The School for Excellence (TSFX) offers a range of VCE programs aimed at assisting students in gaining skills necessary to maximise their VCE scores. A few of these programs include –

1. **Mastering the VCE** – this program features study skill lectures tailored specifically for Year 11 and Year 12 students. Valued at over $300, these lectures are *free of charge* although a minimum donation of $10 is requested that will be donated to Beyond Blue and the Fred Hollows Foundation. For a list of subjects, dates of lectures, etc. visit [http://www.tsfx.com.au/?vce-program=mastering-the-vce](http://www.tsfx.com.au/?vce-program=mastering-the-vce)

2. **Master Classes** – the Master Class programs are specialised weekly tuition classes designed to ensure students reach their full potential. These programs build on the teaching taking place at school offering students the opportunity to review and consolidate what they have learned. For more information visit [http://www.tsfx.com.au/?vce-program=master-classes-unit-1-3](http://www.tsfx.com.au/?vce-program=master-classes-unit-1-3)


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**Tuckwell Scholarship**

Australian National University (ANU) has recently launched the **Tuckwell Scholarship Program**. Receiving a Tuckwell Scholarship – valued at $20,000 per year up to five years - is not just about a students’ intellect. It is also about their desire and determination to use their natural abilities to realise their full potential so that they can make a difference in the world. Eligible students need to expect an ATAR of 95+ but students who have experienced disadvantage, or who have achieved significantly in other ways, may still be eligible. **Applications open on 4 March 2013 and close on 2 April 2013.** Shortlisted students must be available for an interview in July, and students will have to make their application to study at ANU through UAC in August 2013. **For more information visit [http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/home/](http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/home/)**
At Monash Series
The annual *At Monash Seminar Series*’ commences in March! These seminars provide Year 11 and 12 students and parents with an insight into the courses and career options within discipline areas. The seminars are presented by academics in conjunction with current university students and graduates, and are held in various locations across the Caulfield, Clayton and Peninsula campuses. Seminars with the same title have the same program.

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Exact venue details are available online! Bookings are essential and can be completed online at [www.monash.edu/seminars](http://www.monash.edu/seminars).
Monash Arts Facebook Page Launched

The recently launched Monash Arts Facebook page provides VCE students with an opportunity to learn about studying Arts at Monash in an environment where they feel right at home. The page features videos of our current students describing their experiences and academics providing insights into our study areas.

‘Liking’ the Monash Arts Facebook page is a great way for VCE students to begin to get a feel for what university life is like and to ask questions in a forum that they are comfortable with. Visit www.facebook.com/MonashArts

Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences – What’s the Difference?

Pharmacists are directly concerned with people’s health and wellbeing. They provide advice on the safe and effective use of medicine. They are actively involved in patient care in hospitals and the community. As medicine experts, they often also work in government, industry, research and clinical-trial roles.

For those students interested in science and healthcare, and who enjoy communicating with people, then the Bachelor of Pharmacy is for them as this is the degree needed to become a pharmacist.

In Victoria, the Bachelor of Pharmacy is offered at Monash University - http://www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/2628/ and RMIT University - http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bp271

Pharmaceutical scientists are experts in the chemistry, biology and biotechnology required to design and develop medicines. They play a key role in improving human health and wellbeing by researching and developing reliable, accessible and effective treatments. They understand the impact of medicines on the body and diseases. They are also experts in bringing safe and effective products to market.

Students who enjoy solving problems, love chemistry or biology, and want to improve human health, then a Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science could be their calling as it equips students to work in the pharmaceutical science and biomedical fields.

Virtual Pharmacy – Pharmville

Major changes are underway in the way universities are teaching pharmacy to undergraduate students. By way of a virtual pharmacy or “virtual practice environment” students get experience a variety of health care settings, such as a community pharmacy, hospital ward or dispensary, home setting, rural pharmacy depot and remote community health service, where they can interact with virtual ‘patients’, health professionals and others through role playing, video conferencing, online software and avatars. Developed by Monash University, and used by a number of universities worldwide, students get to practice pharmaceutical calculations required for the compounding process. These calculations are presented as prescriptions from virtual patients, phone enquiries or ‘chats’ with virtual nurses, doctors and patients. Students select the required ingredients from an extensive selection of drugs and raw materials and measure out the correct amount or provide other dosage related data as prompted.

For more information visit http://monash.edu/pharm/innovative-learning/technologies/pharmville/ and also http://monash.edu/pharm/

AFX Student Exchange

AFX Student Exchange offers a range of programs including high school or GAP year programs to France. As a special offer, students participating in the high-school programs who apply before 1 March 2013 will be entitled to a free intensive French course run by the Alliance Française. Visit http://www.australia-france-exchange.com/australie/ to find out more!

