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## New to the Careers Room

The following information has arrived in the Careers Room over the last week:

- **Flinders University** – Open day information and map for 13 and 14 August
- **Ormond College (UOM residential college)** - Open Day postcards for Sunday 15 August
- **Newman College (UOM residential college)** – Open Day Sunday 15 August and bursaries information

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## Pathways Presentations at Radford

A program of expert speakers has been organised for Year 10, 11 and 12 students in a variety of areas to assist them in their career planning. Each week there is usually a presentation in Room 50 from 1:15 - 1:45pm (bring your lunch).

- **UAC Applications** - a z-line presentation for all Yr 12 students in the Lecture Theatre on Thursday 29 July, period 2
- **University of Melbourne** – Wednesday 4 August at lunchtime in Room 50
- **University of Wollongong** - a z-line presentation for all Yr 12 students in the Lecture Theatre on Thursday 5 August, period 4

- **APS: Dept of Environment, Water and Heritage and Dept of Finance and Deregulation**– opportunities for school leavers on Tuesday 10 August at lunchtime in Room 50
- **St Hilda’s College, University of Melbourne** – Mrs Barbara Green (Principal) will be at Radford in the Careers room at recess-time on Thursday 9 September to talk about accommodation options for UOM.

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## **Work Experience in the June-July vacation period**

Any students who completed work experience in the July vacation period should return their completed Employer Evaluation Forms to Mrs Rentsch by the Friday 30 July.

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## **2011 UAC Guides**

UAC Guides will be issued to all Yr 12 students doing a T package during tutor group on Thursday 29 July.

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## **Special Invitation to Radford students attending University of Melbourne’s Open Day**

University of Melbourne’s annual Open Day, to be held on Sunday August 15, and any students who would like more information about the University are warmly invited to make the trip to Melbourne on this day, where they can speak directly to academics and current students, and see UOM facilities and residential colleges first hand.

The Office of Admissions will be hosting a special information session and lunch for interstate students and their parents on Open Day. Please see Mrs Rentsch to get your invitation. Any Radford students who will be attending Open Day should to register to attend this session.

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## **University of Melbourne: Music and performing arts courses: improving your students’ chance for entry**

Attaining a place in a top tertiary arts training institution, such as the Faculty of the VCA and Music (VCAM) at the University of Melbourne, is a competitive process. In addition to ATAR entry requirements, music courses (a musicianship test) and dance (a physiotherapy examination) are required to make sure performers can withstand the rigors of high-quality instruction and development to their chosen career. Although these auditions can seem the be-all-and-end-all of the application process, students may be surprised to find that those with a broader understanding of the arts industry are far more likely to succeed.

Professor Gary McPherson, Head of the School of Music at VCAM, says, “Investing hours of practice is crucial to the development of your technical skills and musicality, but it’s also important to make the most of all performance opportunities so that you can build confidence as a performer. You need to have some balance in your life too.”

Professor Kristy Edmunds, Head of the School of Performing Arts at VCAM, says “We’re looking for students with a high degree of motivation, discipline and artistic imagination. In the case of performing artists, the audition panel will be particularly interested in how the candidate is able to respond to direction and creatively interpret material. Dancers require a high degree of technical proficiency, across ballet and contemporary movement vocabularies. For Theatre, the actor needs to be authentically convincing as a performer, with an understanding of the meaning and purpose of

the text they are delivering. With Production candidates, a working knowledge of and passion for the performing arts disciplines and a clear intent in their own aspirations is a must.”

Some tips for students: how to get into the course of your dreams

- **Get involved and be inspired by the creative life of your city.** Most arts organisations publish online newsletters that will let you know about forthcoming performances, concerts, public talks, workshops and exhibitions. VCAM distributes a free e-newsletter which is full of information about student performances, ticket giveaways and events for prospective students. Subscribe at: <http://cms.unimelb.edu.au/vcamenews/subscribe>
- **Understand the entry requirements:** Every discipline and institution is different so it's essential to prepare accordingly.
- **Practise, practise and practise...** then, rehearse your audition pieces in front of your friends and family to help settle your nerves.
- **Enrol in an audition technique workshop.** VCAM offers holiday Short Courses to help get the best out of your solo performance. Visit [www.vcam.unimelb.edu.au/shortcourses](http://www.vcam.unimelb.edu.au/shortcourses) for more information.
- **Broaden your creative mind** by exposing yourself to artistic disciplines outside of your specific area. This will also give you some perspective on the broader arts industry.
- **Talk about your art form,** your career aspirations and learn to articulate where you see the place of the artist in the world – this preparation will help in your interview.
- **Visit music and performing arts faculties on Open Day.** Talk to the staff and current students to get a feel for the institution and see if it's right for you.

