1. YEAR 12’S APPLYING FOR COURSES FOR 2015 – The application process for university and VET places is done through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). Applications are completed on-line at www.vtac.edu.au. Applications open on Monday 4 August, and will cost $28.00 if done on time (ie by 30 Sept). More info. later.

2. OPEN DAYS – University and TAFE Open Days are coming up soon. They are a great way to find out more about courses, collect information, talk to staff and students, and to check out facilities. Year 10-12 students are advised to attend.

OPEN DAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY -
Sat 2 Aug  Monash University (Berwick & Peninsula campuses)
Sun 3 Aug  Deakin (Warrnambool), Monash (Caulfield & Clayton), Swinburne
Sun 10 Aug  Australian Catholic Uni (ACU) (Melbourne), Deakin (Geelong), RMIT
Sun 17 Aug  La Trobe Uni (Bendigo), University of Melbourne; Monash (Parkville – not 3 Aug)
Sun 24 Aug  Box Hill Institute, Deakin (Melbourne), La Trobe (Melbourne), Victoria, William Angliss Institute
Sun 31 Aug  ACU (Ballarat), Federation Uni (Ballarat & Gippsland)
Holmesglen – has ‘Open Wednesday’ each week – see their website to book a visit.

3. HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAY VISITS – Don’t wander aimlessly….try the following:
- Allow sufficient time for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
- Speak to staff about courses which interest you - note your questions beforehand
- Get a student perspective - speak to students studying courses which interest you
- Collect information/brochures
- Ask about industry based-learning (IBL) programs; these can help with getting a job
- Ask about international study opportunities – a popular option
- Consider transport issues; is the campus accessible from where you live?
- Check the environment where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
- Consider the facilities/clubs offered at your preferred institution
- Consider visiting a rural campus, especially if you think you won’t obtain a high enough ATAR for a metropolitan campus. ATAR’s are often lower and they often offer more personal assistance, accommodation, and a lifestyle which will suit some students.

NOTE: If you plan to apply for a course involving an interview/folio presentation/ audition as part of the selection process, attending is a must! You might be asked what you learned at Open Day.

4. ANOTHER CAREERS EXPO – The Melbourne Careers Expo is a careers and education event with 180+ exhibitors from many occupations, information from universities, VET, private providers, ‘try a trade’, seminars, GAP year, and government student services info. When: 15-17 August; Where: Melbourne Exhibition Centre; Info: info@careerexpo.com.au, www.careerexpo.com.au (ALSO - free tickets available from this website).

5. MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS –
- PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE – Monash Parkville campus will hold an ‘Open House’, 10am-3pm, Sun 17 Aug (same day as Melbourne University’s Open Day). Pharmacy will also be represented at Monash Clayton’s Open Day, Sun 3 Aug. Info: www.monash.edu/pharm/openhouse.
- MEDICINE, NURSING, HEALTH SCIENCES - Physiotherapy – as previously stated, the UMAT and ISAT are not required for 2015 entry. An interview is still required and will be offered based on applicant’s academic record.
- Radiography and Medical Imaging – an interview has been introduced as an extra requirement for entry to this degree. Applicants will be invited to attend an
interview based on their academic performance. The interview will involve 4 MMI (Multiple Mini Interview) stations. NOTE: find out more about radiation oncology careers: www.acareerinradiationoncology.com.au.

**Bachelor of Nursing (Community Health)** – Berwick campus won’t have an intake for this degree, but will have the Bachelor of Nursing from 2015 (VTAC - listed with Clayton and Peninsula campuses).

**Direct Entry MBBS** – Monash is the only Victorian university offering Year 12 students who aspire to become a doctor the option of applying directly to the B. Medicine and B. Surgery program from school. There are 242 places for domestic students and 65 for international students.

- **Discontinued courses for 2015** –
  - The B. Nursing and B. Emergency Health (Peninsula). Students can alternatively study a B. Nursing followed by a Master of Emergency Health OR a B. Emergency Health (Paramedic) followed by a Master of Nursing Practice.
  - The B. Health Science and B. Business (Caulfield campus).

**ARE THERE STILL JOBS IN JOURNALISM?**
Career Practitioners at a conference at Monash Uni, heard about opportunities in journalism. Journalism is **not in decline**; it is newspapers that are in decline; newspapers and journalism are not the same thing. The digital era that is destroying the old business model is **opening up opportunities**. We are entering an age where we can **combine all media** to tell our stories. Skills needed include enterprise, independence and resourcefulness. Jobs in media are fragmenting with online opportunities proliferating. Journalists need to: **think critically, understand the concepts of evidence and impartial argument, find stories, research, interview, write, edit, know the difference between good/bad writing, and digital skills in content creation and distribution.** With the skills of journalism, you are also a good fit for jobs in many areas such as PR, communications, speechwriting and producing. NOTE: Journalism can be studied at most universities.

**6. WHAT ABOUT SURVEYING?**
Surveying offers opportunities for those looking for a diverse and varied career. The national demand for surveyors means graduates are more likely to secure jobs in surveying compared with many other professions. Surveyors get to work indoors and outdoors, taking precise measurements using specialised technology, then analysing and interpreting the results. Students interested in maths, geography, physics and science may suit this career.

**8. DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS –**

- **BACHELOR OF DESIGN TECHNOLOGY**
  - There is a trend to increasingly adaptive industries, where manufacturing and product development companies are becoming smaller and adopting more diverse interests and product lines. The industry needs versatile, technology-minded people with design, project management and organisational skills to drive innovation. Commencing in 2015, Deakin’s B. Design Technology has design and innovation as core focus. Gain design skills for application in technological settings, and an understanding of using technology to enhance design and product development. Graduates will be able to create and design consumer, sports, medical or industrial products. **Where**: Geelong (Waurn Ponds); **Prerequisite**: English.

- **BACHELOR OF PLANNING (HONOURS)**
  - As cities grow, there is increasing demand for planners to manage change. This new Deakin degree brings together planning, design, urban studies and society in one degree. **Where**: Geelong (Waterfront); **Duration**: 4 years; **Prerequisite**: English.

- **NURSING AND MIDWIFERY INFORMATION** – Deakin has information sessions about their courses. **When/Where**: Burwood – 2.30-4.30 pm, Sat 26 July, Bld Y, room 1.11 A and B; Geelong Waterfront – 6-8pm, Wed 23 July & 2.30-4.30pm, Sat 26 July, Bld AD, room 2.217; Warnambool – 7.30pm, Fri 25 July, Warnambool City Centre Campus; **Info**: 9244 6032 or www.deakin.edu.au/nursing. **Register**: nursinfo@deakin.edu.au, indicating the session you will attend.