

From the Head of Careers



The Careers Newsletter this week contains a variety of information on exchange programs, volunteering opportunities as well as GAP year ideas just for a start!

It also lists many upcoming events that students and parents may like to investigate, and feedback from many of these sessions has been very positive in the past. Year 10 students are also encouraged to look at some of these opportunities.

The Year 11 students have the opportunity to visit Federation University for 'Experience Days' relevant to particular faculties over the coming months. These days are designed to give students a taste of what a university campus is like and what sort of areas and activities they may be part of once at university. The first of these days is on 16 March and begins with a focus on Sport Science and Physical Education or IT. A thank you to the Baw Baw LaTrobe LLEN who have worked again with the university, to coordinate and provide buses free of charge, to allow our students to participate.

Mrs Deb Cumming
Head of Careers



INTERESTED IN ASIAN STUDIES?

Interested in Asian Studies? Australian National University (ANU), Canberra, has a wide range of scholarships available to assist their students studying Asia Studies to undertake overseas exchange placements.

- Click here for a full list of scholarships, <http://goo.gl/rVRAuF>
- Click here to read stories from ANU students undertaking the Year in Asia program, <http://goo.gl/u9C3MS>
- Click here for information on their Asia Studies courses, <http://goo.gl/srLv22>



You can study an undergraduate major in Asian Studies at the following Victorian universities:

- La Trobe University, <http://bit.ly/2m2ugdL>
- University of Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2mdcbJs>

You can study Asian languages at all Victorian universities. The following are two course examples:

- Deakin University: Bachelor of Arts – Chinese/Bachelor of Commerce, <http://bit.ly/2lbMEIY>
- Monash University: Bachelor of Global Studies with a Major in Global Cultural Literacies, <http://bit.ly/2bNygej>

If the university you would like to study at doesn't offer the Asian language you are interested in, they may allow you to co-enrol with another university that offers the language.

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Do you love Maths, Science and Health?

Have you considered studying biomedical engineering? Biomedical engineering sits at the intersection of technology and human biology, applying the latest developments in computing, robotics and nanotechnology to medicine to ensure a better life for all of us.

Biomedical engineers create new technologies that improve disease diagnosis, find new and better ways of patient monitoring, revolutionise medical treatment and so much more.

You can specialise in areas such as:

- Biomechanics
- Biosignal processing
- Medical imaging
- Biomaterials
- Neural engineering
- Computational modelling
- Tissue engineering
- Surgical instruments and medical devices
- Telehealth

If you are fascinated by human anatomy and curious about artificial intelligence and robotics then you are going to love exploring biomedical engineering. UNSW have put together a website featuring different types of biomedical engineering and profiles of students and alumni, <http://bit.ly/1oWGNAd>

You can study biomedical engineering at the following Victorian universities:

- University of Melbourne: Master of Engineering (Biomedical), <http://bit.ly/2kCNOIM>
- RMIT: Bachelor of Engineering (Biomedical) (Honours), <http://bit.ly/2eFbRji>
- Monash University: Master of Advanced Engineering (Medical Engineering), <http://bit.ly/2kOW9Eg>

VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Keep in touch with La Trobe University and win!

Just by signing up to receive online updates from La Trobe University, you will go into a draw to win a holiday travel voucher. Sign up here, <http://goo.gl/Gcyv2j>

Destination Monash: Make sure you bookmark the Destination Monash Tumblr page for updates on study skills, time management and information about university life. All blogs have been written by current Monash students and are witty and entertaining, <http://bit.ly/1j8VzRl>

Science news: Be inspired by the latest stories featured on RiAUS – Australia’s Science Channel. Some of the topics covered this week include:

- Sea ice, land ice and rising sea levels
- Guide to deciphering weather radars
- The science of immortality
- The effect of summer heat on your blood and organs.

Access the stories at this link, <http://bit.ly/2m2ud1E>



Do you have a passion for Science and the ocean?

