1. **Highly recommended!!! - One-day school holiday programs at universities for Year 10 – 12 students.** Gain a greater insight into the courses offered by universities. With direct access to faculty staff and in much smaller numbers than on open days, you can participate in these one day events provided by some universities. These events are free but very popular, so you need to book early.

   a) **Talk and Tour at La Trobe University** – Friday April 9; parents are welcome. This is a great opportunity for students to interact with current students and faculty representatives, ask lots of questions and take a guided tour of the university. Registrations open March 1, either online at [www.latrobe.edu.au/study/events/schools/talk-and-tour](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/events/schools/talk-and-tour) or phone 1300 135 045

   b) **Explore the University of Melbourne for a day by participating in the Access All Areas Program,** Friday April 9; 9am – 2pm, Parkville Campus. Places are limited so you need to register ASAP from March 1 at [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic). This is a specially designed program for students and parents to gain a personal insight into the University of Melbourne. This program allows students to gather information that is tailored to them. Following the introductory session there are information sessions on specific study areas allowing students to select their preferred sessions and speak to faculty staff face-to-face. There will also be a special information session for parents.

   c) **RMIT is offering a series of one day events** in the June school holidays to give students the opportunity to experience life on campus, engage in hands on workshops and explore different aspects of science and engineering. These events are free and students need to register online ASAP [www.rmit.edu.au/seh/experience](http://www.rmit.edu.au/seh/experience).

   - Health & Medical Science – Tuesday June 29
   - Electrical & Computer Engineering – Wed June 30 & Thursday July 1
   - Environment Science & Engineering – Tuesday July 6
   - Aerospace, Mechanical & Mechatronics Engineering – Thursday July 8
   - Behind the Scenes Medical Laboratory Visits – Monday July 5 & Friday July 9

   d) **Swinburne University & TAFE course information days** –

   - **Art & Design Discovery Day**, focusing on careers in art, design, film and television – Prahran and Wantirna campus, Thursday April 8
   - **TAFE forum** – an up to date information session on all TAFE courses that Swinburne offers and a tour of the brand new TAFE facilities; Prahran & Wantirna campuses, Thursday April 29, 2.45 – 4.30 pm;
   - **Apprenticeship & Traineeship Taster Day** – hands on taster workshops; Croydon campus, Thursday June 10:

   Contact Alex Sims 9214 4427

2. **Veterinary Science Open Day** - Sun 21 March, 10am – 3pm, University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital, 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee; [www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday](http://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday)

3. **Website of the fortnight……**This fortnight’s careers website for you to check out is: [www.myfuture.gov.au](http://www.myfuture.gov.au). This fantastic site will assist you to build your career profile, explore
ideas, consider options and develop your career plan. NOTE: Today a career is considered to be a continuous process of learning and development......all life experiences can be relevant to employers, not just your formal qualifications

4. **What is engineering all about?** Find out at the coming Engineering Expo. Engineers Australia invites you to attend this free expo which will include 60+ exhibitors, seminars, career advice, recruitment opportunities. When: 2-7pm, Thurs 25 March; Where: Etihad Stadium, Melbourne; Register: [www.engineeringexpo.org.au](http://www.engineeringexpo.org.au)

5. **Did you know that engineering can be studied at university and TAFE?** An engineering degree at university will generally take 4 years; a TAFE diploma takes two years. Articulation from TAFE to university is available, giving credits from TAFE towards the university degree. Some universities require Year 12 applicants to apply to study the type of engineering that interests them Eg Swinburne & RMIT, while others have a general first year, exposing students to a variety of types of engineering with students choose a specialisation in second year Eg Monash.

6. **Are you applying for a medical related course in 2011?** If so, you may need to sit the Undergraduate Medicine & Health Sciences Admission (UMAT) Test on 28 July, 2010 (registrations open April). The UMAT is used in selecting students for some courses – Eg Medicine and Physiotherapy at Monash University use a combination of ENTER/ATAR, UMAT and interview; Pharmacy at Monash uses the ATAR/ENTER and UMAT. The University of Melbourne’s Bachelor of Oral Health uses the UMAT and ATAR/ENTER. The UMAT 2010 Information Booklet will be available on line in late March. The UMAT 2009 Information Booklet and other information are at [http://umatweb.acer.edu.au](http://umatweb.acer.edu.au). NOTE: A number of short courses are on offer aimed at helping to prepare you for the UMAT. It is up to you to decide whether or not to complete one of these. Also consider applying interstate to increase your chance of securing a place in these competitive medical related courses.

7. **Open Day dates** – Attending Open Days is a great way to find out more about universities and TAFEs; see facilities, find out about courses, collect information, talk to the course selection officers about major studies and pathways. *Attending Open Days is really important if you intend to apply for a course that requires an interview, folio presentation or audition. You will be at a disadvantage if you have never been to the institution involved.*

Here are some dates for your diary. More information and dates as Open Days get closer.