For more information about all the programs offered by AFX visit http://www.australia-france-exchange.com/australie/index.php/afx-alliance-francaise-special/

Au Pair, Volunteer, Exchange Programs

AIFS and its family of companies organises cultural exchange programs throughout the world! Whether students are looking for cultural exchange program, an Au Pair placement, to volunteer or a stint with Camp America, AIFS has a range of opportunities and programs to offer!

Visit http://www.aifsaustralia.com/ to find out more!
Antipodeans Abroad

Are you unsure what to do once you finish Year 12? Perhaps you are unsure what you want to study at university or TAFE? Perhaps you want to consider taking a GapBreak. Antipodeans Abroad invites students to join their GapBreak program, a 3-6 month volunteer placement in a developing country. There will be an Information Night that interested students might like to attend!

When: Monday 18 March 2013
Time: 6.30pm – 7.30pm


Gap Medics

Our programs offer students interested in healthcare a genuine insight into the hospital work of doctors and nurses in Tanzania, Zanzibar, Thailand and the Czech Republic.

Gap Medics are offering an exciting project for students that are looking to apply for university courses in medicine, nursing, dentistry or midwifery. Gap Medics is a provider of short-term healthcare work experience placements abroad. Although based in the UK, its programs are open to students from all around the world. This organisation is dedicated to arranging hospital work experience placements for students who are applying to medical or nursing school in particular.

So, what does the project involve? During weekdays, students shadow highly skilled doctors in their day-to-day work on a fully-supervised hospital placement. Students will also have the benefit of clinical teaching, safe and secure accommodation, food, transfers in Tanzania or Thailand, local orientations, 24/7 support from Gap Medics support teams overseas and in the UK and lots of help with preparations for their trip too.

Visit http://www.gapmedics.com/ to find out more!

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (SCCE) is organisation running that has been running exchange programs since 1983. SCCE is hosting a FREE information evening -

When: Tuesday 19 February 2013 OR Tuesday 5 March 2013
Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Venue: Conochie Hall, 2 Rochester Road in Canterbury

For more information call 1800 500 501 or visit www.scce.com.au
Projects Abroad

For any students keen to learn more about the volunteer and work experience programs offered through Projects Abroad, there is an upcoming Open Day whereby student can chat to volunteers and staff or listen to one of a series of talks that will be running. Students can drop in at any time during the day!

**Date:** Saturday 9 March 2013  
**Time:** 1.00pm – 5.00pm (arrive anytime)  
**Venue:** Northcote Town Hall, 189 High Street, Northcote 3070


Lattitude Global Volunteering

Lattitude Global Volunteering (formerly Gap Activity Projects) has been offering international volunteering and gap year projects for 17-25 year olds, for over 35 years. A diverse range of projects are on offer in Asia/Pacific, or further afield in Europe, the Americas and Africa.

Lattitude Volunteers...

- are not tourists. They immerse themselves in the local culture and become members of that community. They learn about a country from within
- step outside their comfort zone and achieve something unique
- experience life, living and new horizons.

Applications for 2014 are already open! Visit [http://www.lattitude.org.au](http://www.lattitude.org.au) to find out more!

Student Exchange Australia

LOTE students often express an interest in finding out more about short-term exchange programs to countries like Japan, France, Germany, Canada, Spain and many more! Students and parents are invited to attend an Information Evening -

**When:** Wednesday 6 March 2013  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Radison on Flagstaff Gardens, 380 William Street in Melbourne

To find out more call 1300 135 331 or visit [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au)
GAP Year through Tutors Worldwide

There are many different ways in which a GAP Year can be organised. Tutors Worldwide offers students the opportunity to work in an overseas school environment at either prep or secondary (high) school. Currently Tutors Worldwide recruits for (both senior and junior) schools in the UK, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, and from among students in the same countries, incorporating personal visits to all countries.

For more information or to download the application form, visit http://www.tutorsworldwide.org/. Applications close 11 April 2013.

Volunteer Abroad with WEP

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now offering a range of international programs for people over the age of 18! Programs include volunteer and conservation projects, work & travel and internships, teaching English overseas, international language study and language & volunteer packages.

WEP’s GAP programs bring together volunteers from all over the world to help communities in need, and volunteers learn:

- to work through the various challenges of adapting to a new culture
- mature, gain more confidence and develop greater self-awareness
- gain a better understanding of the world and international relations
- develop a much more worldly, focused and determined approach to life once back in Australia

Find out more by visiting www.volunteerabroad.com.au or call 1300 884 733.