RSPCA Short Courses are designed to develop new skills for people dealing with animals; providing valuable access to industry experts and utilising quality resources and trainers. Programs are tailored for those wanting to enter the animal industry or already working within this field, as well as allowing participants to increase their skills with their own pets. More information about each program is at RSPCA Short Courses.

The RSPCA also offers a number of programs for students aged 15 – 18 years who are considering working in the animal industry or simply have a love of animals, and these programs run during school holidays. There is an upcoming Vet for a Day program that might interest some students.

**Date:** Tuesday 7 April 2015  
**Time:** 9.30am – 3.00pm  
Find out more at Youth Holiday Program

**Swinburne University’s Design Factory**

Swinburne Design Factory is part of the Global Design Factory Network – a global network of universities offering innovative education, research and partnerships. This network brings together students, industry and researchers to co-create for extraordinary results. The aim is to turn ideas into reality.

The projects offer students new and unique experiences, challenging team members to move outside of their comfort zone in order to create innovation and new thinking. Over the course of a project, students gain valuable skills that can set them apart in the employment market, assisting with competencies such as:

- interdisciplinary team work  
- communication and collaboration  
- project management  
- creative problem solving  
- client interaction

The Global Design Factory Network includes:

- [Aalto Design Factory](#) at Aalto University, Helsinki, Finland  
- [Aalto-Tongji Design Factory](#) at Tongji University in Shanghai, China  
- [Duoc Design Factory](#) at Duoc UC, Santiago, Chile
Work Experience Program 2015

The Work Experience Program at Eastern Health provides students with an opportunity to gain insight into the health care industry. The program is offered to students undertaking Years 10-12. Students participating in the program are given an opportunity to spend one week working within available departments to observe and participate in the daily activities of those departments.

The departments that may have placements available for the Work Experience program in 2015 include:-

- Nursing
- Doctors
- Physiotherapy
- Pharmacy
- Pathology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Medical Imaging/Radiology
- Administration
- Human Resources
- IT
- HIS (Health Information Services)
- Finance

Eastern Health is able to offer placements at the following major sites:

- Maroondah Hospital
- Angliss Hospital
- Box Hill Hospital
- Wantirna Health/Peter James Centre

The formal application process involves completing an online application form. The online process allows students to have a greater understanding of the process involved when job seekers apply for positions within a hospital. Students must please include their résumé and a cover letter. In the cover letter, please include:

- The department you would like to complete your work experience placement
- How you think it will assist you in choosing your further career
- Dates of your placement

Applications for 2015 Work Experience placements close on Tuesday 31 March 2015. Visit Eastern Health Work Experience to find out more and/or apply!

Careers in Criminology

Many students consider a career in the legal industry yet only know of a lawyer or judge. Many have heard of, but do not know, what a criminologist does.
According to the Job Guide, criminologists examine the systems by which people accused of crimes are brought to justice, attempt to explain the reasons for criminal behaviour and suggest ways crime might be reduced.

Criminologists may perform the following tasks:
- study the ways certain criminal justice agencies operate including the law courts, police services, prisons and community-based correction centres
- provide information about crime and the ways in which people are processed by the criminal justice system
- compile crime statistics and develop ways in which crime solving resources can be best used

Criminologists may specialise in organisational research, victimology, corporate crime, adult corrections and/or juvenile justice. They may work in the legal field, which tries to make sure that laws keep up with changes in society. They may also work in the social/psychological fields, which study the effects of the criminal justice system or the factors which contribute to offending behaviour by individuals.

So, what type of person becomes a criminologist?
- Someone who has analytical ability
- Someone with personal integrity
- Someone interested in welfare and human behaviour
- Someone interested in working with disadvantaged groups

Victorian Universities offering criminology courses at their Melbourne campuses include –

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Visit Australian Institute of Criminology - to find out more.
2015 Young Carers Scholarship Program

Carers Victoria is offering scholarships of up to $250 to secondary school students in Victoria who provide care and support to a family member with an illness or disability.

Over 105,000 young people in Victoria are believed to have significant care responsibilities. They may support their mother, father, sister or brother at home because of a disability or illness. Many are at risk of dropping out of school, or have difficulty establishing social networks and participating in activities that their peers enjoy. Any student who feels they might be eligible to apply for this scholarship should visit Young Carer Scholarship to access the application form from Monday 23 March 2015 when the program commences. Students are reminded that applications close Friday 24 April 2015.

