Profiling Deakin:

On 9 February, Ms Burt and Mrs Ling attended the annual Deakin Careers Practitioners Seminar. This was an opportunity to learn about new course developments, receive updates about changes to offerings and to experience first-hand, the delightful Melbourne campus. We unanimously agreed that Deakin has lots to offer our students – a range of tailored courses that include practical, industry-orientated classes; attractive campuses with modern facilities; and a supportive, caring learning environment approximately 50kms from Mt Eliza (the trip took us a little less than an hour in peak hour traffic).

Established as the first regional university in Victoria, Deakin now has four campuses at Burwood, Geelong (Waurn Ponds), Geelong (Waterfront) and Warrnambool; as well as international offices in India, China and Indonesia. Deakin currently has 53,000 students enrolled (28,000 at Burwood) and has been rated No. 1 for student satisfaction according to the Australian Graduate Survey, for the past six consecutive years. They are ranked 36th in the world for universities under 50 years of age; are ranked 3rd in Victoria; and can boast having six ‘highly cited’ research staff members. Deakin’s Strategic Plan emphasizes offering students a high supported transition into tertiary experience; whilst preparing them for the jobs and skills of the future. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jane denHollander is quoted as stating, “How we handle transition matters because everyone has a future”.

A feature session on the day, was titled, ‘Forensic Science – A View from Down Under’. The Bachelor of Forensic Science and double degree combined with the Bachelor of Criminology, are structured to provide students with holistic science training. This includes core knowledge of Chemistry and Biology; crime scene documentation; evidence recognition; communication and teamwork. Students choose to major in either Chemistry, Biology or Criminology and although English is the only prerequisite, those with a background in Maths or Science are at a significant advantage during the first year of study.

Students participate in laboratory based practical work and a purpose built ‘Crime Scene House’ has been built on campus, to allow students to work through staged crime scenarios. It is expected that students will have the ability to deliver evidence in a courtroom, to lay people with no science background and so reporting and courtroom experience also plays a significant role in the course structure.
Deakin owns the only course outside of the UK, accredited with The Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences, hence increasing graduates’ employability overseas. Similarly, the core Biology and Chemistry education allows students to work in a range of Laboratory settings i.e. Border Security, Sports Testing and Science and Wine production. Deakin’s affiliations include Victoria Police, Australian Federal Police, GSK, CSIRO and the Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society.

So, based on our experience on campus, we are once again happy to recommend Deakin to the TPS community, as an innovative university that is working hard to keep up with advances in the digital frontier; whilst maintaining a strong emphasis on building personal relationships with their students to assist the transition focus. Their facilities are second to none and students are offered maximum flexibility in their learning – whether that might include an overseas experience as part of their course; or the option to study part of their program by distance education. We highly recommend that you attend an Open Day on campus, to have a look for yourself (specific details will follow in the June Careers News).
REMINDERS…..

- **Year 10 Work Experience**
  
  The first block of Work Experience will take place at the end of this term, 21 March – 24 March and the second block will take place from 12 – 16 September (these blocks alternate with the Outdoor Education camps). As part of the learning process, it is expected that students will source their own placements through approaching relevant employers in their interest areas. It is always useful to make the most of family contacts and friends; and the Careers Team are happy to assist with providing suggestions of potential workplaces for students to call. Please note the following points in relation to Work Experience:
  1. Students must be 15 years of age when completing Work Experience.
  2. Students completing Work Experience on a building construction site in areas such as Carpentry, Building, Electrical and Plumbing, must have completed the mandated White Card training first (relevant training session will be arranged by the Careers Team).
  3. Interstate placements are discouraged as students will not be covered by the relevant insurance.

  The mandated Work Experience Arrangements Forms are available from the Careers Office, Mr De Valles’s Office, via Zenith and via email to students. Once these are completed, it is requested that they are returned to the Careers Office asap. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this process.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY CONTINUED:

GENERAL:

- **The Annual Age VCE and Careers Expo**
  
  The annual Age VCE and Careers Expo will be held at Caulfield Racecourse, from Thursday 5th May to Sunday 8th May and is one of the earliest and most comprehensive Careers Expos for the year. Exhibitors include providers of VCE Resources, universities, TAFE and training colleges and gap organizations. More details can be found at [www.vceandcareers.com.au](http://www.vceandcareers.com.au).

