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All Year 12 VCE students MUST make an appointment with Rose - Careers Counsellor BEFORE the end of Term 1 to discuss their options for 2016; this includes VTAC applications, apprenticeships, full time employment, TAFE & Universities.

**WHAT IS VTAC?**

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) is the central office that administers the application and offer process for places in tertiary courses at university, TAFE and independent tertiary colleges in Victoria (and a few outside Victoria). VTAC receives and forwards application information and supporting documentation to the course selection authorities at institutions.

VTAC is not a selection authority, does not determine the selection criteria used by institutions and does not decide who will receive an offer. All decisions about which applicants are offered a place are made by the course selection authorities at institutions.

After selection decisions have been made by the course authorities at institutions, VTAC sends offer letters to successful applicants on the institutions' behalf.

VTAC also:

- administers the application process for the Special Entry Access Scheme and scholarships on behalf of participating institutions;
- calculates and issues the ATAR (previously known as the ENTER) for VCE students;
- co-ordinates sittings for STAT and DULSAT (ALSET) admissions tests;
- provides telephone and online information and enquiry services for applicants;
- publishes a range of guides to tertiary study;
- conducts information sessions for secondary school students and their parents, careers teachers and adults returning to study.

All Year 12 VCE students wanting to study a course at University or Tafe in 2017 will be required to register with VTAC in August - Term 3.

**VTAC website: vvvv.vtac.edu.au**

Year 12 students should become familiar with this site and start researching course.
INSIGHT INTO PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM – MONASH UNIVERSITY
This program offers Yr 11 & 12 students a rare insight into the Bachelor of Health Sciences, Bachelor of Emergency Health & Paramedic Practice degree. It is conducted with the Department of Community Emergency Health & Paramedic Practice on the Peninsula Campus, after school hours over an 8 week period. The program introduces students to basic paramedic theory, skills and equipment. These sessions will start on Wednesday 16th March – 11th May from 4.30 – 6.30pm. Please see Rose – Careers Advisor for an application form before 6th March.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE CAREERS EXPO
The ADF is holding their Careers Expo on Saturday 5th March at the Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton. This is a great opportunity for students wanting to join the ADF to investigate careers in some of these areas:

**ADF CAREERS**
- Fitness
- Combat & Security
- Aviation
- GAP Year
- Leadership & Management/
  Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)
- Army Reserves
- Museum
- Engineering
- Submariners
- Trades & Services
- Transport & Logistics
- Information & Communication Technology
- Business & Administration
- Healthcare & Science

**OTHER EXHIBITORS**
- Robogals
- Australian Navy Cadets
- Defence Work Experience Program
- Defence Community Organisation
- Commandos
- HMAS Cerberus
- Australian National Aviation
- Netball Victoria
- Military Working Dogs

UMAT
UMAT is short for the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test. This year the test will be held on Wednesday 27 July. Registrations are open now and close at 5pm (AEST) on Friday 3 June, 2016. See: [http://umat.acer.edu.au](http://umat.acer.edu.au). The UMAT is a multiple choice assessment; it is possible to purchase practice tests at this website, and you are strongly advised to do so as the UMAT is a very demanding test and practice is vital. The only Victorian undergraduate degree which requires completion of the UMAT is Medicine at Monash.

DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT STUDYING AT MONASH UNIVERSITY?
Monash is once again holding a Seminar Series where you can find out what it is really like to study at Monash. The seminar series this year is known as 'Inside Monash'. The series kicks off with Business and Economics on 9 March, then Science on 10 March and Arts,
Humanities and Social Sciences on 15 March. When: 6.30pm-8.00pm, 9 March through to 13 September; Where: Clayton, Caulfield or Peninsula campuses; Bookings/Information: www.monash.edu/inside-monash; Other Information: Call 1800 MONASH.

NOTE: In April there are seminars on Pharmacy, Design and Fine Art, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, Global Studies, Nursing and Midwifery, Architecture, Interior Architecture and Psychology. Seminars on other courses will follow from May to September. See the above website for details and bookings. These Seminars are highly recommended for learning more about the course/career which interests you.

