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REMINDERS>>>>COMING SOON

***At Monash* Seminars: Law, Nursing/midwifery/paramedics, Design, Medicine/biomedical science/nutrition/dietetics, Fine Art, Multimedia & digital art.** Book/info: Ph 9903 4758 or Valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au
www.monash.edu.au/study/events.

***Focus on Melbourne*: Commerce, Engineering, Arts, Music, Visual/Performing Arts, Science, Biomedicine, Environments;** Book: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne.

Undergrad Medicine & Health Sciences Admission Test: Reg'n by 5 June; Test: 29 July

Medical Lab visits: 6-10 July; www.rmit.edu.au/medical-sciences/lab-visits

Engineering at RMIT days: 30 June, 1 July, 9 July;
www.rmit.edu.au/sece/experience; www.rmit.edu.au/aero-mech.

1. TAFE FEES UPDATE - The Victorian Government has announced changes to TAFE education under the **Jobs for Your Future: Skills for Victoria** reforms, taking effect from 1 July, 2009. Changes coincide with the Commonwealth government decision to allow TAFE students to access a **loan scheme** similar to the Higher Education FEE-HELP scheme. It is expected that the **VET FEE-HELP scheme** will allow students in some TAFE programs (including diplomas and advanced diplomas) to defer payment of fees. Students who **commenced their program before 1 July 2009** will **continue** under the existing fee structure till they complete their studies, withdraw, or until the deadline of December 2012. Fees for **students enrolling from 1 July, 2009** will vary according to the **level of qualification** in which they enrol. Courses will be offered at the following levels: **foundation, skills creation (Cert's 1 & 11), apprenticeships and traineeships, skills building (Cert's 111 & 1V) and skills deepening (diplomas and advanced diplomas)**. It is expected that fees for skills building courses will be about \$1,000pa in 2010 and about \$2,000pa for skills deepening courses.

2. INTERESTED IN AVIATION? The Young Eagles program, an initiative of the Royal Victorian Aero Club, introduces young people to the world of aviation. It provides a meaningful flight experience for students aged 12-17 who see their future in aviation. Spend a Sunday morning at Moorabbin Airport and experience a free 20-30 minute scenic flight around Melbourne.

organisations sponsor three Mobil Aviation Scholarships. They are open to those aged 17 to 25. Application forms are only available in person from the Royal Victorian Aero Club, First Avenue, Moorabbin Airport, Mentone (ph 9580 0088) or Coldstream Airfield, Kilara Rd, Coldstream (ph 9739 1406); Info: www.flyingtraining.com.au; Applications close 31 July.

3. NEED HELP WITH YOUR FOLIO? La Trobe Uni is offering an intensive but enjoyable two-day folio preparation program for 11 & 12 students wishing to enter university. On completion you will have the skills required to build an impressive professional portfolio, and be able to approach a university pre-selection interview with confidence. The workshop targets studio arts, fine art, media studies and graphic communication students. **When:** 29-30 June; **Where:** La Trobe Uni, Bendigo campus; **Cost:** \$165 (incl Monday lunch & dinner, Tues breakfast and lunch and accommodation at Koolamurt Scout Camp, Retreat Rd, Spring Gully and transport from there to La Trobe); **Application form:** www.latrobe.edu.au/visualarts/folioworkshop/.

4. CHECK OUT LA TROBE - by attending 'Experience La Trobe' holiday program. **When:** 30 June (Bundoora), 3 July (Albury-Wodonga), 7 July (Bendigo). Choose three hands-on workshops from over 40 sessions; take a tour; stay the night at the campus if you wish. A great way for Yr 10-12's and families to check out the University; **register** attendance/obtain details at www.latrobe.edu.au/experience; **enquiries:** 1300 135 045.

5. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS - Implementation of the Melbourne Model curriculum redesign continues in 2010 with a choice of one of six new generation degrees (arts, biomedicine, commerce, environments, music and science), one of the continuing degrees (agriculture, dance, dramatic art, environmental horticulture, film and & TV, fine art, music performance, music theatre and production) or the last intake for arts (media and communication), engineering, oral health and vet science (non-school leavers only). Physiotherapy, dental science and optometry had their last intakes this year. More info: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/ugrad/ www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/ugrad/. Students wanting to read news and information go to: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/school/aust.html.

ESPECIALLY FOR YEAR 12'S.....

6. WHAT IF I DON'T GET A HIGH ENOUGH ENTER? Year 12 students who miss out on a university place have a number of options. One option is to study a diploma at **Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology (MIBT)**. Upon successful completion students are eligible for a place in second year of a Deakin University degree program (conditions apply). There are courses in commerce, computing, engineering, health sciences, management, media and communication and science. MIBT is located at Deakin Melbourne campus in Burwood and Geelong at Waurn Ponds. For information: www.mibt.vic.edu.au. In addition, Monash University offers a similar option at **Monash College** with courses in art & design, arts, business, engineering and IT - see www.monash.edu.au/monashcollege; there are various **TAFE options** which can lead on to university study if desired; some **independent colleges** offers courses as well. Check these out in the careers room.

7. GAP YEAR UPDATE - Due to the popularity of the Australian Defence Force Gap Year (following Year 12), the application process has changed and improved. This year you apply online; applications **open 1 May** and run **till 3 Sept**, and a fairer application process has been developed. The selection model will not be 'first-in first-served', but all candidates will be assessed for suitability. However, it is still wise to apply early. For information go to www.defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear.

8. WOULD YOU LIKE TO STUDY IN QUEENSLAND? Bond, a private University (Gold Coast), is offering full-fee/part-fee scholarships to Australia's best and brightest. They are designed to reward/encourage Year 12 students who excel in academics, leadership and/or community service. To learn more attend an info. session. **When:** 7pm for 7.15pm start, Tues 16 June; **Where:** Novotel, 270 Collins St, Melbourne; **Register:** www.bond.edu.au/events; **Info:** Ph. 07 55 95 1067 scholarships@bond.edu.au.

9. LA TROBE LAUNCHES NEW DEGREES IN MARKETING AND HRM - These new programs will provide those considering a career in the dynamic and expanding area of **marketing or human resource management** with the competitive edge needed in today's global business economy. The degrees include international experience (an international study tour is offered with both programs) and a marketing/HRM practicum subject (to develop work-integrated learning). Career prospects (marketing): marketing communication, e-commerce and e-marketing, market research, international

Marketing, advertising and public relations, human resource management, employee relations/industrial relations, compensation and benefits, recruiting and training.

10. The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) trains imaginative, dynamic, creative and talented people for careers in film and television. An information evening about full-time courses in Acting, Design, Production, Production Crafts (Costume or Properties), Scenery Construction, Music Theatre, Directing, Movement Studies and Voice Studies. To register for the event (to be held on 9th June 2009 at ACMI, Federation Square Melbourne from 7.30pm) visit www.nida.edu.au/info-evening

11. All Berwick Secondary College students have the opportunity to undertake a Level 1 Barrista course at the Melbourne Coffee School on Thursday 25th June. The cost is \$55 which also includes a certificate and DVD.

On Tuesday 12th May students in Year 8, 11 and 12 Design and Technology - Metal classes visited AUSTECH—Australia's Premier Advanced Manufacturing and Machine



Tool Exhibition at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. Students learnt more about career and pathway opportunities in the manufacturing and metal work industries.

NEED MORE ADVICE? Please contact the Careers Centre on 8768 1060 if you would like to make an appointment to discuss anything related to pathways planning, employment opportunities, work experience, apprenticeships or leaving school.