- **TSFX Free Lectures for Year 11 and 12 students**
  
  ‘Succeeding in the VCE’ is an annual event designed to provide students with the skills and information they need to maximize VCE marks. A variety of lectures are available to choose from including specialized subject lectures; excelling in SACs and Exams; advanced study skills; writing A+ prac reports for Chemistry; delivering A+ English oral presentations; and preparing for exam 2 in Maths Methods. The dates of the lectures are this Saturday 20 or Sunday 21 February; or next Saturday 27 February. These sessions are free of charge to students when they make a $10 donation to The Fred Hollows Foundation on the day. For more information, call 9663 3311 or go to [www.tsfx.com.au](http://www.tsfx.com.au).

SPECIFIC CAREERS:

- **Australian Defence Forces Careers Expo**
  
  Interested students and parents are invited to attend the Melbourne ADF Careers Expo, from 10am – 3pm on Friday 4 or Saturday 5 March at the Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton. This is an opportunity to attend careers briefings, to speak one-on-one with Military members and to view Navy, Army and Air Force equipment, vehicles and capability demonstrations. For more information, go to [http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/expos/melbourneexpo/](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/expos/melbourneexpo/).
• UMAT for current Year 12’s applying for Medicine, Dentistry and Optometry
All current Year 12 students intending applying for Medicine, Dentistry, Oral Health, Clinical Sciences or Optometry, should be aware that there is likely to be a requirement for you to complete the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT), as part of your university application. Registration for UMAT is required by 5pm on 3 June and the exam will take place on 27 July, 2016. For more information and registrations, go to http://umat.acer.edu.au or contact Ms. Burt in the Careers Office.

TERTIARY INFORMATION:

Monash

• Global Studies Welcome Lecture
The Arts Faculty cordially invites students to the annual Bachelor of Global Studies welcome lecture. Global Studies aims to create graduates capable of tackling the most important challenges facing world communities. It is suited to high-achieving, multi-faceted students who are keen to work in global organisations and those interested in opportunities in international studies, international relations, languages, leadership studies, study abroad and internships. The lecture will take place on Wednesday 2 March, 6 – 8pm, Theatre S1, Clayton Campus. Register online at https://artsonline.wufoo.eu/forms/bachelor-of-global-studies-seminar-rsvp-2016/.

• Insight into Paramedicine
The Insight into Paramedicine program offers Years 11 and 12 students a rare insight into the Bachelor of Emergency Health and Paramedicine program at Monash. Conducted at the Peninsula campus over an eight week period (between 16 March – 11 May), students are introduced to basic paramedic theory, skills and equipment. Using current second year paramedic students as mentors, participants will gain a true and unique understanding of the requirements of this course, to assist in their decision making for future pathways. Places fill fast and registration is required by 6 March, at www.med.monash.edu.au/cehpp/insight/index.html.

• Inside Monash Seminars
Get the inside story of what it’s really like to study at Monash. Hear from current students, past students and academics. It’s the best 90 minutes students could spend researching their particular course of interest. Parents are also welcome. All seminars will run from 6.30 – 8pm and registration is required online at www.monash.edu/inside-monash. The session details are:

March
9 Business and Economics
10 Science
15 Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

April
13 Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
14 Design and Fine Art
19 Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy
20 Global Studies
21 Nursing and Midwifery
26 Architecture
27 Interior Architecture
28 Psychology

May
3 Teaching
4 Music
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- **Jazz ensemble and music theatre courses**
  The VCA is offering Jazz Ensembles Studio and Music Theatre Studio short courses on Saturdays. Taught by industry professionals in a workshop environment, these courses for 15+ year olds are designed to build confidence, develop performance skills and enhance learning. Students in Music Theatre develop fundamental performance skills in singing, dancing and acting. Jazz Ensemble Studio takes students inside the small ensemble and improvisation process, develops creativity and provides guided performance practice to elevate ability and confidence. For further information and enrolments, go to [http://vca-mcm.unimelb.edu.au/shortcourses](http://vca-mcm.unimelb.edu.au/shortcourses).