Dates to Diarise in Term 3

- University / TAFE Open Days 2012 – throughout August
- Year 12 VTAC applications – throughout August and September

Cultural Care Au Pair GAP Year – Information Evening

Students still considering applying for a GAP year in the USA might like to attend an Information Evening by Cultural Care Au Pair to find out more!

Date: Saturday 25 August 2012
Time: 10.30am
Venue: Box Hill Library, 1040 Whitehorse Road in Box Hill

Call 1800 677 373 to reserve a seat or register online at www.culturalcare.com.au

Carrick Institute of Education Open Day

Carrick Institute of Education is a private education provider offering courses in business, marketing, hospitality, tourism, events, etc. Carrick Institute will be hosting an Open Day in September highlighting its courses, etc.

Date: Saturday 1 September 2012
Time: 10.30am – 1.30pm
Venue: 370 Docklands Drive in Docklands

For more information call 1300 364 383 or visit www.carrickeducation.edu.au
Seasonal Firefighters – Opportunities Statewide

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and Parks Victoria are currently looking for fit and healthy people to become firefighters this coming summer. These two organisations employ hundreds of field staff over the warmer months, to assist with the prevention and suppression of bushfires in parks and forests across Victoria.

All training is provided and suitable applicants must:

- Have a high level of fitness
- Be a team player
- Hold a current manual drivers licence

Positions include firefighters, machine operators, hover exit crew and rappel crew members. **For more information contact the DSE on 136 186 or Parks Victoria on 131 963. Alternatively visit and apply online at [www.dse.vic.gov.au/firejobs](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/firejobs).** Applications are open and close on Sunday 2 September 2012.

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Faculty of Education Information Sessions

The Faculty of Education at Monash University is running a series of Information Sessions in September for students keen on finding out more about the education courses on offer. Students will have an opportunity to learn about course structures, professional placement opportunities and the many career opportunities available after graduation.

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Registrations are essential. Visit [http://education.monash.edu.au/students/events/info-sessions-undergraduate.html](http://education.monash.edu.au/students/events/info-sessions-undergraduate.html)
**University of Pennsylvania Information Session**

Students and parents are invited to an **Information Session** about undergraduate education at the **University of Pennsylvania in the USA**.

The speakers will address issues of particular concern to students applying to American universities. Topics to be covered include: **academic programs**, **admissions policies, costs and financial aid, and student life**. There will be a general question and answer period in addition to a film of campus life.

**When:** Tuesday 4 September 2012  
**Time:** 4.00pm  
**Where:** Geelong Grammar School  
**Venue:** Cook Theatre, Geelong Grammar School, 50 Biddlecombe Avenue in Corio

Please RSVP to careers@ggs.vic.edu.au or call (03) 5273 9265. Students must include the names of all attending and the name of the school. For more information about the University of Pennsylvania visit [www.upenn.edu](http://www.upenn.edu).

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**Columbia University in New York Information Session**

**Columbia University** is one of the United States’ oldest and most prestigious institutions of higher learning and its graduates are highly regarded around the world. Students and parents are invited to attend an **Information Session** and find out more about the opportunities and benefits of study at Columbia, as well as the application process.

Students who are considering the possibility of study in the US are also welcome to attend.

**Date:** Wednesday 5 September 2012  
**Time:** 7.00pm  
**Venue:** Melbourne Grammar School, Higgins Theatrette in the Peck Centre for Learning and Leadership, Domain Road in South Yarra  
**Registration:** Those wishing to attend are asked to register their attendance (including number of attendees) at careers@mgs.vic.edu.au or by contacting the Careers Centre on (03) 9865 7546/7547.

For more information about Columbia University visit [www.columbia.edu](http://www.columbia.edu).
Occupational Therapy Information Evening

Exploring Occupational Therapy as a career! Students keen on finding out more about a career in occupational therapy are invited to attend an information and demonstration evening and hear from experienced Occupational Therapists who specialise in:

- Spinal Rehabilitation
- Hand therapy
- Mental Health
- Neurology and more!

**Date:** Thursday 13 September 2012  
**Time:** 5.00pm registration, 5.30pm – 8.00pm  
**Venue:** Education Precinct, Level 4, Austin Tower, Austin Hospital, Studley Road in Heidelberg  
**Parking:** Available at the Austin and off street parking also available  
**Registration:** Registrations are essential as places are limited to a maximum of two attendees per reservation

Please RSVP to the Occupational Therapy department no later than Friday 31 August. Students should e-mail Kathy.MAGGS@austin.org.au and an email will be sent confirming their place and further details about the night.

