CAREERS EXPO AT EASTLAND – For anyone in the eastern suburbs, this careers expo is a chance to meet university, TAFE, defence force, employer group, group training, etc., staff; 6-8.30pm Tuesday 28 July; Eastland Shopping Centre.

OPEN DAYS THIS TERM! Attending university and TAFE Open Days is a great way to explore tertiary study options. Here are some dates (most are from 10am-4pm):

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

1. **HOW DO I GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAYS?** Try the following:
   - Collect an Open Day timetable beforehand – from university/TAFE websites (eg [www.monash.edu.au/openday](http://www.monash.edu.au/openday)) so you can plan your visit. 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](http://www.openday.unimelb.edu.au).
   - 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.
   - If you are concerned about not obtaining the ENTER for the course that interests you, ask about possible pathways and transfers. What is recommended?
     - 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?
     - Consider the facilities offered for your course compared with other institutions.
     - Consider visiting a country campus on Open Day, especially if you are concerned that you might not obtain a high enough ENTER for a metropolitan campus. ENTERs required for country universities/campuses are generally 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 is vital.

2. **OPEN DAY AT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY – 5. 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 TAFEs, universities and independent colleges and lots of other information. A great resource.

3. **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:
4. **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.

5. **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 does not 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.

6. **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.

7. **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.

8. **WANT TO BE A DIETITIAN?** Monash University is the only Victorian university offering the Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics. However, students who complete Deakin University’s Bachelor of Food Science and Nutrition with relevant elective subjects or the Bachelor of Health Sciences with major studies in food studies and nutrition, plus relevant elective units will be eligible to apply for entry into the 18-month Master of Dietetics at Deakin, providing another way of qualifying to be a dietitian (see www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs; also www.daa.asn.au).

9. **BE IN THE KNOW WITH DEAKIN AND MONASH** – During year 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.

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