Our class of 2015 – where are they headed?

Throughout the past few months, many of our students from the graduating class of 2015 were awaiting their offers for tertiary places, throughout Victoria, interstate and overseas. Upon receiving a tertiary offer, most students will enroll in their course and begin classes; with a smaller percentage of students opting to defer for 12 months to have a break from study (more commonly known as a Gap year). Below is a summary of the students’ tertiary applications, for your interest.

Summary of Tertiary Offers for the Class of 2015:

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<th>Total number of Year 12 students who applied for Tertiary Study:</th>
<th>144 (96% of total group)</th>
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<td>Total number of students who have received an offer:</td>
<td>140 (97%)</td>
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<td><strong>Number of students who have been awarded their first preference:</strong></td>
<td>75 (52%)</td>
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<td>Total number of students who received one of their top three preferences:</td>
<td>113 (78%)</td>
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<td>Total number of students who received an offer to a university level course:</td>
<td>137 (95% of total offers)</td>
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<td>Total number of students who received an offer to a TAFE course:</td>
<td>2 (1% of total offers)</td>
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<td>Total number of students who received an offer to an Independent Tertiary College:</td>
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Dates for your diary:

**Year 12 students:**
- Individual Careers Appointments have started with students scheduled for a time during their study periods. Students are also welcome to visit the Careers Office before or after school, during recess or lunchtimes!

**Year 11 students:**
- Visit to The Age VCE and Careers Expo on 6 May.

**Year 10 students:**
Preparation for Work Experience:
- Work Experience Block One is 21 March – 24 March.

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An indication of the popularity of Victorian universities amongst the 2015 Graduates:

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<th>UNIVERSITY</th>
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It is an outstanding achievement, to have 75 (52%) students gain an offer to their first tertiary preference. This should mean that the vast majority of our graduates are feeling very happy and excited about their future prospects. Towards the middle of the year, we will receive formal notification as to how many of these students have enrolled and started their courses or deferred for 2016. We wish our 2015 graduates all the very best as they begin their new journeys.

REMINDEERS…..

- **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 leaning 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.
  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 Valle’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.

WHAT’S NEW?

- **New Design course at Melbourne Uni**
  Starting in 2017, the new Bachelor of Design at Melbourne University will create pathways for students who are passionate about the use of design across a wide range of disciplines and professions. Eleven majors are available across the areas of:
    - Architecture
    - Construction
The new degree aligns strongly with graduate Masters programs and provides students with great flexibility in the form of new majors, minors and unique specialisations. More information is available at www.bdes.unimelb.edu.au.

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.

- **Au Pair GAP year**
  The Cultural Care Au Pair program allows students the unique opportunity to participate in a cultural exchange, living with an American host family, caring for their children, with the chance to study at an American college and getting paid at the same time. An AU Pair information session is being held on Saturday 19 March, at 12:30pm at the Hawthorn Library. Reservation of seats is required, by calling 1800677373.

SPECIFIC CAREERS:

- **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:

ACU

- **University Experience**
  University Experience is a free program for Years 10 – 12 students, providing an opportunity to sample the degree of their choice and get a taste of ACU life. As well, visitors will meet teaching staff and have
the chance to talk with current students. This will take place at the Melbourne campus on 5 July; and on 28 June in Ballarat. Register online at www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience.

**Latrobe**

- **Experience Latrobe Days**
  Years 10 – 12 students and parents are invited to Experience Latrobe and have a taste of what it’s like to be a uni student for a day. You will have the option to attend workshops and seminars of your choice; hear about courses and campuses; and be provided with a free lunch! The Melbourne campus event will take place on 31 March and Bendigo on 1 April, from 9.15am – 1.15pm. For information and registrations, go to www.latrobe.edu.au/study.

**Monash**

- **Year 11 Inspiration Day**
  Open to all current Year 11 students and VCE International students, Inspiration Day offers the chance to participate in workshops delivered by faculties, talk to staff and students about what it’s like to study at Monash and have all your questions answered. This event provides a unique opportunity for students to explore their future study options at Monash. This will take place on Thursday 7 April from 9.15am – 2.45pm at the Caulfield campus. To view the full program and register online, go to www.monash.edu/year11-day/.

- **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:
  **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
  5 Information Technology
  10 Teaching
  11 Medicine and Biomedical Science
  12 Engineering
  17 Science Advanced – Research and Global Challenges
  18 Law
  19 Health Sciences
  25 Biomedical Sciences, Radiography, Nutrition and Dietetics
University of Melbourne

- **A Day at Melbourne – for parents too!**
  Year 10 – 12 students and their families are invited to come to a special event to explore the University’s vibrant Parkville campus and find out more about the range of study options available at Melbourne Uni. Hear from current students and attend tailored sessions to learn about entry requirements, course structures and graduate pathways. A tour of the Southbank campus will be included for those who wish to visit the Victorian College of the Arts. A Day at Melbourne will take place on Friday 1 April, 9.30am – 3.30pm at the Parkville campus. Register at [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/adam2016](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/adam2016).

- **Dookie Course Information Day**
  Join the team at the largest farm campus in the southern hemisphere and find out more about the programs available at Dookie. This includes the new Bachelor of Agriculture (perhaps as a pathway into the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine). Those visiting will have the chance to meet with academic staff and current students; discuss entry requirements; and tour the amazing Dookie campus. Visit on 17 April, 10am – 2pm, 940 Dookie-Nalinga Rd. Register online at [www.fvas.unimelb.edu.au/dookie-open-day-2016](http://www.fvas.unimelb.edu.au/dookie-open-day-2016).

University of Sydney

- **College scholarships available**
  St Andrew’s College is a residential college of the University of Sydney. Each year. They offer generous merit based scholarships to new students, to provide financial support for the duration of the undergraduate degree. These significant scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate the capacity and commitment to become leaders in the university and broader society. Some prizes may be awarded on the basis of Sport, Performing Arts, Academic Merit and for those from regional or low socioeconomic backgrounds. Applications close on 22 July and more information is available at [www.standrewscollege.edu.au](http://www.standrewscollege.edu.au).

*Wishing all Peninsula School families a very happy Easter and a safe and relaxing break. We look forward to chatting with you again next Term.*