Preparing for university- just for parents! Is your child considering university study in the future? Are you keen to develop your knowledge about university terminology, programs, costs, accommodation etc.? The following universities have websites set up just for you!


Preparing for university- just for students! Are you considering university study in the future? Would you like to learn about what university is really like? The following websites are set up to assist future students and include information pages and student blogs.


**VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS**

**Passionate about maths and science?** If you are between the ages of 15 – 17 and receive consistently high marks in science and maths classes, you should consider speaking to your teacher about nominating for the ‘Growing Junior Tall Poppies in Science and Maths’ awards. There will be 10 winners in Victoria and the prizes for students and their schools are amazing. For information and to download a nomination form, go to [http://www.coecxs.org/](http://www.coecxs.org/)

**Law at Australian Catholic University (ACU):** If you are considering studying law at university in the future, it is crucial that you find the right institution and course for you. ACU has a social justice focus to their law program, and all first year students participate in the law induction week, which focuses on introducing key academic concepts and mooting. For more information, go to [http://www.acu.edu.au/605474](http://www.acu.edu.au/605474)

**Interested in business and economics?** There are so many careers and occupations in this field and the choice can be overwhelming. As a school student, you may be wondering where a university degree in business or economics can take you in terms of jobs and further study.

Monash University has developed a fantastic magazine which not only gives an overview of their business and economics courses but also amazing business careers – many you may not have even considered. To download the magazine, go to [http://www.buseco.monash.edu.au/undergraduate/findoutmore/brochures.html](http://www.buseco.monash.edu.au/undergraduate/findoutmore/brochures.html) To read their business students blog, go to [http://monash-business-students.blogspot.com.au/](http://monash-business-students.blogspot.com.au/)
Are you in Years 10 – 12 and considering studying medicine, dentistry or optometry in the future? You may have to sit the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test (UMAT), which is a three hour exam held each July. The National Institute of Education is running simulated UMAT workshops to assist students in preparing for the exam. Participants will undertake an overview of each section of the UMAT and then sit a test under exam conditions. For more information and dates, go to http://www.nie.edu.au/

Are you an international student? If you are planning to apply for medicine, physiotherapy, veterinary science and/or dentistry at selected Australian universities, you may need to sit the International Student Admissions Test (ISAT). The ISAT is a three-hour computer based multiple-choice test that assesses critical and quantitative reasoning skills. For information on the test and to register, go to http://isat.acer.edu.au

Rural Finance Scholarships: Rural Finance’s Scholarship program is designed to encourage the education and skill development of those committed to the future of agriculture. The scholarship program includes vocational and undergraduate opportunities. The scholarships are open to all students who can demonstrate a career commitment to agriculture (i.e., farming, consultancy, research, technological and other services to the agricultural industry). Scholarship applications close 31 May 2014 http://www.ruralfinance.com.au/scholarships

Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation offers scholarships to Year 12 students from rural/regional Victoria to enable them to participate in tertiary study. The scholarships provide financial support of $15,000 per annum for three years, and also participation in mentoring and leadership development programs. Applications close July 18 2014. For more information, go to: http://msrf.org.au/scholarship-and-programs

One Year Roles in the Army: Are you wondering what you would like to do in 2015? Does the thought of adventure, team work, leadership and learning new skills appeal to you? The Army offers the ‘One Year Role’ program- you can apply to undertake 12 months of training in one of the following 14 job roles:

- Administration Clerk, Air Dispatcher, Cargo Specialist, Clerk Finance, Cook, Dental Assistant, Driver Transport, Operator Movement, Groundcrewman Mission Support, Military Police, Preventative Medicine, and Supply Chain Specialist, Supply Coordinator, and Unit Quartermaster

You will undertake initial combat training at Kapooka, and then employment training in your job role. You will then work in this area and are under no obligation to stay in the Australian Defence Force once the 12 months is completed. To start the application process, go to the following website and click apply now- http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/army/one-year-roles/overview.aspx

Discover the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA): If you are interested in undertaking a university degree whilst undertaking leadership training in either the Army, Navy or Airforce, then you should consider ADFA. The institution will pay for your degree, pay you a wage, provide free medical and dental, and subsidised accommodation. To find out more about ADFA, go to http://www.defence.gov.au/adfa/

Trades in the Defence Force: Did you know you can undertake an apprenticeship in the Airforce, Army or Navy? There are a huge range of trades available. Use the following websites to explore your options,

Free music workshop at JMC Academy: To celebrate their entry into the Berklee College of Music international partnership, JMC Academy and Berklee College will be running a free music workshop for students in Years 9 - 12. You will work as an ensemble with other students and receive direct instruction and feedback from tutors and movement coaches. The event will be held Monday 19 May at the Melbourne campus. To register, go to http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/

The Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre (OPSMC) are running an information night about careers in sports medicine on Wednesday 28 May, 6.30 – 9pm at the AAMI Park Stadium and the Geelong campus. Practitioners from the disciplines of

- Sports medicine
- Nutrition
- Podiatry
- Psychology
- Massage therapy
- Physiotherapy, and
- Exercise physiology

will deliver short talks and will also be available to answer your questions about careers in these occupations. To register online, go to www.opsmc.com.au/professional-development/careers-evening.html by 26 May.

MyDays at Charles Sturt University (CSU) give you the opportunity to explore career areas you are interested in. A Health and Community Services MyDay will be held at the Albury-Wodonga campus on Tuesday 27 May. You will be able to explore the following course areas:

- Health & Rehabilitation Science
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Podiatry
- Speech Pathology

The event is for students in Years 11 and 12. To register, go to http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday

UPCOMING EVENTS - MAY

- 8: Medicine Taster Day, UTAS, www.utas.edu.au
- 20: Medicine & Optometry Information Session at Deakin, www.deakin.edu.au
- 21, 28: Deakin Parent and Student Tertiary Information Evenings, Melbourne (21) and Geelong (28), www.deakin.edu.au