

Reminders:

- **UMAT** applications close 2 June; test 26 July. Information Booklet: <http://umat.acer.edu.au>
- **WERRIBEE VET CLINIC OPEN DAY** - Sunday 29 April; Info: info-fvas@unimelb.edu.au.
- **EARLY ACHIEVERS PROGRAM AT (ACU)** – Applications open 26 April, close 17 July. See: www.acu.edu.au/eap.
- **'MAKE IT POSSIBLE AT MELBOURNE'** – 7 April Year 12's; 16 May – **Biomedicine**; 17 May – **Agriculture**; 18 May **Vet. Science**; 23 May – **Engineering**; 24 May – **IT**; 30 May – **Science**; <https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/ev-ents>.
- **VCE AND CAREERS EXPO 2017**: Thurs 4 – Sun 7 May; Info: www.vceandcareers.com.au.

1. LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS –

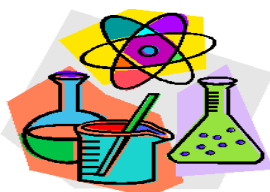
- The **Bachelor of Biomedicine** is the new name for the Bachelor of Biomedical Science course, commencing at La Trobe University in 2018.

It has a new stream in **Human Physiology and**

Anatomy, offering additional pathways for students. By studying this degree, students can gain the skills and knowledge required for entry into La Trobe **postgraduate Allied**

Health courses such as **physiotherapy, dietetics, prosthetics and orthotics, orthoptics and speech pathology**. Priority places (Melbourne only) will be offered to graduates in La Trobe's Physiotherapy postgraduate course and other La Trobe Allied Health postgraduate courses mentioned here.

- **Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Bendigo)**
A new degree offered in Bendigo with largely the same subjects as the Melbourne B. Biomedicine.
- **Health Sciences** – new **Melbourne** majors in sports counselling and athlete welfare, and in health promotion; new **Bendigo** majors are public health, health promotion, sports counselling and athlete welfare, rehabilitation counselling; priority places for **B. Health Sciences (Anatomy and Physiology)** graduates in La Trobe physiotherapy postgraduate courses and other allied health postgraduate courses.



- **I-ASPIRE** is a new program designed to **empower indigenous high school students** to qualify for La Trobe's Aspire early admissions program. For the first time this year **100 indigenous students enrolled** to study at La Trobe, and the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander **academics** has increased to seven. The I-aspire program will include an **academic boot camp** to help indigenous students learn about university life, a **cultural immersion program** with community elders providing support, and one-on-one **mentoring** with senior peers.

2. AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) NEWS –

- **THE NEW BACHELOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY** at ACU's Ballarat Campus welcomed its first cohort of students in **Semester 1, 2017**. There has been excitement over the new cutting-



edge facilities, which includes anatomy wet laboratories and physiotherapy teaching laboratories. **NOTE:**

Other universities offering physiotherapy are Charles Sturt at Albury-Wodonga, La Trobe, Melbourne and Monash.

- ACU will commence its **BACHELOR OF NUTRITION SCIENCE** in 2018 at its Melbourne campus. This course will strengthen ACU's reputation of offering quality allied health education, and attract a lively cohort of aspiring nutritionists. In Australia, nutrition and exercise are rapidly becoming the most recognised, modifiable lifestyle factors linked with disease prevention. Nutritionists have a **key role in community and public health, and they can offer nutrition advice to improve the wellbeing of individuals, communities, and populations**. They can work as **nutrition consultants, public health and health promotion officers**, and in the food science and technology industries. The program will also be a pathway for postgraduate studies in **dietetics**.

- **EARLY ACHIEVERS PROGRAM (EAP)** – don't forget that applications open on 26 April; See: www.acu.edu.au/eap.

3. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS –

- **FOCUS ON MELBOURNE** – Check out Melbourne in the **Focus On Melbourne** program. Check out courses, majors, pathways, employment prospects, entry

requirements, and the unique Melbourne Experience. **When:** various dates from 16 May to 21 June (6.30-8.30pm) **Info:** https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria/2017-focus-on-melbourne

- **VCE GEOGRAPHY LECTURE SERIES** – The University of Melbourne and Monash University are hosting the annual VCE Geography Series lectures. Programs still on offer:

- ✚ Sunday 30 July 10:00 am – 12:00 noon Lecture Two: Unit 4 : Human Population trends and issues

- ✚ Sunday 15 Oct (Morning) 9:30 am – 11:30 am Lecture Three: Units 3 & 4 VCE Revision Lecture

- ✚ Sunday 15 October (Afternoon) 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm Lecture Three (Repeat): Units 3 & 4 VCE Revision Lecture information

Information and bookings: <https://www.gtav.asn.au/geography-students/2017-vce-geography-student-lecture-series>.

- **SCHOOL OF GEOGRAPHY LAUNCHES** – Geography has long been taught at University, but recently the school of Geography has embarked on a new venture with the launch of **'the School of Geography' within the Faculty of Science**. This follows its move into this faculty in 2015, and in recognition of



the importance of geography's capacity to work in and across both the social and natural sciences. Students can undertake a geography major as part of a **Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts** and then advance onto various Masters and PhD programs. Current areas of research include **international development, urbanisation, biogeography and earth surface processes, with an overarching interest in environmental change**. For more information see: <http://geography.unimelb.edu.au/>.

4. FULFILLING CAREERS IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTOR –

Speakers at a recent career practitioners seminar at RMIT were told that some



major **policy innovations** will ensure that **social and community services** will be

the **fastest growing employment segment** into the future. Labour market **shortages** are predicted, and **opportunities** will be great, both in Australia and overseas.

Some major policy innovations are helping to drive this:

- The **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)** will double disability spending by 2020
- The **Family Violence Royal Commission** is likely to lead to a \$1b+ investment plan of which workforce will be a key part
- Growth of the **social economy** within both the private and public sectors and in civil society organisations

There are expected to be **fantastic opportunities** because:

- Very big **labour shortages** are predicted across the sector
- Existing workforces and enterprises will need **upskilling**
- A **new workforce** needs to be educated and trained
- **VET Certificates and diplomas** will be in high demand

Those with **university degrees** will be eagerly sought.

5. HEALTH COURSE INFORMATION SESSIONS –

Deakin University is holding evening information sessions about the **fastest growing employment industry – exercise and sport science, food and nutrition sciences, health sciences, nursing and midwifery, medical imaging, optometry and medicine; For dates and registration, see:**



www.deakin.edu.au/health/events.