1. UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSION TEST (UMAT) – Copies of the Quick Reference Guide can be downloaded from the UMAT website at http://umat.acer.edu.au. Before registering for the UMAT students are required to read the UMAT 2013 Information Booklet available ONLY online from the same website. Registrations are now open, and close on 7 June. Test date: 31 July, 2013. The UMAT is required for Monash medicine and physiotherapy and for some interstate courses.

- NOTE: UMAT produces preparation materials and these are available online through the UMAT website. There are currently two tests available; a new publication, Additional Practice Questions, will be released for purchase.

2. CHECK OUT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY COURSES AT A ‘FOCUS’ SESSION – (all 6.30-8pm). Prospective students and their families are invited.

- Focus on – Commerce: Tues 21 May; Biomedicine: Wed 22 May; Engineering: Tues 28 May; IT: Tues 28 May; Agriculture: Wed 29 May; Music: 4 June; Science: 5 June; Environments: 18 June; Law: 19 June; Arts: 25 June; The VCA: 26 June To register go to www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focus-melb.

3. HEALTH COURSES AT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) – The Faculty of Health Sciences is growing, adding to the courses offered for some time, like nursing and paramedics.

- New degrees were introduced in 2013: Bachelor of Applied Public Health, Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Speech Pathology. ACU enrolled 76 students into the later course. The Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (commenced in 2012) enrolled 117 students this year.

- The Bachelor of Applied Public Health/Bachelor of Global Studies offers the chance to pursue a career in international public health. Starting in 2014, the degree will combine training in public health and global development with access to national and international community development programs. A full semester placement in a community development setting is in 3rd year.

- ACU’s Bachelor of Exercise and Health Science has an Outdoor Recreation Leadership stream. If a student chooses to undertake all eight units in Outdoor Recreation they can obtain Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) accreditation for Outdoor Recreation as a teaching method. Graduates of the Outdoor Recreation Leadership stream work in areas like: expedition guide, nature tourism, camp directors, program directors for wilderness and adventure therapy, risk assessment, government department management including marine safety, land care and national parks, and for outdoor companies.

4. LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – NUMBER 1 IN SPORT – La Trobe has a specialised unit called La Trobe Sport that will drive the vision for the university to be first choice for the study of, participation in, and partnering in sport in Australia. The aim is to be the leading university in teaching and research related to sport, to support student sport and sport related clubs to increase student participation in sport, to engage the local community and schools through the use of sporting facilities and sport services at La Trobe, to leverage sports facilities to encourage all members of the university to improve sport and fitness, to secure long-term, meaningful institutional influence within the sport industry, and to develop links between high performance sport and the teaching and research capacity of the university.

The Sport Unit will work to enhance the sport offerings and research outcomes that already exist, as well as build new courses to suit the changing sporting market. La Trobe will work to secure funding to improve sporting facilities. There will be partnerships with organisations like Melbourne Heart FC, Football Federation Victoria and the MCG.
In connection with this, La Trobe has announced a new **three year partnership with the AFL Players Association**. It is committed to the Association and will become the ‘Higher Education Partner’. La Trobe works on **research** across a number of sport related disciplines like **coaching, physiotherapy, psychology, exercise physiology and human nutrition**, highlighting sport as one of the university’s important components, and affirms La Trobe’s **Elite Athlete Friendly** status.

5. **PILOT TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP** – The Royal Victorian Aero Club is offering a pilot training scholarship to encourage young Australians to take up a career or long-term recreational participation in aviation. **Information and a data pack** are available at [www.rvac.com.au](http://www.rvac.com.au), with applications closing 31 July. **Info**: Kerin, kgreenwood@tpg.com.au (scholarship coordinator).

6. **WORK EXPERIENCE** – year 10s have until 27 May to return forms.

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