1. WHERE CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AND CAREERS? The Careers Centre is the obvious starting point, however, there are many other places to obtain information. Examples are CAREER EXPOS, university and TAFE OPEN DAYS, CAREER EVENTS held during the year, and WEBSITES.

- CAREER EXPOS:
  Why attend? Career Expos are a great opportunity to collect information and to talk to staff from a wide variety of education and training providers at the one time and location. Expos are an excellent starting point in your exploration. Coming up (dates for your diary):
  - The Age VCE and Careers Expo is from Thurs 3 to Sun 6 May at the Caulfield Race Course
  - The National Careers and Employment Expo is on 18 & 19 May at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
  - The Herald Sun Career Expo is on 27 – 29 July
  - Engineering Careers Expo is 2-7pm, Thurs 29 March, Etihad Stadium; www.engineeringexpo.org.au

- OPEN DAYS:
  University and TAFE Open Days are a great source of information as attendance at these provides the opportunity to speak to staff and see facilities. (If you plan to apply for a course requiring an interview, folio presentation or audition as part of the application process, attendance at Open Days really is essential). Open Days generally run from 10am to 4pm. Dates for your diary are as follows:
  - Sat 23 June – Holmesglen
  - Sun 24 June – Victoria Uni and TAFE
  - Sat 4 Aug – Monash Uni (Berwick, Gippsland, Peninsula)

- CAREER EVENTS:
  Various Career Events run throughout the year, and you will be notified in CareerNews.
  - Starting very soon is the annual ‘At Monash’ Seminar series. These give you a head start when considering where a university degree can take you. What/When (all 6.30-8pm):
    - Architecture - 7 Mar
    - Nursing, Paramedics - 8 Mar
    - Pharmacy - 13 Mar
    - Business - 14 Mar
    - Physio & Occupational Therapy - 19 Mar
    - IT - 20 Mar
    - Health Science & Social Work - 26 Mar
    - Teaching, Sport & Outdoor Rec - 27 Mar
    - Medicine, Biomed Science, Radiography & Nutrition/Dietetics - 28 Mar
    - Arts - 29 Mar
    - Design & Fine Art - 18 April
    - Psychology - 19 April
    - Science - 8 May
    - Performing Arts - 15 May
    - Law - 17 May
    - Engineering - 28 June
  - Information: 1800 Monash or 9903 4810; Register and locations: www.monash.edu/seminars

- Trial-a-Trade day at William Angliss Institute, offering 14-18 year olds the opportunity to experience foods and hospitality careers (eg chef, baker, barista or patissier); When: 9.30am-12pm, Sun 18 March; Where: William
Angliss, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne; Cost: $28.00; Info/registration: 1300 264 547 or www.angliss.edu.au/trial.

✓ Experience environmental science and engineering day at RMIT. Undertake interactive workshops in environmental engineering, urban planning, environmental science and geospatial science; When: Thurs 5 April; Cost: Free (incl lunch); Information/register: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays; Call: Clare, 9925 3699; more ‘Get Real Experience’ activities coming in arts/design, computing, marketing and medical sciences (see website)

✓ What Really Happens After High School? Find out by being a uni student for a day at La Trobe Uni. which is opening its doors, inviting Yr 10 - 12s and parents to ‘Experience La Trobe’. Join in workshops, find out about student life and check out the campus. It’s free, entertainment and lunch provided. When: Fri 13 April and Tues 3 July (holidays); Where: La Trobe (Bundoora); Register (and check sessions at Bendigo and Albury-Wodonga): www.latrobe.edu.au/experience.

✓ The Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine is holding a Career Information session offering insights into career opportunities in the forensic sciences. When: 12:30 - 4:00pm, Fri 13 April; Where: VIFM Lecture Theatre, 57-83 Kavanagh Street, Southbank; Registration form located at: http://www.vifm.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Registration-Form-13-April-20121.pdf. For info. visit: http://www.vifm.org/events/16/vifm-careers-information-afternoon/. No seats for parents.

O WEBSITES:
University and TAFE websites are a great source of information. NOTE: A website in last newsletter about tertiary study, costs and financial assistance (with links to other careers sites) for tertiary education is now at www.studyassist.gov.au. A very useful site with a wealth of information...

2. DEAKIN UNI LEARNING HUB OPENS IN DANDENONG – The Deakin Learning Hub in Dandenong has opened, providing opportunity for students for Melbourne’s south-east to study the Bachelor of Health Sciences using community-based learning. This links the classroom experience with input from community groups and local industry. Students study online, with access to academic staff via the hub, providing support, advice and guidance. The hub provides computer resources and access to Deakin’s library and online resources. Where: Level 3, 237 Lonsdale St, Dandenong; When: Business hours, Mon - Fri; Info: www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/hsd/dandenong.

3. FOCUS ON A CAREER – I WANT TO BE A NURSE – If so, you have many study options and combinations to consider:

- The Bachelor of Nursing (a 3-year undergraduate degree for registration as a Division 1 nurse) is taught at many universities (ACU, Ballarat, Deakin, La Trobe, Monash, RMIT and VU). It is also taught at some TAFE Institutes (eg Holmesglen)
- A number of universities such as ACU and Monash offer a Bachelor of Midwifery (for those who wish to work with mothers)
- Some offer a double degree in Nursing/Midwifery, where students complete both qualifications in four years (eg Deakin, La Trobe and Monash - Gippsland)
- A number of universities offer other combinations of double degrees such Nursing/Business Administration (ACU), Nursing/Paramedics (ACU – Ballarat, Monash), Nursing/ Psychology and Nursing/Public Health and Health Promotion at Deakin
- Melbourne University has a postgraduate nursing degree (Master of Nursing Science)
- Specialisations: Nursing (Community Health – Monash Berwick), Nursing (Mental Health) ACU and Nursing (Practice Leadership) ACU
- In addition, many institutions offer the 18-month Diploma of Nursing (Division 2), for example, Holmesglen (Moorabbin) Swinburne (Lilydale), and also a number of independent providers. It is sometimes possible to up-grade this qualification to Division 1.

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