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This is Career Newsletter #10 for 2009!!!

1. OPEN DAYS THIS TERM!

Attending university and TAFE Open Days is a great way to find out about them. Here are some dates (most are from 10am-4pm):

Sat 1 Aug - **Monash Uni** (Berwick, Gippsland, Parkville and Peninsula campuses)
 Sun 2 Aug - **Monash Uni** (Caulfield and Clayton campuses)
 Sun 9 Aug - **Deakin Uni** (Geelong); **RMIT Uni/TAFE**; **Gordon TAFE**; **Victoria Uni/TAFE** (Footscray); **William Angliss TAFE**
 Sat 15 Aug - **Holmesglen TAFE**
 Sun 16 Aug - **Aust Catholic Uni** (Melbourne); **Deakin Uni** (Warrnambool); **La Trobe Uni** (Bendigo) **Swinburne Uni/TAFE**; **Melbourne Uni**, **Sunraysia TAFE** (Swan Hill)
 Sun 23 Aug - **Box Hill TAFE**; **Deakin Uni** (Melb); **La Trobe Uni** (Albury/Wodonga)
 Sun 30 Aug - **Australian Catholic Uni** (Ballarat); **Ballarat Uni**; **LaTrobe Uni** (Bundoora)

2. HOW DO I GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAYS?

Try the following:

Collect an Open Day **timetable** beforehand - from the careers room or university/TAFE websites (eg www.monash.edu.au/openday). Often lectures/information sessions are held on Open Days - be there at the correct time.

Allow **sufficient time** for your visit; two hours or so would be wise.

Speak to **staff** about courses that interest you. Write your **questions** beforehand.

Speak to **students** studying courses that interest you to get their perspective.

Collect **information/brochures**.

Does the course that interests you offer **industry placements** or work experience?

Are there **international study** opportunities with your course?

Consider **transport** issues; is the campus you are considering accessible from where you live? How long will it take to travel there? Will you need accommodation?

Check out the **environment** where you will be studying; would you be happy studying there for three or four years?

lower. They also often offer more personal assistance, accommodation on site, and a different lifestyle which will suit some students.

Be aware that if you plan to apply for a course involving an **interview/folio presentation** as part of the application process (eg design courses) you may well be asked what you found of interest about the course at Open Day. Attendance, therefore, is vital.

3. OPEN DAY AT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

Melbourne University has created a **registration section on their website** which will generate a customised itinerary for your Open Day visit. The page is available at www.openday.unimelb.edu.au.

4. YEAR 10 STUDENTS PLANNING FOR 2010

The 'Herald Sun' and 'Age' will have Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) **Tertiary Entry Supplements** in their **Monday 27 July** editions, including lists of prerequisites for courses in 2012 at TAFE's, universities and independent colleges, and lots of other information. A great resource.

5. CAREERS EXPO AT EASTLAND

For those in the eastern suburbs, the Eastland Careers Expo is a great chance to meet staff from universities, TAFE's, defence forces, employer groups, group training, etc., and collect information. **When:** 6-8.30pm, Tues 28 July; **Where:** Eastland Shopping Centre.

6. WANT TO WORK IN ADVERTISING?

RMIT Careers Day will provide a realistic, up-to-date overview of the industry and employment opportunities. Find out about branding and strategy, creative advertising, production and study options. **When:** 10am-3.30pm, Sat 22 August; **Where:** RMIT Building 108, Level 9, Lecture Theatre 16, 239 Bourke St, Melbourne; **Cost:** \$55 (incl refreshments and light lunch); **Info:** Jenny Tserkezidis: jenny.tserkezidis@rmit.edu.au, ph 9925 5658; **Registration forms** in careers room; www.rmit.edu.au/bus/events/careers/ad.

