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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.

UNIVERSITY RANKINGS –
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE – The recently released QS World University Rankings by subject list the top 200 universities around the world in 30 subject areas. Melbourne has 11 subjects ranked in the top 20, and 27 subjects in the top 50. Education at the University has been ranked second in the world in the rankings.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – La Trobe has announced that it ranks among the best in the world for a number of subject areas, according to the latest QS World University Ratings by subject. Over 3,000 universities worldwide and 10,639 programs of study were evaluated to produce the rankings. La Trobe’s history discipline, which in the QS rankings system includes archaeology, ancient history and classics, was ranked 38 in the world and third in Australia. It was ranked in the top 100 in the world for communication and media studies, linguistics and sociology, while agriculture and forestry, psychology and education were ranked in the top 200. For more information about the QS rankings see: http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings

CLINICAL EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY – Enjoy studying sport? Then Clinical Exercise Physiology might be the career for you. Where physiotherapists assist people with movement disorders using techniques to assist muscles and joints to move to their full potential, clinical exercise physiologists use exercise to prevent and rehabilitate disease and injury in the community. Accredited Exercise Physiologists are formally recognised by the Dept. of Health and Aging as allied health professionals, which means that they are able to deliver Medicare-compensable services. Deakin’s Master of Clinical Exercise Physiology aims to produce quality exercise physiologists. This is the first and only accredited exercise physiologist course in Victoria to be accredited by Exercise and Sports Science Australia (ESSA). To be eligible for this program, students must be able to demonstrate eligibility for exercise scientist accreditation from ESSA, and provide evidence of 140 hours of exercise service delivery for apparently healthy clientele. This can be achieved by completing Deakin’s Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science, including the accredited exercise science – ESSA sequence.
RMIT NEWS – RMIT is a ‘dual-sector’ institution, offering degrees, diplomas, certificates, pre-apprenticeships and short courses. What are a few of the courses available?

- **Bachelor of Arts (International Studies)** – This career-oriented degree prepares students to work in international development, security, diplomacy, political economy, law and global governance. An international internship and language study is compulsory (Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, French, German, Greek or Italian). Some graduate destinations: Department of PM and Cabinet, Dept. of Premier and Cabinet, AusAID, Dept. of Defence, Dept. of Immigration and Citizenship.

- **Bachelor of Applied Science (Property and Valuation)** – covers property law, planning, valuation, development, investment funds management, asset/commercial property management, law, construction techniques and project management related to commercial property, not real estate. It involves infrastructure like ports and schools. Why study it? It is financially rewarding, you’re not in an office all day, has a mixture of management and hands-on work.

- **Bachelor of App. Sci. (Project Management)** – A project is an event with a start and a finish time. The course offers students the opportunity to gain structured employment experiences within the industry to enhance academic learning. Graduate destinations: Construction - building and infrastructure projects and property development; Non-construction – client-side project management, event project management, business project management, IT, health. NOTE: The first year of the above two degrees is the same, along with the B. App. Sci. (Construction Management). This allows for collaborative projects to be undertaken.

- **Associate Degree in Aviation (Professional Pilots)** – Boeing estimates that 192,000 new pilots will be required by 2032! On graduating, students may find employment in charter/regional airlines, outback station flying, sightseeing, fire spotting and beach patrols and flight instructing (with Instructor Rating). With enough hours, they may go on to chief pilot, fleet, or flight operations manager. Pilots are trained for the general flying progress test, private pilot licence, commercial pilot licence and air transport licence. The current annual fee is about $60,000 (NOTE: a total of up to $96,000 can be borrowed through FEE-HELP).

- **What makes RMIT Science programs special?** RMIT has entry pathways from Diploma and Associate degrees run in VET. You have a choice of specialisation, with a major/minor combination, double degree or integrated honours. RMIT courses have a strong hands-on component with plenty of practical experience, labs, pilot plant and field trips. All students complete an independent project in their final year and they all complete a work placement or a project-based team working component. There are overseas experiences, semester exchanges and International Student volunteer opportunities.

NOTE: RMIT is holding ‘Big Picture Experience’ information sessions about many of their courses in the Term 2 holiday break. See later editions for details, or [www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays](http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays) now.

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