### 1. YEAR 12 NEWS – apply for courses through VTAC (www.vtac.edu.au)

Once you have applied, you can change your application as you wish. The fee goes from $29 to $95 if you first apply after 30 Sept.

The first round of offers of places will occur on 18 January, 2016. You can adjust your preferences after each offer round, irrespective of whether you have received an offer of a place already or not. There will be five rounds of offers. Change of preference will close a few days before each offer round and reopen the day after each offer round.

Keep up to date with course changes, dates and events - sign up for a VTAC social media channels. Subscribe to the VTAC applicant blog by email or RSS: blog.vtac.edu.au; follow on Twitter: @vtacguide or Like on Facebook: facebook.com/vtacguide

### 2. MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS -

#### CHANGES AT MONASH – Monash is offering a revitalised course portfolio.

Popular double degrees are still available, and students can still commence specialist studies from first year. Go to www.study.monash to find out about all Monash courses and a full list of majors and specialisations. You can make course comparisons, and find the right course for you. For example, journalism is now offered as a major (eight units) or an extended major (12 units) within the Bachelor of Arts. This offers you the flexibility to structure your other Arts and non-Arts electives to suit your interests (eg a student can choose to do a second Arts major or minor, such as a language, or choose to take studies in a different discipline such as marketing or IT).

#### LANGUAGES AT MONASH – a very comprehensive language program is offered.

Students can enter with no language background through to an advanced background. Languages can be studied in the B. Arts, the B. Global Studies, or students can complete a Diploma of Languages along with an undergraduate degree.

#### SOFTWARE ENGINEERING – is now a specialisation in the Bachelor of Engineering.

#### HEALTH SCIENCES – The new B. Health Sciences is a parent course with four specialisations – emergency health, human services, public health and radiation sciences. For the first year and a half students will study three common units at Caulfield, as well as an additional specialist unit completed at different campuses – emergency health at Peninsula, human services and public health at Caulfield, and radiation sciences at Clayton. **NOTE: Social work is not offered as an undergraduate Monash course; those interested in Social Work are advised to do the B. Human Services followed by a Master of Social Work.**

#### NUTRITION AND DIETETICS – the B. Nutrition and Dietetics is not offered for entry in 2016. Students wanting to pursue this area are advised to undertake the B. Nutrition Science, followed by the Master of Dietetics.

#### MONASH GUARANTEE – This ensures fair entry for students to Monash, promising a course offer or access to a reserved place for students who have experienced financial disadvantage, attend an under-represented school or are Indigenous Australian. See: www.monash.edu/guaranteedentry.

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Kurunjang Career News

**Reminders:**

- INDIGENOUS ENGINEERING SUMMER SCHOOL http://sydney.edu.au/engineering/laess/
- SWINBURNE ADVICE NIGHTS – See www.swinburne.edu.au; Advice Nights.
- KEEPER FOR A DAY AND VET FOR A DAY – http://www.zoo.org/education/careers

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE –** Melbourne operates on a different model from other universities. Students who study there start with a degree in either Agriculture, Arts, Biomedicine, Commerce, Environments, Fine Arts, Music, Oral health or Science. Once the initial degree is completed students can...
head into the workforce, do a professional qualification at masters level or complete a graduate research degree.

- **WHAT IS THE BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICINE?** It is a three-year degree about the processes and systems that create, sustain and threaten life. It offers 13 majors and is a good choice if you want to enter health professions like audiology, dental surgery, medicine, optometry, nursing science, physiotherapy, social work and speech pathology. As with other degrees, it includes **mandatory breadth subjects** outside the Faculty. Most graduates go on to study medicine, others to research, others into physiotherapy, engineering (eg Bioengineering Systems), IT (eg Health Informatics), dentistry, etc. Some choose to do a **B. Science** at Melbourne as a pathway into health degrees.

4. **DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS** –

- **HEALTH SCIENCES AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROMOTION** – an information night is being held for these courses. **When/Where:** 4.30-6pm, Thurs 17 Sept, Melbourne Burwood campus; 4.30-6pm, Wed 16 Sept, Geelong Waterfront campus. **See:** http://www.deakin.edu.au/health-social-development/short-courses/short-course-details/school-events/prospective-student-events.

- **PATHWAYS TO DEAKIN** – Deakin has pathway options for those not obtaining the required ATAR for the degree of their choice: TAFE pathways, Deakin College and Associate degrees. **See:** http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/study-options-and-pathways/pathways-to-deakin

- **SCHOLARSHIPS** – Deakin’s new scholarships include the **Vice Chancellor’s Academic Excellence Scholarship**, Deakin’s **Scholarships for Excellence**, and **Student Support Grant**. **See:** http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/scholarships-and-awards

- **COGNITIVE SCIENCE** – offered as a major sequence in 2016 in the **B. Computer Science**. Subjects include: psychology, understanding the mind, thinking systems and cognition science, human behaviour and computer interaction, data visualisation and decision making. **See:** http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/computer-science

5. **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNI. NEWS** –

- **TEACHING AT ACU** – ACU offers alternative pathways into a number of their degrees. For example, there are several options for becoming a teacher. **See:** www.acu.edu.au/pathways

- **BACHELOR OF DIGITAL MEDIA** – New in 2016, it will enable students to work across a range of careers by developing skills in **video and audio production, social media production and journalism/text production** to meet the demands of the changing media industry.

- **B. TEACHING/B. EXERCISE SCIENCE** – New in 2016, for students wanting a career with physical activity and a love of teaching. Depending on subjects, students will graduate with health/PE/personal development teacher qualifications, and a second teaching method.

6. **RMIT NEWS** –

- **PATHWAYS** – RMIT offers pathway programs to help you reach your study and career ideas. You can often transfer from one program to another, with recognition of your existing skills and knowledge. More information see: https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/applying-to-rmit/local-student-applications/pathways/recognised-pathways/

- **COMPUTER SCIENCE AND IT ANIMATION**

Choosing the right computer science and IT degree depends on how your wires are connected. RMIT has launched a **new animation** that informs about the difference between computer science and information technology programs at RMIT. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOl8H4BBv4

- **SCIENCE IN THE CITY LAB TOURS** – see RMIT’s learning labs and the programs on offer; **When:** 11am-2pm, Mon 21 Sept; **Register:** https://www.rmit.edu.au/events/tours/2015/september/science-in-the-city-lab-tour/

- **MEDICAL RADIATIONS SCHOLARSHIPS** – The Department of Health is offering five scholarships of $10,000 in nuclear medicine. **See:** http://www1.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/nuclear

- **NUCLEAR MEDICINE WORKPLACE VISITS**

See nuclear medicine departments supporting the B. Applied Science (Medical Radiations) program. **When/Where:** 10am-12 noon, Thurs 24 & 25 Sept at **St Vincent’s Hospital**; 2-4pm, Thurs 24 & Fri 25 Sept at the **Austin Hospital**. **Register:** http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/tours/2015/september/nuclear-medicine-lab-visit-stvincents/