

Newsletter 6: VTAC Guide 2010

VTAC 2010 Released

The new VTAC Guide is out now. You should no longer consult the 2009 version. There are copies of VTAC 2010 available to browse in the Careers Centre, but it is recommended that you purchase your own copy from your local newsagent for \$15. Other VTAC documents have also arrived including the 'ABC of Applying' for all Year 12 students, and reference copies of Scholarship and SEAS information.

Key VTAC Dates include:

- Timely applications: Aug 3 – Sep 30 (\$23 + \$8 processing fee)
- Late applications: Sep 30 – Nov 13 (\$82 + \$8 processing fee)
- Very late applications: Nov 13 – Dec 11 (\$106 + \$8 processing fee)
- SEAS applications: Aug 3 – Oct 9
- Scholarship applications: Aug 3 - Oct 30
- Change of preference: Aug 3 – Oct 30; Nov 30 – Dec 21
- ENTERs released: Dec 14
- Offers: Jan 18 (round 1); Feb 8 (round 2)

Reminder: VTAC information and changes to “ENTER”

Round 3 VTAC offers will no longer exist in 2010. This is to assist TAFE and ITCs who start courses earlier in the year. The Australasian Conference of Tertiary Admissions Centres (ACTAC), of which the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) is a member, has agreed that all states and territories (except Queensland) will use the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), during 2009 and 2010. This is a name change only. There is no change to the calculation and it will have no effect on students' ranking or the selection process.

Careers Centre

Come and visit the Careers Centre in the library and access all of the University, TAFE and ITC brochures. Information is updated daily.

Art & Design Students

All students possibly interested in pursuing art and design at university or TAFE next year are invited to come to a meeting on Wednesday August 5 at 2pm in A3 where between 6 and 8 past students—who are currently doing courses in art and design at university and TAFE—will bring along the folio they got into the course with plus a sample of the work they are currently doing. They will talk about their experiences at Open Days and the interview, including the questions they were asked and how they responded. This is a must for any student at Year 11 or 12 level who is contemplating going on to further studies in art and design.

Girlfriend Program

KYM are offering a 10-week program run on Fridays in Term 4 (Oct 9 – Dec 11) for any female students interested in maintaining positive interpersonal relationships and exploring issues such as self-esteem, body image, eating disorders, anger management, stress, etc. Preference will be given to students who live within the City of Knox. Cost is only \$50. See Pheona in the Careers Centre for more information.

Elevate Dance Program

KYM are offering a program in Bayswater for students interested in music, dance and performance. Starting on August 18 you can learn a variety of dance styles including jazz, contemporary and hip-hop. Classes will be on Tuesdays between 9am – 2.30pm from August 18 – December 8. You'll get to perform your routines at the end-of-year complete with theatrical hair, make-up and nails courtesy of the KYM hairdressing students. Cost is \$83 or \$55 concession. See Pheona in the Careers Centre for more information.

Get Direction Program

KYM are offering a program for students thinking of leaving school or experiencing difficulty. The program includes the nationally recognised **Certificate I in Vocational Preparation** and other aspects such as goal setting, motivation, self-esteem building, conflict/anger management, decision making, information on apprenticeships/traineeships, etc. The program runs 4-days a week between August 24 – September 17 in Bayswater. Cost is \$112 including excursions or \$50 concession. See Pheona in the Careers Centre for more information.

Certificate II in Hairdressing Program

KYM are offering a nationally recognised entry-level course for the Hairdressing Industry. The program provides you with the practical skills and background knowledge necessary to assist a hairdresser in a commercial salon. The Certificate II is the preferred qualification for salon managers looking to recruit new apprentices. This program will teach you how to prepare clients for service and how to work as a part of a busy salon team. The course includes a combination of theory and practical work in a custom made training facility in Bayswater. The course runs on Fridays (9am – 3pm) from August 7 – December 18 during school terms. Cost is \$350 or \$105.00 Concession plus \$100 for materials. See Pheona in the Careers Centre for more information.

