

## CAREER NEWS

### Reminders

- **EARLY ACHIEVERS PROGRAM (ACU)** – Apply until 17 July. See: [www.acu.edu.au/eap](http://www.acu.edu.au/eap).
- **'FOCUS ON MELBOURNE'** - May: 16<sup>th</sup> Biomed-icine; 17<sup>th</sup> Agriculture; 18<sup>th</sup> Vet Science; 23<sup>rd</sup> Engineering; 24<sup>th</sup> IT; 30<sup>th</sup> Science; <https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events>.
- **HEALTH COURSES AT DEAKIN** - Exercise and Sport Science, Food and Nutrition Sciences, Health Sciences and Nursing and Midwifery. [www.deakin.edu.au/health/events](http://www.deakin.edu.au/health/events); Course Information: 1800 693 888.

**1. PASSIONATE ABOUT SCIENCE?** Students in Year 11 in 2017 who have a passion for science and technology are encouraged to apply for the **National Youth Science Forum 2018 program**. Attending the NYSF is a great way to **assess your level of interest in and commitment to further STEM study**, and to **start building networks** for your future. The 12-day program offers **laboratory visits and science tours**, the chance to **mix with like-minded students**, and **activities that develop a better understanding of the range of study and career options**. **When:** January school holidays. **Info:** [www.nysf.edu.au](http://www.nysf.edu.au); **Questions:** [nysf@nysf.edu.au](mailto:nysf@nysf.edu.au); **Applications by:** 30 May.

**2. DISCOVER DESIGN IN SWINBURNE HOLIDAY PROGRAM** – Swinburne is both a provider of university degrees, and of certificates and diplomas. The main campus is in Hawthorn (next to Glenferrie Railway Station), while smaller campuses are located in **Croydon and Wantirna**.

This holiday program is for students wanting to learn more about **design careers, courses and pathways**. Participants will develop a **design portfolio**, broaden their **problem-solving and design-thinking skills** and **work in teams** – just like in a real studio. **Who:** Year 10-12 students; **When:** 9am-5pm, 11-14 July; **Where:** AMDC Building, Melbourne Design Factory, Level 5, Swinburne Hawthorn; Places are limited so **register early** at:

[www.swinburne.edu.au/events/departments/health-arts-design/2017/07/discover-design-at-swinburne.php](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/events/departments/health-arts-design/2017/07/discover-design-at-swinburne.php)

**3. WHAT ABOUT FOODS, TOURISM, HOSPITALITY AND EVENTS?** William Angliss Institute (555 La Trobe St, Melbourne) offers school students the opportunity to **immerse themselves** in their dream career via hands-on workshops. The workshops are ideal for students considering a career in foods, tourism, hospitality or events, with lunch, refreshments and campus tour included. **To register go to** [www.angliss.edu.au/schoolholidays](http://www.angliss.edu.au/schoolholidays), or for **information:** ph 9606 2480 or email [andrewpl@angliss.edu.au](mailto:andrewpl@angliss.edu.au).

**4. WHAT DO PLANNERS DO?** Planners **create and manage urban environments** and aim to **make cities more efficient, sustainable, lively, attractive and liveable**. They also work to **protect our historic buildings and natural areas**, and to **prevent farmland and ecologically sensitive landscapes from becoming degraded**.



Urban planning is taught at a number of universities. At **RMIT** it is a four-year, honours level degree, accredited by the **Planning Institute of Australia**. Expert staff assist students to **understand**

society and communities, to develop the **confidence** to take action, to **tackle** complex real-world problems, and to develop practical **solutions**. **Graduates are highly regarded and sought after** in the industry and many have opportunities to work abroad. The course includes sixty days of paid **work experience**. **Employment opportunities are good**, with local and state governments, consultancies, industry bodies, and in the non-government sector. **NOTE:** Planning can also be studied at the **University of Melbourne, La Trobe University (Bendigo)** and through a graduate program at **Deakin University**.

**5. BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS AT VCA** – As noted last



time, The **Victorian College of the Arts** has two new specialisations in the **B. Fine Arts – Acting and Theatre**, effective from 2018 (replacing the Theatre Practice option). Students in the new specialisations will have a **common first year** to develop

**performance, voice and movement skills** then **separate in second year**, specialising in their own areas.

- The **Acting stream** focuses on **developing the craft of an actor for stage and screen**, and will hone the student's **acting, voice and movement skills** during the three-year program. Students will act in **screen and stage-based performance works**, culminating in an **Actors Showcase in third year**.
- The **Theatre specialisation** focuses on **developing performance-makers**. In second year students will **develop a new work to present in a national Fringe Festival**, and in third year develop a **project in a travelling studio in Australia or overseas**. Final year students present at a **Performing Arts Market**.

#### THE NEW COURSES AT A GLANCE:

- There will be **40 places available**, split evenly between the two specialisations.
- The Theatre specialisation focuses on **developing performance-makers**, and the Acting one focuses on **developing highly trained actors**.
- There will sometimes be collaboration with **Film and TV students**.

*What can I do if I miss out on a place and want to try again? Suggestions: See the shows the VCA puts on; do VCA short courses; attend the Fringe Festival. Some students apply several times.*

**6. Many universities are developing programs to assist their graduates become 'job ready'. Here are some more examples:**

- **CAREER READY ADVANTAGE AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY** – Career Ready Advantage is an initiative that gives La Trobe's 35,000 students **an edge in today's competitive job market**. The program has been developed in collaboration with students and



employers, and focuses on building **skills and experience** that bolster employability.

The program is designed to ensure that La Trobe's **graduates can meet the existing and future workforce needs** – including jobs not yet in existence. Supported by an extensive Career Ready team, the program includes **an innovative new app**, dedicated **website**, 'gamified' to cater to technology-savvy students. Career Ready Advantage offers **work experience, volunteering, mentoring, entrepreneurship, networking events, boot-camps and career management workshops**. See: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/students/careers>.

- **BECOME THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS AT VU** – Victoria University in Footscray's **Centre for Work Integrated Learning (WIL)** prepares **business students**

for **employment**. The staff negotiate with industry professional to develop and manage suitable positions for Business students, offering:

- ✚ A **year of paid, fulltime employment** (min 40 weeks) as an **accredited** part of the degree
- ✚ **Business Integrated Learning** – recognises industry-based experiences such as project work, part-time employment or voluntary work while students complete their business qualifications
- ✚ The **Bachelor of Commerce** (City campus) prepares graduates for work in a range of finance-related areas. The curriculum has a job-ready focus with industry integration, workplace-based projects and a mentoring program. An overseas study tour is available in Asia or Europe.