**Reminders**

- **Occupational Therapy Evening** – Thurs 4 Sept; Education Precinct. Level 4 Austin Tower, Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg; **Book**: renee.bartlett2@austin.org.au

**YEAR 12 NEWS**

- **APPLICATIONS** – Year 12 students who wish to **apply for tertiary courses** for 2015 are advised to visit the VTAC website ([www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)) soon to get an application completed. Remember that you can change your application, even after obtaining your ATAR in December (up to 12 noon on 22 December). Application fees rise from $28.00 to $93.00 if you first apply **after 30 September**. You are advised to include in your VTAC application courses that you believe you are almost certain to be offered a place in. However, it is not necessary to fill in all 12 places in the application.

- **DEFERRAL** - Remember that if you want a break from study, you can **defer taking up many course offers** ([see](http://www.vtac.edu.au/courses-inst/institutions/deferment.html) for each institution's policies). Some universities will allow one year of deferral, while some offer up to two years. However, be aware that deferral is not always automatic.

- **SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)** - If you wish to submit a SEAS application because of some disadvantage you have experienced, these applications can only be completed once you have a VTAC application done. **SEAS applications close on 7 October**. You are advised to at least apply for SEAS **Category 1**, because if any information regarding your **Personal Information and Location** are relevant to your application, it will only be applied if you have selected Category 1.

- **SCHOLARSHIPS** – All current Year 12 students are advised to **consider applying for Equity and Merit scholarships via VTAC**. VTAC scholarship applications for domestic students close at 5pm on 17 October 2014. See: [www.vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html) - details are available here about Institutional Access and Equity Scholarships, Commonwealth Scholarships, and Merit Scholarships. For example, you can check out on this site what Merit scholarships are available at each institution (La Trobe University lists about 60 different types of scholarships, for example). Surprisingly, some scholarships are not awarded each year due to a lack of applicants. In addition you are wise to check individual institution websites for scholarships. There are also **Student Start-Up and Relocation Scholarships** available to students receiving income support; these are administered by Centrelink. **Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships** are administered by institutions and will be allocated to students who meet the Commonwealth eligibility as described on the Centrelink website and have had their indigenous status confirmed.

- **APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEESHIPS** – Some Year 12’s will be considering gaining qualifications via an **apprenticeship or traineeship**. Apprenticeships generally take four years, while traineeships are usually 12 – 18 months long. Completing a pre-apprenticeship course with a VET provider (eg Box Hill Institute, NMIT, Holmesglen) can often assist in obtaining an apprenticeship. These take around four or five months full-time to complete, and are offered in areas such as carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanics and many others. Sometimes **Group Training Australia** (ph 1800 819 747) will be able to assist in finding an employer with whom to complete the apprenticeship. A Group Training Organisation employs an apprentice or trainee and places them with a host employer. Also see [www.grouptraining.com.au](http://www.grouptraining.com.au) for names, location and contact details of GTO's.

**LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS**

**PHARMACY AT LA TROBE** – Clarification of Course Guide pre-requisites: VCE Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in Chemistry; and a study score of at least 25 in any Mathematics.

**ELITE ATHLETE BONUS ENTRY SCHEME** – Elite athlete future students applying for admission into an undergraduate course through VTAC are offered access to a bonus aggregate points entry scheme at La Trobe, one of three Victorian universities offering bonus aggregate points for elite athletes. The scheme is available to domestic undergraduate applicants classified as an elite athlete, whose sporting commitments have impacted on their previous studies, and are applying for admission...
through VTAC. Students are eligible to receive five bonus aggregate points towards their entry score for admission. **NOTE:** ACU and the University of Melbourne also offer similar programs. See: [www.acu.edu.au/elite-athletes](http://www.acu.edu.au/elite-athletes); Melbourne’s program is also for artistic performers. See: [http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/high_achievers_programs/elite-athletes-and-artistic-performers](http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/high_achievers_programs/elite-athletes-and-artistic-performers)

**INTERESTED IN CONSERVATION AND WILDLIFE?** If yes, these programs will interest you:

- **Werribee Open Range Zoo Keeper for a Day** – want to work with animals? Then participate in experiences designed to provide you with insights into the role of a zoo keeper. **Who:** Year 7-12; **Cost:** $105; [www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day](http://www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day).