ReTale Program

CAE are offering an accredited qualification in Certificate II in Retail for students seeking the transition from secondary school to employment in the hospitality and retail industries. The major focus of the 15-week course is on industry skills, hands-on learning experiences, and mentoring from Victoria Police. As well as having school fees and materials paid for, those participating in the program have the chance to develop self-esteem and life skills. After completing the program you can choose to enter the workforce or return to secondary education. The course starts on August 3 and runs from 10am – 3pm, Monday to Friday, over 15 weeks. See Pheona in the Careers Centre for more information.

Employment during the Spring Racing Carnival

If you're looking for a little extra cash in August, September and October then you might want to consider applying for work during the Spring Racing Carnival. The Melbourne Racing Club is searching for enthusiastic, highly motivated and customer-focused individuals for the following positions; a la carte waiters, food & beverage attendants, tap bar attendants, and event attendants. Applications close August 17 so register interest early via <http://www.melbournerracingclub.net.au>

Looking for hospitality work while studying?

Be prepared for casual work next year by completing a hospitality course. William Angliss Institute offer range of courses including Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA – 4 hours, \$60), Responsible Service of Food (RSF – 6 hours, \$75), Advanced First Aid (Level 2 – 18 hours, \$75), chocolate making, coffee art, etc. For more information visit <http://www.angliss.edu.au>

Melbourne Youth Music Summer School 2010

Worried about getting bored over the summer holidays? Those of you interested in music might want to check out the Melbourne Youth Music Summer School Programs including music theatre groups, orchestras, vocal workshops, stage bands, string groups, symphonic bands, theory, VCE performance preparation, African drumming, improvisation, composition, master-classes and more. For more information please visit <http://www.mym.org.au>

Reminder: Gap year and student exchange activities

If you are interested in participating in a gap year activity or want to explore the possibility of student exchange then see Pheona in the Careers Centre for more information.

Reminder: Managed Individual Pathways (MIPs) Appointments

Year 12 students are encouraged to make an appointment with Pheona to discuss what you want to do next year – work, TAFE, Uni, etc. Simply write your name on the appointment schedule sheet outside the Careers office. Appointments can be made during periods 3&4 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

VTAC applications open on August 3 so it may be worth creating an account and entering preferences during your appointment. You are able to change your preferences once they have been entered.

TAFE/University Key Dates and Open Days

Open Days are one of the best ways to check out what the TAFE or University you are interested in attending has to offer. It is important that you visit institutions where you may wish to study. Some courses like art, design, music, drama and related courses can involve an audition, interview and/or folio presentation as part of the selection process, so attendance at Open Days is vital. During an interview you may be asked what you learned about the course at Open Day – a difficult question to answer if you didn't attend.

Many Open Day dates have already been announced – put them in your diary and treat them as a priority.

Australian Catholic University

<http://www.acu.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 16 \(Melbourne\); August 30 \(Ballarat\)](#)

Australian College of Applied Psychology

<http://www.acap.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 9 \(Melbourne\)](#)

Australian Institute of Public Safety

<http://www.aips.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 9 \(Melbourne\)](#)

Australian College of Sports Therapy

<http://www.sportstherapy.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 9, 12 and September 13, 16 \(TBC\)](#)

Australian International Hotel School (Canberra)

<http://www.aihs.edu.au>

- Oct 6-8; 6-9; Nov 24-27; Nov 30-Dec 1:
Residential programs (\$325/\$425)

Australian Maritime College

<http://www.amc.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 16 \(Launceston\)](#)

Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE

<http://www.britafe.vic.edu.au/index.php>

- [OPEN DAY: August 24-28 \(Bendigo\)](#)

Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School

<http://www.hotelschool.com.au/general/mainpg.html>

- [OPEN DAY: October 6 and November 24 \(Leura\)](#)
- Oct 6-8; 6-9; Nov 24-27; Nov 30-Dec 1:
Residential programs (\$325/\$425)

Box Hill Institute

<http://www.bhtafe.edu.au>

- [OPEN DAY: August 23 \(Elgar, Nelson, Whitehorse\)](#)

