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

WORK EXPERIENCE – year 10 students have had since mid 2013 to plan for their placement and pleasingly, most are making the most of the opportunity. Students are reminded that they need to hand their form in by 26 May. Failure to do so will incur a detention. Students are again encouraged that if they have still not considered a placement, they should make an appointment with myself.

CHECK OUT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY IN THE HOLIDAYS – ‘Experience La Trobe‘ takes place in April of 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.

CHECK OUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE IN THE HOLIDAYS - ‘A Day at Melbourne’ will be of interest to anyone considering studying there. It will provide 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 available. You can include a tour of the Southbank campus (Victorian College of the Arts) if you wish. When: 10am-3.30pm, Fri 11 April; Register: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events, or call 13 MELB for information.

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

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 such as 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.

Is it 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

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