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REMINDERS>>>>COMING SOON

Monash Uni: 'At Monash' series; **Tues 31 Mar** - Science; **Wed 1 April:** Arts/Humanities; Clayton campus; see www.monash.edu.au/study/events.

Forensic Medicine: Career info. session at Vic. Institute of Forensic Medicine, 57-63 Kavanagh St, Southbank; 12.30-4pm, **Mon 6 April;** www.vifm.org.

Uni Student for a Day (Monash Uni, Gippsland); **7 - 8 April;** see www.gippsland.monash.edu.au

Art/Design & Film/TV seminar; Swinburne, Prahran; **Tues 7 April;** www.future.swinburne.edu.au/artsanddesign

La Trobe University: 'Talk and Tour'; **Tuesday 7 April;** www.latrobe.edu.au/study/events/talk-and-tour-2009

Careers at the Zoo: Werribee Open Range Zoo; 8, 9, 16, 17, 23 & 24 April; www.zoo.org.au/learning

Melbourne Uni: 'Access all Areas'; **17 April;** www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic/

'The Age' VCE & Careers Expo: **24-26 April;** Caulfield Racecourse; www.education.theage.com.au

1. 'AT MONASH' SEMINAR SERIES CONTINUES -
 Coming seminars (all commence 6.30pm):

Tues 5 May: Education, Sport & Outdoor Recreation, Peninsula

Thur 7 May: Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Health Sciences, Peninsula

Tues 12 May: Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, Parkville

Wed 13 May: Architecture, Caulfield **Mon 18 May: Psychology,** Clayton

Tues 19 May: Drama & Theatre Studies, Clayton campus

Wed 20 May: Business & Economics, Caulfield campus

Thur 21 May: Engineering, Clayton

See www.monash.edu.au/study/events for details, and for seminars later in the series. **For info:** call 9903 4758, or Valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au.

2. UMAT NEWS - The UMAT 2009 Information booklet is **NOW** available at <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au>. The Faculty of Health Sciences at La Trobe University has confirmed that the UMAT will **only be a requirement for NON Year 12 applicants** applying for **Dentistry and Oral Health Science** in 2010 and NOT current Year 12 applicants (see page 3 of 2009 Information Booklet). NOTE: Selection for Monash Uni physiotherapy requires an **interview** in addition to the UMAT and ENTER (see last CareerNews).

3. VCE AND CAREERS EXPO - A chance to collect info. **at one location** from many sources - Uni's, TAFE's, student exchange, defence forces, independent colleges, professional bodies, VCE resource providers. **What: 'Age' VCE & Careers Expo** **When:** 10am-5pm, 24-26 April; **Where:** Caulfield Racecourse; **Cost:** \$10.

4. INTO DESIGN? The International Design Week (4 - 7 May) program includes '**AGIDEAS 2009 Futures**'. Hear insights from acclaimed **design leaders**, and meet **tertiary college staff** with design course info. Gain insights into **pathways** and explore possibilities of a **career in film & TV, graphics, industrial & product design, illustration, motion graphics, archi-tecture, urban design, photography, interactive media and advertising**. Cost (\$30) includes presentations from leading international and Aust. speakers. **When:** Course Expo: 4.00-6.30pm, Speakers: 6.30-8.30pm, 5 May; **Where:** Hamer Hall; **Info:** www.agideas.net, contact@agideas.net, 9416 2966.

5. INTERESTED IN ENGINEERING? Engineers Australia invites you to attend their Careers Expo. **When:** 1-7pm, **Wed 29 April;** **Where:** Melbourne Town Hall (cnr Swanston & Collins St). **Cost:** Free; Find out about making a choice regarding the education and career opportunities available in engineering.

6. CONSIDERING THE DEFENCE FORCE GAP YEAR AFTER YEAR 12? Applications open on 1 May, 2009. Gaining a position is very competitive, so apply early. **Info:** www.defencejobs.com.au OR call 13 19 01.