Chisholm Institute

<http://www.chisholm.vic.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 17-22 \(Berwick, Cranbourne, Dandenong, Frankston, Rosebud, Bass Coast\)](#)

Deakin University

<http://www.deakin.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 9 \(Geelong Waterfront and Warrn Ponds\); August 16 \(Warrnambool\); August 23 \(Burwood\) OPEN DAY](#)
- Discover Deakin
 - September 22 (all campuses)
 - September 28 (all campuses)
- Economics School Day and Competition
 - August 9: Geelong
 - August 16: Warrnambool
 - August 23: Burwood

Elly Lukas Beauty Therapy College

<http://www.ellylukas.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 15, September 5, October 3, November 28, December 12 and January 16 \(Melbourne\)](#)

Endeavour College of Natural Health

<http://www.endeavour.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 30 \(Melbourne\)](#)

Footscray City Films

<http://footscrayfilms.com.au/tvfilm/index.php>

- [OPEN DAY: August 23 \(Footscray City College\)](#)

Gordon Institute of TAFE

<http://www.gordontafe.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 9 \(TBC\)](#)

Grenadi School of Design

<http://www.graphicschool.com.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 2 \(Melbourne\)](#)

Holmesglen TAFE

<http://www.holmesglen.vic.edu.au/index.cfm>

- [OPEN DAY: August 15 \(Chadstone, Moorabbin, Waverley\)](#)
- Information Sessions
 - August 31-September 2
 - September 7-9
 - September 14-16

International College of Hotel Management

<http://www.ichm.edu.au>

- [OPEN DAY: August 9 \(Regency\)](#)
- September 28-October 2: Career Week

International Design School

<http://www.ids.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 15-16 \(Southbank\)](#)

JMC Academy

<http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 15 \(Melbourne\)](#)

La Trobe University

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: July 28-August 17 \(Mildura\); August 16 \(Bendigo\); August 21 \(Shepparton\); August 23 \(Albury/Wodonga\); August 30 \(Bundoora\)](#)
- July 27-August 14: Information evening series (Mildura)
- September 24: Talk and Tour (Bundoora)

Monash College

<http://www.monash.edu/monashcollege/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 1 \(Peninsula\); August 2 \(Caulfield, Clayton\)](#)

Monash University

<http://www.monash.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 1 \(Berwick, Gippsland, Parkville, Peninsula\); August 2 \(Caulfield, Clayton\)](#)
- Dean's Lecture Series (Law)
 - August 4: Family Violence
 - September 1: Why We Are Suckers for an Unfair Deal
- 'Experience Monash'
 - September 29: Peninsula
 - September 30: Berwick

NMIT

<http://www.nmit.vic.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: September 1 \(Preston\); September 6 \(Epping\)](#)

Oceania Polytechnic

<http://www.opie.vic.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 9 \(Melbourne\)](#)

Oxford

<http://www.oxford.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: September 23 \(TBC\)](#)

Photographic Image College

<http://www.pic.org.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 23 \(East Hawthorn\)](#)

Photographic Studies College

<http://www.psc.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 16 \(Southbank\)](#)

Pivot Point International Academy

<http://www.pivot-point.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 16 \(Melbourne\)](#)

Qantm College

<http://www.qantm.com.au/home/index.cfm>

- [OPEN DAY: August 29 \(Melbourne\)](#)
- September 26: Study with Qantm for a day

RMIT University/TAFE

<http://www.rmit.edu.au>

- [OPEN DAY: August 9 \(City, Bundoora, Brunswick\); August 19 \(Hamilton\)](#)

RMIT University/TAFE (cont.)

