Kurunjang Career News

This is the last CareerNews for 2015. All the best for the rest of the year, and best wishes to those of you who move into other forms of education in 2016, be it university, VET, an apprenticeship or traineeship, or into employment. Hopefully CareerNews has been of assistance to you.

1. YEAR 12 NEWS – Hopefully you have applied for a course through VTAC if you plan to commence tertiary study next year. You can still apply as a late applicant now, but it will cost $95.00, not $29.00.

• CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (COP) - Remember, you can change your application (preferences) as much as you like till 10 November, then again from 23 November till 12 noon on 21 December, 2015. VCE students will receive their results on Monday 14 December, so you will have a week to reconsider your VTAC application. Use this time to contact or visit tertiary institutions if you are uncertain, or contact me at school for advice.

• OFFERS of places at tertiary institutions commence on 18 January 2016, with more places on offer later on (there will be five ‘rounds’ of offers in total). You are advised to accept the first offer you receive as most likely it will be your only offer (around 80% of applicants will only receive one offer); however, accepting an offer does not mean you cannot receive another offer in a later round of offers.

• WHERE CAN I GET ASSISTANCE DURING ‘CHANGE OF PREFERENCE’ WEEK? The week after you receive your ATAR is generally known as Change of Preference (COP) week (Mon 14 – Mon 21 December). During this time tertiary institutions run information sessions, COP Expos, have phone assistance available and will assist you in any way they can. You can also obtain assistance at school.

These institutions are offering the following (check online for more details)

- Australian Catholic University – Expo and Information Sessions: 12noon-4pm, Tues 15 December (Melb) & 5-7pm, Wed 16 December (Ballarat); See: www.acu.edu.au/apply2016; COP Hotline: 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228)
- Box Hill Institute – Hotline: 1300 BOX HILL (1300 269 445)
- Charles Sturt University–Hotline:1800334 733
- Chisholm – Hotline: 1300 244 746
- Deakin University – Information Evenings: 4-7pm, 15 December, Level 2, Building BC, Burwood campus; 4-7pm, 16 December, Geelong Waterfront campus; COP Hotline: 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733); online chat visit www.choose.deakin.edu.au
- Federation University - Info Day: 11am-2pm, Wed 16 December (Mt Helen and Gippsland); Hotline: 1800 333 864
- Holmesglen – Hotline: 1300 693 888
- Kangan – Hotline: 13 8233
- La Trobe University – Hotline: 1300 135 045
- Melbourne Polytechnic – Hotline: 9269 1200
- Monash University – COP Expo: 3-7pm, Wed 16 December, Building H, Caulfield campus, 900 Dandenong Rd; Hotline: 1800 MONASH (1800 666 274); See: www.study.monash
- RMIT University – Hotline – 9925 2260; Visit Info Corner, 330 Swanston St, Melbourne (Cnr. La Trobe St)
- Swinburne University – Information session: 11am-4pm, Wed 16 December (Hawthorn); Hotline: 1300 275 794
- University of Melbourne – Course Info Day: 10am-2.30pm, Wed 16 December (on campus), Thurs 17 December Course Information Day (online) - Register at www.cop.unimelb.edu.au; COP Hotline: 13 MELB (13 6352), email 13MELB@unimelb.edu.au
- Victoria University – COP Expo: 4-7pm, Wed 16 Dec (Footscray Park); Hotline: 1300 VIC UNI (1300 842 864)
- William Angliss – Hotline: 1300 ANGLISS (1300 264 547)

2. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS –

• INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - can book 30-minute appointments to talk with University of Melbourne staff about study options, VTAC, and support services. They run 2-5pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Register: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/international-yr12

• GUARANTEED ENTRY INTO PROFESSIONAL ENTRY GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The University’s guaranteed entry pathways to graduate courses give students beginning an undergraduate degree the security of knowing that a place in a graduate course is reserved for them. For details see: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/guaranteed-entry.
3. WHAT IF I DO NOT GET A HIGH ENOUGH ATAR TO GET INTO MY DESIRED COURSE?

Many pathways and programs exist which may assist you to get to where you want to go. Here are some suggestions:

- Complete a Diploma of Tertiary Studies at Monash University in either business (p 350 of VTAC Guide), education (p 362) or nursing (p. 381)
- Complete a course at Monash College in Art & design, Arts (Human Behaviour or Psychology streams), Business or Commerce, Engineering or Science; see pages 341-2 of VTAC Guide
- Complete a course at Deakin College in Commerce, Computing, Engineering, Health Sciences, Management, Media and Communication or Science; pages 197-8 of VTAC Guide
- Complete a UniLink Diploma at Swinburne (eg Business p. 457, Design p. 463, Engineering p. 470, Health Science, IT p. 481)
- Complete a Diploma at La Trobe Melbourne in biosciences, business, health sciences, IT or Mass Media Communications (p. 285-6)
- Complete a Tertiary Preparation Course at RMIT in engineering, media or science (p. 437)
- Consider studying a related university course with a lower ATAR; If you do well you MAY be able to transfer to your desired course later
- Start with a VET (TAFE) course in a related field; two years of VET often equals one at university
- Complete a Tertiary Studies Diploma at Melbourne Polytechnic (Preston) (p. 337)
- Complete a Diploma of Liberal Arts – a pathway into a range of degrees. Swinburne (p.451) and Victoria Uni (p. 523) have this Diploma
- Consider a country/rural campus. ATAR’s are often lower, usually due to lower demand; most have accommodation (apply ASAP)
- For nursing consider first completing Division 2 at TAFE or a private provider; eg Box Hill (p. 172) or Swinburne (p. 478)
- ACU has certificate/diploma courses that can lead to degrees (through ACUcom) See: http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/2014/other_courses/vocational_education_training_vet/
- Complete a Foundation Studies one year pathways course at Victoria Uni; See: www.vu.edu.au/courses/applying

4. DOXA YOUTH FOUNDATION CADETSHIP PROGRAM – The Doxa Youth Foundation provides programs for young people to achieve their highest potential despite experiencing disadvantage. The Cadetship Program is a holistic initiative that provides young people with the resources, skills and experience to succeed in university and embark on a professional career. Applications are now open for 2016. More info: http://doxa.org.au/cadetship/applying-for-the-program/

5. HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS, INCLUDING THE PUGGY HUNTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – The Puggy Hunter scheme offers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health scholarships to encourage and assist undergraduate students in health related disciplines to complete their studies and join the health workforce. The Australian Government started the Scheme as a tribute to the late Dr Arnold ‘Puggy’ Hunter’s contribution to Indigenous Australians’ health. For information about this and other health scholarships: ph 1800 688 628, www.acn.edu.au/scholarships.

6. LA TROBE UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING NEWS - La Trobe has reviewed engineering courses for 2016 and as a result some existing courses will be phased out. They have been removed from VTAC and La Trobe will contact students who have included them in their VTAC preferences. Info: 1300 135 045.

7. AMBASSADOR PROGRAM AT MONASH - The Access Monash Ambassador program is an opportunity for students who want to make a difference. Year 12’s planning to study at Monash in 2016 can apply to be an ambassador. See: www.monash.edu.au/access/about-ama.html.

The FUTURE is full of all sorts of possibilities.....