CHANCE OF PREFERENCE TIME: – Year 12 students are reminded that you can change your VTAC course preferences until 28 Oct, as long as you first applied by 30 Sept. You can also change your preferences from 28 Nov to Wed 21 Dec. VCE results will be available on Friday 16 Dec, so you have time to change your preferences after receiving your ATAR. There is no need to change your preferences if you are happy with them; it is usually ill-advised to make major changes in career direction at that stage, even if your ATAR is quite different from what you expected.

WHERE CAN I GET HELP AT CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (COP) TIME?
Universities and TAFE Institutes will have staff available till Wed 21 December. They have provided the following information about assistance on offer (you are advised to check websites for more information):
- **Australian Catholic Uni:** Call 1300 ASK ACU; Information sessions planned for Mon 19 Dec, 11am-7pm at Ballarat and Melbourne campuses; see ACU website for details
- **Box Hill Institute:** COP information session, 4-7.30pm, Mon 19 Dec at Nelson Campus; course info: call 1300 BOX HILL or Joanna on 9286 9464, or Andrea on 9286 9553
- **Charles Sturt Uni:** Call 1800 334 733
- **Chisholm TAFE:** Call 1300 CHISHOLM
- **Deakin Uni:** Call 1300 DEGREE; COP events at Doncaster, Wyndham, Geelong, Melbourne (Burwood), Hobsons Bay and Warrnambool; go to [www.deakin.edu.au/cop](http://www.deakin.edu.au/cop) to register to attend. Deakin (Melbourne) Info Day is 11am-2pm, Sun 18 Dec, and Info Evening is 6-8pm, Mon 19 Dec, both Theatre 13 (Building HC) ; chat online with Deakin staff 7-8.30pm, Mon 19 and Tues 20 Dec, register at [www.deakinlive.com.au](http://www.deakinlive.com.au)
- **East Gippsland TAFE:** Call 1300 133 717
- **Holmesglen Institute:** Call 1300 693 888
- **Kangan TAFE:** Call 13 TAFE
- **La Trobe Uni:** Info sessions 10am-3pm, Sat 17 Dec, Melbourne City Expo (front of State Library of Victoria); 11am - 2pm, Mon 19 Dec at Melbourne, Bendigo, Shepparton, Albury-Wodonga and Mildura campuses; COP Hotline: 1300 135 045, 16-22 December; see [www.latrobe.edu.au/prefer](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/prefer)
- **Monash Uni:** Call 1800 MONASH; COP Expo: 10am - 1pm, Sat 17 Dec, Building H, Caulfield campus, 900 Dandenong Road; [www.monash.edu/monash2012](http://www.monash.edu/monash2012);
- **NMIT:** Call 9269 1200
- **RMIT Uni & TAFE:** Call 1800 11 RMIT (8.30am-5.30pm weekdays, 10am-3pm @ weekend); Info Corner, 330 Swanston St, Melbourne including 10am-3pm @ weekend; COP Expo – RMIT Storey Hall, 330 Swanston St, 11am-3pm, Mon 19 Dec; [www.rmit.edu.au/cop](http://www.rmit.edu.au/cop)
- **Swinburne UNI & TAFE:** Call 1300 ASK SWIN; Course adviser appointments and information sessions from 17-20Dec; register at: [www.swinburne.edu.au/2012](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/2012); Info session 3-7pm, Tues 20 Dec, Hawthorn and Lilydale
- **University of Ballarat:** Call 1800 811 711; COP Information Day is Monday 19 December at Mount Helen campus
- **University of Melbourne:** Course Information Day, 10am-3pm, Mon 19 Dec (free sausage sizzle); Register online and win a prize ([www.cop.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.cop.unimelb.edu.au)); COP Hotline; 1800 801 662 (toll free) ; Uni Info Centre, Gate 3, Swanston St, weekdays 8am-6pm plus 10am-4pm, Sat 17 and Sun 18 Dec. Brochures available in careers room
- **Victoria University & TAFE:** Call COP hotline, 16-21 December on 1300 VIC UNI; Info Sessions, 19 & 20 Dec; drop-in at City Flinders St campus, 11am-4pm, 17 & 18 Dec
- **William Angliss Institute:** Call 9606 2111

CADETSHIPS IN TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS:
- TDT – completion of Year 12 is the only requirement. You will be employed in the transport and logistics industry and be released from work to attend TAFE and complete Cert IV and the Diploma of Logistics in two years. Info: Chris McKenzie, ph 9326 7211, chris@tdtvictoria.org.au; [www.tdtvictoria.org.au/cadetship](http://www.tdtvictoria.org.au/cadetship).
- VTA - is launching a cadetship program, again completed over two years; Info: 9646 8590, [www.vta.com.au](http://www.vta.com.au)

DEAKIN UNI AND THE GAP YEAR:
Deakin’s Gap Year Program enables students to stay connected with Deakin while they are on their gap year. Gap year students can defer studies for up to two years, gain credit for learning that occurred during the gap year, undertake a transitional unit before returning to full-time study, attend Deakin events and lectures, connect with other Deakin students, access Deakin’s libraries and career counselling services and join Deakin Uni students Association.
WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE EVENTS:

- **Christmas baking** – Create some Christmas favourites! Begin with a contemporary fruitcake, then gingerbread, shortbread and truffles. **When:** 9am-5pm, Wed 7 Dec; **Cost:** $85; **Lunch:** Angliss Bistro;  
- **Christmas Gingerbread Tree** – Create and decorate a Christmas tree made from gingerbread and sweets. **When:** 9am-5pm, Thurs 8 Dec; **Cost:** $55; **Lunch:** Angliss Bistro  

Bookings for both: Daniela, 9606 2389, danielad@angliss.edu.au (only 12 places in each); William Angliss Institute is located at 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY:

Year 12 international students can have 20 minute interviews with university staff till 20 Dec. **Where:** Information Centre, Gate 3. Swanston St, Parkville; **Book:** [http://go.unimelb.edu.au/4eo](http://go.unimelb.edu.au/4eo)

WHY STUDY JOURNALISM?

Social media and the internet have revolutionised the quantities of information generated and shared around the world – but have also heightened the demand for high quality information. Journalism and professional communication courses offer many career opportunities, from reporting roles with traditional media, to production roles in new media, to public relations and communication roles in organisations across the community. La Trobe University’s journalism courses, for example, offer a grounding in the past and current roles of media as well as the practical aspects of content development, with a strong emphasis on industry experience. Each program offers opportunities for internships and work placements. Journalism is offered at many institutions such as RMIT, Deakin, Swinburne, VU and Monash universities. In addition, several TAFE Institutes offer a Diploma in Professional writing and editing.

UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA RELOCATION SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Law Faculty is offering $5,000 scholarships to eligible interstate students who choose to study law at UTAS commencing in Semester 1, 2012. You must achieve an ATAR of 90 or above. **Info:** Faculty of Law, Kira.White@utas.edu.au, www.utas.edu.au/law, Ph (03) 6226 7510.  
The scholarship is designed to encourage interstate students to study law at UTAS by assisting with the costs of moving to Tasmania. No separate application form required – awarded to eligible students who accept an offer and enrol to study law.

This will be the last newsletter for 2012, I hope the information has been useful to you and I will send you newsletters with more information on careers next year. Have a safe and happy summer break and if you are preparing for exams, good luck.

A reminder to all year 12 students, when you get your ATAR results please call me to assist you or celebrate with you regarding your results. (9844 2749)

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