



SACRÉ COEUR CAREER NEWS

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VTAC Change of Preference

A further reminder to all Year 12 students who made timely applications to VTAC that you can make changes to your preferences up until next **Friday 30 October 2009** at 5.00pm. The VTAC website is www.vtac.edu.au.

➤ Scholarships through VTAC

Year 12 students considering applying for scholarships through VTAC are reminded that the closing date for applications is **Friday 30 October 2009**. You can access the VTAC Scholarship Application at www.vtac.edu.au



Tax File Number

Year 12 students are reminded that you cannot defer your fees in a CSP (Commonwealth Supported Place) university course without a Tax File Number (TFN).



News from Box Hill Institute

➤ Advanced Diploma of Tourism (Management)/Bachelor of Management

The ***Advanced Diploma of Tourism (Management)/Bachelor of Management*** course is an innovative program combining TAFE and Higher Education. This course provides students with the opportunity to complete practical tourism training and business management studies. **The Advanced Diploma of Tourism (Management)/Bachelor of Management is studied concurrently at Box Hill Institute and Deakin University.**

The joint program of study will equip graduates with:

- Knowledge and skills in tourism operations management.
- Customer service and sales and marketing skills.
- Opportunities to develop business skills and concepts.
- Ability to conduct research, manage projects and implement operational plans.

Career opportunities for graduates from this course:

- Tourism Sales Manager
- Small Business Operator
- Tourism Operator

- Tourism Marketing Manager
- Event Manager
- Conference and Convention Manager
- Human Resources Manager (non specialist)
- Travel and Tourism Researcher

For current Australian Year 12 students, the entry requirements are successful completion of the VCE. Applications can be made through VTAC for local students, and to be made directly to Box Hill Institute for international students.

For more information, call 1300 269 445 or visit www.boxhill.edu.au



Medical Administration Training

Medical Administration Training (MAT) provides contemporary courses in *medical reception and medical terminology*, as well as incorporating a Pracsoft medical computer tutorial. The *medical reception course* is nationally accredited, and has been developed to assist the health industry by training people in the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to perform the role of a medical secretary/receptionist in the medical setting. **For more information about MAT, visit www.medtrain.com.au.**



News from Swinburne University

➤ **Vice Chancellor's Scholarships – 2010**

Recipients of the **Vice Chancellor's Scholarship** are awarded a full fee waiver for the duration of their course. In order to be eligible, students are required to achieve an ENTER of at least 97.00.

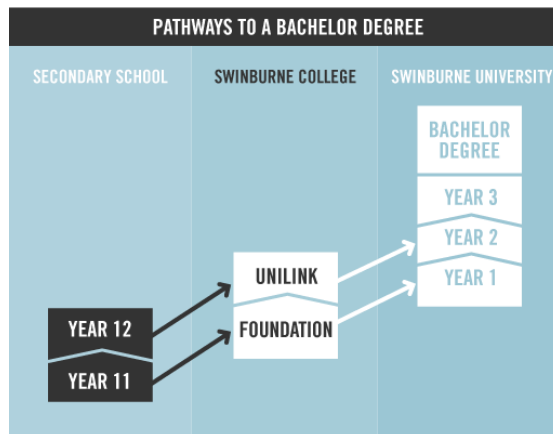
Students who have not yet applied for the Vice Chancellor's Scholarship may do so during the Change of Preference period.

Students are required to apply via VTAC using the code allocated to the relevant Faculty - e.g. Vice Chancellor's Design Scholarship). Recipients are then able to select the course of their choice within the Faculty - e.g. Bachelor of Design (Communication Design).

For further information on the Vice Chancellor's Scholarship, please visit www.future.swinburne.edu.au/scholarships

➤ **Unilink**

A student who does not quite have the ENTER to move straight into an undergraduate degree can enter at a Foundation Studies or Unilink level, both invaluable pathways into higher degrees at Swinburne. **Unilink is a direct pathway to second year at Swinburne University.** It is equivalent to first year and will prepare students for second-year entry to their chosen bachelor degree. Best of all, it only takes eight months to complete. Not only is this cost-effective, but it means students can finish their degree sooner rather than later.



