Reminders

1. 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, with 27 in the top 50. Education at the University is second in the world in the rankings. It has also ranked well across social sciences, engineering and technology, life sciences and medicine and arts and humanities.

The education ranking is an endorsement of the university’s commitment to ensuring that future teachers receive the highest standards if training, said the Dean of the Melbourne Graduate School of Education, Prof. Rickards.

2. 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 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. Info: http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings

3. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, the Victorian Government, the Myer Foundation and the Ian Potter Foundation. This is good news for the University of Melbourne (VCA is part of the University), and for the cultural vitality of the city of Melbourne. This is the largest redevelopment project in the history of the VCA, extending the campus space with a new visual arts wing. It will also create a new entry point to the university, opening the campus more fully to students, business and residents. The plan involves using the historic Victoria Mounted Police Branch stables in Dodds St as a dedicated space for arts education, exhibition and public access.

4. EXPLORE DEAKIN UNIVERSITY – Parent and student tertiary information nights:
   • Warrnambool campus – 6-7.30pm, Wed 2 April
   • Melbourne Burwood – 6-8pm, Wed 21 May
   • Geelong Waterfront – 6-8pm, Wed 28 May

See: www.deakin.edu.au/parent-and-student

5. INDIGENOUS STUDENT EXPERIENCE – Do you want to get a taste of university life? The Indigenous Student Experience Day is an opportunity for Year 9 -
12 students to get a hands-on experience of what Monash University has to offer. There will be interactive sessions where participants can choose areas of study in which they are interested. Meet staff and current indigenous students, gain information on how to apply, and what support is available for indigenous students. **When:** 10am-1.30pm, Fri 2 May; **Where:** Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University Clayton Campus; **RSVP by** 25 April: kristel.keleher@monash.edu. Ph 9905 8699; www.monash.edu.au/study/life/indigenous

6. **RMIT NEWS** – RMIT is a ‘dual-sector’ institution, offering degrees, diplomas, certificates, pre-apprenticeships and short courses. The main campus is in **Swanston Street, Melbourne**, with other campuses located at Brunswick and Bundoora. 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, it 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.

7. **TRADES PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS** – These can be an option for early school leavers. Swinburne, for example, has a range of pre-apprenticeships providing Certificate II level courses of up to six months full-time. They provide skills and experience of an industry before any commitment to a full apprenticeship. Options include bricklaying, carpentry, electro-technology, engineering, horticulture and plumbing (additional options available at other institutions). The next commencement opportunity (part-time) for pre-apprenticeships at Swinburne is from Mon 7 April, with the next major intake commencing from Mon 7 July. **Info:** 9214 5395. Ms Cutajar & Ms Taylor