7. FOCUS ON SOME GREAT OPTIONS AT RMIT

Textile Design: a 3-yr B. Arts degree at Brunswick with an industry focus, real time client projects and compulsory 'work integrated learning'; high employment rate, with many employers contacting RMIT direct. **Key skills gained:** computer aided design, technical print, weave and knot, business, communication, developing a folio, preparation for work (with industry trained staff). Textile designers are creative producers of design, aware of sustainability issues, trained in team work, employed in fashion, home-wares, automotive, sportswear, interior, product design, branding, forecasting. **Selection:** folio (70%) interview (30%). www.rmit.edu.au/textiledesign.

Architecture: a 3-yr B. Architectural Design degree leading to the 2-yr Master of Architecture professional qualification. Last year saw 30 applicants per place. Who is suited? Like doodling, sketching, drawing, observing, measuring, making, modelling, creating? Interested in constructing, wood or metal working? Enjoy presenting, collaborating, discussing, critiquing, thinking, problem solving, wondering? You have independence, drive, observation skills, curiosity, commitment, resilience and ambition. After five years of study you will need two years employment to satisfy ARVB registration. Employment rate is high, with many students working part-time in the field during the course. Selection is by pre-selection kit, interview and ENTER.

Communications: there are four 3-year Bachelor of Communications degrees:

Journalism: (quite high attrition after 1st yr); tough career - must be competitive. Trains for entry level jobs in multimedia - print, radio, TV, on-line. Work in news, magazines, freelance or specialist areas. Selection: ENTER (95.75, 2008)

Public Relations: graduates work in media relations, often dealing with journalists. They sometimes have corporate roles and some move up through organisations into strategic planning, working in campaigns, re-branding and in consultancy. Selection: test, interview, ENTER.

Media: graduates work in production, not reporting. They can work in radio and TV, and with cinema and documentaries. Selection: ENTER (92.90, 2008).

Professional Communication: covers the areas from the three above; students specialise later in one or two of them. Some humanities subjects are studied as well (eg literature, philosophy). Selection: ENTER (94.25, 2008).

Health: RMIT has some health-related degrees, most at Bundoora campus

Chinese Medicine: a 5-year degree, the only university degree in Victoria offering studies in both **Chinese Herbal Medicine** and **Acupuncture**.

Chiropractic: a 3-year degree plus 2-yr Master degree program (only course in Victoria); selection by ENTER and completion of a form. MUST be able to demonstrate a commitment to this method of health care.

Osteopathy: a 3-year degree plus 2-yr Master degree program (one of two courses in Victoria); selection - same as chiropractic.

Disability Studies: only degree specialising in Disability in Victoria. Support people with a disability and the community in education, policy, case management, recreation. Selection by ENTER (52.45, 2008).

Laboratory Medicine - provides a theoretical and practical foundation for employment as a medical scientist (eg pathology, medical research) (70.55, 2008)

Nursing: a 3-year degree to become a registered Division 1 nurse. Selection by ENTER (66.15 in 2008). Can also complete Division 11 nursing at RMIT TAFE.

Psychology: two 3-year degrees available, one in Applied Science, one in Social Science. Selection is by ENTER (81.95 and 86.55 in 2008).

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Interested in becoming a flight attendant? ANY STUDENTS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING AN INFORMATION SESSION WITH A JETSTAR REPRESENTATIVE ON THURSDAY 2ND APRIL SHOULD SEE MRS BIRKETT IN THE CAREERS ROOM.

Congratulations to the 18 students who completed a Safe Food Handlers Certificate on Monday 30th March.

Work experience any students interested in completing work experience should see Mrs Birkett in the careers room. All relevant paperwork must be completed before a student can begin the placement.

Need advice? Parents and students are most welcome to access the facilities in the careers room or meet with the careers adviser at any time. Please phone 8768 1060 to make an appointment.

Have a safe and happy holiday!