

This is the last CareerNews for 2014. Hopefully you have found the newsletters useful, and good luck as you move on to higher levels at school, or for Year 12's, on to university, vocational education (including apprenticeships and traineeships), a gap year with all its possibilities, or to employment. Remember that you are likely to have several careers, so expect to need to gain further education throughout your lifetime.

1. YEAR 12

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (COP) PERIOD –

After you obtain your results on Monday 15 December, there is a period when you can change your VTAC preferences. You may have



changed your mind, or done better (or not as well) as expected. It is a good idea to review your preferences at this stage, up until 12 noon

on Monday 22 December. Universities and other providers offer assistance to Year 12's at this time. What help is on offer?

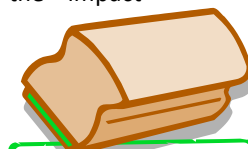
- **Australian Catholic University – COP Expo:** 12noon-6pm, Thurs 6 Jan, 115 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy; **Hotline:** 1300 275 228.
- **Box Hill Institute – Hotline:** 1300 BOX HILL or Andrea on 9286 9553
- **Charles Sturt Uni** – Call 1800 334 733
- **Chisholm** - Call 1300 244 746
- **Deakin University – Information evenings:** Both 5-7pm, Tues 16 Dec, Melbourne (Burwood) campus; Wed 17 Dec, Geelong Waterfront campus, 1 Gheringhap St; **Livechat** (get your questions answered) at www.choose.deakin.edu.au/livechat; **Tour:** 11am-1pm, Tues 16 Dec, Warrnambool campus & 11am-2pm, Wed 17 Dec, Geelong Waurin Ponds campus; **Hotline:** 1300 334 733 (DEGREE).
- **Federation Uni** – Hotline: 1800 333 864
- **Holmesglen – COP information sessions** – see www.holmesglen.edu.au/open; **Hotline:** 1300 693 888.
- **Kangan** - Call 13 8233
- **La Trobe University – Advisory Night** (all campuses): 5-7pm, 23 September; **COP Advisory Days:** 16 Dec (Melbourne and Bendigo); **COP Hotline:** 1300 135 045
- **Monash University – Change of Preference Expo** – 3-7pm, Wed 17 Dec; Building H, Caulfield Campus; **COP Hotline:** 1800 666 274 (MONASH); See www.destination.monash.
- **NMIT - Hotline:** 9269 1200
- **RMIT – COP Expo** Building 80, 445 Swanston St, 11am-3pm, Wed 17 Dec; **Hotline:** 9925

2260, or visit **Info Corner**, 330 Swanston St (cnr La Trobe St)

- **Swinburne – Hotline** 1300 275 794; <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/change-of-preference/events/>
- **University of Melbourne - University of Melbourne: Course Information Day**, 10am-2.30pm, Wed 17 December; see www.cop.unimelb.edu.au/2014 or **Hotline:** 13 MELB (13 6352) or 13MELB@unimelb.edu.au, or visit the **Information Centre**, Gate 3, Swanston St, Melbourne
- **Vic Uni – COP Expo** – 4-7pm, Wed 17 Dec (Footscray); **Hotline:** 1300 842 864; **One-on-one appointments** (15-19 Dec) – book at www.vu.edu.au/change.
- **William Angliss – Experience Angliss Day:** 10am-4pm, 18 Dec; **Hotline:** 1300 ANGLISS.

2. FIRST IN AUSTRALIA – LA TROBE FEE

GUARANTEE – La Trobe's new 'Aspire' program has been well-received, recognising the impact



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volunteers have on their local communities. To recognise this, and to further reward these contributions, La Trobe has announced it will offer a **Fee Guarantee for the undergraduate students who study under the 'Aspire' program**. In the event of a deregulated fee environment being introduced the La Trobe Guarantee means that a student will not pay more than 10% above the regulated fee in any year, applying for the normal duration of a full-time degree.

- ## 3. WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER?
- A video series is giving the community a chance to find out more of what it takes to become a police officer. Check out a police constable's experiences during the 33 weeks of training at the Victoria Police Academy. **See the video series at:** www.youtube.com/VPBlueTube.

