FOCUS ON OPEN DAYS

Each year in August and September, vocational and tertiary institutions open their doors to the public to showcase the amazing and unique features they have to offer, including courses, scholarships, student services, facilities, accommodation etc.

Open days are a real buzz with lots of activities going on including live bands, BBQs, competitions, information sessions, art displays and drama performances.

If you are considering studying a vocational (e.g., TAFE) or higher education (e.g., university) course after school, it is essential that you attend open days.

Open Day Upsides! If you are in Years 10 – 12, it is a great idea to attend open days, as you will be able to:

- Gain a better understanding about the courses or career areas you are interested in.
- Compare facilities and services between institutions, which will help you to develop your course preferences.
- Speak directly to a lecturer or current student in the faculty you wish to study with.
- Find out about scholarships.
- View on campus accommodation.

Further, attending open days will prepare you for courses you may apply for that require you to undertake an interview as part of the selection process.

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By now you should have identified institutions you would like to visit, found out their open day dates and downloaded their open day programs.

Once you have the programs, make a list of the information sessions you would like to attend. If you have time, try and attend information sessions on topics like pathways, VTAC, scholarships, accommodation and overseas exchange programs.

If you are unsure what to ask on the day, Victoria University has listed some questions you can ask:

- Are there any prerequisite subjects I need to study for this course?
- What study scores/ATAR do I need to achieve to get into this course?
- Do I need to attend an audition, have an interview or present a folio as part of the selection process?
- Are there any other ways into this course other than through a VTAC application?
- Can I do a vocational course first which might then lead into a university course?
- What is the difference between TAFE and university study?
- If I can’t get into this course, is there a similar course at this institution I can apply for?
- What are the core subjects for this course and are there any electives?
- How many hours per week are spent in class and can I study part time?
- Can I defer the course?
- What kind of jobs do graduates of this course generally get?
- Are there any scholarships available?
**OPEN DAYS – 2 & 3 AUGUST**

- **Monash University**: Berwick and Peninsula campuses, Saturday 2nd, Clayton, Caulfield and Parkville campuses, Sunday 3rd. [http://destination.monash/open-day/](http://destination.monash/open-day/)

- **Swinburne University/TAFE**: Hawthorn Campus, Sunday 3rd. Travel scholarships available for regional students, [www.swinburne.edu.au/openday/](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/openday/)

- **Deakin University**: Warmamoob campus, Sunday 3rd, [http://openday.deakin.edu.au/](http://openday.deakin.edu.au/)

**VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS**

**Short courses at Box Hill Institute and Centre for Adult Education**: For a list of short work skills courses, please go to [www.cae.edu.au](http://www.cae.edu.au)

**Interested in logistics?** The Victorian Transport Association can assist you to secure a cadetship in logistics. “Logistics involves the integration of information, transport, and handling of these materials to meet customer needs”. You must be at least 18 years old, have completed Year 12 and either have or nearly have your drivers license. For more information, go to [www.vta.com.au](http://www.vta.com.au)

**Simulated Teaching Laboratory at Monash University, Caulfield Campus**: STARLab operates on Monash University’s Caulfield Campus and runs a suite of financial market simulation programs for students studying accounting, finance, and accounting information systems etc.

The laboratory enhances the theoretical aspects of the degree and the Caulfield STARLabs are linked with the trading room developed at Monash University Malaysia so that students from Australia and Malaysia can trade against one another in real time. Go to, [www.buseco.monash.edu.au/aaf/research/starlab/](http://www.buseco.monash.edu.au/aaf/research/starlab/)

**Integrated Learning Hub at Box Hill Institute**: This is a new ultra modern $34M facility, which is the first of its kind in Australia and provides collaborative learning spaces for the building services and electro-mechanical technologies industries. It will also be home to the Refrigeration and Climate Control Centre of Excellence. Students studying air conditioning, building design, building and construction, and engineering will work together to engage in problem-based learning. [www.bhtafe.edu.au/about/Pages/Facilities.aspx](http://www.bhtafe.edu.au/about/Pages/Facilities.aspx)

**MIBT pathways to Deakin University**: If you are concerned you might not receive the ATAR required to gain direct access to your desired course at Deakin, you can apply to undertake a related diploma program at MIBT. Successful completion of the diploma can guarantee you transfer into the second year of the related Bachelor Degree. For more information, go to [www.mibt.vic.edu.au](http://www.mibt.vic.edu.au/)

