1. YEAR 12 – APPLYING FOR COURSES FOR 2015 – Hopefully Year 12’s have been searching the VTAC website for courses, and making a start on applications. Remember that once you have applied, you can change your application at no extra cost. Application fees rise from $28 to $93 after 5pm, 30 Sept. Remember to consider the ACU Early Achievers and La Trobe Aspire Programs; See: www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternate_entry/early_entry and www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire. In these schemes, both universities look at contributions (in addition to your ATAR) when making offers for their courses. Also check out SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme) on pages 30-43 of VTAC Guide. If you have been disadvantaged in some way, you may be able to access your desired course on a lower ATAR. All applicants are advised to apply for Category 1, Personal Information and Location. Applications close on 7 October.

2. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EVENING – Note the change of date from Thursday 11 September to Thursday 4 September.

3. ‘WHERE GRADUATES GO’ – Decisions about higher education are some of the biggest you will make. Where Grads Go is dedicated to helping you make informed choices by providing the latest information. Figures here are from the 2013 Australian Graduate Survey, conducted by Graduate Careers Australia. In 2013, the average bachelor graduate earned a full-time salary of $55,000. Examples: engineering - $65,000; medicine - $60,000; education - $57,000; nursing - $52,000; social work and welfare - $55,000; visual and performing arts - $40,000. Getting a job after graduation can be a different matter. In 2013, full time employment of graduates was as follows (four months after graduating): in engineering: 82.6%; medicine: 96.9%; education: 70.8%; banking and finance: 75.4%; psychology and behavioural sciences: 56%; law/justice: 75.4%; visual and performing arts: 48.3%. In some fields (e.g. engineering, nursing), most graduates work in the field they trained for. Graduates of other fields often find work in a wide variety of jobs. Postgraduate study can lead to a higher salary and more likely employment. See: www.graduatecareers.com.au, www.graduateopportunities.com.

4. DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS -
   • NEW MEDICAL IMAGING DEGREE – Deakin is offering Medical Imaging from 2015 at its Geelong (Waurn Ponds) campus. Medical imaging (sometimes known as Medical Diagnostic Radiography) is the production of high quality images of the structure and function of the body to assist medical diagnosis and decision making. Radiographers play a pivotal role in medicine and health care, contributing to improving patient outcomes. They work with doctors and allied health professionals. The university is seeking accreditation with the Australian Health Practitioner Agency (AHPRA), with statutory direction provided by the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (MRPBA). Salaries range from $41,000 to $115,000 plus, depending on your position, experience, chosen work area and possible future study. Pre-requisites: 3/4 English; biology, physics or chemistry; maths methods or spec maths. Info: ph 03 9251 7777; health-enquire@deakin.edu.au.
   • ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY – Year 11/12’s are invited to this ‘Making a Difference’ event. It will celebrate 30 years of environmental science courses at Deakin, with speaker the former leader of the Australian Greens, Dr Bob Brown. When: 6-8pm, Mon 25 Aug; Where: Deakin Burwood, 221 Burwood Highway, Lecture Theatre 1, (Building I, 2.02); Parking: Car park 6 (multi-level); Information & bookings: sebe-events@deakin.edu.au.
   • DEAKIN SCHOLARSHIPS – See www.deakin.edu.au/scholarships to find out current scholarships and award schemes now available for 2015 study.
• **BACHELOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE** – This is being offered from 2015. Acquire skills to design and develop advanced software systems integrating new technologies that enhance business operation. Develop work-ready skills by participating in internships and industry placements during the course, learning skills in critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork and communication. Graduates are highly sought-after in areas like software development, system analytics, business analytics, database development, research, project management, solutions architecture and programming.

5. **DEFENCE FORCE INFORMATION SESSIONS** – To find out more about defence force jobs, attend one of these sessions: 1 Sept – ADF Technical Trades; 2 Sept – Engineering Information Session; 3 Sept – Army 1 Year Roles; 10 Sept – ADFA Information Session; 17 Sept – Royal Military College; 23 Sept – Army Reserve; 24 Sept – Women in Defence. All 6.7pm. **Where:** Defence Force Recruiting, Level 14, 501 Swanston St, Melbourne; **RSVP:** CPTVIC@dfrc.com.au (date/session/seats no’s).

6. **RMIT NUCLEAR MEDICINE LAB VISITS**

This program is for students interested in finding out more about nuclear medicine and the role of nuclear medicine technologists in the investigation, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of disease. In this full day tour, students will visit nuclear medicine departments that support the Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations) programs. **When:** 25 and 26 Sept; **Info/reg’n:** 9925 7075, medicalsciences@rmit.edu.au.

7. **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS** – The Department of Health (Victoria) is offering five scholarships of $10,000 for nuclear medicine students commencing the RMIT Bachelor of Applied Health (Medical Radiations) in 2015 and 2016. **Info:** www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/nuclear.

8. **MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS –**

• **MONASH GUARANTEE** - Students who are financially disadvantaged, Indigenous Australians or completing Year 12 at a Monash listed under-represented school could be eligible for a guaranteed place at Monash. **See:** www.monash.edu/guaranteed-entry.

• **THEATRE, PERFORMANCE AND MUSIC** – The final ‘At Monash’ seminar for 2014 covers these areas. Get an overview of the area, current and graduate perspectives, and collect information. **When:** 6.30-8pm, Tues 19 Aug; **Where:** Clayton; **Register:** www.monash.edu/seminars.

• **SCHOLARSHIPS** – Many scholarships are on offer:

  - **MERIT** - Students who list Monash as a course preference via VTAC will automatically be considered for most merit scholarships. **See:** www.monash.edu/scholarships/merit.
  - **EQUITY AND MERIT & EQUITY** – All Year 12 students should apply for these via VTAC. Applications close on 17 October. **See:** www.vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html.
  - **SIR JOHN MONASH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** – For students who have excelled – a comprehensive and generous scholarship program. **See:** www.monash.edu/scholarships/sir-john.
  - **EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT** – ATAR eligibility: 99.95, value to $70,000, offered to all eligible students
  - **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT** – ATAR eligibility: 99.00, value to $40,000, offered to all eligible students
  - **EXCELLENCE** – ATAR eligibility: 98.00; value to $30,000; 40 available
  - **INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE** – ATAR eligibility: 98.00, value to $50,000; 10 available
  - **EXCELLENCE AND EQUITY** – ATAR eligibility: 95, up to $30,000; 130 available
  - **COMMUNITY LEADERS SCHOLARSHIPS** – ATAR eligibility: 90; value to $4000; 220 available.

**See:** www.monash.edu/scholarships for details.

9. **WHAT IS MIBT?** Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology provides certificate and diploma courses in commerce, computing, engineering, health sciences, management, media and communication and science. The Diploma courses are offered in association with Deakin University campuses. This is an alternative pathway to university. If successful in the Diploma, students are able to move to the second year of an appropriate degree. Consider applying through VTAC for MIBT (or other pathway institution such as La Trobe Melbourne or Monash College) if you are concerned that you may not achieve a high enough ATAR to access your university choices.