Reminders

- **PARENT EVENING AT MONASH** – Caulfield Campus, Building H116 **Date:** 6.30pm, Thurs 6 Sept

**YEAR 10 STUDENTS – On Tuesday 24 July**, The ‘Age’ and ‘Herald Sun’ newspapers will include **VTAC Tertiary Entry 2015 supplements**. These will be an extremely useful resource, for example, in selecting Year 11 subjects. Prerequisite subjects for university entrance in 2015 will be included. You are encouraged to collect the supplement from one of these papers.

**HERALD SUN MELBOURNE CAREERS EXPO** – This is another opportunity to meet representatives from universities, TAFEs and private providers of courses. Representatives of employer groups will also be in attendance. Collect information, attend seminars, and get help in choosing career pathways. **When:** 10am-3pm, Fri 29 July, and 10am-4pm, Sat 30 & Sun 31 July; **Where:** Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre.

**OPEN DAYS ARE COMING** – Open Days are your opportunity to check out institutions which interest you. You will have the chance to look at the facilities, talk to staff and students, collect information and consider transport/accommodation options. They are generally run **10am to 4pm**. Allow yourself an hour or two at each institution. Year 10 or 11 is a great time to commence visits.

- Sat 4 Aug – **Monash University** (Berwick, Gippsland, Peninsula)
- Sun 5 Aug – **La Trobe** (Albury Wodonga); **Monash** (Caulfield, Clayton, Parkville); **William Angliss** Institute
• Sun 12 Aug – **Australian Catholic Uni** (Melbourne); **Deakin** (Warrnambool); **Melbourne** (Parkville & Southbank - VCA); RMIT (Uni and TAFE)
• Sun 19 Aug – **Deakin** (Geelong campuses); **La Trobe** (Bendigo); **Swinburne** (Uni & TAFE)
• Sun 26 Aug – **Australian Catholic Uni** (Ballarat); **Ballarat Uni**; **Box Hill Institute**; **Deakin** (Melbourne Burwood); **La Trobe** (Melbourne Bundoora)

**HOW CAN I GET THE MOST VALUE OUT OF MY OPEN DAYS VISITS?**

Don’t wander aimlessly….try the following:

- Plan to be at Open Day when relevant **information sessions** are conducted
- Allow **sufficient time** for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
- Speak to **staff** about courses that interest you - write your **questions** beforehand
- Get a student perspective - speak to **students** studying courses that interest you
- Collect **information/brochures**
- Ask about **industry based-learning** (IBL) opportunities
- Ask about **international study** opportunities – these are becoming very popular
- Consider **transport** issues; is the campus accessible from where you live?
- Check the **environment** where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
- Consider the **facilities/clubs** offered at your preferred institution
- Consider visiting a **rural campus**, especially if you think you won’t obtain a high enough ATAR for a metropolitan campus. ATAR’s are often lower and they often offer more personal assistance, accommodation, and a lifestyle which will suit some students.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you plan to apply for a course involving an **interview/folio presentation/ audition** as part of the selection process you may well be asked what you learnt or found of interest about the course at Open Day. **Attendance is therefore vital.**

**CHANGED PREREQUISITES FOR SCIENCE AT MELBOURNE** – The University of Melbourne has announced that **from 2014 the Bachelor of Science prerequisites will change to:**

- **Units 3 and 4** – study score of at least 25 in **English/English language/Literature** or at least 30 in ESL and **EITHER**
  - a study score of at least 25 in **Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics**, and in one of **Biology, Chemistry or Physics** (the current prerequisites), **OR**
  - a study score of at least 25 in both **Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics**.
BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE – The following ‘majors’ are available in the B. 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 science. Study options, clearly, are varied.

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.

MEET MELBOURNE – The University of Melbourne is giving you a chance to meet staff and chat about opportunities. When/ Where: Glen Waverley, 25 July, Frankston, 8 Aug, Dandenong, 9 Aug (all 6.30-8pm); Registration: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne.

TWO INFORMATION SESSIONS AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY (BUNDOORA) –

- The Year 10 event is designed for current Yr 10 students/parents who will be in the process of VCE subject selection. Get a tertiary point of view. When: 6-7.30pm, 26 July; Reg’n: www.latrobe.edu.au/school/events
- The Year 11 and 12 event is for parents who are interested in supporting their students through the tertiary selection process and transition into university life. When: 6-70pm, Thurs 26 July; Register www.latrobe.edu.au/school/events.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY – These are an opportunity for parents to get more informed about the VTAC application processes, the cost of university and assistance available, and how to
successfully move to tertiary education. **When/where:** Wed 25 July, Geelong Waterfront campus; Thurs 26 July, Melbourne campus (Burwood); **Register:** [www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/parents](http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/parents). Students welcome; both 6.30-8pm.

**A CAREER IN VICTORIA POLICE** – Victoria Police is recruiting **police and protective services officers**. They are looking for people from diverse backgrounds, reflective of the community. People applying for positions will go through a number of steps before being accepted, including an entrance exam, a 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](http://www.policecareer.vic.gov.au). You will find information about the various tests required.

**INDEPENDENT PROVIDER OPEN DAYS** – Independent education providers hold Open Days like public institutions do. Some coming up are (see websites for others):

- **Whitehouse Institute of Design**: 12 Aug, 672 Bourke St, Melb; [www.whitehouse-design.edu.au](http://www.whitehouse-design.edu.au);
- **JMC Academy** (Music, audio, animation, film & TV): 10.30am & 2.30pm, 18 Aug, 171 Bank St, Sth Melb; **register online** at [www.jmcacademy.edu.au](http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au) or 9624 2929;