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1. WHEN CAN I CHECK OUT UNIVERSITIES AND TAFE'S? OPEN DAYS, held mainly in August, are one of the best opportunities. It is **important** that you visit institutions where you may wish to study. Some courses like **art, design, music, drama and related courses** can involve an **audition, interview and/or folio presentation** as part of the selection process, so attendance at Open Days is **VITAL**. During an **interview** you may be asked what you learned about the course at Open Day - a difficult question to answer if you didn't attend. The dates are provided **now**; put them in **your diary and treat them as a priority**.

OPEN DAY DATES

- Sat 1 Aug - **Monash Uni** (some campuses - will be advised later)
- Sun 2 Aug - **Monash Uni** (some campuses - will be advised later)
- Sun 9 Aug - **Deakin Uni (Geelong); RMIT Uni/TAFE; Gordon TAFE; Victoria Uni/TAFE (Footscray)**
- Sat 15 Aug - **Holmesglen TAFE**
- Sun 16 Aug - **Aust. Catholic Uni (Melbourne); Deakin Uni (Warrnambool); La Trobe Uni (Bendigo); Swinburne Uni/TAFE; Melbourne Uni; Sunraysia TAFE (Swan Hill);**
- Sun 23 Aug - **Box Hill TAFE; Deakin Uni (Melb); La Trobe Uni (Albury/Wodonga)**
- Sun 30 Aug - **Australian Catholic Uni (Ballarat); Ballarat Uni ; La Trobe Uni (Bundoora)**

2. WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AND CAREERS? Then, CAREERS EXPOS are for you. Held annually, they provide opportunities for students/parents to collect information/advice at one location. Coming up soon:

- The **National Careers and Employment Expo** is a chance for Year 10 - 12 students to gain career pathway advice and to meet representatives from educational, government and corporate organisations. **When:** 9am-4pm, Fri 27 & Sat 28 March; **Where:** Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre; **Cost:** Free; **Info:** www.eocexpo.com.au.
- 'The Age' **VCE and Careers Expo** will have over 150 exhibitors and 120 seminars on VCE subjects, study skills, tertiary courses and career advice. **When:** 24-26 April; **Where:** Caulfield Racecourse; **Cost:** \$10 (incl seminars and copy of 'Age'); **Info:** www.education.theage.com.au

3. NOT SURE ABOUT YOUR FUTURE COURSE OF STUDY OR FUTURE CAREER? *CAREERSAdvice* is an online support service assisting senior school students find direction through online testing/counselling. It provides **ongoing support** to help you to meet goals and launch you into a bright future. **Email:** enid@careersadvice.com.au for more info., or go to www.careersadvice.com.au.

4. DO CAREERS AT THE ZOO INTEREST YOU? Programs available:

- '**Careers at the Zoo**' will provide opportunities for students to meet Zoo employees in a range of departments, explore the educational and career paths in the zoo industry and give you skills to help land the job of your dreams. **When:** 9.30am-2.45pm, Wed 8, Thurs 9, Thurs 16, Fri 17, Thurs 23

and Fri 24 April; **Where:** Werribee Open Range Zoo; **Cost:** \$39.50 incl admission, safari tour, morning tea; **Info:** School career counsellor and www.zoo.org.au/learning.

- **'Keeper for a Day'** - spend a day in the holidays working with zookeepers. **When:** 7, 8, 15, 16 April; 30 June, 1, 7, 8 July; 22, 23, 29, 30 Sept; **Where:** Healesville Sanctuary; **Bookings:** 5957 2818; **See:** www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student_Conferences/Careers; **Cost:** \$99
- **'Vet for a Day'** Program (in term time); See above website.

5. **INTERESTED IN DESIGN AND WANT TO EARN \$\$\$\$?** Then, enter the **Law Week School Poster Competition**. The winning design will be used as the official poster to promote Law Week (11-17 May, 2009). Winning entries and commendations will be displayed at the Magistrates' Court of Victoria during Law Week. The competition encourages students to take a creative approach and challenge stereotypical representations of law and justice. **Prizes:** 1st: \$500 (student) and \$200 (their school); 2nd: \$200; 3rd: \$100, plus further prizes (see website); **Info:** www.victorialawfoundation.org.au and go to Law Week and find Poster Competition for information and form; **Closing Date:** 13 March, 2009.

6. **ARE YOU AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?** Then you will be interested in **International Education Week**, 1-7 March. A calendar of events is available on the **Study Melbourne**, Victoria website, www.studymelbourne.com.au. Even if you miss these events, you will find lots of helpful information on this site.

7. **DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MONASH UNI?** If you answered, 'Yes', then the **'At Monash' seminar series** is for you. This is a series of seminars about Monash courses and graduate outcomes, commencing with:

- **Science on Tues 31 March**
- **Arts & Humanities on Wed 1 April** (both at the **Clayton campus**, commencing at 6.30pm).

The next seminar in the series is in May; you will be advised of dates as they get closer. For **more info** and to **book online**, and to obtain details about **other sessions**, go to: www.monash.edu.au/study/events/atmonash; **Phone Info:** 9903 4758; **Email:** valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au.

8. **PARENTS HELP WITH THEIR CHILDREN'S CAREER CHOICE - Box Hill Institute** is holding a Parent Information Evening where you can talk with staff about your child's future and get help in making choices with them. The TAFE system will be explained, find out about the range of options and the more personalised teaching environment. **When:** 6-9pm, Wed 25 March (info. sessions at 6.30 and 7.45pm with time to talk to staff); **Where:** Box Hill Institute, Elgar Auditorium; **Bookings:** Catrin Harris, 9286 9987, email parents@phtafe.edu.au; **Info:** www.boxhillinstitute.edu.au; Supper, and parking available.

9. **WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT MELBOURNE UNI?** Information sessions for prospective students/families are being held throughout Victoria. Find out about the **Melbourne Model**, courses, admissions, scholarships, career outcomes, **Access Melbourne** (special entry scheme), accommodation and overseas exchange. **When/where-** All 6.30-8.00pm: **Wed 25 March**, Mentone Grammar, 63 Venice St; **Tues 5 May**, Novotel Glen Waverley; **Wed 13 May**, Glen Waverley Secondary College; **Wed 6 May**: Ultima Function Centre, Keilor; **Tues 12 May**, Manningham Function Centre, Doncaster; also sessions at Shepparton, Wangaratta, Bendigo and Sale - for **further information and to register** see www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne; **Info:** 1800 801 662.

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