1. YEAR 10 STUDENTS – SUBJECT SELECTION and OPEN DAYS. This is an important process and as such, students are strongly encouraged to explore all their options. Apart from attending a small group session with myself, students also have the opportunity to attend open days. Open Days provide a great opportunity to check out institutions, see facilities, talk to staff and students, collect information and see transport/ accommodation options. See list below:

- Sun 5 Aug Monash (Caulfield, Clayton, Parkville); William Angliss Institute
- Sun 12 Aug – ACU, RMIT
- Sun 19 Aug – Swinburne, University of Melbourne
- Sun 26 Aug – La Trobe, Deakin

2. BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE – A range of ‘majors’ are available in Biomedicine: Biochemistry & molecular biology, bioengineering systems, biotechnology, cell & developmental biology, defence & disease, genetics, human structure & function, microbiology, infection & Immunology, neuroscience, pathology, pharmacology and physiology. Of the 343 Bachelor of Biomedicine students who graduated in 2011, 248 continue to study at Melbourne. Of these, 124 are studying medicine, 69 are studying biomedicine (Honours), 11 dental surgery, 9 physiotherapy and so on. Some are studying optometry, veterinary science, engineering and nursing. Study options, clearly, are varied.

3. NEW COMMUNICATION DESIGN DEGREE AT MONASH IN 2013 – This new three-year degree will offer a considerable amount of design studio time and will combine visual communication with multimedia. Electives will include industrial design and fine art. The fourth year (by application) will offer more academic careers. First and second years will be studio based with specialisations in third year. Students will be encouraged to consider spending three to six weeks studying at Prato in Italy as part of the course. The Prato Centre (Tuscany) opened in 2001 and is 15 minutes from Florence. 12,000 Monash staff and students have studied there to date. It aims to develop Australia – Europe links through research, collaboration, conferences and as a centre of study for Australians.

4. A CAREER IN VICTORIA POLICE – Victoria Police continues to recruit police and protective services officers. They want people from diverse backgrounds, reflective of the community. Applicants will go through several steps before being accepted, including an entrance exam, background check, fitness and medical assessment and a selection panel interview. If you are looking to apply or want to find out more go to: www.policecareer.vic.gov.au. You will find information about the various tests required.

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