**Careers in automotive!** The automotive industry is currently experiencing a labour shortage- a shortfall of more than 35 000 positions nationally! There are many occupations within the automotive industry- not just mechanics. You can start an apprenticeship whilst you are still at school or full time when you finish. To find out about the industry, apprenticeships, and the amazing occupations, go to MAAP My Future at [http://maapmyfuture.com.au/](http://maapmyfuture.com.au/)
Master of Engineering (Mechatronics) at the University of Melbourne: “Mechatronics graduates work on the development of 'smart' products and systems such as computer-controlled robots, washing machines, automotive equipment, medical imaging systems, wind and wave generators and hybrid and electric vehicles.

Mechatronics has applications in a range of fields, including robotics, medical technology, human-machine interaction, manufacturing, unmanned aerial vehicles and education”. To find out about Mechatronics at the University of Melbourne, go to www.eng.unimelb.edu.au/study/graduate/master-eng-mechatronics

Are you indigenous and interested in teaching? Yunggorendi First Nations Centre has produced videos and stories to inspire young indigenous Australians to consider becoming teachers. To find out about Tellin’ the stories project, go to www.flinders.edu.au/tellinthestories/

Work Experience at the Special Olympics National Games (SONG): You have the opportunity to undertake work experience at SONG in Melbourne between Monday 20 – Friday 24 October. You must be at least 16 years old by 19 October. To find out about the experience and how to apply, browse the volunteer section at-https://specialolympics.fusesport.com/

Essential tips for study, wellbeing, coping with exams and getting through your school years! Monash University has developed brilliant resources for students through their Destination Monash hub. Recent posts focus on:

- Writing a winning essay
- Balancing part time work and study
- Focusing on your subjects and not your ATAR
- The importance of sleep
- Tumblr- http://destinationmonash.tumblr.com/
- Facebook page- www.facebook.com/pages/Destination-Monash/

Interested in the environment, design, communication, and sociology? You may be interested in studying urban planning in the future. Deakin University has just announced the new four-year Bachelor of Planning (Honours), which will start in 2015 at the Geelong Campus.

Graduates of the program “will have the capacity to manage development; infrastructure and services; create new, and revitalise existing public spaces; conserve places of heritage; and enhance community value as populations continue to grow”. To learn more about the course, go to www.deakin.edu.au

Three other planning courses in Victoria include-

- Bachelor of Urban, Rural, and Environmental Planning, La Trobe University, www.latrobe.edu.au
- Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours), RMIT, www.rmit.edu.au

Interested in nursing and/or midwifery? You have the opportunity to attend an information session about both career areas at Deakin University. Dates and campuses are listed below:

- 23 & 26 July: Geelong Waterfront
- 25 July: Warrnambool, 7.30pm
- 26 July: Melbourne, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

To register, go to www.deakin.edu.au/health/nursing/news/

Student exchange: If you are interested in learning more about student exchange, you should consider attending an upcoming World Exchange Program information session. For a list of dates and venues, go to www.wep.org.au
Melbourne Career Expo 2014: “The Melbourne Career Expo is the largest and most comprehensive career event in Australia.” You will be able to:

• Speak to representatives from over 200 education institutions, businesses and organisations.
• Attend career information seminars.
• View amazing demonstrations.
• Have your resume checked.
• Try a trade in the ‘hands on’ Skills Industry Hub.

The event is being held 15 – 17 August at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. For more information, go to www.careerexpo.com.au

APM College of Business Communication: The College will be hosting an Open Day at the Sydney campus on 16 August. APM offer courses in business, management, marketing, public relations, and event management. For more information, go to www.apm.edu.au/

Health Skills Australia open days: If you are interested in Nursing, you should consider attending one the following Health Skills Australia open days:

• Blackburn Campus: Saturday 9 August
• Melbourne CBD Campus: Sunday 10 August

To register, please go to www.healthskills.com.au

Australian Engineering Week: Every day of the year, Australian engineers are working hard to make our world a better place, and push the boundaries of what is possible. Between 5 – 11 August, Engineers Australia are running events in each state, which you are able to attend. To find out what events are running in Victoria, go to www.engineersaustralia.org.au/aew

UPCOMING EVENTS

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UPCOMING EVENTS - AUGUST

• 9, 10: Health Skills Australia Open Days, Blackburn and Melbourne, www.healthskills.com.au

UPCOMING EVENTS - SEPTEMBER


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