WARRANTY HIGH SCHOOL
CAREER NEWS – March, 2013.

WELCOME!

This is the first Career Newsletter for 2013…more will follow monthly or as information becomes available. Hopefully you find them helpful as you try to decide on a career, and in deciding where you will study once you finish school. Reading the newsletters will help you keep in touch with new courses, career seminars, Career Expos, Open Days and information about selected careers. Take a few minutes to read them each edition, and plan to attend events that will assist you in your career decision making.

REMINDEERS:

- Sun 17 March – Uni of Melbourne Veterinary Science Open Day (Werribee)
- Early April – registrations for the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) open for Monash medicine and physiotherapy applicants (and some interstate courses)

1. HOW DO I CHOOSE A CAREER?

Think about your interests, hobbies, abilities and values. What do you enjoy doing? How do you spend your spare time? What are you good at? What subjects do you enjoy at school? What is important to you? Thinking about and answering these questions will start giving you some clues. REMEMBER: You are likely to have several careers in your lifetime…so only think in terms of the next five years or so.

Think also about the type of study you would like to be involved in after completing school. For example, would you like to earn money while you qualify? Are you good with practical things? In that case, consider an apprenticeship or traineeship (eg to become a carpenter or hairdresser).

Would you like to study a subject(s) in depth and at a high level for 3 or 4 years? In that case, consider a university degree (eg to become an accountant or a nurse or teacher).

Would you like to study for a year or so? In that case consider a TAFE certificate or diploma (eg in childcare or hospitality). Remember, this is only a start. You can often move (artificially) from TAFE to university, gaining credits as you go. Conversely, some university degree holders later study at TAFE (NOTE: government won’t fund qualifications at the same or lower level than you already have; eg, if you have a university degree, the government will not assist with the cost of a TAFE diploma).

2. HOW DO I OBTAIN CAREERS INFORMATION?

There are many useful sources:
- General careers websites (see Item 3)
- University and TAFE websites
- University seminars (eg ‘At Monash’ seminar series – details later in the year)
- School career counsellor
- Pamphlets and booklets available at Careers Office
- This career newsletter; attend relevant events
- University and TAFE Open Days (generally in August)
- Career Expos – eg ‘The Age’ has one 3-5 May with education providers represented; local career expos, eg Eastland on 6 August
- Friends and relatives are often a useful source

OPEN DAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (10am – 4pm):

- Sat 3 Aug – Monash Uni (Berwick, Gippsland, Parkville, Peninsula campuses)
- Sun 4 Aug – Deakin Uni (Warrnambool); Monash Uni (Caulfield, Clayton); Swinburne (Hawthorn)
- Sun 11 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (Melbourne);
  Deakin (Geelong); RMIT
- Sun 18 Aug – La Trobe Uni (Bendigo); Melbourne Uni (Parkville & Southbank - VCA);
- Sun 25 Aug – ACU (Ballarat);
  Ballarat Uni; Box Hill Institute: Deakin (Burwood); La Trobe (Bundoora);
  Victoria Uni; William Angliss Inst.
- Sun 1 Sept – La Trobe (Albury/Wodonga)

Note: Holmesglen has as Open Day every third Wednesday of the month; visit on your way home from school or during the day; see www.holmesglen.edu.au/showcase/events/open_wednesdays

3. SOME GREAT CAREERS WEBSITES TO EXPLORE

There are many useful sites; however the following are a good start:

- for help with developing your own career plan go to www.myfuture.gov.au
- to find out about job opportunities, pay, job outlook for a particular job/career go to http://jobsearch.gov.au
- find out about a particular job, what it involves, the kind of person you need to be to suit it, and how you can get qualified by going to www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au
- ‘Career Architect’ on the La Trobe university website considers your personality style along with your strengths and talents to recommend the right job and courses for you at: www.latrobe.edu.au/all-ways/find-your-career
  (there are many instruments available)
- For comparing degrees and universities see www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com, a web-site with info direct from university students about universities throughout Australia.
4. WANT A HEAD START IN FINDING YOUR IDEAL COURSE?

Explore your options early by attending the ‘At Monash Seminars’ to hear from current students, graduates and staff. Gain an overview of the university experience, courses, and careers. What, when and where?