News from Monash University

- Comprehensive Courses vs. Specialist Courses

Deciding on a course is so much more than choosing a discipline to study! Students have to weigh up considerations such as where to study, as well as how to study. The question of how to study can be particularly complex, as it depends on whether the student wants to keep their options open, or is ready to commit to a specialised area for the entirety of their degree.

Monash has grouped our courses into two ways of studying: Monash comprehensive courses, and Monash specialist courses.

Monash comprehensive courses are suitable for students who:

- Want to keep their study and graduate options open
- See university as an opportunity to try new things
- Need some time to discover and define their interests

Comprehensive courses offer a wide range of majors within a field, and students can start their course knowing what they want to major in, or spend up to a year figuring it out. Another benefit of comprehensive courses is that they all contain elective units that can be studied either within or outside of their chosen field (i.e. from a different faculty).

Monash comprehensive courses are: Bachelor degrees in Arts, Business, Commerce, Information Technology, and Science.

Monash specialist courses are most appropriate for students who:

- Are confident about what they want to study
- Know what they want to “be” upon graduation
Specialist courses allow students to study their chosen discipline from day one. Upon completion, many of these courses will provide students with the accreditation they require for professional practice. **Monash Specialist courses include:** Bachelor degrees in Engineering, Teaching, Nursing, Law and Medicine.

**Double degrees** - should be considered for students that:

✓ Have a diverse range of interests and don’t want to give anything up  
✓ Are time conscious – want to qualify in two separate disciplines in the shortest period of time  
✓ Want to double their vocational opportunities upon graduation

Double degrees allow students to study for two degrees at the same time. The double degree offerings span the comprehensive and specialist courses; degrees can comprise of two comprehensive courses, two specialist courses, or one comprehensive and one specialist course.

For further information about Monash comprehensive and specialist courses, watch this YouTube video - [Monash Comprehensive & Monash Specialist](#)

**New Bachelor of Health Science**
The Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences has a suite of specialist courses that allow students to start their destination area of study from day one of university. As part of this suite, Monash is now offering the new Bachelor of Health Sciences degree (3 years), which allows students to specialise in one of the following four areas:

✓ Public Health  
✓ Human Services  
✓ Emergency Health and Paramedic Practice  
✓ Radiation Sciences

This degree will provide the opportunity for inter-professional education, and students may be able to change their specialisation (as listed above) after the first year. Students who complete the Bachelor of Health Sciences will then be eligible for a range of Masters by Coursework degrees no longer than 1.5 years in length, including the Master of Public Health, and Master of Medical Radiations (Radiation Therapy).

For further information about the new **Bachelor of Health Sciences**, students are encouraged to attend the ‘At Monash’ Health Science seminar on Tuesday 19 May at Monash Clayton. **Registrations are essential at [At Monash Seminar Series](#)**

**Education – Double the Choice!**
The **Bachelor of Education (Honours)** prepares students for a rewarding and successful career in teaching. Students can focus their studies in early childhood,
primary or secondary education or even a combination of these. Further, an Education degree can be studied as a double degree with another area of interest.

**Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Primary Education (available as a single or double degree)**
The Primary Education specialisation will qualify students to teach primary school children from five to twelve years of age. The career opportunities provided by an education degree specialising in Primary Education can be further enhanced by studying it concurrently with a second degree. Double degrees are available with Arts, Business, Commerce, Computer Science, Fine Art, Information Technology, Music or Science.

**Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Secondary Education (must be taken as a double degree)**
The Secondary Education specialisation will qualify students to teach at secondary school level in two curriculum areas. It is studied as a double degree, and the choice of partner degree will determine which two subjects a student can teach in secondary schools. For example, a student who had an interest in teaching Biology and Chemistry would choose the Bachelor of Education (Honours)/Bachelor of Science double degree. Double degrees are available with Arts, Business, Commerce, Computer Science, Fine Art, Information Technology, Music or Science.

For further information about the Bachelor of Education (Honours), please refer to the Faculty of Education website at [Monash Education](https://www.monash.edu/education)
Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences
Course Information Day

Saturday 21 March 2015

250 Princes Hwy, Werribee Campus, 10am – 3pm

- Explore our popular Bachelor of Agriculture and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine programs
- Discover masters and higher research programs in veterinary, agricultural and food science
- Attend course information lectures
- Explore a range of other careers in science, veterinary nursing and equine studies
- Tour our world-class Veterinary Teaching Hospital
- Feast at food stalls to support the local scouts and our students

For more information visit:
www.fvas.unimelb.edu.au