Happy Holidays
As this is the final Career News for this year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students every success in their final exams, and wish them and their families a wonderful summer holiday - filled with special times shared with friends and loved ones. Keep safe!

2015 VCAA Results
Year 12’s, and 11 students who may have sat Unit 3/4 exams, are reminded that the study scores come out on Monday 14 December 2015. To access these results students can:

- Log on to Results and ATAR any time from 7.00am, Monday 14 December to 5.00pm on Friday 18 December (AEDST). This service is free and operates 24 hours a day.

- Type in your VCAA student number and where a PIN is required, type in the first four digits of your birth date, e.g. 22 August = 2208

It should be pointed out that the school is not in a position to release results or ATARs to parents or other parties as the results are the property of the student.

ANU Change of Preference Advisory Day
Year 12 students who have applied to study at ANU in 2016 might like to take up an opportunity to attend an Advisory Day in Melbourne and speak one-on-one with the ANU staff.

Date: Tuesday 15 December 2015
Time: 10.00am–2.00pm
**Note:**

Recommended English proficiency tests are Intern Special Entry and Access Scheme documents to support their VTAC ID with their evidence, and send certified copies of all relevant documents to support their claim of disadvantage along with the form - **Monash University Special Entry and Access Scheme**

### Important Information for International Students

International students undertaking an Australian Year 12 who are unable to meet the minimum 30 in EAL requirement are able to sit another English proficiency test. Depending on which Australian Year 12 qualification the student has undertaken, the English proficiency test must be sat on or after the following dates for it to be considered. The recommended English proficiency tests are –

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<td>Pearson’s Test of English (Academic)*</td>
<td>Overall score of 58 with no Communicative Skills lower than 50</td>
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<td>Academic IELTS</td>
<td>Overall band score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0</td>
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<td>Internet Based TOEFL</td>
<td>Total score of 79 with 12 in Listening, 13 in Reading, 21 in Writing and 18 in Speaking</td>
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<td>Paper Based TOEFL</td>
<td>Total score of 550 with 4.5 in Test of Written English</td>
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<td>Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)</td>
<td>Overall score of 176 with no band less than 169.</td>
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<td>Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)</td>
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*If a student wishes to commence study in semester 1 2016, they should consider the Pearson’s Test of English (Academic) as it allows for the quickest return of results (5-7 business days) - [Pearson Test](#)

**Note:** Some Monash undergraduate courses have higher English language requirements, therefore the EAL score and English proficiency test entry requirements may be higher.

### The new Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Global Studies

*This exciting new double degree is for students who aspire to be leaders in social change and gain the necessary skills to practice as a lawyer in Australia. Students will have unique expertise by combining their law studies with an enhanced knowledge of the complex challenges facing cultures and communities around the world such as peace and conflict, the rich-poor gap, and crime and justice.*

### Laws

Students will acquire a solid foundation in the concepts, procedures and reasoning underpinning the Australian legal system. The course will challenge them to develop career-
ready skills in legal research, analysis and persuasive written and oral communication. In the elective component of the degree students can choose from a large number of specialist law units, to study overseas and to undertake work-based learning.

Global Studies
Students choose from three specialisations:
- International studies
- International relations
- Global cultural literacies (including a language major)

Students will gain a rich understanding of the interplay between local, regional and global forces. Underpinning this is a focus on the practical application of knowledge and skills to real life scenarios, which could take the form of an internship or a research project. Graduates of this double degree will be prepared for a range of diverse careers including opportunities in both the public and private sectors.

For further information, visit Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Global Studies

UniLink Diplomas
Year 12 students who do not quite have the ATAR to move straight into an undergraduate degree can enter at a UniLink level – a pathway into higher degrees at Swinburne University. UniLink is a direct pathway to second year at Swinburne University. It is equivalent to first year and will prepare students for second-year entry to their chosen bachelor degree; students need an ATAR of over 50 to enter a UniLink diploma, and best of all, it only takes eight months to complete. Not only is this cost-effective, but it means students can finish their degree sooner rather than later.