- Arts (Humanities/social sciences): Wed 22 May (Clayton)
- Business & economics: Wed 13 Mar (Clayton)
- Science: Thurs 14 Mar (Clayton)
- Physiotherapy and occupational therapy: Tues 19 Mar (Peninsula)
- Information technology: Wed 20 Mar (Caulfield)
- Pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences: Thurs 21 Mar (Parkville)
- Design and fine art: Wed 17 April (Caulfield)
- Psychology: Thurs 18 April (Clayton)
- Law: Wed 1 May (Clayton)
- Health science and social work: Tues 7 May (Caulfield)
- Teaching, sport and outdoor recreation: Wed 8 May (Peninsula), Thurs 27 June (Clayton)
- Medicine: Mon 13 May (Clayton)
- Education and nursing: Tues 21 May (Berwick)
- Biomedical science, radiography, and nutrition and dietetics: Wed 29 May (Clayton)
- Engineering: Thurs 30 May (Clayton)
- Performing arts and music: Tues 20 Aug (Clayton)

All seminars: 6.30-8.00pm; Information/registration (essential):
Call 1800 MONASH or www.monash.edu/seminars. Places are limited.

5. FOLIO PREPARATION AND CAREER DISCOVERY COURSES

RMIT runs short courses which can improve your skills, help with career decisions and prepare you for future portfolio presentations. They cover areas like: architectural drawing, 3D product design, AutoCAD, drawing, fashion, studio textiles, design jobs, visual/fine art, desktop publishing, graphic design, advertising, interior decoration, visual merchandising.

Contact: Ph 9925 8111 or see www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au. Some courses are on Saturdays, others in school holidays.

6. MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS – MUSIC SCHOOL

Monash is soon to have a new state-of-the-art building to house the Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music. In addition to teaching and practise spaces, it will include a concert hall, jazz club and a recording studio. The building will offer world-class facilities, and will be a fusion of elegant design and high technology infra-structure, reflecting the philosophy underlying the School of Music, which seeks to inspire its students with an experience of music’s power to transform lives. Other news is the addition of a subject: “Song writing: how to write a pop tune”, including weekly lectures focusing on popular composition and creative writing. For info. and to see a virtual image of the new building: http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/music.


NOTE: The University of Melbourne also offers actuarial studies in its Bachelor of Commerce. If you plan to study actuarial studies you are advised to take specialist maths in Year 12.

7. WANT TO STUDY MEDICINE OR PHYSIOTHERAPY AT MONASH UNIVERSITY IN 2014?

If so, you will need to complete the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT). Applications to complete the test open in April, and close on at 5pm on 7 June. The test is on 31 July. (The UMAT is required for some interstate universities as well). NOTE: the other three medical schools at Victorian universities are all post-graduate (Melbourne, Monash (Gippsland) and Deakin (Geelong)).

8. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS.

First preference applications for the University’s Arts and Science degrees were the most popular courses in Victoria in the 2013 course applications. The courses received 2829 and 2365 first preferences respectively. Commerce was fourth with 1421 first preferences. The clearly-in ATAR for Arts was 91.4, for Science, 91.95, and for Commerce, 95.00.

NOTE: Clearly-In figures do not take account of the fact that some students are offered places in courses with less than that for reasons such as disability, non-English speaking background, personal circumstances and so on, or because they performed particularly well in a relevant subject. It means that anyone who gained the clearly-in ATAR, or more, was definitely offered a place.

Melbourne has its’ annual Veterinary Science and Hospital Open Day at the Werribee campus on Sunday 17 March. If you would like to find out more about studying veterinary science, then attendance is a must (details later). NOTE: Melbourne is the only university in Victoria with a veterinary science degree (it’s post-graduate). Very competitive.

ENGINEERS CAREERS EXPO

Engineers Australia has an Expo providing interactive workshops, over 80 exhibitors, presentations and advice from leaders in the engineering profession.

When: 11am-7pm, Thurs 21 Mar; Where: Etihad stadium; Info: www.engineeringexpo.org.au; OR: Sarah on 9321 1703, scooke@engineersaustralia.org.au.
9. INTERESTED IN SOUND, LIGHTING AND VIDEO OPERATION FOR LIVE EVENTS?
Then RMIT’s Cert IV/Diploma in Audio-Visual Technology may suit. Graduates are sought after for work in: AV operation for live events, broadcast TV and radio, education AV support, lighting operation, permanent AV design and installation and vision operation. Technically minded? Love jumping into active productions or school events? You will probably enjoy this course. Selection is based on interview. Completing VET Music Industry or Live production, theatre and events is good background. Info: simon.embury@rmit.edu.au, ph 9925 4345, www.rmit.edu.au/mediacommunication.

