If you are considering studying at TAFE or university after school, it is **crucial** that you attend Open Days.

Throughout the year, vocational and tertiary institutions open their doors to the public and showcase their courses, accommodation, scholarships, pathway courses, student services and their ‘point of difference’. At an Open Day, you will be able to:

- Get a feel for the culture of the campus
- Learn about courses and career options
- Undertake campus and accommodation tours led by current students
- Speak directly to students and lecturers about the courses or careers you are interested in
- Compare the course area you are interested in at different institutions
- Learn about student sports and societies you can join and be active in
- Get course counselling and guidance
- Attend information sessions and workshops
- Watch live demonstrations
- Listen to bands, eat lots of food, participate in activities and have fun!

Don’t just pick a course at an institution without visiting the campus – you potentially will be spending several years studying there and spending tens of thousands of dollars on your course and accommodation. It’s worth making the effort.

The following is a list of Victorian Open Day dates for several institutions. On the websites, you will be able to register to receive information about the Open Day/s, go into draws to win prizes, watch videos from the 2014 days and download the Open Day planner for 2015.

**All dates are in August**

- **Monash University**- Peninsula (1), Clayton & Caulfield (2), [http://destination.monash/open-day/](http://destination.monash/open-day/)
- **Swinburne University**- Hawthorn (2), [www.swinburne.edu.au/openday/](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/openday/)
- **RMIT**- City, Bundoora, Brunswick (2), [http://openday.rmit.edu.au/](http://openday.rmit.edu.au/)
- **Australian Catholic University**- Melbourne (9) & Ballarat (30), [www.acu.edu.au/99146](http://www.acu.edu.au/99146)
- **La Trobe University**- Shepparton (7), Melbourne (9), Bendigo (16), Mildura (19), Albury-Wodonga (28), [www.latrobe.edu.au/openday](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday)
- **University of Melbourne**, Parkville & Southbank (16), [https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/](https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/)
- **Deakin University**- Warrnambool (2), Geelong (9), Melbourne (23), [http://openday.deakin.edu.au/](http://openday.deakin.edu.au/)
- **Federation University**, Ballarat and Gippsland (30), [http://tinyurl.com/pk3n5oa](http://tinyurl.com/pk3n5oa)
UNSW Co-op Scholarships: The UNSW Co-op Program offers industry linked scholarships to high achieving students in the fields of Business (Commerce), Science, Engineering and the Built Environment. Scholarships are worth $16,750 per year tax-free and there are many other benefits such as leadership programs, industry work experience and academic mentoring. To find out more, go to www.coop.unsw.edu.au/

Accounting Scholarship at UTS: If you are considering applying for the Bachelor of Accounting at University of Technology Sydney, you have until Friday 5 June to apply for the scholarship program which is worth over $46 500. For information on how to apply, go to http://tinyurl.com/kt23ggo

Marcus Oldham College: offer courses in Horse Business Management, Agribusiness and Farm Business Management. The institute is located at Geelong, Victoria and is a private college. They have just released the list of scholarships available for the 2016 intake. For a list of the scholarships, closing dates and interview times, please go to www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au

Interested in specialist make-up? Victoria University’s Diploma of Specialist Make-Up Services equips students with the range of specialist skills required for a future as a make-up artist, be it photographic, theatre, period, special effects, television, film or fashion. It is the only make-up course in Australia to encompass fashion and arts and offer a direct pathway into hairdressing.

Recently two Victoria University Specialist Make-Up teachers had their work featured in the American magazine ‘Jute’. For information about the story and to view pictures, go to http://tinyurl.com/k7tzzr

Skills shortage area: oral health - Are you interested in health and science? Have you thought about dentistry but concerned you won’t receive the required ATAR? You may be interested in exploring the following occupations:

- **Dental Nurse/Assistant**: assists dental team, supports patient, sterilisation of equipment, prepares dental materials, maintains client records etc.
- **Dental Hygienist**: educates patients about prevention of disease, treats oral diseases, and provides dental treatments.
- **Dental Therapist**: examines and treats diseases of the teeth in children and adolescents under the supervision of dentists.
- **Dental Technician**: designs and constructs dentures, crowns, impression trays, oral splints etc.

For information on these career areas, go to the Australian Dental Association- www.ada.org.au/

Have you considered surveying? If you enjoy subjects like mathematics, science, and IT, enjoy being outdoors, would like to travel nationally and globally and earn good money, this is a great career to explore. Surveyors are needed to assist with:

- Building roads and cities
- Defining property
- Finding and mining mineral resources
- Measuring changes in the earth
- Understanding waterways
- Finding ancient ruins and
- Developing Google Earth etc.

