Careers News August 2011

1. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS – GUARANTEED PATHWAYS TO GRADUATE DEGREES – New requirements for guaranteed pathways being introduced. See: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au

2. SO YOU WANT TO STUDY PSYCHOLOGY AT UNIVERSITY? Many students who study psychology at university are unaware of what becoming a psychologist actually involves. Step-by-step progression towards becoming a psychologist means proceeding from an undergraduate degree to fourth year (honours) and post graduate study. Places are limited, so only the best candidates will be selected to complete post graduate qualifications. Graduates not wanting this path could consider counselling, human resources, marketing, child welfare, community work and education. Check out the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) website as well at: www.apac.psychology.org.au. All recognised courses are listed.

3. FAMILY TAX BENEFIT A. If you are in receipt of family tax benefit A and your year 12 son is considering applying for a degree at University of Melbourne, call careers ASAP!

4. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN MINING? If you are in Year 10 or 11 and interested in science or engineering and want to find out about a career in the minerals industry then you are invited to join a 4-day fully residential and supervised UNSW Minerals Summer School hosted by the School of Engineering, University of NSW. Find out about careers, investigate courses, participate in lectures and workshops, visit mines and mine rehabilitation sites and more. You should be planning to study subjects like chemistry, physics, maths and biology and want to find out more about the minerals industry. When: Mon 9 – Thurs 12 January, 2012; Cost: $200. Application form at: www.mining.unsw.edu.au.

5. FINE ART AT RMIT – RMIT has restructured the Fine Art course, which is now offered as four separate streams and allocated new course codes: Expanded Studio Practice 33411 (CSP), 33413 (IFP); Print Imaging Practice 33481 (CSP); 33483 (IFP); Object based Practice 33491 (CSP), 33493 (IFP); Sculpture, Sound and Spatial Practice 33501 (CSP), 33503 (IFP).

6. PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE AT MONASH UNIVERISTY – Offered at Parkville campus. Pharmaceutical science is the science of medicines. The course covers a chemical and biological science base used in researching and developing reliable, accessible and effective medicinal products for patients. The course has three unique specialty areas: formulation science, medicinal chemistry, and, new for 2012, drug discovery biology. This new area is suited to students keen on biology and chemistry, and especially those wanting to work in the drug discovery field. The biotechnology aspects of drug design and evaluation will be explored. Students will learn how to discover and evaluate new drugable targets and will study the biological effects of new drug therapies. www.pharm.monash.edu.au/courses or go on one of the fortnightly tours (call 9903 9635).

Some related courses to consider are: pharmacy at Monash, pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences at RMIT, pharmacy at La Trobe (Bendigo).

7. WHAT IS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY? Find out at an info. evening from occupational therapists experienced in spinal rehabilitation, paediatrics, hand therapy, mental health, neurology and oncology. When: 6.15-8pm, Wed 7 Sept; Where: Education Precinct, Level 4, Austin Tower, Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg; Book (26 Aug): 9496 5105, OCCUPATIONTHERAPY@austion.org.au.

8. LAST WEEKS FOR SUBJECT SELECTION APPOINTMENTS. Students and parents are reminded that if you would like a careers/subject selection appointment, to contact me urgently.

9. THE VICTORIAN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS (VCA) at Southbank is part of the University of Melbourne and is offering the new Bachelor of Fine Arts in 2012. It will teach Contemporary Music, Dance, Film and TV, Music Theatre, Production, Theatre Practice and Visual Art. By studying at the VCA you join a
community of artists of all sorts – contemporary visual artists and writers, choreographers, musicians, designers, performers, actors, filmmakers, dancers and many more. What will you study?

- **Contemporary Music** – a performance stream with one-on-one teaching; interactive composition (eg for films); extensive performance opportunities
- **Dance** – contemporary dance; choreography, and the chance to make new work
- **Film and TV** – involves screenwriting, producing, directing, crewing, editing. Students make a film to be screened at ACMI
- **Music Theatre** – involves acting, dancing, singing; there will be a focus on making new work
- **Production** – involves lighting, wardrobe, set design, costume, stage management, and hands-on industry experience
- **Theatre Practice** – involves intensive actor training, skills training, public performances
- **Visual Art** – major in drawing, sculpture, painting, print-making; includes exhibitions

Electives are available, including at the University’s Parkville campus. For example, a language can be studied. Parkville students can also choose electives at the VCA (breadth subjects). They will not need to audition as they will take beginners classes.

Those planning to apply for the VCA are advised to see [www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/bfa](http://www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/bfa). For a Flow Chart explaining the application process for domestic students, go to the specialisation of interest, click ‘Domestic’, then go to the ‘How to Apply’ tab.

**Note:** A separate Bachelor of Music is available at the Parkville campus. This runs in the classical tradition. Music applicants need to think about the type of music program that would best suit, either cont-emporary at the VCA or the traditional at Parkville.

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