Have you considered studying one of the amazing programs at the Australian Maritime College located in Tasmania? They offer courses in:

- Ocean and coastal seafaring
- Maritime engineering: marine and offshore systems, ocean engineering and naval architecture
- Marine conservation, fisheries management and aquaculture
- Nautical Science
- Maritime and logistics management
- International logistics (freight forwarding)
- Maritime technology management

To learn about their programs, go to, www.amc.edu.au/



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Interested in Agriculture and/or Veterinary Science?

To keep up-to-date with news and course information at the University of Melbourne Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences:

- Follow the news blog at <http://bit.ly/2lmjIme>
- Join the Pre-Ag Club at <http://bit.ly/1XZ6E6H>

Have you considered studying Medicine in the future?

You may be confused about your future job prospects due to conflicting media reports. Some reports claim there is a shortage of qualified doctors in Australia and others claim there is an oversupply. My Health Career has written an article discussing these conflicting reports. You can access it here, <http://bit.ly/2m1WGIh>

News from Macleay College: Macleay is a private college located in Melbourne and Sydney. Vocational and higher education courses include Advertising, Media, Journalism, Business, Marketing, Real Estate, Travel and Tourism, Public Relations, Event Management, Sport Business, Entrepreneurship and Digital Media. The following are current news articles from the college:

- Read about the nine Walkley winners teaching the Journalism course
- Meet the industry leading lecturers teaching in Journalism, Advertising, Digital Media, Business and Marketing this year
- Watch the latest commercial produced by Advertising and Media students for CoverCard
- Learn about the Digital Media degree.

You can access the articles at this link, <http://bit.ly/2m5HeHQ>

CHECK OUT MACLEAY STUDENTS IN ACTION...



Passionate about all things automotive? Have you considered a career working with cars? Vantage Automotive is an organisation dedicated to assisting students to forge a career in the automotive industry. They work with Volvo, Skoda, Audi, Jaguar, Land Rover and Volkswagen. To read about the amazing work they do and student testimonials, go to, <http://bit.ly/1MLU82s>



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Animation and Game Gallery 2017: The staff and students of the Animation and Game Development courses at JMC Academy Melbourne invite you to the annual Animation and Game Gallery for 2017. Discover the creativity of JMC Academy Game and Animation students and view a selection of the innovative and inspiring work from all trimester levels including multiplayer games, interactive art, production breakdowns, 3D sculptures and designs, concept designs and much more. The event will be held on Wednesday 1 March at ACMI, Federation Square Melbourne. For information and to RSVP, go to, <http://bit.ly/2IfTFCE>



Interested in Fashion Design? Academy of Design Australia invites students to attend the full dress rehearsal of 'Sketch', presented as part of the Virgin Australia Melbourne Fashion Festival's 2017 offsite runway program. The event will be held on Friday 3 March at James Makin Gallery, 67 Cambridge Street, Collingwood. For information and to RSVP, go to, <http://bit.ly/2iCkWQJ>



Want to learn more about adolescent issues? The Australian Catholic University (ACU) School of Psychology is hosting four webinars that will benefit students interested in studying psychology in the future and parents. Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Dates and topics:

- 15 May – Development issues
- 19 June – Cyberbullying
- 24 July – Body image and weight
- 13 September – Career planning panel

To be added to the email list to receive further details about the webinars, please email fhersvp@acu.edu.au

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Are you considering studying at a university after school? Did you know that many universities have programs in place to ensure that students feel connected during their first year? It can be a daunting experience to start at a large institution where everything from timetables to classes to lecturers is so different from school. The following are examples of programs that universities are using to ensure that students find the transition from school to university easy:

- Student Connect, University of Melbourne:** Every first year student will meet with a specialist Student Connect adviser who will assist the student to develop an action plan that incorporates goals that are tracked through the year. The adviser can also assist with choosing subjects, assisting with accommodation and developing a study plan and career goals, <http://bit.ly/2mjv14e>
- Federation University:** First year students can access a student mentor to support them in their first year of study. They can also join FedReady to assist them with the transition to university learning. Students can also join a study group through the PASS Program, <http://bit.ly/2IY8VF9>
- Connect Volunteer, La Trobe University:** First year students can elect to join the Connect Volunteer program during orientation week. They will meet with a Connect Volunteer mentor, which is a later years student, several times over a period of six weeks in the first semester, <http://bit.ly/2ITsTRf>