For information about undergraduate and graduate courses in art, dance, theatre, film and TV, music and production at the Faculty of the VCA and Music visit [www.vcam.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.vcam.unimelb.edu.au) .

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## University of Melbourne – Engineers are in demand

There is a well-recognised shortage of professional engineers in Australia today. The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) recognises that engineering is under-represented in the traditional professions and demand for qualified engineers is increasing.

The Australian National Engineering Taskforce (ANET) was formed to investigate ongoing shortfalls in national engineering services capacity and to provide solutions to key skills shortages.

In a recent survey conducted by ANET 61% of respondents identified an engineering skills shortage in their work section and 40% identified a problem with their organisation not having the right skills mix to meet future needs.

As a result of this shortage, qualified engineers are in high demand and are commanding high salaries. Engineering graduates can be assured of a range of interesting and well-paid employment opportunities.

School leavers study engineering by taking an engineering major through the Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Environments, Bachelor of Biomedicine or through a breadth sequence in the Bachelor of Commerce, followed by a professional Master of Engineering in one of 11 specialisations:

- Biomedical engineering
- Biomolecular engineering
- Chemical engineering
- Civil engineering
- Computer science

- Electrical engineering
- Geomatics
- Mechanical engineering
- Mechatronics
- Software engineering
- Structural engineering

You can [find full details on our majors and breadth sequences on the Melbourne School of Engineering website](#).

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## Country Energy's Engineering Cadetship Program

Country Energy's Engineering Cadetship Program is designed to provide financial support and industry experience to students commencing a Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical) degree.

Cadetships are offered to students commencing first year studies in 2011 or are currently undertaking university studies in electrical engineering, and provide career opportunities within regional NSW upon graduation.

Applications for the 2011 cadetships are now being taken and close 5pm Friday 30 July 2010.

To apply for these positions, please complete the application form

<http://www.countryenergy.com.au/asset/cms/doc/CadetApplicationForm2011.doc>

For more information about these opportunities please call the Recruitment Team on 1800 255 777 or visit <http://www.countryenergy.com.au/content/cadetships>

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## ADFA Open Day 28 August

[Open Day at the Australian Defence Force Academy \(ADFA\)](#) is an ideal opportunity for you to experience first hand this unique, world class training and educational facility. If you are interested in combining a challenging and exciting career in the Australian Defence Force with a degree then you should come along and find out more.

What can ADFA offer?

- Financial benefits - you are paid to study and the Australian Defence Force (ADF) will pay your tuition fees
- A top-quality education - UNSW@ADFA is a campus of the University of New South Wales (UNSW) so you will graduate with a degree from UNSW and become part of the broader UNSW alumni
- The best university teacher-to-student ratio in the country
- A variety of exciting, challenging and rewarding experiences not available to other University students - you will undertake leadership challenges, weapons training, overseas travel, and hands-on development with either the Navy, Army or Air Force
- Unique postgraduate courses and scholarship opportunities
- Plus a great deal more, which you will be able to discover for yourself at the ADFA Open Day on **28 August 2010**.

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## **Australian Catholic University Early Achievers' Program**

The [Early Achievers' Program \(EAP\)](#) recognises the achievements and community contributions made by prospective students.

It is a great way for prospective students to gain a place in the undergraduate course of their choice with students assessed on their potential for undertaking tertiary study successfully.

Whether it be volunteering in a local cultural, sporting or religious group or providing care to someone in need, if applicants have the enthusiasm to succeed, they are the type of student that the University would like to welcome. Also taken into consideration are community contributions, employment experience and professional courses that have been undertaken.

Successful applicants will be notified of the outcome of their EAP application ahead of usual University offers, allowing them to enjoy their summer with the confidence of knowing that they have achieved a place at Australian Catholic University.