- **Healesville Sanctuary Vet for a Day program** - **Who:** Year 9-12; **Cost:** $129; [www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day](http://www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day).

- **Healesville Sanctuary Keeper for a Day program** – **Who:** Year 7-12; **Cost:** $105; [www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day](http://www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day).  **Bookings** (all programs): 9285 9406.

**UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE** - The Faculty of Science is holding its first ever **Burnley Information Day** on Thursday, September 11, 2014 - 12:00pm to 7:00pm at the Burnley Campus, 500 Yarra Boulevard, Richmond.

**DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS** –

**DEAKIN ASSURED OFFER PROGRAM**

Deakin has introduced the Deakin Assured Offer Program (DAOP) which provides eligible Year 12 students with the opportunity if receiving a conditional offer of a place in one of the participating Deakin courses in November. Furthermore, it guarantees an offer even if the Clearly-In ATAR increases in 2015. The program acknowledges the hard work VCE students put into their final year and minimises the stress of waiting for an offer in January. Application process: register your details at [www.deakin.edu.au/assured](http://www.deakin.edu.au/assured) and list up to 12 DAOP courses (VTAC applicant ID required). If you achieve the minimum ATAR set for a course and meet the prerequisites, you will be guaranteed an offer through VTAC at Deakin in 2015.

**DISCOVER DEAKIN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM** – Deakin is offering Year 10, 11 and 12 students the chance to find out more about Deakin and the courses on offer through hands-on workshops and seminars. Talk with current staff and students about courses and find out more about how to apply to Deakin. **When:** 9am-12noon, Mon 22 Sept at Geelong Waurn Ponds campus; Tues 23 Sept at Burwood campus; **Information and bookings:** [Click here](http://www.deakin.edu.au/assured).

**GUARANTEED ENTRY PATHWAYS FROM TAFE TO DEAKIN** – The Deakin Pathways Program seeks to encourage increased participation in higher education, as well as providing a supported student transition to higher education through supported VET programs. The Program will substantially expand career outcome-focused pathways into Deakin courses by offering mapped pathways with VET providers. Deakin’s long-standing partnerships with Box Hill, Chisholm, Riverina, South West and The Gordon Institutes now offer guaranteed entry pathways in a range of disciplines. These provide students with a seamless transition from Diplomas to Deakin degrees. [Click here](http://www.deakin.edu.au/assured) for further details in regard to the Deakin Pathways Program.

**SWINBURNE ADVICE NIGHTS** – For Year 12 students and their parents, these are designed to help to become informed about the application process and studying degrees and diplomas at Swinburne. Presentations will be made about courses, scholarships and pathways. Current and past students will talk about their experiences. **When/Where:** 4.30-6.30pm, Wed 10 Sept (Wantirna) & Wed 17 Sept (Hawthorn); **Information:** [www.swinburne.edu.au/advicenight](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/advicenight).

**HOW DO I TACKLE THE VCE PHYSICS EXAM?** Clare Kenyon, recently a physics teacher, and now undertaking a PhD in physics, will provide very useful study tips for students preparing for the Year 12 physics exam. A great opportunity! **When:** 6pm, 4 September; **Where:** Hercus Theatre, School of Physics, University of Melbourne; **Cost:** Free; **Info:** maxwellt@unimelb.edu.au.

**HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT ACU MY CAREER MATCH?** Completing ACU’s My Career Match will help you find suitable careers based on your strengths and personality. **My Career Match** produces a report for each individual which will help you link your strengths/talents with careers and courses.