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Victorian Skills Gateway: This site is for students and their parents who are interested in apprenticeships, traineeships and vocational study in Victoria. For information, go to, <http://bit.ly/2mrQki7>

Pre-apprenticeships: If you are interested in pursuing an apprenticeship pathway and are unsure about continuing on at school this year, you may want to enrol in a pre-apprenticeship. Contact your local TAFE institution to ask about the programs they have available. You can undertake pre-apprenticeships in areas such as bricklaying, building, plumbing, electrical, automotive, community services, beauty etc.

Changes to the Australian National University Tuckwell Scholarship: Year 12 students – please be advised that to be eligible to apply for the Tuckwell Scholarship, you must have completed at least one unit of Mathematics in Year 11. Applications for the scholarship open on 6 March. For information on the scholarship and eligibility requirements, go to, <http://bit.ly/2loOVbh>

Interested in business? You can take a Virtual tour of the Australian National University College of Business and Economics building at this link, <http://bit.ly/2lZZu86>



Cultural Care Au Pair week: If you are interested in working as an Au Pair, you may consider attending a Cultural Care Au Pair information session. The company assists students to find placements in America. Dates: Geelong – 1 April and Melbourne – 8 April. For information and to RSVP, go to, <http://culturalcare.com.au/>

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Exciting news! Refraction Media has just released the new double edition 'Careers with Science & Health' magazine. 'Careers with Science & Health' not only shows you how to get a job you will enjoy, but also one that allows you to move quickly from one field of expertise to the next, helping to solve some of society's major challenges along the way. We call it STEM + X – where 'X' is your passion, hobby, another field of interest or even a world changing goal.

Your 'X' could be anything. For example, health + music could lead to a new therapy that lowers the stress levels of patients. Or astronomy + film could lead you to create amazing planetarium shows. Computer science + maths could lead to new ways of visualising research, using 3D immersive data display or virtual reality tools. 'Careers with Science & Health' includes over 65 real-life reads and 150 STEM + X degrees in science and health fields, plus job and salary data.

To read the magazine, go to, <http://bit.ly/2IL1DCI>



Science in the City, RMIT: You and your parents will be able to learn about the Science programs on offer at RMIT, which include biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental science, food science, nanotechnology and physics. You will also be able to undertake a laboratory tour at the City campus and speak to lecturers about how you can broaden your career options and give yourself a competitive edge. The event will run Thursday 30 March. There are limited spaces, so register now, <http://bit.ly/2mjulrn>

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

7 – 28: Inside Monash Seminars: Monash University, Arts (7), Business (8), Science (9), Pharmacy (28), <http://bit.ly/2ki2NYw>

11: Blue Mountains Hotel School Open Day: Leura, NSW campus, <http://bit.ly/1MFVHTf>

14, 22: Meet Melbourne: Melbourne University Parkville campus, Bendigo (14), Geelong (22), <http://bit.ly/2lec1Sd> (Warragul next month)

30: Science in the City: RMIT, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2mjulrn>

APRIL

3: Forensic Science Careers Information Day: Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, <http://bit.ly/2me1XIR>

6: UMAT Exam Preparation Day: St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2kPNOLN>

7: A Day at Melbourne University: Parkville campus, <http://bit.ly/2kDFjgs>

7: Experience La Trobe University: Melbourne campus, <http://bit.ly/1Rilhxz>

7: MyDay: Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga campus, <http://bit.ly/2kVYa5R>

10, 11: MyDay: Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga campus – Agriculture, <http://bit.ly/2kVYa5R>

26: Early Achievers Program: Australian Catholic University – applications open for Year 12 students, <http://bit.ly/2kPLY2t>

29: Nursing and Health Expo: Australian College of Nursing. The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, <http://bit.ly/2me1NRF>