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REMINDERS>>>>>COMING SOON

Open Days -

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); Bal-**

1. MUSIC INFORMATION EVENING AT MONASH -

The Monash University School of Music will hold an information evening for prospective students and teachers. **Topics include:** the range of degrees, entry criteria, selection procedures and audition requirements. Lecturers from specialist areas will attend.

Info/Bookings: 9905 3231 or music@arts.monash.edu.au.

2. ELITE STUDENT ATHLETE & PERFORMERS SUPPORT PROGRAMS -

Monash Sport offers a program supporting **student athletes**, helping them under-take higher education while continuing to train and participate in sport at an elite level. **Offers:** course advice, faculty support, access sporting facilities and sometimes financial help (www.sport.monash.edu.au/sportsprograms/athlete-support.html).

Australian Catholic University (ACU) caters for students who are also pursuing **athletic goals** during their formal academic studies. The university will consider admitting a limited number of students who have **outstanding sporting or appropriate recreational or vocational performance** but do not meet the usual entry criteria (see: www.acu.edu.au/eliteathletes).

Melbourne University is committed to working with students who are **elite athletes or performers** to facilitate progress in their studies concurrently with their participation in sporting or other activities www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/elite.html

3. COURSE SEARCH AT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY -

The university has developed **Course Search**, a site where you can search career/course options. Check it out at: <http://coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au>.

4. WANT TO HEAR KEVIN SHEEDY? Kevin, football player and coach over five decades, will present a lecture at the **Swinburne Lilydale** campus on Open Day which will focus on his exceptional career on and off the field, while sharing life skills that have helped him achieve his goals. **When:** 1-2pm, Sun 16 Aug; **Where:** Lecture Theatre LC226 Building LC; **Register to attend** by 11 Aug; Shaun 9215 7199, shaundouglas@swin.edu.au.

5. EXPERIENCE RESEARCH EXCELLENCE - Add to your studies by attending a public lecture and find out about research impacts. **Topic/time/venue:** 1. **Towards two billion cars: transforming cars, fuel and mobility**, 6-7pm, Thurs 20 Aug, State Library; 2. **The American Drug Court movement: A personal journey**, 6-7.30pm, Mon 24 Aug, Monash Uni Law Chambers, Melbourne; 3. **Forecasting our Future: Climate change and air quality**, 6.15-7.15pm, Thurs 27 Aug, State Library; 4. **Intelligent life is common in the universe**, 6-7pm, Thurs 27 Aug, Monash University, Clayton. **Info/register:** www.monash.edu/researchmatters.

6. MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO THE ENVIRONMENT

- Do you know that RMIT University is one of Australia's first Fair-Trade universities with industry links in green careers? RMIT runs a range of programs focusing on environmental, sustainability and social responsibility issues. To find out more, go to RMIT Open day on Sun 9 Aug. There will be information sessions (12 noon and 2pm), displays and detailed program information. **Info:** www.rmit.edu.au/penday.

7. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION DAYS -

RMIT International Services is hosting three half-day sessions for international students. Representatives from a range of areas will be available to answer questions. Find out about entrance requirements, folio preparation, career paths, pathway options, RMIT services, students visa information, study abroad and student exchange. **Where:** Info Corner, 330 Swanston St, 12.30-4.30pm; **When:** Wed 9 Sept (IT), Thurs 10 Sept (Engineering), Thurs 27 Sept (Art, design and communication); **Info:** Joseph Dao, 9925 5171, joseph.dao@rmit.edu.au.

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8. APPLYING FOR COURSES FOR 2010 - VTAC Guide 2010, giving details of courses and how to apply, is now available. Applications open on-line on **Mon 3 August** and close **Wed 30 September**. The processing fee is \$23 if you pay by credit card or \$31 if you have an invoice sent. You can apply after 30 Sept but it will cost \$82. You can apply for up to 12 courses, placed in order of most preferred to least preferred. Be sure to read the Selection Mode and Extra Requirements for any course for which you apply. You can change your preferences after you receive your results on 14 Dec (till 21 Dec).

9. SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME - Check out the Special Entry Access Scheme (**SEAS**) administered by VTAC to see if any of the 10 categories apply to you (mature age, non-English speaking background, indigenous Australian, family circumstances, socio-economic background, rural/isolated, under-represented schools, women/men in under-represented disciplines, disability or medical condition, refugee).

10. SCHOLARSHIPS - VTAC publishes **A Guide to University Scholarships** (copies in careers room). There are institutional Access and Equity Scholarships, Commonwealth Scholarships and Merit Scholarships. Applications close on 30 October 2009.

11. SWINBURNE PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION SESSIONS Transition to tertiary education is a big step for students and parents. These sessions will give a **parent's perspective** on the transition from school to tertiary study, a **student's perspective** on going to further study, information about **entry, fees, scholarships, pathways**, and a chance to ask **questions**. **Where/when** (all 6.30-7.30pm): **Wed 2 Sept**, Swinburne Hawthorn (TD building, room 121); **Wed 16 Sept**, Swinburne Lilydale (Council Room, LA building) (also sessions at Shepparton and Sale). **Info/reg'n:** www.swinburne.edu.au/openday/parents-information-evening.

12. LIKE A SCHOLARSHIP IN 2010? The Institute of **Quantity Surveyors** is offering twenty \$3,000 scholarships for first year students in accredited **quantity surveying courses**. What do they do? They work as part of a team of advisers **estimating and monitoring construction costs**. After construction they may be involved with tax depreciation, replacement cost estimation for insurance purposes and, if necessary, mediation and arbitration. Information on the program and about cadetships is at www.aiqs.com.au/Publications/QuickDownloads/AIQS%20Scholarship%202009.pdf and at www.aiqs.com.au/Publications/QuickDownloads/AIQS%20Cadetship%202009.pdf. Information can also be found at: www.aiqs.com.au.

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YEAR 9 STUDENTS TRY A TRADE

On Wednesday 5th August 47 Year 9 students from Berwick Secondary College participated in the South East Local Learning and Employment Network (SE LLEN) Try A Trade event at Acoonah Park.

Students were able to gain a practical insight into trades such as plumbing, tiling, hospitality, plastering, bricklaying, hair and beauty and animal studies. This event proved valuable in assisting students to make pathway choices for Year 10.



Year 9 student Jack McCormick tries bricklaying with a representative from Chisholm Institute of TAFE.

Important Dates:

VTAC information evening
Monday 3rd August 2009
7.00pm in the Performing Arts Centre

Year 10—11 information evening
Monday 10th August 2009
7.00pm in the Performing Arts Centre

Year 9—10 information evening
Monday 17th August 2009
7.00pm in the Performing Arts Centre

If you would like any assistance with subject selection, pathway planning, VTAC applications or work experience please call 8768 1060 to make an appointment.