Students wishing to undertake Foundation and Unilink courses should apply directly to Swinburne, not via VTAC. **For more information about the range of Unilink courses on offer, visit <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/college/degree-transfer-programs/unilink/index.html>**

JMCACADEMY 2010 Undergraduate Scholarship Program

JMC Academy is offering **five (5) full year undergraduate scholarships** for the 2010 Academic year. These scholarships cover the tuition fees for the first academic year of study in one of the JMC Academy's five Bachelor degrees. The undergraduate scholarships are open to both Australian and International students. Applications close on **Friday 4 December 2009**. **For a copy of the scholarship program and/or the application form, visit www.jmc.edu.au.**



News from Monash University

➤ New Scholarships Available through the Faculty of Science

The Faculty of Science is pleased to announce that it will be offering up to 30 *new* scholarships, worth up to \$6000 per year, for students entering into the ***Bachelor of Science Advanced with Honours in 2010***. To be eligible students must be:

- an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa,
- have completed Year 12 or IB, and
- a commencing student intending to enrol full-time in the Bachelor of Science Advanced with Honours in the Faculty of Science at the Monash Clayton campus.

For more information visit www.adm.monash.edu.au/scholarships/

➤ **New Double Degree: Bachelor of Arts (Global) / Bachelor of Science**

The ***Bachelor of Arts (Global) / Bachelor of Science*** is an exciting new course being introduced from 2010. It includes core units in Science, where students can choose from over 30 different study areas, alongside units in international and global studies from the Faculty of Arts. **The degree also provides the opportunity for students to study up to three semesters overseas.** The University may provide grants of up to \$4000 to students who study abroad as part of its commitment to encourage the international learning experiences. This *new* degree will be offered at the Clayton campus and will be a 4-year full-time course. The **prerequisites** subjects are Units 3 and 4 - a study score of at least 30 in ESL English or 25 in any other English. Units 3 and 4 - one of biology, chemistry, mathematics methods (any), physics, geography, psychology or specialist mathematics.

The VTAC code for a CSP place is **38181** or **38183** for International Fee paying place. For more information visit

<http://www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/3537/>

➤ **New Double Degree – Environmental Engineering/Science**

This new double degree course has been developed in response to the changes re-shaping modern society such as *climate change* and the *demand for emerging technologies with an emphasis on renewable energy, sustainability and innovative nanotechnologies*. This course provides students with the broad-based capability for the **solution, implementation and management of engineering and science activities in an environmental context**. On completion of this course, graduates will have developed a detailed knowledge of environmental engineering and in one of the science areas of study, along with a foundation in a second area of science.

Entry requirements are Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English, and a study score of at least 25 in mathematical methods (either), and in one of chemistry or physics.

Applications are to be made through VTAC. For more information contact the Faculty of Engineering on (03) 9905 3404 or the Faculty of Science on (03) 9905 4604.

➤ **New Journalism Course**

The **Faculty of Arts** is offering a *new* undergraduate Journalism curriculum from 2010. The three year **Bachelor of Journalism**, offered at the Caulfield and Gippsland campuses, will integrate *print, online, video and radio technologies* across the various fields of study. In first year this is news reporting and in second it will be current affairs and feature formats. In third year students can specialise in particular genres of journalism - political, business, sport and cultural, investigative and environmental reporting. This new course will also include a significant number of electives, giving students many opportunities to strengthen or diversify their knowledge base.

For more information visit <http://arts.monash.edu.au/journalism>



➤ **Scholarships @ La Trobe University**

There is still time for applicants to La Trobe courses to apply for a wide range of scholarships for 2010. The closing date for most Commonwealth and University scholarships is **30 October 2009**. For more information, visit www.latrobe.edu.au/study/fees-scholarships/scholarships.

➤ **Pathway Courses to La Trobe University**

La Trobe offers students from TAFE and other institutions the opportunity to fast-track their undergraduate degree via credit for successful or partial completion of a Diploma or Advanced Diploma program. A number of institutions have credit agreements for La Trobe degrees. For more information visit <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/tafe/tafe-diploma-pathways>



DEAKIN News from Deakin University

➤ **Amendment to George Alexander Foundation Scholarship**

The *George Alexander Foundation Scholarship* was established in 2006 by the George Alexander Foundation. The aim of the scholarship is to *assist undergraduate students who are commencing their studies at Deakin University who have the academic ability and the will to succeed in higher education but who are disadvantaged by their economic, social or geographical circumstances*.

The scholarship is valued at \$15,000 paid over three years.

There are **nine *George Alexander Foundation Scholarships*** available in 2010.

