastle.edu.au/jmp/enrolments/applicationprocess.html.

Take note that if you are applying to Adelaide University the closing dates for Medicine Applications are earlier than Victoria.

9. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2010 -

Universities and TAFE's offer scholarships to assist students. Monash has published '**Coursework Scholarships 2010 Guide**'. You can collect a copy from the careers room or access information at www.monash.edu/access.

10. WANT TO GET INTO INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY?

Then go to the ICT & Careers Expo. From film, to finance to pharmaceuticals, employers are looking for people with the right ICT skills. Technology is everywhere, and so are careers in Information and Communications Technology. **When:** 10am - 3pm, Sat 1 Aug; **Where:** Melbourne High School, South Yarra; **Information/tickets** (free): www.ictweek.vitta.org.au.

11. WANT TO BE A DIETITIAN?

Monash is the only Victorian uni. offering the **Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics**. However, students who complete Deakin University's **B. Food Science and Nutrition** with relevant elective subjects or the **B. Health Sciences** with major studies in food studies and nutrition, plus relevant elective units are eligible to apply for entry into the 18-month **Master of Dietetics at Deakin**, another way of qualifying as a dietitian (see www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs; www.daa.asn.au).

12. BE IN THE KNOW WITH

DEAKIN AND MONASH - During years 11 and 12 students can 'stay in the know' with Deakin and Monash Universities by subscribing to their VCE Newsletters. Hear about courses, careers, scholarships, etc. Register to receive them at future-students@deakin.edu.au and www.monash.edu.au/enews.

13. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

SCHOLARSHIPS - The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme offers scholarships for the start of the 2010 academic year (up to \$15,000 p.a. for full time study) for students studying in the **health field at university and TAFE**. See: www.rcna.org.au for details/applications.