- August 20: Science careers seminar (Storey Hall)
- August 20: Science and Technology careers breakfast
- August 22: Advertising careers day
- September 5: Public Relations careers day

SAE Institute

<http://www.sae.edu/>

- [OPEN DAY: October 3 \(Melbourne\)](#)

South West Institute of TAFE

<http://www.swtafe.vic.edu.au/index.aspx>

- [OPEN DAY: August 9 \(Glenormiston College\); August 16 \(Warrnambool\)](#)

Southern School of Natural Therapies

<http://www.southernschool.com>

- August 9: Information Sessions

Sunraysia TAFE

<http://www1.sunitafe.edu.au/default.aspx>

- [OPEN DAY: August 9 \(Mildura\); August 16 \(Swan Hill\)](#)

Swinburne University of Technology

<http://www.swinburne.edu.au>

- [OPEN DAY: August 16 \(Hawthorn, Lilydale, Prahran\)](#)
- September 2: Parents information evening (Hawthorn)
- September 16: Parents information evening (Lilydale)
- September 23-25: Siemens Science Experience (Hawthorn)
- September 26: Swinburne walk and talk (Hawthorn, Lilydale, Prahran)
- December 16: Change of preference expo (Hawthorn, Lilydale, Prahran)

University of Ballarat

<http://www.ballarat.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 30 \(Mt Helen, Camp St, SMB\)](#)

University of Melbourne

<http://www.unimelb.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 16 \(Parkville, Victorian College of the Arts\)](#)
- October: Extension Program Information Evening (Parkville)
- December 17: Course Information Day (Parkville)

Victoria University/TAFE

<http://www.vu.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 9 \(Footscray\)](#)

William Angliss Institute

<http://www.angliss.vic.edu.au/>

- [OPEN DAY: August 9 \(Melbourne\)](#)
- August 27-28: A Taste of William Angliss

Wodonga Institute of TAFE

<http://www.wodonga.tafe.edu.au/index.jsp>

- [OPEN DAY: August 23 \(Wodonga\)](#)

Subject workshops

Biology

- Unit 3 Continuity & Change workshop on July 27 - 31 @ Swinburne University (Hawthorn campus) for \$19.80. RSVP via your teacher. Booking subject to interest. <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/lss/events/2009/school2009.html>

Drama

- Unit 3 solo performance workshop on July 13 - 28 (9.30am-3.30pm) @ Malthouse Theatre. Check out the poster on the admin building stairs. <http://www.malthousetheatre.com.au/page/education>
- Unit 3 Happy Days seminar on July 21 (3.30pm-5pm, 6.30pm performance) @ Malthouse Theatre. See above website.

Fashion

- Folio preparation on July 29-October 27 (6pm-9pm) or September 28-October 3 (9am-5pm) @ Kangan Batman TAFE (Richmond campus) for \$450. Select 'Fashion and Millinery' on <http://kangan.edu.au/courses/short-courses/>

Health and Human Development

- Revision lecture on October 1 @ Deakin University (Warrnambool).

IT Applications

- VCE IT Applications day on July 24 (9.30am-3pm) @ Swinburne University. Ask your teacher for more information or visit <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/ict/schools>
- Exams Preparation Day on October 20 (5.30pm-7pm) @ Swinburne University.
- Year 11 High Achievers day on December 4 (10am-3pm) @ Swinburne University.

Physics

- Unit 3 and 4 Physics (Telecommunications & Network Engineering) day on July 28 - 29 (9.30am-3pm) @ Swinburne University. Ask your teacher for more info or visit <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/ict/schools>

Software Development

- VCE Software Development day on July 21 (9.30am-3pm) @ Swinburne University. Ask your teacher for more info or visit <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/ict/schools>
- Exams Preparation Day on October 22 (5.30pm-7pm) @ Swinburne University.

Theatre Studies

- Unit 4 on July 21 (3.30pm-5pm, 6.30pm performance) @ Malthouse Theatre. <http://www.malthousetheatre.com.au/page/education>
- Unit 4: The monologue workshop on August 4 - 7 (10am-3pm) @ Malthouse Theatre. See above website.

Many exam preparation courses are run by for-profit companies. Information relating to many of these organisations is available on the standee outside of the library. Please choose carefully and ask your teacher for advice before signing up.

