

Reminders:

- Hear from students, graduates and staff at the **'At Monash' seminar series**. Coming up (6.30-8.00pm): **Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy; IT; Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Arts; Design and Fine Art; Teaching, Sport and Outdoor Recreation**.

Dates of **other seminars** and to **register**: www.monash.edu/seminars. **Info**: 1800 MONASH.

- **Keeper For a Day and Vet for a Day** - Werribee Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary; **Book**: 9285 9406; April school holidays.

1. MORE 'AT MONASH' DATES – **Architecture** (Caulfield) Tues 29 April; **Interior Architecture** (Caulfield) Wed 30 April; **Psychology** (Clayton) Thurs 1 May; **Medicine and Biomedical Science** (Clayton) Tues 6 May; **Law** (Clayton) Wed 7 May. More dates and **book**: www.monash.edu/seminars.

2. AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) – ACU is a publicly funded university, open to all. It has campuses in Ballarat, Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney and Canberra, with a new one in Adelaide. It has about



24,000 students and is recognised for its supportive and nurturing environment and close links with industry. This year, first preferences **increased by 5.7% in Victoria**, and **7.4% ACU wide**.

ACU offerings are set to expand further with the introduction of new courses and facilities (eg expecting a **Bachelor of Biomedical Science** and a **Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Birth-5)** at Melbourne campus in 2015). The Melbourne campus is to have **renovations**, and a **new building** is to be constructed on a vacant block at the corner of Victoria Parade and Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

3. CHECK OUT LA TROBE UNIVERISTY IN THE HOLIDAYS – **'Experience La Trobe'** takes place in April, June and July each year. The event is structured around discipline-based workshops. This is a great chance for future students to chat to La Trobe staff, to be a university student for a day, and to pick up course information. The first event for 2014 is on **Friday 11 April** (Melbourne campus). **For details, other campus dates, and to book see**: www.latrobe.edu.au/experience.

4. CHECK OUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE IN THE HOLIDAYS - **'A Day at Melbourne'** will be of interest to anyone considering studying there; an opportunity to explore the Parkville campus and find out about study options. Hear from current students, find out about entry requirements, course structures and other opportunities (can include a tour of the **Southbank campus, Victorian College of the Arts**). **When**: 10am-3.30pm, Fri 11 April; **Register**: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events, or call 13 MELB for information.

5. VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) NEWS –

- VU, with its main campus in Footscray, had an **increase in the number of first preferences in the 2014 VTAC first round offers**. Some highlights were the **B. Sport and Exercise Science** which had a Clearly-In ATAR of 75. VU, with its committed partners Western Bulldogs, Melbourne Vixens and the Australian Institute of Sport, ensure that students are exposed to elite practices; **Osteopathy, Biomedical Science and Paramedics** had Clearly-In ATARs between 75 and 80; **Law** had a Clearly-In ATAR of 80. VU is the only Australian Law School to offer Court Internships.

- **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EXCELLENCE** – The inaugural VU Chancellor's Scholarships for Excellence were awarded to fifty-four students from schools across the state who qualified for the new scholarship with an **ATAR over 90**. These high achievers will receive leadership training, individual mentoring by corporate leaders and internship opportunities. These new scholarships complement the university's existing Achievement and Access Scholarships. **See**: www.vu.edu.au/scholarships.



- **EVENT MANAGEMENT** – VU'S **Bachelor of Business (Event Management)** graduates are highly sought after. The three year course helps students develop the skills to **design, plan, create, implement, manage, and market events** of all shapes and sizes. Extensive **industry placements** are an integral part of the program, giving valuable practical experience. The **Tourism and Events industry** is one of Australia's largest employers with the demand for conference and event organisers expected to grow strongly. Enjoy a diverse career working with festivals, conferences, exhibitions, and community and sporting events.

6. UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA AT HOLMESGLEN INSTITUTE

– Did you know that it is possible to obtain a **University of Canberra degree**, studying in Melbourne through **Holmesglen Institute**? For example, this year Holmesglen is offering the University of Canberra's **Bachelor of Interior Architecture**. The program will give students the skills to plan, design, detail and supervise the construction of industrial, retail and residential building interiors. See: <http://www.canberra.edu.au/melbourne>.

7. CONSIDERING BECOMING A TEACHER?

All Australian education ministers have agreed to national standards and procedures for **accrediting initial teacher education programs**. The **Accreditation of Initial Education Programs in Australia: Standards and Procedures** are currently being



implemented by the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) through the accreditation of initial teacher education programs. Included in the policy are requirements that relate to the entry standards for students commencing initial teacher education courses. One of these requirements is that students are in the **top 30% of the population for literacy and numeracy achievement**. Tertiary institutions that offer initial teacher education programs may still admit students who do not meet this standard at their discretion, but they must ensure that students meet the benchmark by the time they graduate. **Further info:** www.aitsl.edu.au/ite

8. SO YOU WANT TO BECOME AN ACCOUNTANT?

Accountants **analyse financial dealings** of organisations, and **give advice about meeting legal requirements** and the **keeping of financial records**. Some specialise in certain areas such as **auditors, investment analysts, cost accountants and taxation agents**.



Accountants qualify by studying at university for a **Bachelor of Business** or a **Bachelor of Commerce** with a 'major' in accounting, or a **Bachelor of Accounting**. When selecting the degree you wish to study, it is important to check that it is possible to study for an accounting 'major' in that particular degree. Some universities require Units 3 & 4 Maths Methods as a **prerequisite** (Melbourne and Monash - Clayton campus), Monash (Caulfield

and Peninsula campuses) requires any Maths, while other universities (eg ACU, Deakin, Swinburne, La Trobe, RMIT & VU) have no maths requirement. With some further study, graduates can qualify for entry to the **Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA) CPA Australia** or the **Institute of Public Accountants (IPA)**.

Some universities offer **scholarships to study accounting**. For example, **Monash University** offers the **Bachelor of Accounting** with a \$16,000 scholarship, industry placements, and mentoring. **Swinburne University** offers the **Bachelor of Business (Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship)** where a major in accounting can be studied, and similarly in the **Bachelor of Commerce (Chancellor's Scholars Program)** at the **University of Melbourne**.

Some large accounting firms like **KPMG** and **Ernst & Young** offer **traineeships** to those wishing to qualify as accountants. These involve studying part-time and working at the accounting firm part-time. Valuable experience is gained while studying. Applications and interviews for the traineeships occur later in the year.

It is also possible to **study accounting at TAFE**. However, these qualifications will qualify you to work as a bookkeeper or payroll clerk, for example, not as an accountant. TAFE qualifications can, of course, be upgraded to university qualifications, usually with credits for previous study undertaken. **For more information see:** www.cpaaustralia.com.au www.charteredaccountants.com.au/students; www.publicaccountants.org.au

9. UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

– Many are available, and will be covered later. However, one requires an **application by 21 March 2014**, so is highlighted now. The **Tuckwell Scholarship** was recently launched at the **Australian National University (ANU)**, and selects 25 recipients each year, awarding them \$20,900pa (rising with inflation) for up to five years of their degree at ANU for expenses like accommodation and living costs, with scholars living on campus. In addition to receiving a world-class education recipients will grow as individuals, emerging as independent global citizens with the capacity to change the world. ANU is looking for suitable applicants Australia-wide. See: tuckwell.anu.edu.au



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