- Sat 31 July – **Monash Uni** (Berwick, Gippsland and Peninsula campuses)
- Sun 1 August – **Monash Uni** (Caulfield, Clayton and Parkville campuses)
- Sun 8 August – **Deakin Uni** (Geelong); **RMIT Uni/TAFE**; **Gordon TAFE**; **Victoria Uni/TAFE** (Footscray)
- Sat 14 August – **Holmesglen TAFE**
- Sun 15 August – **Australian Catholic Uni (ACU)** (Melbourne); **Deakin Uni** (Warrnambool); **La Trobe Uni** (Bendigo); **Swinburne Uni/TAFE**; **Melbourne Uni**; **Sunraysia TAFE** (Swan Hill);
- Sun 22 August – **Box Hill TAFE**; **Deakin Uni** (Melb); **La Trobe Uni** (Albury/Wodonga)
- Sun 29 August - **ACU** (Ballarat); **Ballarat Uni**; **La Trobe Uni** (Bundoora)
8. **What is a Careers Expo?** Careers Expos bring together, in one place, organisations related to choosing a course or career. Most expos include university, TAFE, independent providers, employer groups, police force and defence force representatives. Expos are a great opportunity to collect information and talk to representatives at one location about a range of careers. Attending one is a great start to your career research. Some that are coming up include:

- **Eastland Careers Expo** Tuesday August 5

9. **What is transport and logistics?** Do you want an independent lifestyle, good pay, and a chance to see Australia? Are you organised and would like a career in business? Then consider transport and logistics. Logistics is the cost effective process of planning, implementing and controlling the movement and storage of goods from the point of origin to the end user. Qualifications include: Certificates 1 - 1V, Diplomas (eg Chisholm TAFE) and university degrees (eg RMIT/Vic Uni). See: [www.tlisc.com.au](http://www.tlisc.com.au); [www.transportal.com.au](http://www.transportal.com.au); [www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bp143](http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bp143); [www.vu.edu.au](http://www.vu.edu.au).

10. **So you want to work with animals?** You might know what a vet or vet nurse does, but do you know how to become a vet or vet nurse? And…what other careers and courses are available?

    - To become a **veterinarian** you have to study at university; the only Victorian university offering a veterinary course is Melbourne. It is a VERY competitive pathway. See: [www.vet.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au) for details.
    - To become a **veterinary nurse** you must first gain employment with a vet. Once you have employment you can enrol in TAFE to complete Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing. This qualification involves on-the-job and off-the-job training (see: [www.bhtafe.edu.au](http://www.bhtafe.edu.au)).
    - Some **other university courses which may lead to working with animals** are: Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Biosciences (La Trobe), Bachelor of Agricultural Science (La Trobe and Melbourne) and the Bachelor of Wildlife and Conservation Biology (Deakin). It is also possible to study Zoology in a science degree at Deakin, Melbourne and Monash universities.
    - TAFE Institutes offer a variety of courses such as Certificate II in Animal Studies – Veterinary Nursing, Certificate III in Captive Animals, Certificate III in Agriculture (Horse Breeding), Certificates III & IV in Companion Animal Services, Certificate IV in Stud and Stable Supervision, Diploma of Animal Technology, Advanced Diploma of Horse Management and Advanced Diploma of Rural Business Management (see: [www.tafe.vic.gov.au](http://www.tafe.vic.gov.au)).

11. **I want to be a journalist!** You can write clearly, have a good general knowledge, and are interested in the world around you. You follow the news, and want to search out stories, regardless of the time (day/night). You work to strict deadlines. If this sounds like you, then journalism may suit you. To become a journalist you first need to complete a university degree with a major study in journalism. Examples of courses:

    - **Deakin University** - Bachelor of Arts, Media & Communication or Professional Writing
12. **Meet Melbourne – The University of Melbourne comes to the eastern suburbs.** An information session for parents and students, Wednesday May 5, Manningham Function Centre, 6.30 – 8pm. Bookings are essential ASAP at [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne)

Topics include:

- Courses & career information including the Melbourne Model study options and pathways
- Entry requirements and how to apply
- Access Melbourne – the university’s combined special entry access and access scholarships scheme
- Scholarships and course costs
- Transition and orientation programs
- Unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as studying a concurrent diploma, going on exchange and participating in community involvement activities
- Housing options
- Career and graduate outcomes

13. **The University of Melbourne offers information sessions on specific courses;** times to be confirmed; venue – all at the Parkville Campus

**Focus on Melbourne Commerce** – Thursday May 13
**Focus on Biomedicine** – Wednesday May 19
**Focus on Melbourne VCAM (Art & Music)** - Thursday May 25
**Focus on Melbourne Law** – Tuesday June 8
**Focus on Melbourne Environments** – Thursday June 10
**Focus on Melbourne Arts** – Wednesday June 16
**Focus on Melbourne Science** - Wednesday June 22

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