**Applications open on 1st August and close on 30th September.**

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## **ANU Secondary College Program for Year 11 students in 2011**

**What is it?**

The [ANU Secondary College Program](#) is a collaboration between the Australian National University (ANU) and the ACT Department of Education and Training (DET) to provide an enhanced learning experience for Year 11 and 12 students in the ACT.

**What benefits will the students receive? \***

- Students will gain access to the ANU, ranked No 1 in both teaching and research in Australia. This will include access to the library and computer systems and cutting edge facilities at the ANU.
- The course scores will be eligible to be used in the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). \* Students who complete the program at an appropriate level will be given early offer of entry to the ANU, even possibly to the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours), PhD.
- Students who successfully complete the program will gain credit towards their studies at the ANU in each of the subject areas completed.

**What subjects are being taught?**

In 2011 classes will be presented in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Conservation Biology, Continuing Japanese and Advanced Japanese. The programs have been developed by ANU and ACT DET staff. They will be presented by teachers employed by or seconded to ACT Department of Education in close collaboration with staff from the ANU.

**When and where will the classes be held?**

Classes will be held on weekday afternoons at the ANU in two-hour periods from 4:30pm to 6.30pm or 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Students attend one two-hour session per week per course.

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## Two degrees are better than one

Ever wondered what a combined degree is? It means that you can achieve two qualifications in one go. You'll have the advantage of graduating with two degrees, in less time than it would take to complete them separately. Many universities offer a number of combined degrees to choose from.

A combined degree increases your career options, skills and knowledge, and gives you an edge when applying for jobs. You'll also have variety in your studies and satisfy more than one of your interests. So why choose only one career path, when you can have the flexibility of two?

To check out what [combined degrees](#) are offered at the University of Newcastle visit [What can I study?](#)

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## John Curtin School of Medical Research Open Day

On Friday 13 August the JCSMR will open its doors from 10am – 3pm.

The day gives students the opportunity to talk to scientists about their work in their laboratories. Researchers in fields as diverse as asthma, Diabetes, HIV, hearing and cancer will be there to demonstrate their work and answer your questions.

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## Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP) Information Evening

The [Australian College of Applied Psychology](#) is holding an Information Evening for prospective students at 6pm on 10 August 2010. The hour consists of a presentation that covers: the learning experience, benefits of studying at ACAP and the professional and personal outcomes you can gain through studying at ACAP. To find out more or book a place, enter your details online, call 1800 061 199 or email [info@acap.edu.au](mailto:info@acap.edu.au) with your name, address and telephone number.

Event address: Level 5, 11 York St Sydney NSW 2000. Cost: free.

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## Flight Attendant Course: Reach for the Sky

If you are interested in a career as a flight attendant, then Reach for the Sky may be able to help. For nine years **Reach For The Sky Aviation Services Limited** has been successfully preparing applicants for the position of flight attendant for airlines in Australia and overseas.

The company claims to have had a very high success rate of 99% placing applicants into the style of flying and airline of their choice. Flight Attendant Interview Preparation Classes are being conducted in Sydney in July 2010. These one-day courses cover aviation, hospitality and customer service-based recruitment processes. However, these courses will also prepare any applicant, for any interview, in any industry.

Dates available in Sydney are Tuesday 27 July and Wednesday 28 July. The day costs \$200 and includes a copy of The Complete Flight Attendant Career and Interview Preparation Manual. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.reachfts.com/courses.php>

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## Scholarships for the International College of Management, Sydney

The [International College of Management, Sydney \(ICMS\)](#) will award three National scholarships in 2011. These scholarships are open to Australian citizens completing year 12 in 2010 as well as to students who completed Year 12 in 2009 and took a gap year in 2010. Each scholarship covers the full tuition fees for two years of study at the College and is valued up to \$40,000.

Applications close Friday 22 October 2010. [Click here to download an application form.](#)

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## Are you a young aspiring writer, journalist, photographer or artist?

You can get yourself published online by submitting your work to Vibewire's Portal website under a monthly theme. [Vibewire is looking for submissions](#) in line with the July theme 'What Now?' Vibewire will select the best of these contributions and publish them in print in the Vibewire Quarterly Anthology.

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## Martin College of Business, Technology & Design

Martin College of Business, Technology & Design is a part of Study Group, a worldwide specialist education company recognised internationally for its delivery of quality education. As one of Australia's largest careers colleges, they have been preparing students for their futures since 1976.