The Actual Eligibility and Selection Criteria (and not as published in the 2010 Deakin Scholarship Guide) are:

To apply for the George Alexander Foundation Scholarship, you must be:

- » an Australian citizen
- » a commencing student enrolled full time in an undergraduate course at the Geelong Campus at Wurn Ponds, Geelong Waterfront Campus or the Warrnambool Campus in a Commonwealth Supported Place.

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- » good academic standing – minimum ENTER score of 70
- » participation in and commitment to community / volunteer activities
- » economic, social or geographical disadvantage.

To find out more about the scholarship visit <http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/scholarships/george-alexander-foundation.php>.

Applications can be made through Deakin University and through VTAC. Students applying to Deakin should visit www.deakin.edu.au/apply. Applications close on **30 October 2009**.

➤ **IGNITED - Initiative for a Girls' Network in Information Technology & Engineering**

IGNITED is a scholarship and mentoring program for female Engineering and Information Technology students

Australia is currently experiencing a skills shortage of engineering and IT graduates, and this skills shortage is anticipated to worsen in coming years. Female students account for less than 25% of IT graduates and less than 15% of engineering graduates. **Deakin wants to attract more top female students to its courses.**

Included in the program is a comprehensive mentoring program with older students, industry mentors and academic staff to:

- ✓ provide a caring environment
- ✓ assist with progression in course
- ✓ assist with transition to workforce

A \$10,000 scholarship over the duration of the course is available to the first year female students with the highest ENTER scores above 80. Up to 8 scholarships are available across the School of Engineering and the School of Information Technology. Bachelor of Information Technology

For more information about IGNITED, contact Associate Professor Dineli Mather on (03) 9251 7717 or e-mail dineli.mather@deakin.edu.au.

➤ **Scholarships at Deakin**

Academic excellence scholarships are available for high-achieving students, accommodation scholarships for students to live on campus, scholarships for students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to access higher education, indigenous scholarships and scholarships for international students.

For more information visit <http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/assets/resources/brochures/scholarships.pdf> or collect a brochure from the Careers Centre.



News from RMIT University

➤ **Parent Information Evening**

RMIT is holding an **Information Evening** for parents/future students in Year 10 & 11. Attendees will be able to hear from a range of RMIT representatives about *study options and transition from school to university*.

Topics to be covered include:

- Deciding what to study
- Pathways from TAFE to university
- Selection processes - how to get in to uni and TAFE
- Scholarships - not just for academic ability!
- Gaining work experiences while you study
- Special Entry Schemes.

When: Wednesday 11 November **Time:** 5.30 – 7.30pm **Where:** Bundoora Campus West, Building 202

To register your attendance, call (03) 9925 2555 or email your details to student.recruitment@rmit.edu.au no later than 9 November 2009.



AFL SportsReady Sporting Traineeships

It isn't easy in today's job climate to get a start in your preferred career. You may not want to go to university or you may want to defer your course and try to gain some experience in the 'real world' for a year.

AFL SportsReady traineeships may be the answer for you in order to launch your working life. **AFL SportsReady traineeships** are designed to apply to any industry - sport and non-sport. While the sports industry shows no sign of slowing compared with other sectors in the economy, there are often not enough jobs to go around. In addition, the sports sector does not always have access to vast amounts of money in order to fund positions. That is why the AFL traineeship program (because of the additional subsidies it exclusively offers to the sports sector) is so attractive.

However, young people today have so many opportunities to develop careers within other disciplines. For example, *IT, Community Recreation, Health, Hospitality, Horticulture, Finance and Community Services*.

AFL SportsReady can help you realise your dream in all these areas and many more. For more information, visit www.aflsportsready.com.au



The Health Sciences @ the University of Adelaide

➤ **Nursing**

Lucy Wiszniak 3rd year nursing student was interviewed about her nursing course and said the following: “Studying nursing has opened my eyes to the community, as you meet people from so many different walks of life. I will also be able to take my career as a nurse overseas as the program is globally recognised and nurses are in such high demand. Lucy was also keen to talk about her rural placement. “The placement played a pivotal role in my experience as it opened my eyes to the situations faced in isolated environments. It has made me ready for anything! In summary, I would highly recommend this program to any potential students as it puts you at the forefront of the nursing profession.”