Other events for the diary

What: Herald Sun Melbourne Career Expo 2009

When: July 24-26 (10am-3/4pm)

Where: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Clarendon St, Southbank

How much: free with a pass from Pheona

Other: View courses and job opportunities from over 100 exhibitors, and stage performances including celebrities, music and fashion parades. Free information and seminars, resume checking and career counselling workshops. Apprenticeship and traineeship options.

Web: <http://www.careerexpo.com.au>

What: Music Industry Careers Night

When: July 29 (7pm – 9pm) (*CHANGE OF DATE FROM JULY 30*)

Where: Camberwell Civic Centre

How much: free

Other: An excellent one-off opportunity to get a broad overview of the Australian music industry, training options or just good advice on how to get that elusive job, record deal and/or foot in the door. Participants include performers/bands, radio, street press, marketing/PR, venues, A&R reps, indie labels, etc.

Web: More info on p. 18 of the IMVC guide. RSVP via www.freezacentral.vic.gov.au

What: Australian Defence Force Academy Information Session

When: July 29 (6.30pm)

Where: Level 14/501 Swanston St, Melbourne

How much: free

Other: For those interested in attending Uni at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA). Degrees include Arts, Science, Business, Engineering or Technology from the University of NSW.

Web: RSVP via 13 19 01.

What: Music Production – MIDI and Audio Composing and Recording using Sonar Home studio

When: July 30

Where: Alfred Brash SoundHouse

How much: free

Other: This Music production unit explores the way musicians work to develop compositions using industry standard multi track software. Students will develop their own musical piece using electronic keyboards and MIDI computer software. They will record vocals and mix tracks. The project will be exported to audio and burnt on individual CDs.

Web: More info on p. 19 of the IMVC guide. RSVP to Pheona by June 11.

What: Australian Engineering Week

When: August 3-9

Where: various

How much: tbc

Other: This is a public awareness and education campaign that aims to promote engineering as an exciting career choice.

Web: <http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/aew>

What: Careers in Complementary Medicine

When: August 4

Where: Southern School of Natural Therapies (SSNT), Fitzroy

How much: free

Other: For students who are interested in Naturopathy; Myotherapy; Chinese Medicine and Remedial Massage as a career path this is a great opportunity to meet teachers, professionals and students who are currently working and studying in these fields at the Southern School of Natural Therapies (SSNT).

Web: More info on p. 28 of the IMVC guide. RSVP to Pheona by June 16.

What: Fight Boring! Buy your way into Retail at Savers.

When: August 12

Where: Savers, Brunswick

How much: free

Other: Are you interested in a retail career? Have a flair for fashion and recycled clothing? Interested in working for the non-profit sector?

Web: IMVC

What: Tiling and Stonemasonry Trial-a-Trade

When: August 14

Where: Holmesglen TAFE (9am – 3pm)

How much: free

Other: Are you interested in getting your hands dirty? Want to try your hand at a fantastic trade? Here is chance to do both.

Web: RSVP to Pheona by July 17.

What: Engineering & Science Careers Expo

When: August 20

Where: Victorian Space Science Education Centre (VSSEC)

How much: free

Other: This expo offers students an opportunity to meet representatives from all Victorian universities and industry groups from a range of science and engineering disciplines in the one location. The program for the afternoon includes hands-on activities and demonstrations, giveaways, speakers that include young professionals sharing their experiences in education and the work place.

Web: More info on p. 30 of the IMVC guide. RSVP to Pheona by July 23.

What: Sustainability and the Environment (part of National Science Week)

When: August 20 (7am – 9am)

Where: RMIT University, Storey Hall, 336 Swanston St, Melbourne

How much: free

Other: Discuss science, sustainability and careers – all before breakfast. Two students who are interested in studying science and engineering may be chosen to attend an interactive careers breakfast hosted by ABC's Bernie Hobbs (New Inventors, ABC Science). Guest speakers include Darren Pace (Shell Australia), Clare Grandison, and industry professionals.

