

1. **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. Many of the dates are provided **now**; put them in **your diary and treat them as a priority**.

#### OPEN DAY DATES

- Sat 1 Aug - **Monash Uni** (some campuses open - will advise later)
- Sun 2 Aug - **Monash Uni** (some campuses open - will advise later)
- Sun 9 Aug - **Deakin Uni (Geelong); RMIT Uni/TAFE; Gordon TAFE; Victoria Uni/TAFE (Footscray)**
- Sat 15 Aug - **Holmesglen TAFE**
- Sun 16 Aug - **Australian 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)**

2. **WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AND CAREERS?** Then, **CAREERS EXPOS** are for you - several are held each year, providing 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](http://www.eocexpo.com.au).**
- **'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](http://www.education.theage.com.au)**

3. **NOT SURE ABOUT YOUR FUTURE COURSE OF STUDY OR FUTURE CAREER?** *CAREERSAdvice* is an online support service assisting senior school students find direction through online testing and counselling. It provides **ongoing support** to help you to meet your goals and launch you into a bright future. **Email:** [enid@careersadvice.com.au](mailto:enid@careersadvice.com.au) for more information, or go to [www.careersadvice.com.au](http://www.careersadvice.com.au).

4. **DOES A ZOO CAREER INTEREST YOU?** Programs available:

- The **'Careers at the Zoo'** program will provide opportunities for you to meet Zoo employees, 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](http://www.zoo.org.au/learning).
- **'Keeper for a Day' program** - 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;

**Details:** [www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student\\_Conferences/Careers](http://www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student_Conferences/Careers); **Cost:** \$99;  
**Bookings:** 5957 2818.

- 'Vet for a Day' program (in term time); See above website.

5. **INTERESTED IN DESIGN AND WANT TO EARN \$\$\$\$\$?** Then, enter the **Law Week School Poster Competition**. The winning design will be used as the official poster to promote **Law Week** (11-17 May, 2009). Winning entries and commendations will be displayed at the Magistrates' Court of Victoria during Law Week. The competition encourages students to take a creative approach and challenge stereotypical representations of law and justice. **Prizes:** 1<sup>st</sup>: \$500 (student) and \$200 (their school); 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$200; 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$100, plus further prizes (see website); **Info:** [www.victorialawfoundation.org.au](http://www.victorialawfoundation.org.au) and go to Law Week and find Poster Competition for information and form; **Closing Date:** 13 March, 2009.

6. **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 information** and to **book online**, and to obtain details about **other sessions**, go to: [www.monash.edu/au/study/events/atmonash](http://www.monash.edu/au/study/events/atmonash); **Phone Info:** 9903 4758; **Email:** [valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au](mailto:valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au).

7. **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, [parents@phtafe.edu.au](mailto:parents@phtafe.edu.au) 9286 9987; Supper, parking available;

**Info:** [www.boxhillinstitute.edu.au](http://www.boxhillinstitute.edu.au)

8. **WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT MELBOURNE UNI?** Information sessions for prospective students/families are being held. Find out about the **Melbourne Model**, scholarships, admissions, courses, career outcomes, **Access Melbourne** (special entry scheme), accommodation and overseas exchange. **When/where** - All 6.30-8.00pm: **Wed 25 March**, Mentone Grammar School, 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; also sessions at Shepparton, Wangaratta, Bendigo and Sale - for further information and to register see [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne); **Info:** 1800 801 662.

9. **Swinburne's Faculty of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)** invites your students to attend the 2009 VCE curriculum enrichment workshops at Hawthorn campus. Academic staff from the Faculty's Computer Science & Software Engineering, Information Systems and Telecommunication Engineering departments, have designed hands-on and interactive workshops for students studying: VCE Software Development, VCE IT Applications, VCE Business Management VCE Physics and VCE IT Units 1 & 2. These full - day programs have been developed to enrich the learning of VCE students and introduce them to aspects of tertiary ICT studies. Swinburne's academic staff will guide students through a series of workshops, computer lab sessions and presentations that focus on the VCE study design for the above subjects. Students

will also have the opportunity to hear from senior industry professionals and current Swinburne ICT students.

Check out the dates of these programs through our careers room.

10. **La Trobe Melbourne, Albury/Wodonga and Bendigo** have a "Experience La Trobe" program. Dates are Melbourne June 30<sup>th</sup>, Albury/Wodonga July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bendigo July 7<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye out for these day programs. Generally quite productive and useful. Go to their website for further information as it gets closer.

11. Careers in Real Estate booklet has just arrived. It covers the real estate profession, entry requirements, different industry sectors and an introduction to the leading body (REIV). Check out the booklet at the careers room