

CareerNews No2

1. WHERE TO FOR JOBS? We all hear about **loss** of jobs, the **changing** employment scene, **part time** work, underemployment, jobs of the **future**. Obviously the future job situation is very **hard to predict**, but clearly, young people of today **face tough decisions** and an **uncertain future**



regarding their study and career options. In this regard, you might be interested to read some of **Jan Owen's** thoughts in the publication **The New Work Order: Ensuring young Australians have skills and experience for jobs of the future, not the past**, at <http://www.fya.org.au/2015/08/23/media-release-young-people-hardest-hit-by-new-work-order/>. She believes that there will be **three key economic drivers** – **automation, globalisation and collaboration**. It makes for interesting, if concerning reading, with young people facing career/employment options entirely different from many of the older generations.

2. SOME OPEN DAY DATES FOR 2017 – These dates are supplied now **for your diaries** so you don't double book activities on these days. Attendance at Open Days is **vital** for senior school students. They are especially important for courses which involve a **folio presentation, an interview, an audition or completion of some type of information kit** as part of the application process (eg many art, design, drama and music courses). You need to see the facilities, go to an information session, talk to staff/students, and compare institutions.

- **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU)** – Sun 13 Aug (Melbourne); Sun 27 Aug (Ballarat)
- **BOX HILL INSTITUTE** – Sun 20 August (Lilydale); Sun 27 August (Box Hill)
- **DEAKIN UNIVERSITY** – Sun 6 August (Warrnambool); Sun 20 August (Geelong); Sun 27 August (Melbourne)
- **FEDERATION UNIVERSITY** – Sun 27 August (Ballarat, Berwick and Gippsland)
- **HOLMESGLEN** – Thursdays – book on-line
- **LA TROBE UNIVERSITY** – Sun 6 August (Melbourne); Sun 27 Aug (Bendigo)
- **MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC** – Sat 19 August (Preston)
- **MONASH UNIVERSITY** – Sat 5 August (Peninsula); Sun 6 August (Caulfield and Clayton); Sun 20 August (Parkville)
- **RMIT** – Sun 13 August (City and Bundoora)
- **SWINBURNE** – Sun 30 July (Hawthorn)
- **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE** – Sun 20 August (Parkville)
- **VICTORIA UNIVERSITY** – Sun 20 August (Footscray)

3. SWINBURNE NEWS - Swinburne is both a **university and a TAFE provider**. Its main campus is in Hawthorn, right by Glenferrie station. It also has campuses in Croydon and Wantirna. It offers courses from Certificates through to Doctorates.

• **GROWTH** - Swinburne experienced a **15% increase** in first preference applications for courses for 2017 over the previous year. There was also a 5% increase in offers of places at Swinburne. This was despite an

overall fall in offers in Victoria of 6%. **Health Sciences** experienced the greatest increase of 117% over the last year. Design achieved an 18% increase, Computer Sciences/ICT increased by 16%, Business by 15% and Media and Communications by 13%.

• **SCHOLARSHIPS** - From 2017 onwards, scholarships of \$5,000pa will be automatically offered to Swinburne applicants who receive an ATAR of 95 or more (no separate application required). Various grants are also available (apply direct to Swinburne). In addition, the **High Achievers Program (HAP)** will provide students receiving an ATAR of 95 or more with mentors, a personalised program, projects, and one-on-one assistance.



• **NEW COURSES AT SWINBURNE IN 2017** will be the **Bachelor of Nursing** (with a technology focus) and the **Bachelor of Engineering Practice**. There will also be a **Diploma of Advanced Technologies**.

• Swinburne is commencing an **EARLY LEADERS PROGRAM**. The ELP provides secondary students with **opportunities to build and document their individual strengths and interests**. The program identifies students who show enthusiasm and achievement in areas **outside their secondary studies**, including volunteer work, club or society participation, school projects and career exploration. By **documenting and reflecting** on their skills and achievements, students will create a valuable resource with certified credentials from Swinburne for use in applications for employment, further study or other pursuits. Part of the reason for this program is that students are **individuals** with individual talents that may **not be recognised by the ATAR system**. NOTE: It is **not** an early offer program. The program is aimed at students in Year 11. **Register interest at:** <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/early-leaders>.

• Swinburne is now offering a Masters degree in **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**, and from 2018 – 2020 will introduce Masters degrees in **PHYSIOTHERAPY, DIETETICS and SPEECH PATHOLOGY**.

• **LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS**

• **'EXPERIENCE LA TROBE'** – How can you find out about studying at La Trobe university? **Experience La Trobe** provides an opportunity to attend **workshops, lectures, and seminars** whilst being exposed to areas of the university not usually available on Open Day. You'll be able to talk to current **academics and students** to find out what their dream career is really like. Parents can attend the **parents' session** if they wish covering topics like university costs, courses and admissions. **When: Melbourne:** 9.30am – 4.30pm, Fri 7 April & Thurs 6 July; country campuses have Experience Days later in the year. **Registrations and information:** <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/experience-la-trobe-events>

• **ASPIRE** – La Trobe has offered the ASPIRE program for three years now. ASPIRE students have shown a **significant commitment to their community** through volunteerism, service and leadership. As a result of this, ASPIRE students are able to access a place at La Trobe on a **significantly lower ATAR**.