Medicine (MBBS) Information Evening

Bond University delivers the Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) in four years and 8 months. Students keen on finding out more about this program are invited to attend an Information Session to learn more about the application procedure for the May 2013 medicine intake.

**Date:** Wednesday 26 September 2012  
**Time:** 6.30pm – 8.00pm (arrivals from 6.00pm)  
**Venue:** Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens, 380 Williams Street in Melbourne

Applications to the University of Tasmania for students commencing in Semester 1, 2013 are now open!

Visit [https://secure.utas.edu.au/futurestudents](https://secure.utas.edu.au/futurestudents) to find out more!

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**Career as an Urban and Regional Planner**

*Urban and regional planners develop policies and plans for the use of land and resources. They advise on the economic, environmental, social and cultural needs of particular localities or regions as they relate to the built environment and the community. They also work on large-scale projects such as new suburbs, towns, industrial areas, commercial and retail developments, urban renewal projects and transportation links.*

**Urban and regional planners may perform the following tasks:**

- develop long-range objectives to cope with growth and change, in consultation with affected communities
- perform surveys and site inspections
- compile and analyse information on physical, economic, social, legal, political, cultural and environmental factors which affect land use
- discuss plans with local communities, private companies and government organisations
- consider new developments or re-developing areas and advise state and local governments on planning issues for projects such as new suburbs, transportation links, industrial estates, retail complexes and housing developments
- draw up plans for development or re-development and evaluate proposals in terms of benefits and costs, recommending how schemes can be carried out
- prepare urban and rural subdivision plans, taking into account various land uses, including residential, public open space, schools and shops
- prepare and coordinate economic, social and environmental impact studies

Planning is a broadly based discipline and it is possible to specialise in a wide range of fields, including strategic planning, urban design, environmental impact assessment, residential planning, commercial and industrial planning, heritage planning, tourism planning and social planning. There are also specialised transportation planners who focus on public and private transport to avoid congestion in cities.

**Successful planners are those who:**

- are interested in social, economic, environmental and cultural issues
- have good oral and written communication skills
• are able to produce detailed and accurate work
• have good analytical and problem-solving skills

To become an urban and regional planner students usually have to study urban, regional, community and/or environmental planning at university. They may also consider other degrees that emphasise related fields of architecture, economics, environmental management or science, geography and sociology. To get into these courses students usually need to gain their VCE. Prerequisite VCE subjects, or assumed knowledge, in one or more of English and mathematics are often required.

Degree studies in urban and regional planning are necessary for professional recognition by the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA).

Some undergraduate degrees on offer at Victorian universities that lead to careers in urban and regional planning include:

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For more information visit the Logistics Information and Navigation Centre at www.the-linc.com.au and the Planning Institute Australia (National Office) at www.planning.org.au

**New Global Science and Technology Program**

In 2013 the Faculty of Science and Technology is introducing a new program designed to help students realise their dreams of international study. The Global Science and Technology Program aims to recognise, reward and support high achieving students who would like to conduct part of their studies overseas to help them develop new skills and a broader world view. Successful applicants will be offered a $3000 scholarship to assist with travel costs and will be required to participate in the Deakin Global Citizenship Program.

The program requires applicants to have a minimum ATAR of 80.00 (or equivalent) and they must also meet the published prerequisites for their specific course.
preference within the Faculty of Science and Technology. Applying is a two-staged process:

1. Students must first apply for the program through VTAC – VTAC code 16141
2. Students must also submit a Supplementary Information Form to Deakin’s Faculty of Science and Technology by 24 December 2012

For full details about the program and to download the Supplementary Information Form, visit: deakin.edu.au/scitech/global

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**News from Swinburne University**

Swinburne University is undergoing some significant changes and students are reminded of the following changes –

**Lilydale Campus**

1. All degree courses currently offered at Lilydale will move to Hawthorn, so students commencing in Semester 1 2013 will be studying at the Hawthorn Campus
2. All double degrees which are currently shared between Lilydale and Prahran will be shared between Hawthorn and Prahran from 2013
3. The Dean’s Scholarship at Lilydale will remain available for students applying for these courses and transferring to the Hawthorn Campus
4. All students from eligible schools will retain access to the 5 aggregate points Lilydale ATAR bonus (to be renamed Access Swinburne bonus) – further details will soon be available

**Prahran Campus**

From January 2014 the Faculty of Design at Prahran will relocate to its original home at the Hawthorn Campus moving into its new state-of-the-art centre for design and innovation. In 2013 courses taught at the Prahran Campus will run as usual

Visit [www.swinburne.edu.au](http://www.swinburne.edu.au) to find out more!