Web: RSVP by June 30. <http://www.rmit.edu.au/scienceweek/careers-breakfast>

What: A Taste of William Angliss

When: August 27-28 (9.30am – 3.30pm)

Where: William Angliss Institute,

How much: \$75

Other: Pathways information, behind the scenes tour of the institute, introduction to ‘the art of coffee making’, two-course meal, practical hands on food demonstration in ‘the art of chocolate making’, etc.

Web: RSVP to Jane Searle on 9606 2389.

What: Bricklaying and Plastering Trial-a-Trade

When: August 28

Where: Holmesglen TAFE (9am – 3pm)

How much: free

Other: Are you interested in getting your hands dirty? Want to try your hand at a fantastic trade? Here is chance to do both.

Web: RSVP to Pheona by July 31.

What: A Focus on Orthoptics at The Eye & Ear Hospital

When: August 28; September 4

Where: Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, East Melbourne

How much: free

Other: Orthoptics work in special eye clinics and monitor eye disease using highly specialised skills and equipment, and assist in providing treatment and rehabilitation of patients with vision impairment and eye diseases like cataract, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration.

Web: More info on p. 29 of the IMVC guide. RSVP to Pheona by July 17.

What: Aviation industry tour

When: September 8

Where: Swinburne University

How much: Free

Other: Swinburne Aviation is hosting behind-the-scenes tours to highlight the many and varied opportunities available to students interested in the aviation industry. The tour includes a visit to Melbourne Airport, Virgin Blue Flight Crew Base, Qantas Simulator Centre and stopover at Swinburne’s flying training school, Oxford Aviation Academy. The sessions are open to one careers adviser with up to two students. We will be travelling with others in a chartered bus. Lunch is provided (but BYO water and mid-morning snack).

Web: <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/aviation>

What: Human Physiology: Living in Space

When: September 11

Where: Victorian Space Science Education Centre (VSSEC)

How much: free

Other: This short day program offers students a hands on introduction to the science of human physiology. Students will measure their own physical parameters, including height, weight, blood pressure, pulse, respiration rate etc and then undertake further investigation of cardio-vascular fitness, metabolic rate, and blood and urine analysis.

Web: More info on p. 20 of the IMVC guide. RSVP to Pheona by August 14.

What: Bakery Trial-a-Trade

When: September 11

Where: location confirmed upon registration

How much: free

Other: Interested in a trade but not sure which one? This program gives you an opportunity to try various trades for a day.

Web: IMVC RSVP to Pheona by August 14.

What: Auto Electrics Trial-a-Trade

When: September 15

Where: location confirmed upon registration

How much: free

Other: Interested in a trade but not sure which one? This program gives you an opportunity to try various trades for a day.

Web: IMVC RSVP to Pheona by August 14.

What: IELLEN Youth Pathways Forum

When: September 15

Where: tbc

How much: tbc

Other: tbc

Web: tbc

What: Printing Trial-a-Trade

When: September 16

Where: location confirmed upon registration

How much: free

Other: Interested in a trade but not sure which one? This program gives you an opportunity to try various trades for a day.

Web: IMVC RSVP to Pheona by August 14.

What: Horticulture / Landscaping Trial-a-Trade

When: September 17

Where: location confirmed upon registration

How much: free

Other: Interested in a trade but not sure which one? This program gives you an opportunity to try various trades for a day.

Web: IMVC RSVP to Pheona by August 14.

What: Bricklaying and Plastering Trial-a-Trade

When: August 28

Where: Holmesglen TAFE

How much: free

Other: N/A

Web: IMVC RSVP to Pheona by July 31.

What: Trial-a-Trade 4-day program

When: September 15-18

Where: location confirmed upon registration

How much: free

Other: Interested in a trade but not sure which one? This program gives you an opportunity to try various trades. This program runs for 4 days and students are expected to attend every day.

September 15 – Hospitality (Front of House); September 16 – Textiles; September 17 – Beauty Therapy; September 18 – Floristry.

Web: IMVC RSVP to Pheona by August 14.

