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Dear Parents and Students,

What a week it has been! Behind the façade of a serene looking senior Pasco campus who would think that there were 4 year levels all undertaking some pathway planning for 2016! Well done to all our wonderful students.

Year 9 STUDENTS

We were thrilled to meet all our Year 9's yesterday at the Pasco Campus for their Subject Supermarket. Students asked lots of great questions as they perused all the subject stands and curriculum offerings. They impressed us with their positivity, their maturity and their manners! We look forward to their Course Counselling day on Wednesday 2 September. In preparation for this day students should draft their pink form, complete the VCE Access form if students are applying for VCE Access (with a copy of their semester 1 report 2015 cover sheet with the AusVELS Progression Points) and complete their VET form, if selecting a VET subject.

Year 10

After 2 weeks of course counselling appointments for 262 students today their course selection forms are due. Whether students have chosen VCE, VCAL or VCE with a VET subject I know this is the beginning of a very exciting journey. Whilst students have looked at prerequisite subjects for courses of interest (<http://www.vtac.edu.au/pdf/publications/victor2018.pdf>) the VTAC website will continue to be a website that will fully inform our students about which tertiary or TAFE courses these VCE subjects can lead to. I will keep our students updated about a great new feature of the website when it is launched.



Year 11 STUDENTS

On Wednesday 12 August our Year 11 students submitted their course selection forms for their final year of secondary schooling. It certainly reignited discussions about careers and life beyond 2016! We encourage Year 11 students to attend as many university Open Days as possible this year to raise their awareness about what is on offer before they begin their final Year 12 year.

Year 12 STUDENTS

Last week students were briefed about how to register with VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre) and how to make an application. If Year 12 students require any assistance with the application process they are encouraged to come into the Careers Office. Students received a VTAC publication "The ABC of Applying" and a copy of the presentation. Some reminders of applying appear below under the Open Day reminder.



1. OPEN DAYS CONTINUE –

- Sun 16 Aug – **Melbourne**; **Monash** (Parkville – Pharmacy); **La Trobe** (Bendigo)
- Sun 23 Aug – **Box Hill** Institute; **Deakin** (Burwood); **Victoria** (Footscray)
- Sun 30 Aug – **ACU** (Ballarat); **Federation** (Ballarat & Gippsland)

2. YEAR 12 STUDENTS

- **VTAC APPLICATIONS** - Don't forget to make a VTAC course application if you plan to study next year. Applications are now open, and close for timely applicants on 30 September (cost \$29.00). If you apply after this date the cost rises considerably. Remember that you can change your application as many times as you wish at no extra charge, so you don't have to get it 'right' the first time you apply. **See:** www.vtac.edu.au. You will need to **register** as an





applicant first; after that you can **apply** using the **ID number VTAC supplies** you with when you register. Also apply if you plan to take a year off from study in 2016. You are able to **defer taking up the offer** of your place for a year in many cases. You can apply for up to 12 courses, placing them in the order you most want them. You will be offered a place in the highest course in your list for which you meet the requirements (eg ATAR).

- **NOTE:** If you wish to apply for **some Fine Arts specialisations** at the **University of Melbourne (VCA)**, **applications close early (28 August)**. These specialisations are: **animation, dance, film and television and screenwriting.**
- **SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEMES (SEAS)** Many institutions offer alternative entry schemes that take into account short and long-term disadvantage. **The Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS)** allow selection officers to grant special consideration for course entry to applicants (you must still complete any selection requirements for the course). These are the four SEAS categories:
 - ✓ **Category 1- Personal information and location (all applicants are encouraged to apply for this Category as something in this category may apply to you)**
 - ✓ **Category 2- Difficult circumstances**
 - ✓ **Category 3- Disadvantaged financial background**
 - ✓ **Category 4- Disability or medical condition**

NOTE: It is only possible to **complete a SEAS application** once you have **completed a VTAC course application**. There is a summary of institutions accepting SEAS categories on page 42 of the VTAC Guide (copies are located in the study centre) or the VTAC website. In many cases you will have to provide **suitable evidence** for your application for SEAS-an **impact statement** by the student is required (for category 2&4) and a **statement of support** from a a medical professional for category 4. The emphasis in the impact statement is on **how you believe the matter you refer to in your SEAS application affected your results and your study.**

3. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS –

- **WHICH DEGREE OFFERS MULTIPLE JOB OPPORTUNITES2?** Would you like a career that contributes to the **national economy, where productivity growth is booming more than in any other industry sector?** The University of Melbourne has consulted widely with industry, employers and graduates to develop the **new Bachelor of Agriculture**. Be empowered with **general, technical and problem-solving skills to work in this growth area**. You will study **soil science, plant science and animal care**, and learn to work in teams to improve **animal production and welfare** through to **addressing climate change and food sustainability**. There are MANY career opportunities available for graduates, and positions are often difficult to fill due to a shortage of applicants. **NOTE:** the B.

Agriculture is a possible pathway into studying **veterinary science** at the University of Melbourne. **Info:** <http://fvas.unimelb.edu.au>.