Martin College runs a series of business focussed courses in: - Business and Management - Event Management - Tourism - Information Technology - Graphic Design. Many of the courses are VET FEE-HELP accredited.

They are holding an Open Day at the Sydney Campus on Saturday 28th August, 10am -1pm at Level 1, 63 Oxford St, Darlinghurst. For more information, ring 1300 762 129 or [click here for a weblink.](#)

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## Nature Care College Open Days

Free mini Lectures available on loads of subjects including: Nutrition, Naturopathy, Homoeopathy, Massage, Ayurveda, Yoga, Aromatherapy, Reflexology - the list goes on! This is a great day to attend for anyone interested in natural therapies and alternatives ways of living.

Open Days will be held on Saturday 21 August from 11.30am-3.30pm and Saturday 27 November from 11.30am-3.30pm

Details: [http://www.naturecare.com.au/upload/events/NCC\\_OpenDay-August2010Final.pdf](http://www.naturecare.com.au/upload/events/NCC_OpenDay-August2010Final.pdf)

Can't make an Open Day? No problem! Course Advisors are available throughout the year to meet with you in person or via a phone appointment. Contact them on 9438 3333 or [info@naturecare.com.au](mailto:info@naturecare.com.au)

- Phone: (02) 9438 3333
- Address: 46 Nicholson Street, St Leonards, NSW 2065
- Website: [www.naturecare.com.au](http://www.naturecare.com.au)

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## **Study Farm Business Management, Agribusiness and Horse Business Management**

Based in Geelong, Victoria, **Marcus Oldham College** is Australia's only independent business management college specialising in farm business management, agribusiness, and horse business management.

Features include: small class sizes, lecturers with extensive commercial experience who can relate theory to practice 'Real World' education, national and international study tours, on-campus accommodation, students from Australia wide and overseas, surf beaches, one hour from Melbourne, and most importantly, highly employable graduates with a respected qualification.

[Open Day](#) is on Sunday 8 August 2010 (10:00am - 2:00pm).

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## **Projects Abroad Volunteer Organisation – Gap Year opportunities**

Volunteering on a project gives you the opportunity to become more than a tourist; to become part of a community in one of 23 developing countries, to live and work beside local people, understand their world and make friends for life.

Your energy, compassion and skills can make a real difference to the lives of the people you work with in projects based around care, teaching, conservation, sports, community programmes, medicine and physiotherapy. Other projects in human rights law, journalism and others, offer unique work experience with the chance to make a contribution to the community within which you live.

[Projects Abroad](#) are holding Information Evenings. They are informal discussion forums and a chance for you to find out specific information on the countries and projects that appeal to you.

ACT: Pilgrim House Conference Centre, 69 Northbourne Ave, Canberra City, **4th August 2010**, 6.30pm - 7.30pm.

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## **Framed! - Fashion Photography Workshop**

Wondering why it takes a full day to get one brilliant photograph? This all-day shoot reveals the many layers involved in creating 'The Look'. On set is the entourage (photographer, wardrobe stylist, set designers, hair stylist, make-up artist and model) who manage to create a fashion shoot extraordinaire. While the model is primed and preened to make her camera-ready, an unforgettable atmosphere needs to be created in the studio.

Stylist-to-the-stars Megan Morton, designer Benja Harney and wardrobe stylist, Anna Raju of Black Dahlia will use their unique talent to create glorious sets and whimsical props. Considered one of the best in the business, Sydney-based fashion photographer Hamish Ta-mé will then direct proceedings to capture that elusive shot. Experts in post-production will bring out the full potential of the images with their creative digital darkroom techniques. Hamish will then stream his images to large screens and direct to your iPhone.

- Saturday 7 August, 10am-12pm and 12.30-3.30pm
- Turbine Hall, Powerhouse Museum
- Cost: Free with Museum entry
- Online Bookings: [click here](#).

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## The myfuture Video Competition is back!

[The myfuture video competition](#) – Best School Entry is back for 2010. The aim of the competition is to assist young people to explore career ideas by producing a 2-3 minute video on an occupation that interests them and for the opportunity to win a cash prize of \$7500.