If you would like to find out what surveyors do, where you can study surveying, to watch videos and read career profiles, and learn about doing work experience go to www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au
Commerce versus economics: Which would you be more suited to? The Australian School of Business, UNSW, has developed a video to help you decide. They have also developed a video focused on careers in economics. To download both, go to

- http://tinyurl.com/qb2zswp
- http://tinyurl.com/njlehwg

International study tours through Deakin: Did you know you can undertake short term study tours as part of your degree at Deakin University? Study tours are a great way to experience the world while earning credit towards your degree. Some of the programs running this year are:

- Singapore and Malaysia for food and nutrition students
- United States of America for law students
- The Philippines, Bhutan, China and Thailand for nursing and midwifery students
- India for philosophy and engineering students
- Malaysia for public relations students
- France and Hungary for business management students

For more information, go to https://study-abroad.deakin.edu.au/

The art of creating an icon: Four Australian Catholic University (ACU) students were awarded scholarships to undertake a five-day hands-on workshop with world renowned Russian iconographers Phillip Davydov and his wife Olga Shalamova held at the ACU Melbourne Gallery in January this year.

The scholarships are awarded to high performing first year students who are studying the Bachelor of Visual Arts and Design/Creative Arts/Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching/ Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts). Read more about the students’ experience here- www.acu.edu.au/726612

Studying sport at Deakin University: Sport is a growing industry and with the increased focus on health and active lifestyles, the need for experts in this field has never been greater. Deakin courses in sport are comprehensive and diverse, enabling students to study exercise and sport science, the business of sport, sport development and health and physical education (teaching).

Exercise and sport science offers a broad range of career opportunities for Deakin graduates in areas such as sport, health, fitness, rehabilitation, sport business and research and tertiary training. If you are considering a career in these areas, go to the following website- http://tinyurl.com/ky9zjd where you can view lists of job titles/roles, employers and professional associations in each of these areas.

To view the sport courses at Deakin and watch videos about exercise and sport science and clinical exercise science, go to http://tinyurl.com/pm5byf

Pathway courses into Monash University degrees: If you would like to study at Monash but are concerned you may not achieve the ATAR requirement, there are two options you can consider:

- Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTs): This one-year program is for students who would like to gain access to Nursing, Business or Education degrees. Completion of the program will allow you to go straight into the second year of the eligible course.

- Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE): This one-year program is for students who would like to gain access to science, mathematics, or related degrees. Completion of the program will allow you to go straight into the second year of the eligible course.

For information on entry requirements and eligible courses for both programs, go to http://tinyurl.com/pcpjoar
The Swinburne–ConocoPhillips Science Experience: offers students the chance to use their natural curiosity to explore and discover the possibilities of science. Year 9 and 10 students are invited to attend a three-day workshop (14–16 September) at Swinburne’s Hawthorn campus. Attendees will participate in a range of interactive, hands-on workshops that are designed to challenge and excite. For information about the program and to register, go to http://tinyurl.com/kno5vhm

Do you love being creative? Victoria University’s creative arts journal Offset is now accepting submissions from people all over Australia to have their work featured in the journal. They are accepting submissions in the following categories:

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Submissions are due by Friday 5 June. For information on entry requirements and how to submit works, go to http://tinyurl.com/nv6y359

Swinburne University Ultimate Study Pack- win prizes! Students can enter online to win one of seven iPad Minis or the Ultimate Study Pack, including a MacBook Pro 13” with Retina Display and a Mojo Urban bike. All you have to do is register your details at the following website- www.swinburne.edu.au/2015/win/

Ever dreamed of becoming an Astronaut? Read about the amazing pathway that Dr Andrew S. W. Thomas AO took to become the first South Australian to undertake a space flight. He has had an interesting and exciting career studying and working in Australia and America, http://tinyurl.com/kxhvat3

Interested in Dentistry, Medicine and/or Oral Health? The University of Adelaide is hosting an event showcasing their courses in these areas on Sunday 31 May. If you will be unable to attend, the event will be recorded and uploaded to their YouTube channel. For information and to register, go to http://tinyurl.com/mq99okw

Upcoming Events: May

- Focus on Melbourne University Seminars, various dates, http://tinyurl.com/pcscoqf
- 16: Open Day, Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Melbourne, www.aie.edu.au

Upcoming Events: June

- 29: Science in the City & Laboratory Tour, RMIT, Melbourne, http://tinyurl.com/pvsg8fj
- 29, 30: Experience Days, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne (29) and Ballarat (30), www.acu.edu.au/97108
- 30: Discover Deakin, Melbourne Campus, http://tinyurl.com/q3yaqIn