UniLink programs are available in:
- Diploma of Business
- Diploma of Design
- Diploma of Engineering
- Diploma of Health Science
- Diploma of Information Technology

Students wishing to undertake a UniLink course can apply through VTAC. For more information about the range of UniLink courses on offer, visit UniLink Diplomas at Swinburne

Students commencing Year 12 in 2016, and planning to apply for any of the following university courses - Courses requiring the UMAT - are reminded that part of selection into these courses requires that students sit the UMAT – Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test. Applications open early in December 2015.
For more information, and/or to apply visit [UMAT2016](#) or call (03) 8508 7643.

**Career as a Police Custody Officer**

Victoria Police is currently hiring Police Custody Officers (PCOs). Police Custody Officers (PCOs) are responsible for overseeing the management of persons in the custody of Victoria Police. The Police Custody Officer role offers a stimulating, challenging and rewarding career. You are a valued member of the local police team and play a crucial role in the management and welfare of persons in custody.

The role responsibilities of the PCO will be:

- Perform all duties relating to the management of persons in the custody of Victoria Police.
- Ensure the health, wellbeing, safety and supervision of persons in custody, staff and visitors.
- Liaise with internal and external stakeholders regarding the management, transport, offsite attendance or video links for persons in custody.
- Carry out all prisoner management functions in accordance with established legislation, policies and procedures, including preparing routine correspondence, attendance registers, creation of reports and other administrative tasks whilst ensuring appropriate follow-up action is taken when required.
- Perform administrative duties.

In order to be eligible to apply, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Must be over 18 years of age
- Must be an Australian Citizen or permanent resident
- Must hold full or probationary Australian drivers licence (must be transferred to Victorian drivers licence at commencement of employment)
- Must hold Level 1 First Aid Certificate valid for 12 months at commencement of employment
- Body Mass Index must not exceed 30
- Must not have any outstanding warrants, payment orders or payment plans in relation to traffic or parking infringements.
- Must have a ‘Working with Children’ card on commencement of employment

Find out more at [Police Custody Officer](#)

**Work Experience Opportunities in 2016**

Students considering applying for a Work Experience placement in a hospital next year might like to explore the following options:
1. **Royal Women’s Hospital**
Year 10 Secondary School Work Experience places will only be available to students who can participate in the program on the available dates offered by the Women’s Hospital. Students participating in the program are given the opportunity to spend one week working within available departments to observe and participate in the daily activities of those departments. The Women's strongly promotes involvement in the program and encourages students from all areas of Victoria to apply. Areas of the hospital offering general work experience placements may include: Nursing, Midwifery, Pathology, IT and Administration/Clerical.
The 2016 Work Experience program dates will be published in the coming weeks and students are encouraged to check the following website regularly for updates! For more information call (03) 8345 2080, or access the careers website at [The Women’s Work Experience](#).

2. **St Vincent’s Hospital**
St Vincent’s Work Experience placements provide secondary school students in Years 10 and 11 with the opportunity to explore possible career options within the healthcare industry. The program offered is geared towards students who are interested in Nursing and Midwifery careers. Dates for the 2016 Work Experience program will be available soon. Students are encouraged to make a note to check regularly for updates and/or to apply at [St Vincent's Work Experience](#).

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**Gap Medics**
Year 11 and 12 students considering a career in medicine, nursing, dentistry or midwifery might like to take up an opportunity to participate in a short-term healthcare work experience placement overseas. Gap Medics is based in the UK, but its programs are open to students from all around the world.

**So, what does a placement involve?** During weekdays, students shadow highly skilled doctors in their day-to-day work on a fully-supervised hospital placement. Students also benefit from clinical teaching on their placement.

Gap Medics owns houses in all the destinations; the houses have 24-hour security with walled gardens and a full time staff team in every destination too. There is a night time manager on duty every evening. Students stay in the Gap Medics homes and food, pick up and transfers are all inclusive. Approximately 90% of current participating students are Year 11 and 12 students, with the remaining 10% being university students.
Visit [Gap Medics](#) to find out more!

