Reminders:

- ‘INSIDE MONASH’ UNIVERSITY SEMINARS – Final seminars in the series: Science - August 24; Teaching - September 13; Details and bookings: www.monash.edu/inside-monash
- YEAR 12 VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC) applications are open; timely applications close 29 Sept (see www.vtac.edu.au)
- MONASH ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (MADA) WORKSHOPS - 26 & 27 Sept, MADA (Caulfield campus) for Year 11 & 12’s; Bookings: www.monash.edu/mada/workshops.

REMAINING OPEN DAY DATES:

- Sun 14 Aug – Australian Catholic University (Melbourne), La Trobe University (Bendigo); RMIT University; William Angliss Institute
- Sun 21 Aug – Box Hill (Lilydale campus); Deakin University (Waterfront & Waurn Ponds); University of Melbourne; Monash (Parkville)
- Sun 28 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Box Hill Institute (Box Hill); Deakin University (Burwood); Federation University; Victoria University (Footscray campus)

YEAR 10 AND 11 NEWS – For students in Year 10 who will enter VCE next year and for Year 11 students considering subjects for 2017, go to www.vtac.edu.au and then find Explore Course Options under the heading Search for Courses. You will be able to enter an entire proposed VCE program and discover what tertiary courses are available to you (ie courses for which you have the prerequisite VCE subjects) or find out whether you need a particular VCE subject for a course you are considering. ALL YEAR 10 and 11 students are advised to use this EXCELLENT facility.

NEW SELECTION TEST INTO TEACHING COURSES – The Commonwealth Government now requires all students undertaking Initial Teacher Education courses in Australia to pass a literacy and numeracy test in order to obtain their degree. These tests will ensure all new teachers have the literacy and numeracy skills required to meet the demands of teaching. Information and sample questions: www.studentsfirst.gov.au/teacher-quality.

CAREERS IN PSYCHOLOGY SEMINAR – Interested in studying psychology at university? Would you like to find out about specialist areas of psychology? Each year the Student Committee of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) runs a careers seminar for aspiring psychologists. This is an opportunity for you to get your questions answered. When: 6.00-9.00pm, Wed 24 August; Where: Cathedral Hall, Australian Catholic University (ACU), 20 Brunswick St, Fitzroy. For more information and to register your attendance: www.psychology.org.au/Events/EventView.aspx?ID=16940.
LOTS OF YEAR 12 NEWS -
You are reminded that applications for courses for 2017 are now open on the VTAC website. You will need your VCAA student number to create an account, the first step in the application process. **Timely applications close on 29 September** (cost $32.00). Late applications cost $100.00. **Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) applications** are also open and can be completed following a VTAC course application (close 4 October). **Scholarship applications** done through VTAC **close on 14 October**. You can change your VTAC course application as much as you wish at no extra charge.

- **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS FOR YEAR 12s**
  - **HOW CAN I ACCESS THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE?** Students from a rural or isolated area or who have a disadvantaged financial background could be eligible for a guaranteed place at Melbourne by applying through ACCESS MELBOURNE – even if your ATAR is below the Clearly-in Rank. **Eligibility checklist:**
    - student must have completed an Australian Year 12 (or IB) in 2016
    - student is eligible for consideration in one or both of the categories ‘disadvantaged financial background’ and ‘from a rural or isolated area’
    - the student satisfies the prerequisite subjects for their chosen course
    - achieved an ATAR or notional ATAR of 78 or more for Design or Science, 80 or more for Arts, 88 or more for Commerce and 95 or more for Biomedicine.
  
  See: [https://futuresstudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/access_melbourne_and_equity_programs](https://futuresstudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/access_melbourne_and_equity_programs)

  - **DO YOU HAVE AN AUDITION COMING UP?** The Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) and the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music (MCM) offer Audition Preparation Workshops that will break down the audition process and equip you with information needed to succeed. These are practical sessions designed to provide you with the techniques and confidence to present yourself in the best light. Workshops are one or two day intensives and registrations are now open. **Available in:** dance, jazz improvisation, music theatre and theatre. **Go to:** [BOOK NOW](#)

- **MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS -**
  - **WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE BERWICK CAMPUS OF MONASH?** Monash has announced that it is closing its campus at Berwick. The good news is that it will taken over by Federation University (pending government approvals). **Federation University** is a combination of the former University of Ballarat and the former Gippsland campus of Monash University at Churchill. Federation University will offer 15 degree programs at Berwick in 2017 in the fields of business, education, nursing, IT and science. **NOTE:** Monash students enrolled at Berwick will continue to be taught by Monash staff and, subject to meeting the normal requirements, graduate with a Monash degree. Some Monash students may remain at Berwick in 2017, while others will transfer to Peninsula and Clayton campuses to complete their courses.
MONASH GUARANTEE NEW CATEGORY – As mentioned previously, Monash University offers guaranteed places in certain circumstances relating to where your school is located and to your financial circumstances. You will now be eligible for a guaranteed place at Monash if:
- you live in a low socio-economic area or
- your school is a Monash under-represented school or
- you have experienced financial disadvantage or
- you are an Indigenous Australian.
You can enter your address into the Monash online calculator to find out if you qualify. See: www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/the-monash-guarantee.

MONASH SCHOLARSHIPS – With Monash’s scholarship programs, students can access a range of services and financial assistance.
- Merit scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement and have both financial and academic benefits. There is no application requirement as it is granted on the ATAR achieved, however, students must have Monash listed as at least one VTAC preference to be considered.
- Equity scholarships are intended for those who identify as Indigenous Australian or Torres Strait Islander, or are currently experiencing financial hardships or disadvantage. Students must submit an application for equity scholarships through VTAC, along with necessary supporting documentation. Applications close on 14 October. See: www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships.
For a comprehensive list and details: www.monash.edu.au/scholarships.

MONASH PATHWAYS – Pathway courses allow students who may not reach the required ATAR or meet prerequisites, to gain entry into Monash. The Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS) and the Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE) are both equivalent to the first year of a university undergraduate degree and allow students to transition to the second year of their destination degree. Apply through VTAC. In addition, you must submit a Monash University Supplementary Information Form by 31 December.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY’S HALLMARK PROGRAM - Due to recent changes made to the hallmark program, individual hallmark courses will no longer be made available through the VTAC system. The hallmark program is now exclusive to students who receive the Vice Chancellor’s Excellence Scholarship. Students who have studied their first year at La Trobe who achieve at least a 75% Weighted Average Mark (WAM) also have the opportunity to apply for the hallmark program to commence in their second year of study. For more information see: www.latrobe.edu.au/hallmark.

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