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Reminders
- Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test: Early April – registrations open (needed for Monash medicine and physiotherapy and some interstate medical course applicants)
- ‘At Monash’ university series continues: Physiotherapy/occupational therapy 19 Mar; IT 20 Mar; Pharmacy/pharmaceutical sciences: 21 Mar; Design/fine art: 17 April; Pharmacy/pharmaceutical sciences: 21 Mar; Design/fine art: 17 April; Psychology: 18 April; All: 6.30-8.00pm; Info/reg’n: 1800 MONASH or www.monash.edu/seminars. Places limited.
- Engineers Expo: 11am-7pm, 21 Mar; Etihad stadium; Info: www.engineeringexpo.org.au; Sarah 9321 1703, scooke@engineersaustralia.org.au.

1. CHECK OUT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – La Trobe University is inviting Year 10-12 students and families to ‘Experience La Trobe’. This is an opportunity to check out courses, see facilities, participate in a workshop of your choice, and speak to staff. When: Melbourne (Bundoora), Fri 5 April; Bendigo, Fri 21 June (school holidays). This is a free event with lunch/entertainment provided. Register: www.latrobe.edu.au/experience.

NOTE: La Trobe will be offering the Bachelor of Civil Engineering at both the Melbourne campus and the Bendigo campus from 2014.

2. FROM DEAKIN UNIVERSITY – Labour Market News – At a recent Deakin conference, career practitioners were told the following:
- 37% of employees in Australia now work part-time, but of these, 40% want more work: they have been forced into part-time work
- Currently 35% of males are working part-time. Part-time work is common in sales, communications and personal services
- More work roles now require a university degree, such as in information technology, banking and nursing
- Job security has become an illusion, with outsourcing and the use of technology creating more job insecurity

- Youth unemployment (15-25years) is now at 12.9%
- The ‘winners’ in terms of jobs are in areas such as health care, mining, aged care and education
- Professions requiring registration are doing better in terms of jobs (eg someone with a Health Science degree will find it harder to get work than, say, a physiotherapist or psychologist).

Career self-management – If you want to put yourself ‘out there’ and improve your employment opportunities you are advised to do the following:
- Be able to articulate your values
- Develop and maintain your relationships/networks
- Be an expert in something
- Be flexible
- Develop your ability to work with uncertainty
- Know what is going on in your area or expertise
- Invest in qualifications and professional development

3. ZOO KEEPER OR VET FOR A DAY – Thinking of a career working with animals? Then, what about a ‘Keeper for a Day’ or ‘Vet for a Day’ program in the coming school holidays? Participate in a range of hands-on experiences designed to provide you with an insight into the role of a zoo keeper. On offer:
- Werribee open Range Zoo’s Keeper for a Day program; Ages: 13-18yrs; Cost: $103 (incl morning tea); Book: 9285 9406; See: www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day
- Healesville Sanctuary’s Vet for a Day program; Ages: 15-18 yrs; Cost: $125 (incl morning tea); Book: 9285 9406; See: www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-santuary-vet-for-a-day
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4. YOU WANT TO STUDY PHOTOGRAPHY? Courses are available at university, TAFE and at some independent colleges. This is a range of suggestions only.

- RMIT offers a Bachelor of Arts (Photography) at its City campus, and also a ‘major’ in photography in its fine arts degree; Deakin offers a ‘major’ in photography in its arts, film and TV, film and digital media and its media and communications degrees, La Trobe offer a ‘major’ in photojournalism in its arts degree and Monash (Caulfield) offers photography in its visual and fine art degrees.
- A Diploma of Photoimaging is available at a number of TAFEs including Holmesglen, NMIT, RMIT, while photography is offered in a number of TAFE visual arts diplomas (eg NMIT, Swinburne, VU).
- Photography is also offered at independent colleges such as the Photographic Imaging College in Hawthorn and the Photography Studies College at Southbank.

Want to study photography? Then attend Open Days. Choosing a course without visiting is unwise.

5. DID YOU KNOW? Victoria is the second largest employing state, with a quarter of the nation’s employment (almost 2.9 million). The largest employing industries are health care and social assistance (336,700), retail trade (317,200) and manufacturing (302,700), which combined have around one third of state employment. The Victorian workforce is relatively highly skilled with 30% of workers holding a bachelor degree or higher qualification, compared with 27% nationally. The proportion of Victorian workers who are aged 45 years and older is the same as the national average (38%) (From the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations report, Australian Jobs 2012).

6. DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – The annual ‘Age’ VCE and careers expo 2013 is coming up soon. There will be around 190 institutions to provide future study advice to prospective students. Also featured are seminars on VCE subjects, tertiary courses, career and employment advice. When: 10am-3pm, Thurs 2/Fri 3 May; 10am-4pm, Sat 4/Sun 5 May; Where: Caulfield Racecourse, Station St; Cost: $10; $25 per family (covers all 4 days).

7. FANTASTIC NEW WEBSITE – You really need to check out this new website at: www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au. This site provides you with the ability to search for a range of institutions (universities, TAFEs, private providers), explore links between courses and careers, search for scholarships, and access information about tertiary study. You are encouraged to spend some time on this website.

8. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS -

- **CHECK OUT THE UNIVERSITY** - ‘Access all Areas’ is designed for Years 10-12 students and their families, offering a personalised insight into the university. This is your opportunity to explore the Melbourne Parkville campus. When: Friday 5 April or 12 July; Information/registration: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/accessallareas.

- **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AT MELBOURNE** – This degree provides an enormous range of study options, graduate pathways and career outcomes. Over 70% of students who enrol in the Bachelor of Science degree go on to further study, especially into health science and engineering programs or to further their scientific research interests. Students have the opportunity to undertake their own research in their B. Science by either taking a science research project as a subject, or applying for a number of undergraduate research opportunities over the summer break. There are 35 majors to choose from in the B. Science...and did you know that the inventor of vegemite, Cyril Callister, studied chemistry at Melbourne? Find out more at www.science.matters.unimelb.edu.au.

- **WHAT IS THE LSAT?** The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is a standardised test required for admission by more than 200 law schools around the world. Melbourne Law School is the only Australian law school using it. It is designed to measure aptitude for the study of law; no prior knowledge of law is required. Selection to the Melbourne JD is based on: academic results from all previous tertiary studies, LSAT score and essay, and a personal statement (up to 850 words). www.law.unimelb.edu.au/jd/future-students/how-to-apply/about-the-lsat. (NOTE: As with many of its degrees, Law at Melbourne is a post-graduate degree).

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