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**VCE 2016 Summer Schools**
- Access Education Summer School
The **Access Education Summer School** program is a unique opportunity for students studying Units 3 & 4 to experience university life while preparing for the demands of the VCE year ahead. The format of the program is that extensive and detailed 3 ¼ hour VCE preparation lectures will be given, and subject specific study notes prepared by the lecturer will also be made available. The presenters have been chosen for their extensive knowledge, communication abilities and passion for their subject. Subjects on offer include **Biology, Chemistry, English, Further Maths, Health & Human Development, Legal Studies, Maths Methods, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology**, and THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO VCE SUCCESS – an extremely useful lecture for Year 11 or 12 students.

**Dates:** Monday 18 – Thursday 21 January 2016  
**Venue:** Monash University (Clayton Campus)

Visit **Access Education Summer School** to find out more or to download a brochure for this program.

- **Neap VCE Summer School Program**
Get a head start on your VCE! The aims of the **Neap Summer School** are to give students a head start on topics and concepts from the Units 3/4 course for each subject, and to revise key concepts from Units 1 and 2 that form an essential base for each subject. There is also an emphasis on helping students understand each subject’s assessment criteria. Strategies, problem-solving and exam techniques will also be a focus so that students can further develop these skills throughout the semester as they work towards their exams. Each student also receives comprehensive lecture notes. Subjects on offer include **Chemistry English, Biology, Legal Studies, Specialist Maths, Psychology, Accounting, Physics and Maths Methods CAS and Strategies for Success in VCE**.

**Dates:** Friday 8 – Wednesday 20 January 2016  
**Venue:** Victoria University (City Campus)

Visit **NEAP Summer School** to find out more about the 2016 program.

- **The School for Excellence Summer School**
The School for Excellence (TSFX) offers a comprehensive summer school program preparation, each lecture will thoroughly address Unit 1 or 3 materials in advance of school, and expose students to critical analytical/problem solving strategies and skills so as to maximise Unit 1 or 3 scores. Students attending the programs receive detailed notes, fully worked examples and exercises to complete at home. The lectures are prepared and delivered by qualified, currently practising VCE teachers and markers from top ranking schools who possess the knowledge and experience to demonstrate the means by which students can achieve higher scores. Subjects on offer include **Accounting, Biology, Business Management, CAS Technology Applications, Chemistry, EAL, Economics, English, Further Mathematics, Health & Human Development, Legal Studies, Literature, Mathematical Methods, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, and Specialist Mathematics**, and **Succeeding in the VCE – An Intense Study Skills Program for VCE Students**.
Dates: Saturday 2 – Sunday 24 January 2016  
Venue: University of Melbourne (Parkville Campus) and TSFX (Collins Street)

Visit [TSFX Summer School](#) to find out more about the 2016 program.

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**YHA Fact Sheet**

YHA Australia is part of the world's largest backpacker accommodation network and has recently published a very useful *fact sheet* for students going travelling or on working holidays. Below are some interesting travel tips:

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**Top Travel Tips**

1. Want to earn money while you travel? Australia has working holiday agreements with many countries – see [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au) - be aware that some visas must be applied for before you leave Australia though.
2. Make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after you plan to return, and check entry requirements for countries you plan to visit e.g. tourist visas, US pre-authorisation.
3. Visit the doctor at least 6 weeks before you leave to get vaccinations and prescription medication.
4. Let your bank know you’re going overseas so they don’t cancel your card when they see an overseas transaction.
5. If you can’t afford travel insurance you can’t afford to travel!
7. Always give a family member or friend a copy of your itinerary so they can contact you in an emergency.
8. Book your first couple of nights’ accommodation ahead for peace of mind when you get off the plane and have to find your way around a new city, a new country.
9. Always aim to arrive in a new town during the daylight hours as it is more difficult to get your bearings at night.
10. It can be cheaper to organise transport passes before you leave Australia, e.g. Busabout hop-on hop-off between major European Cities, Greyhound Canada/USA, Eurail train network.
11. Pack lightly - you’ll be surprised how little you can comfortably travel with, and roll clothes when packing.
12. Sometimes the best plan is ‘no plan’… don’t be too locked into a pre-arranged schedule that you have no time for spontaneous experiences!
13. Look at alternative low cost options to communicate with home – email, SKYPE, Facebook, Facetime, WhatsApp, Viber, WeChat (on Wi-Fi or from an internet café), prepaid local or international SIM cards.

For more information about YHA and to access many other useful tips, visit [Travel Tips](#)