CAREERS NEWS MARCH 2015

REMINDERS
• UMAT Registrations by 5 June; Test Date: 29 July, 2015

OPEN DAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Open Days are a great opportunity to check out tertiary institutions. Most occur on Sundays in August. The dates for many of them are listed here so that you can get them in your diary for later on. Year 10-12 students (and their families) are encouraged to visit institutions of interest on Open Days so that you can see their facilities, attend information sessions, collect information, get your questions answered, talk to staff, and so on.

DATES:
• Sun 2 Aug – Monash (Caulfield & Clayton); Swinburne (Hawthorn)
• Sun 9 Aug – Australian Catholic University (Fitzroy); Deakin (Geelong campuses); La Trobe (Bundoora); RMIT; William Angliss Institute
• Sun 16 Aug – Melbourne; Monash (Parkville – Pharmacy); La Trobe (Bendigo)

LAW AT SWINBURNE
Swinburne introduced a law degree this year. Its focus is on commercialisation, Intellectual Property, and technology transfer. The Clearly-In ATAR was 91, with 71 students commencing this year. A number of double degrees are also on offer – with arts, business, engineering and science.

SWINBURNE HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM
High achievers can often have different expectations of university. Students with an ATAR of 95 or more are invited to join this Swinburne program. It is currently offered to science (physics), communication design (honours), and IT students, later to be offered to students of business and engineering. Students are guaranteed access to a research group from first year, mentoring with senior academic staff, guaranteed accommodation, and a $5,000 pa scholarship. Places are offered automatically to students meeting the entry criteria in the participating degrees.

INTERESTED IN VETERINARY SCIENCE?
In Victoria, veterinary science can only be studied at the University of Melbourne. The Faculty is holding a Course Advice Day on Sat 21 March (10am-3pm) at the Werribee Campus, 250 Princes Highway, Werribee. For further information please visit http://fvas.unimelb.edu.au/news-and-events/events#course-information-day. There will be a tour of the hospital for which you must register.

WHAT IS BIOMEDICINE?
VU offers Biomedicine and Biomedical sciences at the St Albans campus. Biomedicine is a broad field of study to gain an in-depth understanding of human physiological and anatomical function, disease and medical applications. These degrees prepare graduates for a career preventing and treating disease. Gain hands-on training and
knowledge of human physiology, combined with essential skills in critical analysis and communication. Possible careers are in research, pathology, injury rehabilitation, crime scene investigation, and so on. NOTE: Biomedical science is also offered at Monash university (a possible pathway into Monash post-graduate medicine), ACU, Deakin, La Trobe, while Biomedicine is offered at Melbourne University (a possible pathway into Melbourne post-graduate medicine, dentistry and physiotherapy degrees).

CAREERS IN THE DEFENCE FORCES
Entry is usually through general or officer entry.

• General entry requires applicants to have at least Year 10, be at least 17 years, and to pass a number of physical, mental and character tests.

• Officer entry requires applicants to have a high ATAR in their VCE, and also to pass various tests. Officer entry applicants study in Canberra at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA), a campus of the University of NSW. Degrees on offer at ADFA are: Arts, Business, Engineering, IT, Science and Technology. Successful applicants complete their military training during university holiday breaks.

• Defence Force recruiting hold information sessions throughout the year. Call 13 19 01 for details, or see: www.defencejobs.gov.au.

• Defence Forces offer the ADFA Education Award, presented to Year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential, and academic and sporting achievements exhibited during Year 11. The award is a laptop computer, with up to 100 awards on offer annually.

• ADF Gap Year program still operates – this program provides an opportunity for young people who have completed Year 12 to gain military training, new skills and pay over their Gap Year.

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