- ## 4. DEFENCE FORCE CHAT
- Army, navy and air force are hosting an Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Facebook chat at 6.30pm, Thursday 23 October. The link to the chat page is: <http://www.facebook.com/events/1485699831716414/>.

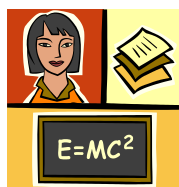


- ## 5. ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS ABOUT STUDYING VCE
- A range of valuable videos are now available on the

Monash Youtube channel, offering tips/advice from students and parents who have survived VCE. [Find out](#) what they have to say.

6. **INTERESTED IN LOGISTICS?** Ever wondered how your clothes make it to the store or how the food you eat gets from the farm to you fork? Logistics involves the integration of information, transport and handling of these materials to meet customers' needs. There is a **vast array of career opportunities in logistics**, from entry level to senior management. The Victorian Transport Association is again offering **traineeships in logistics** in 2015. This is a two-year program which has young people employed full time with Transport and Logistics companies while they study a **Cert IV in Logistics and a Diploma of Logistics**. For more information: call Leni on 9646 8590, visit www.vta.com.au or email cadetship@vta.com.au.

7. **WOMEN IN PHYSICS CAREERS NIGHT**



The Undergraduate Physics Students' Society with the Laby Foundation and the Melbourne School of Physics is offering a chance to meet and learn about **successful Women in Physics**. It will consist of a panel discussion with physics students and graduates, followed by a panel

discussion, followed by a break with refreshments and a chance to meet panellists. **When:** 6pm, Tues 14 Oct; **Where:** Laby Theatre, Melbourne Graduate School of Science at the University of Melbourne; Free, but **email** attendance at info@unimelbpps.org (students and parents welcome).

8. **RMIT DIPLOMA OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (Building)** – VTAC states that Year 12 applicants need to phone RMIT to book a test for this course. This is incorrect – Year 12's will be selected solely on their ATAR.

9. **SCIENCE EXPERIENCE AT RMIT (FOR YEAR 10'S IN 2015)** -This is three fun-filled days of hands-on activities for students entering Year 10 next year. It allows next generation if curious scientists to go behind



the scenes and sample the world of science and technology. Perform experiments, participate in field trips, attend university lectures, and experience three days of student life on campus. **When:** Tues 20-Thurs 22 Jan, 2015 (the program is run at a number of Australian universities including RMIT); **Cost:** \$115; **Info and register:** www.scienceexperience.com.au.

10. **RMIT RACING AT CALDER PARK** – RMIT Racing invites secondary students to attend the Formula SAE, Melbourne's largest engineering competition at Calder Park Raceway. See the RMIT Electric and renewable ethanol fuelled cars fired up and competing. **When:** 9am-4pm, Sat 13 and Sun 14 Dec; **Where:** Calder Park Raceway; **Info:** Rose, De Amicis, SAE Australia, Ph 9676 9568.

11. **NUCLEAR MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIPS** –



Applications are now open for RMIT Nuclear Medicine Scholarships worth up to \$10,000 over three years. They provide assistance towards study and living costs for students

commencing the **B. Applied Science (Medical Radiations) Nuclear Medicine stream**, with five scholarships awarded. **Info:** Ph 9925 7075, email medicalsciences@rmit.edu.au, www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/nuclear.

12. **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** - can book 30-minute appointments to talk with University of Melbourne staff about study options, VTAC, and support services. They run 2-5pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. **Register:** www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events.

13. **PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS – A POSITIVE MOVE** – A pre-apprenticeship is a positive



move towards securing an apprenticeship. Many employers require potential employees to have completed a pre-apprenticeship prior to applying for an apprenticeship.

On completion of a pre-apprenticeship, a student receives a nationally recognised qualification – this attracts the attention of employers and can potentially reduce the time of an apprenticeship.

14. **DID YOU KNOW?** Many TAFE's have articulation arrangements with universities. Eg. after completing the Box Hill Advanced Dip. of Engineering Technology, students will receive 18 months credit and can enrol into the fourth semester of the Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering at Deakin University. Similar arrangements apply to many other TAFE diplomas.

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