- **ELITE ATHLETES AND ARTISTIC PERFORMERS** The university encourages international, national and state representation in sports and artistic performance and recognises the impact



that training and participation may have on the ability to achieve admission into degrees. The **Elite Athlete and Artistic Performers Entry Scheme** provides for additional consideration to be given for entry into degrees by elite athletes and artistic performers who **meet the prerequisites** of the course and **can demonstrate** that their training, competition, performance and/or practice commitments have interfered with their previous studies.

Students interested in applying for this scheme must apply for their degree **through VTAC** in the usual way, and go to: <http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au>, then to **Admissions and Applications** and to **High Achievers Programs**.

- **MUSIC AT MELBOURNE** – Melbourne Conservatorium of Music (MCM) has the most comprehensive range of music courses in Australia, an offering enhanced next year by new specialisations as part of the **Bachelor of Music**. Students can already choose to specialise in



Music Performance, Composition and Musicology/Ethnomusicology but in 2016 they will have the option of **Jazz & Improvisation or Interactive Composition** as two new specialisations. These two specialisations currently sit within the BFA (Contemporary Music) at the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) but will move across to the MCM. **Info:** <http://mcm.unimelb.edu.au>.

- **OPEN DAY AT BURNLEY CAMPUS** – find out about **horticultural courses** (accredited and non-award), and learn about sustainable gardening and horticultural practice at Melbourne’s Burnley campus. **When:** 10am-4pm, Sat 5 September; **Info:** <http://events.unimelb.edu.au/events/2332-burnley-open-day>.

4. NEW BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY –



La Trobe is introducing an innovative new B. Engineering (Honours) degree in 2016. Designed to meet the **changing needs of industry** and to **boost graduates’ job prospects**, the new degree is unique in Australia and follows international trends offering:



- **Multidisciplinary focus** covering robotics, electrical, manufacturing and mechanical engineering
 - **Two common years**, followed by the choice of **multidisciplinary** engineering or **civil** engineering streams
 - Engineering-specific **business units** – focus on developing commercially-minded engineers
 - **Design units** – focus on developing engineers who have a holistic view of engineering projects and project management
 - Six months **Work Integrated Learning** placement opportunity embedded into the degree, supported by a \$10,00 scholarship – guaranteed for students at the Bendigo campus with limited places available for Melbourne (Bundoora) students.
- Graduates will be prepared for new roles in emerging industries, will be well positioned for roles as engineers, project managers and engineering consultants in manufacturing, resources, infrastructure development, healthcare, consulting, and government sector.

5. **TAKE A TOUR OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) BY VIDEO** – go on **virtual tours** of VU’s Footscray, Flinders St, Queen St, St Albans and Sunshine campuses completed using innovative Steadicam and ground-breaking drone technology; soar over Flemington Racecourse and Footscray Park, see a **sport science lab** in action, take a seat in a **live moot court**, step inside a **construction site**, explore an **anatomy lab** and more. **See it on the Victoria University YouTube channel:** www.youtube.com/VictoriaUniversity

The Victoria University Achievement Scholarship will open up again for application on August the 4th 2015. In order for students to apply, they will need to log on to the achievement scholarship portal, available through <http://www.vu.edu.au/study-with-us/scholarships/vu-achievement-scholarships> and enter the school code below.
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6. **AUTOMOTIVE MODERN APPRENTICE- SHIP PROGRAM** – Vantage Automotive P/L is a provider of government funded vocational learning and outsourced services to major vehicle manufacturers with an extensive client list across Australia. Applications are now being sought from students interested in the motor industry as an automotive technician or parts advisor. For information: www.vantageautomotive.com or email reception@vantageautomotive.com or ph (02) 8014



8990. Successful applicants will be offered a job at a dealership near their home.

7. **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CIRCUS ARTS (NICA)** – is accepting applications for auditions for its accredited courses for 2016. These are: [Bachelor of Circus Arts](#), [Certificate IV in Circus Arts](#) and [Certificate III in Circus Arts](#).
More details: <http://www.nica.com.au/>.

8. **CASUAL WORK OPPORTUNITY**



Hobsons Bay
Yarraville Village

A local business is looking for 2 or 3 part time employees for short shifts at their Williamstown store. Hours or work would be 3:30 – 6:00pm M-F & half days weekends. Extra hours available during school holidays.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Sales staff for our busy quality butcher shop, serving & presenting meat for sale, cleaning.

QUALITIES: Must be confident talking with customers, well presented, trustworthy, interested in food/cooking preferable, enjoy working in a busy environment.

If you are interested in some ongoing work please pop in or text 0402 015 638, 66 Ferguson Street Williamstown.

Reminders:

- **‘AT MONASH’ – Theatre, Performance and Music** - 18 Aug, **Science** - 27 Aug, **Teaching** - 1, 3 & 8 Sept, **Engineering** 17 Sept; **Info/ Reg’n:** www.destination.monash.edu/at-monash.
- **PHARMACY OPEN HOUSE** (Parkville) - 16 Aug; **Info:** <http://destination.monash/pharm-open-house>.
- **RMIT SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY SHORT COURSES** Music, Audio, Production, Lighting, Photo-graphy; **Info:** 9925 8111, enquiries@rmit.edu.au, www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au.
- **RMIT FLIGHT TRAINING** @ Point Cook. Meet flight instructors; learn about careers; 10am-4pm, 23 Aug, RAAF Williams Base, Point Cook.

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