➤ **Dentistry**

Apart from the usual important jobs dentists do in maintaining good oral health (which contributes greatly to our general health) dentists can also play roles in more diverse areas. For example, dentistry graduates from the University of Adelaide work with Biological Anthropologists and Forensic Scientists to help identify and provide crucial background information about human remains just by analysing a skeleton's teeth. Being able to identify the chemical and molecular composition of a person's teeth can lead to pinpointing what region, country or even village that someone came from. It can provide fascinating cultural insights too, like the type of diet that the person had.

➤ Public Health

Problems that affect the health, wellbeing and safety of our communities occur every day. For example, a passenger on an incoming flight presents with pandemic influenza symptoms. You must stop the spread of infection. What do you do? Or, obesity amongst school children has risen sharply. The Minister has asked you to address this problem. What do you do? A Public Health graduate from the University of Adelaide is equipped for jobs that help solve these problems. This is done through research, policy making, providing advice and education, or by implementing strategies to protect and improve the health of populations.

➤ New Prerequisites for Medicine from 2012

Students applying to the MBBS program (for entry from 2012) will be required to satisfy prerequisite subject requirements. Applicants must successfully complete SACE stage 2 studies (meaning Year 12 level or 3/4 level in the VCE) in ONE of the following: **Mathematical Studies, Biology, or Chemistry (or equivalent)**.

For more information about application and admission to the MBBS program please contact Beverly Karaffa via admissions.health@adelaide.edu.au

For more information about the School of Nursing, the School of Dentistry, or the Bachelor of Health Sciences with a major in public health, please contact admissions.health@adelaide.edu.au or go to www.health.adelaide.edu.au.



Destination Melbourne – Fun Before Orientation!

At the beginning of 2009 the University of Melbourne introduced '***Destination Melbourne***' – a three-day residential pre-orientation camp designed to help long-distance commuter students make the transition to University life. The program focuses on assisting students in three areas:

- making friends
- maximising the use of commuting time
- making the transition to University

Destination Melbourne will be expanded upon in 2010 and will coincide with the University's **Academic Advice Day** on **Wednesday 27 January 2010**. The program is available to all new University of Melbourne students who live **between 20 and 120kms from Campus, or who will commute more than an hour each way**. For more information, e-mail destination-melbourne@unimelb.edu.au or call (03) 9035 8005 / 8344 7620.

➤ Studying Animal Sciences @ Melbourne

The Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Melbourne offers students a range of pathways in animal science. Each major study allows students to specialise in a discipline of interest while exploring a number of breadth subjects to develop cross-disciplinary knowledge. A Bachelor of Science degree with a major in one of

the animal sciences can lead to a number of graduate courses, including the new Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree.

Animal Science majors available:

- Animal Health and Disease (main pathway to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine)
- Domestic Animal Science
- Zoology

There are a number of common first year subjects in the life sciences which interested students are advised to take. This will allow them to explore their options in the animal sciences before committing to a particular major.

For more information visit www.bsc.unimelb.edu.au

➤ **Commerce at Melbourne Uni**

Hear from staff/students about the **Bachelor of Commerce**. **When:** 6 - 7.30pm, Wednesday 9 Dec **OR** 10 - 11.30am, Saturday 12 December; **Register:**

<http://www.bcom.unimelb.edu.au/news/events.html>, or email pimi@unimelb.edu.au.

FOR YEAR 12s...

What if you think you won't get a place at university?

There are many alternatives. Some suggestions are:

- **Contact the Careers Centre**
- Apply for a related TAFE course if you haven't done so already
- Apply for a course at Monash College or MIBT (see VTAC Guide)
- Design - complete a Certificate IV in Design at Swinburne SSC, Brighton Bay or other college that offers it
- Complete a Diploma in Tertiary or Foundation Studies – e.g. at Victoria University or Monash University
- Nursing - complete a Certificate IV in nursing at TAFE
- Try for an Irregular Offer in January (See *MyInfo* on VTAC website)
- Apply for single unit study at your preferred uni

How will university be different from school?

A Deakin University publication makes these points: You will have a **more independent** learning experience; **lectures** (maybe hundreds of students), **tutorials** (up to 30 students) and **workshops**; less frequent **feedback** (you need to be proactive in organising time to speak with teachers); **flexible and variable programs** where subjects require critical analysis; **contact hours** vary from 10-30 hours per week depending on course taken; must **self-manage time and study** (expect to complete equivalent amount of contact hours as self-guided study); classmates from **different demographics** (culture, age, socioeconomic).

All the best to the Year 12 student; heading for university, TAFE, other education or employment in 2010.