1. FINDING OUT ABOUT UNIVERSITIES – Universities provide many opportunities for secondary school students to find out about their facilities and courses, such as Open Days and Experience Days. Some of these are detailed below for you diary. Experience Days are a great way to find out more about an institution you are considering for later study.

- EXPERIENCE RMIT – Year 10 – 12 students can attend free events and engage in workshops in a wide range of interest areas, while experiencing life on campus. See: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays

- EXPERIENCE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) – Sample the degree of your choice and get a taste of life at ACU. You will meet staff and students, get a feel for the campus, learn about industries and careers, and enjoy the campus atmosphere. When: Ballarat campus Tues 28 June; Melbourne campus (Fitzroy) Tues 5 July. Register at: www.acu.edu.au/uni-experience.

- EXPERIENCE LA TROBE – This is another opportunity to find out about a university campus, its courses and careers. You’ll be able to go to workshops, attend lectures, do lab experiments, talk with staff, try different study areas and get advice from experts. You will also be able to tour the campus. When: Bendigo campus – 6 July; Melbourne campus 7 July. See: www.latrobe.edu.au/sport/elite-athlete

2. MORE LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS - PREREQUISITE CHANGES AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – The College of Science, Health and Engineering at La Trobe has recently conducted an audit of course prerequisites and have made changes to the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Applied Science/Master of Dietetic Practice
- Bachelor of Applied Science/Master of Occupational Therapy Practice
- Bachelor of Biological Sciences
- Bachelor of Biomedical Science
- Bachelor of Nursing (Pre-registration)
- Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Science (Wildlife and Conservation Biology)

Click on the links above to view details of the courses and the new prerequisites.

- ELITE ATHLETE BONUS ENTRY SCHEME – La Trobe is one of only three Victorian universities that offer bonus aggregate points (to the ATAR) for elite athletes. It is available to domestic undergraduate applicants who are classified as an elite athlete; whose sporting commitments have impacted on their previous studies: who apply for admission to La Trobe via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

Under the scheme eligible students receive five bonus aggregate points towards their entry score for admission (see: www.latrobe.edu.au/sport/elite-athlete)

NOTE: Other universities offering a similar athletes scheme are AU (see: www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/elite_athlete_and_performer_program) and Melbourne see: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/high_achievers_programs/elite-athletes-and-artistic-performers).

3. EXPLORING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AS A CAREER – You are invited to an information and demonstration evening to hear from Occupational Therapists experienced in spinal rehabilitation, hand therapy, mental health, neurology and oncology. These evenings have proved to be a great opportunity for students/parents to hear from OT’s working in their specialised domains, observe demonstrations, and have questions answered. When: 5.00pm Registration, 5.30-8.00pm Presentation and Questions; Where: Education Precinct, Level 4 Austin Tower, Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg; Apply: ASAP, but by 24 June to keely.zenner@austin.org.au

4. AVIATION FOR WOMEN CONFERENCE Moorabbin Flying Services in conjunction with the Australian Women Pilots Association are holding a conference aimed at encouraging teenage girls to take the first step in pursuing a career in the aviation industry. With a predicted shortage of skilled employees, this is a wonderful opportunity to share your enthusiasm and passion with young women in the industry. Woman Pilots, Air Traffic Controllers, Aviation Fire Fighters and Cabin Crew will be in attendance. When: 10am-3.30pm, Sat 4 June; Where: Ground Theory Centre, 55 Grange Rd, Cheltenham; Bookings (essential): 9580 8822

5. INTERESTED IN THE FASHION INDUSTRY? A speaker at a recent professional development program for career practitioners at Box Hill Institute pointed out that the industry is looking more closely at the impact it has on the environment. More garments use organic cotton, recyclable synthetics, materials offering more durability and which require less washing, and reusing materials, and more man-made fabrics. Fashion designers work as pattern makers, designers, and in product development. Internships are often available, and these can lead on to employment.