

## CAREER NEWS - SEPTEMBER

### Reminders

- **VTAC** Applications are open for Year 12; timely applications close 28 September
- **SEAS applications close for Year 12's 10 Oct**
- **Dookie Open Day 18 October**
- **CASPer to be completed by 30 November** (17<sup>th</sup> November for international students)
- **VCE HHD and Psychology Revision Lectures at Monash** – **When:** HHD, Tues 26 Sept; **Psychology:** Wed 27 Sept; **See:** [www.monash.edu.au/medicine/news/events/events/vce-revision-lectures](http://www.monash.edu.au/medicine/news/events/events/vce-revision-lectures)
- **CAREERS AND CREATIVITY DAY FOR ART, DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE AT MONASH** - Sat 16 Sept (Caulfield campus); **Info** and **bookings:** [www.monash.edu/mada/workshops](http://www.monash.edu/mada/workshops).

### 1. YEAR 12 NEWS

- **APPLY WITH VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC)** – Don't forget to complete your application for courses for 2018 ([www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)) if you haven't already done so. Remember, you can change your application as much as you wish at no extra cost (\$35.00) so long as you apply by 28 Sept. After that it will cost you \$103.00. You can also change your application once you have your ATAR in December, and between offers of places.
- **DO YOU WANT TO DEFER YOUR STUDY IN 2018?** Most university courses allow deferral for up to 12 months, so even if you plan a break from study in 2018, you are still encouraged to apply in 2017. Institutions have different deferment policies. For the **deferment policies** of the various institutions see: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/institutions/deferment.html>.
- **SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)** – Don't forget to organise your SEAS application if you are eligible. **Category 1** simply requires you to click the YES box and also to indicate whether you are the first in your family to attend university. **All other categories** (2 – 4) require you to **supply extra information or evidence**. If you need assistance from school staff, get it soon. Applications close **5pm, 10 October**. **See:** <http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html>. Don't leave it until the last minute to apply as it can take some time to organise some aspects of the application.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS** – Most institutions have scholarships available to applicants to ensure **equitable access to education** and to **reward academic excellence**. Some scholarships require applications to be made directly to the institution. For all other scholarships, applicants should use the VTAC scholarship application [www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships).



**Examples** - **ACU** offers scholarships recognising everything from rewarding academic achievement to supporting equity with nearly 400 scholarships – some are a one-off payment, while others provide support for each year of a student's degree. Eg you could apply for the \$5,000 ACU Law Equity Scholarship which lends a

hand to students from low socio-economic backgrounds.

**La Trobe** offers scholarships for a range of criteria, including **academic achievement**, along with scholarships for those having **disadvantage**. Students can search the newly updated website to find appropriate scholarships and read about requirements. You are advised to check out all university scholarships. **NOTE:** Some universities offer scholarships to second and third year students, so keep an eye on university websites.

- **HIGHER EDUCATION REFORM PACKAGE** – The Australian Government has announced a set of **proposed reforms to the higher education sector** within the 2017-2018 budget. If legislation is passed by the Senate, there are **likely to be significant changes** to the levels of **student contributions** and **repayment thresholds**, and the **eligibility of non-Australian citizens** for CSP courses. For information on HELP, student income support and Commonwealth scholarships see the Australian Government's Study Assist website at [www.studyassist.gov.au](http://www.studyassist.gov.au).
  - **HOW DO I FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AT UNIVERSITY AND TAFE?** The new VTAC App brings together CourseSearch and the Prerequisite and Course Explorer. The App is searchable offline and will update with any changes when the device is connected to the internet. Users can also save course entries to a shortlist so they can find them easily later. The VTAC App is free; you can download it from the Apple App Store or Google Play.
- ### 2. VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) NEWS –
- **EARLY ENTRY OFFER PROGRAM** – VU has announced their Early Entry Offer Program (EEOP) which provides three avenues for VCE students to receive a guaranteed place. Students demonstrating leadership, educational disadvantage or attending an eligible school in the west may apply. **Applications close:** 13 October. **See:** [www.vu.edu.au/early-entry](http://www.vu.edu.au/early-entry).
  - **LAW AND JUSTICE OPEN DAY** – This is for students considering a career in law - **pathways, world-class partnerships and practical placement opportunities**. **When:** 11.00-2.00pm, Sunday 17 September; **Where:** City Queen Street Campus; **Info:** [www.discoverlaw.vu.edu.au](http://www.discoverlaw.vu.edu.au).
  - **NAO ROBOT CODING MASTERCLASS** – Victoria Polytechnic is running a **one-day workshop** for students interested in **IT and coding**. This hands-on masterclass equips students with **fundamental coding skills to program a NAO humanoid robot using Choregraphe software and basic Python code**. **When:** Term 3 holidays; **Register/Information:** [rachna.prasad@vu.edu.au](mailto:rachna.prasad@vu.edu.au)
- ### 3. STUDENTS APPLYING FOR EDUCATION COURSES AT ACU
- Students applying to ACU have the option of sitting either CASPer test or else undertaking the **ACU Teacher Selector Statement** as part of their VTAC application. The **Teacher Selector Statement (TSS) is only an alternative for ACU education courses**. A student wishing to submit a Teacher Selector Statement as part of their application

to study at ACU will be required to write approximately 1000 words addressing 2 separate categories demonstrating interest in teaching and their personal learning and leadership qualities.

- Category 1: motivation and suitability for teaching
  - Category 2: involvement in learning and/or leadership activities that demonstrate capacities
- See: [http://www.acu.edu.au/about\\_acu/faculties\\_institutes\\_and\\_centres/education\\_and\\_arts/schools/suitability\\_for\\_teaching](http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/faculties_institutes_and_centres/education_and_arts/schools/suitability_for_teaching).
4. **SWINBURNE ADVICE NIGHTS** – Swinburne University is conducting Advice Nights offering assistance to Year 12 students. You can choose to attend a VTAC information session, consult academics, find out about alternative pathways to university or find out about Swinburne scholarships. **When/Where:** 4.00pm-6pm, Monday 11 September at Wantirna campus and 4.00pm to 6.00pm on Wednesday 13 September at the Hawthorn campus; **Information and bookings:** <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose/advice-night/>.
5. **WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE NEWS** – the Institute is offering workshops for school students in the holidays. **When:** Hospitality – 25 Sept; Tourism & Travel – 27 Sept; Cookery – 28 Sept. **Info:** visit [www.angliss.edu.au/schoolholidays](http://www.angliss.edu.au/schoolholidays). William

Angliss is also holding a Course Information Evening for all courses. When: 6.00-7.15pm, 21 Sept, 555 La Trobe St, Melb.

6. **NEW COURSES AT DEAKIN IN 2018** –

- The B. Commerce is offering a new major in food and agribusiness at the Warrnambool campus
- The B. Environmental Engineering will be available at Geelong Waurun Ponds
- Media, communications and Creative Arts are offering new design courses – 3D Animation, Digital Technologies and Visual Communication - see [www.deakin.edu.au/courses/find-a-course/media-communication-and-creative-arts](http://www.deakin.edu.au/courses/find-a-course/media-communication-and-creative-arts)
- B. Communication (Advertising) – focuses on brand communication

7. **NOT SURE HOW YOU CAN AFFORD TO GO TO UNI?**

**Jon Peglar from Sinclair Wilson can provide information about finance – would be well worth making an appointment to see him! If there was enough interest I would be happy to approach Jon to come to school to chat to students and their parents.**