



WHS CAREER NEWS February 2015

What a great start to the Year 12 year we have had with a Career presentation "To Infinity and beyond" on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February at camp. Year 12 students were introduced to Career Action Plans and the importance of beginning course research. VTAC was discussed with some websites shown to assist their research. Students should begin searching the VTAC website and individual tertiary websites. This newsletter will be presented regularly to keep students and parents up to date with Careers news. Happy reading! Williamstown High School subscribes to "Career News" to bring you the latest information related to Year 12's. The presentation for those students who were not scheduled for the "To infinity and beyond" at camp will run on Tuesday 3rd March at 12.40-1.20pm. This largely applies to students in 12A, 12E and 12G.

Career decisions are some of the most important ones of your life, so getting help in making those decisions is vital. **CareerNews** is one source of information available to you. **CareerNews** will be published fortnightly throughout the year, providing information about how to **choose a career**, about **information sessions** being held on various courses and careers, **Open Days** at institutions where you might want to study, **career expos**, insights into a number of **careers**, and where you can get help. **Students who do their research during Year 10-12 usually find it easier to make some career decisions at the end of Year 12.**

1. HOW CAN I CHOOSE A CAREER? Many people say that basically they would like a career they **enjoy**, with the possibility of earning a reasonable **income**. **So how do you choose that career?** Firstly, keep in mind that there isn't just one perfect job for you. There are several jobs that would suit you well, so you need to **explore the possibilities**.

First, think about what you **enjoy doing**. For example, is it sport-related, scientific, reading/ writing-related, helping people,

information technology-related?

What do you enjoy **doing in your spare time**?

What **subjects** do you excel in at school?

How important is **income**?

Answering questions such as these will set you on a path to making some decisions. If you like science, what type of science do you prefer – physics, chemistry, biology? If you are creative, what is your speciality – music, drama, art, design? If it is geography, perhaps you could be interested in urban planning, mapping or surveying. If it is health, perhaps it is nursing, nutrition or public health. If it is physics and maths, perhaps engineering.

Don't look too far ahead – you are not deciding on a life-time career. You are likely to have several careers.



2. WHERE CAN I STUDY IN VICTORIA? After completing Year 12, there are many options. If you are considering **university**, hoping to get a degree, these are the universities available in Victoria:

- **Australian Catholic** University (ACU) with campuses in Melbourne (Fitzroy) and Ballarat
- **Deakin** University with campuses in Burwood, Geelong and Warrnambool
- **Federation** University with campuses in Ballarat and Gippsland
- **La Trobe** University with campuses in Melbourne (Bundoora), Bendigo, Albury-Wodonga, Mildura and Shepparton
- **Monash** University with campuses in Melbourne (Clayton, Caulfield, Berwick, Parkville)
- **RMIT** University with campuses in Melbourne (City, Brunswick, Bundoora)
- **Swinburne** University has a campus in Melbourne (Hawthorn)
- University of **Melbourne** in Melbourne (Parkville, Burnley, Southbank, Werribee), Creswick, Dookie and Shepparton
- **Victoria** University is in Melbourne (City, Footscray, St Albans, Melton, Sunshine)



You can check out their facilities and courses by attending their **Open Days**, usually held on Sundays in August. (Dates will be made available to students as soon as they are released).

If you plan a **VET course** (pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, certificate, diploma and a limited number of degrees), institutes offering courses in the Melbourne area are:

- **Box Hill Institute**
- **Chisholm** (Dandenong, Frankston, etc)
- **Holmesglen** (Moorabbin, Chadstone)
- **Kangan** (Broadmeadows, Richmond, etc)
- **Melbourne Polytechnic** (formerly NMIT) (Collingwood, Epping, Preston, Prahran, etc)
- **RMIT** (City, Brunswick)
- **Swinburne** (Hawthorn, Croydon, Wantirna)
- **Victoria** (Footscray, City)
- **William Angliss** (City) and several others.

There are also **independent institutions** offering degrees, diplomas and certificates. Examples are:

- **Academy of Design** (Port Melbourne)
- **Australian Institute of Fitness** (Bendigo, City, etc)
- **Footscray City Films**
- **JMC** (South Melbourne)



Independent colleges are full-fee paying institutions, whereas the government generally offers **financial assistance** to study at universities and VET providers like Box Hill Institute.

NOTE: The government will only fund courses of study that are **at a higher level** than what they have funded already. For example, if you have a bachelor's degree, the government will not fund you to complete a VET diploma as it is at a lower level than the degree.

3. WHAT IS THE UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSION TEST (UMAT)?

Results from this test are used as part of the selection process for some Australian and New Zealand university degrees. In Victoria the only university degree now requiring this test for Year 12 selection is **Medicine at Monash (Clayton)**. However, some interstate and NZ universities also use it.



Registrations for UMAT2015 are now open, and close at 5pm (AEST) on Friday 5 June. The test will take place on Wednesday 29 July 2015.

The UMAT Information Booklet is available from the UMAT website: www.umat.acer.edu.au.

NOTES:

- **Practice materials** are available through the UMAT website and can only be completed online. There are currently **four practice tests** available: UMAT Practice Test 1, UMAT Practice Test 2, UMAT Practice Test 3 and Additional Practice Questions. **UMAT Practice Test 1 will be included with the UMAT2015 registration.** In addition, candidates will have access to some **free preparation videos** once registration to sit UMAT2015 is completed.
- Candidates with a **disability or other health-related needs** and who wish to apply for special testing conditions must do so by Friday 19 June. This includes candidates who have **diabetes** and require food during the test.
- Some **tutorials and a quiz** are now available on the UMAT website. Candidates should watch these tutorials and complete the quiz questions **before registering for the test.**

4. WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS TEST (ISAT)?

This is a test used by Australian universities to assist their selection of international students for



certain undergraduate and postgraduate courses. Courses include Monash University Medicine. It is delivered by Prometric; there are over 5000 Authorised Testing Centres around the world. You may select a test date and location convenient to you. Register at <http://isat.acer.edu.au>.

5. **WHAT KIND OF ENGINEER ARE YOU?** Are you interested in engineering but not sure which type is the best fit for you? You can find out with the new RMIT online quiz at <http://trueengineer.com.au/>.

6. **'AT MONASH' SEMINAR SERIES** – a great opportunity to find out about Monash degrees. More information in the next issue, but check out www.destination.monash/at-monash from Monday 16 Feb.

7. **AVALON AIRSHOW** – Students interested in a career



in the aviation industry might wish to attend the Avalon Airshow. Among other things, you will be able to find out about RMIT's flight training program, aerospace and mechanical engineering programs.

When: 24 Feb – 1 Mar, 2015; **Where:** Avalon Airport; **Info:** www.airshow.com.au/airshow2015/.

8. **VETERINARY NURSING ASSOCIATE DEGREE** – Melbourne Polytechnic (formerly NMIT) (Epping) is offering a 2-year associate degree, the first para-professional veterinary nursing qualification in Australia. It is designed to produce highly skilled clinicians with exceptional levels of practical skill, knowledge and in depth understanding gained through an exploration of the academic underpinnings of the field.



Graduate employment will include veterinary practices as veterinary nurses and practice managers and large organisations (veterinary pharmaceutical, veterinary nutrition companies and research facilities). **Prerequisites:** Successful completion of VCE or recognised equivalent with a study score of at least 20 in any English and a study score of at least 20 in one of any Mathematics, Chemistry or Biology; OR successful completion of a Diploma course in Veterinary Nursing or a related area; OR at least two years of related industry experience.

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