To assist educators and students with creating videos, the competition will be supported by a wide range of complimentary educational resources. These valuable resources are relevant to career education and curriculum areas engaged in video production in the classroom. This is a motivating and exciting opportunity for students Australia wide to explore their future in a creative and innovative way.

The myfuture video competition – Best School Entry commences on 30 July and closes 29 October 2010. Individual students and groups are encouraged to enter. You can register your interest in the competition from Monday 12 July on the myfuture website. Further details about the competition will be available soon.

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## Australian School- based Apprenticeships

The [Student to Industry Program \(SIP\)](#) has numerous [ASBA positions](#) advertised on its website in the following areas:

- Hospitality (15)
- Retail (5)
- Retail/Warehousing (91)

RGT has 4 (four) ASBA positions vacant at the moment.

- 2 x Business Cert II (these positions are in a Sport and Rec environment but it is a Business qualification. RGT is the Employer PLUS the RTO). These positions are on the North side.
- 2 x Horticulture Cert II (RGT is the employer and CIT will be the RTO) – the host employer is after students that have a genuine interest in not only Turf but Gardens and maintenance. (These positions are in Yarralumla with limited bus access so a supporting parent or sibling would be required but well worth it as it is these positions are in an exclusive environment)

Please send all interested resumes including a cover letter stating which position you are interested in to Vicki Eveille – email is [vickieveille@rgt.asn.au](mailto:vickieveille@rgt.asn.au)

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## Employment Information for School Students – know your rights

If you need information about your rights and entitlements because you have got a casual, or part-time job, the [Workplace Authority](#) and the [Workplace Ombudsman](#) can help you.

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## July – October Diary Dates (from past Bulletins)

- **UMAT2010** - will be held on Wednesday 28 July 2010
- **Bond University (Gold Coast)** – [Scholarship applications](#) close 31 July. Contact the Bond's Scholarship Office on 07 5595 1067 or email [scholarships@bond.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@bond.edu.au) with any scholarship enquiries.
- **ACU scholarships** - Applications close on **2 August 2010**. [For further information, rules, eligibility and how to apply, click here.](#)

- **The University of Notre Dame Australia – Early Offer Program** - applications are due Friday 6 August. For more information, contact the Prospective Students Office on 02 8204 4404 or at [sydney@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au)
- **UTAS Open Days** - Hobart on 8 August, in Launceston on 15 August and Cradle Coast in Burnie on 22 August. [The full program will be available in early July.](#)
- **Bond University Open Day** - 22 August 2010, 10:00am - 3:00pm at Gold Coast, QLD, Email: [events@bond.edu.au](mailto:events@bond.edu.au) or Phone: 1800 074 074. [Register for Updates by clicking here.](#)
- **William Blue Open Day** - Saturday, August 28 from 10am until 1pm at 171 Pacific Highway, Northpoint Building, North Sydney
- **UTS - City Campus Open Day** Saturday 28 August, 9am to 4pm – [click here for the program](#)
- **Bluescope Steel - Cadetships 2011** – Applications close 31 August - [For further information and to register your interest, click here.](#)
- **University of Wollongong Management Cadetships** - Applications open August 2010 and close September 2010. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **Early Entry at University of Wollongong** - closes 1 September
- **Charles Sturt University (CSU) Principal's Report Entry Program (PREP)** - Application Forms will be available now - [see website for course details](#). Applications close 20 September.
- **NIDA** – applications close 30 September. [Applicants must apply directly to NIDA](#), not through UAC
- **QTAC applications (on time) close 30 September**- Current Year 12 students apply online through [the Twelve-To-Tertiary \(TTT\) online application](#)
- **Rural Students Entry Scheme (RSES) into Medicine at UNSW** - applications extended to 30 September 2010. [Click here for an application form.](#)
- **UTS Special Admissions Elite Athletes Scheme for 2011 entry** - [Applications will be available from the UTS website](#) and are due by Thursday 30 September
- **University of Sydney Tertiary Jazz Pre-Audition Workshop** - Workshop fee: \$75 for one 3-hour workshop on Saturday 9 October, 2-5pm
- **Billy Blue College of Design** - win one of two Scholarships worth \$25,000. Closing Date: 15 October.
- **2011 Teacher Education Scholarship Program** - [For further information click here](#) or call 1300 301 435 or email [scholarships@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@det.nsw.edu.au).

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