7. INTERESTED IN PUBLIC RELATIONS?

RMIT is holding a careers day for anyone interested in PR. Find out about consultancy, corporate PR, new media, event management and study options. **When:** 10am-3.30pm, Sat 5 Sept; **Where:** RMIT Bld 108, Level 9, Lecture Theatre 16, 239 Bourke St, Melbourne; **Cost:** \$55 incl. refreshments and light lunch; **Info:** Jenny Tserkezidis, ph 9925 5658, jenny.tserkezidis@rmit.edu.au; www.rmit.edu.au/bus/events/careers/pr; **Registration forms** in Careers Room.

8. MEDICINE - UNIVERSITIES OF NEWCASTLE AND NEW ENGLAND

Many medicine applicants apply for interstate universities as well as in their own state. Your state of residence doesn't give priority for a place. The **Bachelor of Medicine - Joint Medical Program (JMP)** is offered by the Universities of Newcastle and of New England in NSW (candidates select the site at which they prefer to enrol). The application process includes an on-line direct university application which must be submitted by **5.00pm on 30 Sept, 2009** (applications open in August). For details see www.newcastle.edu.au/jmp/enrolments/applicationprocess.html.

9. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2010

Universities and TAFE's offer scholarships to assist students. Monash has published '**Coursework Scholarships 2010 Guide**'. You can collect a copy from the careers room or access information at www.monash.edu/access.

10. WANT TO GET INTO INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY?

Then go to the ICT & Careers Expo. From film, to finance to pharmaceuticals, employers are looking for people with the right ICT skills. Technology is everywhere, and so are careers in Information and Communications Technology. **When:** 10am - 3pm, Sat 1 Aug; **Where:** Melbourne High School, South Yarra; **Information/tickets** (free): www.ictweek.vitta.org.au.

11. WANT TO BE A DIETITIAN?

Monash is the only Victorian uni. offering the **Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics**. However, students who complete Deakin University's **B. Food Science and Nutrition** with relevant elective subjects or the **B. Health Sciences** with major studies in food studies and nutrition, plus relevant elective units are eligible to apply for entry into the 18-month **Master of Dietetics at Deakin**, another way of qualifying as a dietitian (see www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs; www.daa.asn.au).

12. BE IN THE KNOW WITH DEAKIN AND MONASH

During years 11 and 12 students can 'stay in the know' with Deakin and Monash Universities by subscribing to their VCE Newsletters. Hear about courses, careers, scholarships, etc. Register to receive them at future-students@deakin.edu.au and www.monash.edu.au/enews.

13. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme offers scholarships for the start of the 2010 academic year (up to \$15,000 p.a. for full time study) for students studying in the **health field at university and TAFE**. See: www.rcna.org.au for details/applications.

14. Defence Force Recruiting will conduct an information session specifically focusing on the Australian Defence Force Academy. This session is open to all those students and parents wanting to learn more about ADFA and the opportunities available to them. Details are as follows:

ADFA Information Session

Wednesday 29th July

Commencing at 6.30pm

Held at Defence Force Recruiting Melbourne
Level 14 / 501 Swanston Street
Melbourne.

Students interested in attending need to call 13 19 01 to register for the session as positions are limited.

15. New BSc Major in Developmental Biology at Monash University

The Department of Anatomy and Developmental Biology now offers a major sequence in developmental biology for Bachelor of Science students. These units can also be taken as electives by Bachelor of Biomedical Science students. Details of the programme and individual units can be found at www.med.monash.edu.au/anatomy/dev-units/

16. RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL

Berwick Secondary College students have the opportunity to complete Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) training at the school on Tuesday 8th September 2009. Cost is \$35. Students should register their interest with Mrs Birkett in the Careers Centre promptly as places will fill quickly.

17. VTAC PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Berwick Secondary College will host a parent information evening regarding the Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre application process. All students intending on making an application for tertiary education are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday 3rd August
6.45pm for a 7.00pm start
Berwick Secondary College
Performing Arts Centre

See Mrs Birkett in the Careers Centre for more information.