What: Marine Science Careers Day

When: September 17; November 30 (9.30am – 3pm)

Where: Melbourne Aquarium

How much: \$35

Other: For secondary students to discover a range of careers in the field of marine science. You also have the opportunity to hear about everyday experiences from professionals in the field. Speakers are selected from various fields including animal husbandry, wildlife conservation, veterinary sciences and research in marine science.

Web: Bookings are essential – <http://www.melbourneaquarium.com.au/education.aspx>

What: Aquarist for a Day

When: One day between September 21 – October 2 (8.30am – 3.30pm)

Where: Melbourne Aquarium

How much: \$70

Other: For secondary students interested in a career in marine science. Providing unique opportunities to experience life as an aquarist at Melbourne Aquarium, this day-long program includes basic training in aquatic animal husbandry, food preparation and animal feeding. You can also discuss further study and career path options with qualified marine scientists and animal husbandry experts.

Web: Bookings are essential – <http://www.melbourneaquarium.com.au/education.aspx>

What: Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine information session

When: September 25 (12.30pm-4pm)

Where: VIFM Lecture Theatre, Coronial Services Centre, 57-63 Kavanagh St, Southbank

How much: free

Other: Insights into various career options in forensic sciences. Registration essential. More info on p. 21 of IMVC guide.

Web: <http://www.vifm.org>

What: Mechatronics Day

When: September 25

Where: RMIT (Bundoora)

How much: free (lunch provided)

Other: Experience cutting edge mechatronics technology. You'll experience temperature control experiments, robotino wireless programs, Mitsubishi Robot pick and place, and SAGE Industry demonstration of Targeted Technology Introduction Modules.

Web: <http://www.rmit.edu.au/aero-mech>

What: Careers in Medical Research

When: October

Where: Baker IDI and the Nucleus Network

How much: free

Other: Baker IDI: Each group will participate in 2 x 1 hour and 15 minute workshops where they listen to the Laboratory Head discuss the lab's research and aims and then participate in a mini experiment. The Nucleus Network: Student will be given a complementary session about clinical research with an emphasis on the conduct of clinical trials.

Web: More info on p. 31 of the IMVC guide. RSVP to Pheona by September 4.

What: Careers in Event Management and Conference

When: October 14

Where: Box Hill TAFE, Elgar Campus and Federation Square

How much: free

Other: Listen to leading event management industry professionals, be inspired by the innovative ideas used to create unique events, learn about job opportunities in the events industry and talk to graduates now working in the field, and update your industry knowledge by viewing a range of venues on display.

Web: More info on p. 10 of the IMVC guide. RSVP to Pheona by September 2.

What: Human Physiology: Living in Space

When: October 16

Where: Victorian Space Science Education Centre (VSSEC)

How much: free

Other: This short day program offers students a hands on introduction to the science of human physiology. Students will measure their own physical parameters, including height, weight, blood pressure, pulse, respiration rate etc and then undertake further investigation of cardio-vascular fitness, metabolic rate, and blood and urine analysis.

Web: More info on p. 20 of the IMVC guide. RSVP to Pheona by September 4.

What: Beauty Therapy Trial-A-Trade

When: October 16 & 30

Where: Headmasters

How much: free

Other: For those interested in perusing a career in the beauty industry.

Web: IMVC RSVP to Pheona by September 4 & 15.

What: Furnishing Trades

When: November (tbc)

Where: Holmesglen TAFE

How much: free

Other: The three-day Furnishing Trial-A-Trade program is conducted one day per week over three weeks. Student workshops will cover cabinet making, furniture polishing and upholstery.

Web: IMVC RSVP to Pheona by October 2.

What: Melbourne Youth Music Summer School 2010

When: January 13-15 (Prelude); January 18-23 (Main Program)

Where: Melbourne Town Hall

How much: varies

Other: Includes music theatre groups, orchestras, vocal workshops, stage bands, string groups, symphonic bands, theory, VCE performance preparation, African drumming, improvisation, composition, master-classes and more.

Web: <http://www.mym.org.au>.