Future Leaders Awards 2015: You may be eligible for one of the following leadership awards:

- Future Leaders Environment Award (Year 12)
- Helen Handbury Leadership Award (Year 12)
- Future Leaders Writing Prize (Year 11 & 12)
- Future Leaders Future Justice Award (Year 12)
- Future Leaders Photography Prize (Year 12)

Applications are due by the 1st of July. To find out more, please speak to your career adviser or go to this website- www.futureleaders.com.au/

Literature and History VCE Winter School:
Developed in consultation with VCE experts and examiners, this is an excellent opportunity for VCE students to prepare for Literature and History exams with Australian and international scholars who are experts in their fields. Dates in July are:

- History: Revolutions, 4 – 5
- Australian History, 4
- Literature, 11 - 12

The program will be run at the University of Melbourne, Parkville. For more information and to register, go to www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/vce

Reminder to students interested in design:
The Whitehouse Institute of Design at Melbourne offer courses in Fashion Design, Interior Design and Creative Styling and Direction. They are running their Open House on Friday 19 – Saturday 20 June. For information, go to http://bit.ly/1C86jCk

Using the UniTest to boost your chances: Are you worried you won’t receive the ATAR necessary to gain entry into your desired course at Flinders University, Adelaide? The University allows students to undertake the UniTest for selected courses, which enable them to be considered for both the ATAR and UniTest results through the selection process. Students can sit the test between July – October. For information about the test and how to register, go to http://unitest.acer.edu.au/

Learn about economics: If you think that economics is all theory without real world applications, think again! ‘The Conversation’, is an excellent six-part video series by La Trobe University lecturer, Liam Lenten. In ‘Some Sports Economics’ Liam explains common economic ideas using sporting analogies. You can watch all six videos here, http://bit.ly/1LabmYn

Interested in studying at Sydney? UNSW has just released their new future students website. It features:

- Stories from students studying a variety of courses
- Information on how to choose a degree
- Information on course fees
- An overview of bonus points
- Upcoming event dates
- Information on how to apply for courses.

To check out the new site, go to www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/
Are you sitting the UMAT in July? Many students will be combining UMAT preparation with their class work and scored assessments. The following are tips on how to prepare for the UMAT:

- Tips from students studying medicine at UNSW, http://bit.ly/1JSNWI8
- Download the free practice exams from the ACER website, http://umat.acer.edu.au/
- MedEntry - www.medentry.edu.au/ and NIE - www.nie.edu.au/ offer fee for service UMAT preparation programs. Whilst some students find these programs helpful, it’s important to note that they are not endorsed by the universities who use the UMAT.

Science competition: Are you a female high school student who has a passion for technology and science? You should consider entering the New Innovators Competition being run by the UNSW Science Faculty. All you have to do is submit your innovative ideas for scientific and technological solutions to real world issues. For information on the competition, go to http://bit.ly/1Tnf6v6

Passionate about acting? The Centre for Theatre and Performing Arts at Monash University is running a theatre workshop for Year 12 students wishing to further their drama studies at university. The program will run Tuesday 30 June at the Clayton campus. For more information and to register, go to http://bit.ly/1HIXrcC

Do you have an interest in forensic science? You may be interested in reading about several notable people who have made a significant contribution to the field of forensics. Lauren Wright has written a fantastic article called ‘Through the Looking Glass”, http://bit.ly/1ANqGcY

Portfolio Entry at the University of Canberra (UC): if you would like to study a design-based course at UC and are concerned you won’t achieve the necessary ATAR, you can apply via the portfolio entry scheme. UC will take into consideration your ATAR plus a portfolio of your creative work. For information on the scheme and a list of eligible courses, go to http://bit.ly/1Sh6pRB

Upcoming Events: June

- Information Evenings, Monash University, various dates and locations, http://tinyurl.com/n2dlulx
- 24, 25: Focus on Melbourne, Music (24) and Fine Arts (25), University of Melbourne, http://tinyurl.com/pcscoqf
- 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 University, Melbourne Campus, http://tinyurl.com/q3yaqIn
- 30: ENGenuITy, Engineering and IT day, Monash University, Clayton, www.eng.monash.edu/engenuity

Upcoming events: July

- 1: Discover Deakin University, Geelong Campus, www.deakin.edu.au/discover-deakin
- 6 – 8: Year 8 Challenge, Monash University, http://eng.monash.edu.au/challenge