FOCUS ON DEAKIN UNIVERSITY - Deakin is the seventh largest university in Australia with over 53,000 students. It offers over 700 courses and careers at its four campuses:

- the largest campus is in the Melbourne suburb of Burwood
- there are two campuses in Geelong, one at Waurn Ponds and the other on the Geelong Waterfront
- a campus is located at Warrnambool

Deakin offers real choice about how and when you learn, and it is possible to fast-track your degree by studying additional units in Trimester 3. You can choose from a wide range of study areas and select from the huge range of elective units offered in many courses, including, in some cases, the option to choose elective units from a different field. You can also choose how you study. Cloud (online), the fifth campus, provides flexibility, enabling you to study where and when it suits.

Deakin is somewhat unusual in offering the three semesters (trimesters) per year. This means that it is often possible to complete a three-year degree in two years.

Deakin does not offer VET courses in the way that RMIT, Swinburne and Victoria Universities do. However, Deakin has formal arrangement with a number of VET providers offering pathways into their degrees. For example, Bendigo TAFE, Box Hill Institute, Chisholm, Melbourne Polytechnic, Riverina TAFE, South West TAFE and The Gordon (Geelong) have formal pathways. For details: www.deakin.edu.au/pathways-to-deakin.

Another pathway to Deakin is from Deakin College. The College offers Diplomas in Commerce, Computing, Engineering, Health Sciences, Management, Media and Communications and Science. Students who perform well in these one-year diplomas are able to transition to the second year of a similar degree at Deakin University.

A great new resource for exploring courses and careers at Deakin can be found at: explore.deakin.edu.au. Featuring more than 700 courses and careers, this mobile tool will help you discover the myriad of future options available to you. You can scroll, select and save favourite courses and careers for later reference. See: http://explore.deakin.edu.au
**OPEN DAYS AT HOLMESGLEN** - Most tertiary institutions hold their Open Days in August (dates will be provided in the next Newsletter so you can get them in your diary). However, Holmesglen has Open Days throughout the year. Holmesglen is mainly a VET provider (some degrees) with campuses in Chadstone, City, Moorabbin and Waverley. Dates of Open Days are: 17 March, 12 May, 16 June, 11 August, 15 September, 27 October and 15 December. On-line bookings are essential at www.holmesglen.edu.au/open.

**BIG CAREERS AND EDUCATION EVENT COMING** - Attending the VCE and CAREERS EXPO 2016 is a great opportunity to collect information from a huge range of providers at the one location. Exhibitors include: VCE resource providers, universities and TAFE and training colleges. In addition, there will be seminars on VCE subjects, tertiary courses, career, gap year and study advice. **When:** 9am-3pm, Thurs 5 & Fri 6 May; 10am-4pm, Sat 7 & Sun 8 May; **Where:** Caulfield Racecourse; **Cost:** $10 per person, $25 for families; **Info:** www.vceandcareers.com.au. Put the date in your diary now! **NOTE:** Events such as these are great for collecting general information from many sources, so are particularly good for Year 10-11. **Open Days** at individual institutions will provide more specific course information.

**SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY NEWS** - Swinburne is a provider of higher education and vocational education and training (VET) courses. Its main campus is in Hawthorn, with small campuses in Croydon and Wantirna.

- **2016 saw the introduction of 11 Professional Degrees** in areas such as Arts, Business, Computer Science, Engineering, Games and Interactivity, Health Science, Information and Communication Technology, Media and Communication, and Science. These degrees are for high-achieving students and incorporate a guaranteed, paid, full-time work placement. They feature a mandatory 12-month work placement which is normally undertaken during the third year of study. Students receive academic credit and gain valuable skills that will make graduates job-ready. The university will find appropriate placements for students.
- **UniLink** is quite a recent development at Swinburne. UniLink offers one-year courses for students who are unable to reach the required ATAR for Swinburne degrees. Around 80% of UniLink students are able to pathway into appropriate degrees at Swinburne in the following year.