Reminders:
- **YEAR 12 VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC)** applications are open; timely applications close 29 Sept (see [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)).
- **MONASH ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (MADA) WORKSHOPS** - 26 & 27 Sept, MADA (Caulfield campus) for Year 11 & 12’s; Bookings: [www.monash.edu/mada/workshops](http://www.monash.edu/mada/workshops).

1. **REMAINING OPEN DAY DATES:**
   - **Sun 14 Aug** – Australian Catholic University (Melbourne), La Trobe University (Bendigo); RMIT University; William Angliss Institute
   - **Sun 21 Aug** – Box Hill (Lilydale campus); Deakin University (Waterfront & Waurn Ponds); University of Melbourne; Monash (Parkville – Pharmacy)
   - **Sun 28 Aug** – ACU (Ballarat); Box Hill Institute (Box Hill); Deakin University (Burwood); Federation University; Victoria University (Footscray campus)

2. **YEAR 10 AND 11 NEWS** – For students in Year 10 who will enter VCE next year and for Year 11 students considering subjects for 2017, go to [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) and then find Explore Course Options under the heading Search for Courses. You will be able to enter an entire proposed VCE program and discover what tertiary courses are available to you (ie courses for which you have the prerequisite VCE subjects) or find out whether you need a particular VCE subject for a course you are considering. ALL YEAR 10 and 11 students are advised to use this EXCELLENT facility.

3. **NEW SELECTION TEST INTO TEACHING COURSES** The Commonwealth Government now requires all students undertaking Initial Teacher Education courses in Australia to pass a literacy and numeracy test in order to obtain their degree. These tests will ensure all new teachers have the literacy and numeracy skills required to meet the demands of teaching. Information and sample questions: [www.studentsfirst.gov.au/teacher-quality](http://www.studentsfirst.gov.au/teacher-quality).

4. **CAREERS IN PSYCHOLOGY SEMINAR** – Interested in studying psychology at university? Would you like to find out about specialist areas of psychology? Each year the Student Committee of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) runs a careers seminar for aspiring psychologists. This is an opportunity for you to get your questions answered.
   **When:** 6.00-9.00pm, Wed 24 August; **Where:** Cathedral Hall, Australian Catholic University (ACU), 20 Brunswick St, Fitzroy. For more information and to register your attendance: [www.psychology.org.au](http://www.psychology.org.au). You will need your VCAA student number to create an account, the first step in the application process. Timely applications close on 29 September (cost $100.00). Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) applications are also open and can be completed after a VTAC course application (close 4 October).

5. **LOTS OF YEAR 12 NEWS - REMINDER:** applications for courses for 2017 are open on the VTAC website. You will need your VCAA student number to create an account, the first step in the application process. Timely applications close on 29 September (cost $100.00). Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) applications are also open and can be completed after a VTAC course application (close 4 October). Scholarship applications through VTAC close on 14 October. You can change your VTAC course application as much as you wish at no extra charge.

- **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS FOR YEAR 12’s**
  - **HOW CAN I ACCESS THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE?** Students from a rural or isolated area or who have a disadvantaged financial background could be eligible for a guaranteed place at Melbourne by applying through ACCESS MELBOURNE – even if your ATAR is below the Clearly-in-Rank.
  - **Eligibility checklist:**
    - student must have completed an Australian Year 12 (or IB) in 2016
    - student is eligible for consideration in one or both of the categories ‘disadvantaged financial background’ and ‘from a rural or isolated area’
    - the student satisfies the prerequisite subjects for their chosen course
    - achieved an ATAR or notional ATAR of 78 or more for Design or Science, 80 or more for Arts, 88 or more for Commerce and 95 or more for Biomedicine. See: [https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/access_melbourne_and_equity_programs](https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/access_melbourne_and_equity_programs)

- **MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS** -
  - **MONASH GUARANTEE NEW CATEGORY** – As mentioned previously, Monash University offers guaranteed places in certain circumstances relating to where your school is located and to your financial circumstances. You will now be eligible for a guaranteed place at Monash if:
    - you live in a low socio-economic area or
    - your school is a Monash under-represented school or
    - you have experienced financial disadvantage or
    - you are an Indigenous Australian.

You can enter your address into the Monash online calculator to find out if you qualify. See: [www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/the-monash-guarantee](http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/the-monash-guarantee).