10. CONSIDERED COMPLETING A PRE-APPRENTICESHIP?
Pre apprenticeship courses are offered in areas like plumbing, electrical, carpentry and automotive. Completed before attempting to gain an apprenticeship, they cover some modules normally covered in the apprenticeship. They usually take about four months and assist students gaining an apprenticeship, with many employers expecting applicants to have done one. They can be done at TAFE, or are sometimes offered (at least in part) in VET courses in school (eg VET Building and Construction).

11. OPEN DAY FOR VETERINARY SCIENCE.
The University of Melbourne’s Veterinary Science and Hospital has its’ annual Open Day from 10am to 3pm, Sunday 17 March; Where: 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee; Info: www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday. Step behind the scenes at the veterinary hospital and tour the facilities; discover a range of animals, attend lectures and see displays; speak to staff and students. Course and career advice will be available throughout the day. Prospective students and parents will learn about the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine graduate program. Veterinary and community groups will provide information on pet care and other special interests.

12. EXPLORE COURSES AND CAREERS AT RMIT.
Back by popular demand in 2013, is a range of ‘Experience Day’ holiday programs for Year 10-12 students. Get a hands-on and interactive experience of courses on offer at RMIT, and find out about careers in accounting, engineering, fashion, justice, medical sciences, media, advertising, environment, IT, and art and design. To register interest and to be notified when events are on go to: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays.

13. WANT ADVICE FROM SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OR TAFE?
Appointments are now available for secondary students throughout the year. You can book a time that suits you to meet a course advisor face to face, receive course advice, ask questions and receive application assistance. Info: www.swinburne.edu.au/study-at-swinburne/events/

14. MONASH ARTS Launches facebook page
This page provides VCE students with a chance to learn about studying at Monash in an environment where you feel at home. Features: current students describing experiences; staff providing insights into their study areas. ‘Liking’ the Monash page is a great way to begin to get a feel for university life and to ask questions. See: www.facebook.com/MonashArts

15. WHERE CAN I STUDY FASHION?
Wanting to study fashion? There are many courses to consider, with University, TAFE and private providers offering qualifications. RMIT university (City) offers a 4-year Bachelor of Design (Fashion). Of the 2012 Year 12 students who applied for this course, 63 were offered a place (ie very competitive). Another 41 non-Year 12s were also offered a place. RMIT TAFE (Brunswick) also offers the 2-year Associate Degree in Fashion Design and Technology, and courses in fashion merchandising. Many aspiring fashion designers complete a TAFE course first, a great way to start your training. Box Hill Institute, The Gordon (Geelong), Holmesglen (City), Kangan (Richmond) and RMIT TAFE (Brunswick) offer various diploma courses such as Cert IV, the diploma and the advanced diploma in Applied Fashion Design and Technology. Holmesglen also offers the 3-year Bachelor of Fashion (Apparel Engineering and Design), and Box Hill the Bachelor of Fashion Design. Private colleges: Whitehouse Institute of Design (City) offers a 3-year Bachelor of Design (Fashion), Billy Blue College of Design (City) offers the 3-year Bachelor of Applied Design (Branded Fashion), Holmes Institute (City) offers the Bachelor of Fashion and Business, while the Australian Academy of Design (Port Melb) offers the Bachelor of Design Arts (Fashion Design). Also on offer is the 1-year Diploma of Costume for Performance at Swinburne (wardrobe for film, TV and entertainment). Application almost invariably includes an interview and folio presentation. Therefore, it is essential that you study a VCE subject(s) to help develop a suitable folio as you must be able to demonstrate a suitable level of creativity. Make sure you attend appropriate Open Days. Difficult to explain at an interview why you want to study a particular course if you have never been there....

16. BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE.
At Melbourne students mostly choose from one of six initial degrees: arts, biomedicine, commerce, environments, music or science. The B. Environments is a unique program, allowing students to shape our world through design, management, planning, advising, construction, research and social change. Major study areas to choose from: architecture, civil systems, construction, environmental engineering systems, environmental geographies, politics and cultures, environmental science, geomatics, landscape architecture, property and urban planning and design. The degree engages students in interdisciplinary thinking from the start, and leads to a variety of career outcomes.

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