Bachelor of Biosecurity Science at Box Hill Institute: This course is designed for people looking to protect Australia and its environment from the threat of invasive animals, plants, pests and disease. Developed with industry and government input, this is the only dedicated undergraduate biosecurity science degree in Australia. Graduates from this course will find work in:

- The new national Post-Entry Quarantine facility to be constructed by 2017 in Melbourne
- Agriculture, nurseries and wineries
- Animal facilities
- Food processing facilities
- Parks and wildlife

For more information, go to www.bhtafe.edu.au/

New Global Leadership Program at Macquarie University, Sydney: This is an early entry program for current Year 12 students who are strong academically but who also undertake leadership, extra curricular activities and community service. The program is available for a limited number of Bachelor degrees. Students who are selected for the program will receive the following benefits-

- Participation in the Global Leadership program activities, including the distinguished speaker series
- Early enrolment
- Access to specific activities for Global Leaders such as pre-study programs
- Access to library privileges during 2014.

To apply, you will need to obtain a nomination from your school Principal and then apply for the program online to Macquarie. For more information, go to http://mq.edu.au/

Interested in Veterinary Nursing? This is a fantastic occupation for those who are passionate about working with animals. Veterinary Nurses assist Veterinarians in all aspect of animal patient care, including surgical procedures, laboratory testing, medical treatment, and consultations.

To become a qualified Veterinary Nurse, you usually have to study the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing whilst undertaking paid employment in a Vet clinic. This can be completed through a traineeship. Once qualified, you can undertake further study to specialise in dental, surgical or emergency and critical care.

You can improve your chances of gaining employment or a traineeship through completing the Certificate III in Animal Studies or a similar qualification like Certificate IV in Companion Animal Studies. The following are institutions that offer these qualifications:

- GO Tafe, www.gotafe.vic.edu.au
- Box Hill Institute, www.bhtafe.edu.au/

For information on Veterinary Nursing, go to http://www.myfuture.edu.au/

Biomedicine at Australian Catholic University (ACU): You can study Biomedicine at most universities in Victoria. ACU will be introducing the Bachelor of Biomedicine at the Melbourne campus in 2015. You will be able to choose from one of three specialisations - communication, medical technology and pharmaceutical. This course will be suited to students interested in discovery, research and science, particularly in regards to health, wellness and illness. To find out more, go to www.acu.edu.au/613919
New website for future students at Monash University: This website is for prospective students and parents who would like to learn about Monash University. You will be able to:

• Bookmark important dates (e.g., Open Days)
• Register for Monash events (e.g., At Monash)
• Get VCE study and wellbeing tips
• Learn about future study options
• Discover information on different study paths.

To visit the site, go to Destination Monash, http://www.destination.monash/

‘Underrated and overrated degrees’ in Australia: A new study by McCrindle Research shows that the following degrees are the four most underrated in Australia:

1. Surveying
2. Urban/Regional Planning
3. Rehabilitation
4. Electrical Engineering

Data was based on the percentage of graduates available for full-time employment, their employability in their field of study, and their median salary. In terms of overrated degrees, they listed the following:

1. Psychology
2. Architecture
3. Visual & Performing Arts
4. Social Sciences.

The research found that many graduates who were in employment weren’t working within these fields and those who were, were receiving a low median salary. They found that the number of graduates exceeded the supply of jobs.

To read the full article, go to http://www.mccrindle.com.au/ and search for ‘Generation Z Commence University: Choosing the Right Course’.

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

2014 Environmental and Marine Careers Expo: You have the opportunity to attend this exciting day at SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium on Thursday 7 August. You will be able to learn about the diverse career opportunities available in these fields by attending presentations and learn about courses by speaking directly to professionals from tertiary institutions. You will need to book your place before 27 June, http://melbourneaquarium.com.au/

Hospital Laboratory Visits Program at RMIT: These visits are for students who are interested in a career as a medicine scientist. You will be able to tour a major teaching hospital and see the inner workings of a laboratory where current third year RMIT laboratory medical students are completing their professional practice. You will be able to explore laboratory medicine and nuclear medicine courses. The tours will run between 7 – 11 July. To register, go to http://www.rmit.edu.au/medicalsciences/events

VCE Exam Preparation & Folio Presentation Workshop: Academy of Design Australia is running a one day workshop on 24 September for students studying Unit 3 + 4 Studio Arts, Product Design & Technology, and/or Visual Communication and Design. You will be able to undertake an exam preparation session, and for students applying for a tertiary course that requires an interview for selection, there will be a session on tertiary interview tips and folio presentation. For more information and to book, go to http://www.designacademy.edu.au/

Upcoming Monash University events:

• Year 10 Independence Day: you will be able to go to the Clayton campus on 3 July and participate in interactive sessions designed to assist you in finding out about course options, why pre-requisite subjects are important and advice on how to choose your Year 11 and 12 subjects, www.destination.monash/

• Year 11 Inspiration Day: You will be able to discover what university is like by attending interactive activities and talking to staff and current students. You will also be able to acquire learning tools that will help you in Year 12 and beyond. The event will be held 9 July, www.destination.monash/
Study Options Information Night at Box Hill Institute: If you are considering studying at Box Hill mid year or in 2015, this is a great opportunity for you to learn more about their vocational and higher education courses. The evening will be held 18 June at the Elgar Road Campus in Box Hill, [http://www.bhtafe.edu.au/midyear](http://www.bhtafe.edu.au/midyear).

High School Workshops at JMC Academy: You have the opportunity to attend a workshop at JMC Academy during the school holidays. You will be able to spend the day undertaking hands on activities in your area of interest. Dates in June are as follows:

- 2: Entertainment Business Management
- 3: Popular Music
- 4: Film & Television, Audio Engineering, Games Design, and Animation

For more information and to register, go to [http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/](http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/).

Zoos Victoria School Holiday Programs:

Keeper for a Day, If you are keen to find out what it takes to work in a zoo and care for the amazing array of animals, then you may be interested in attending the Keeper for a Day program, which is running at Werribee Open Range Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary.

- **Healesville Sanctuary**, July 1, 2, 8, 9, [http://www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day](http://www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day)

Vet for a Day, This program allows students in Years 7 – 12 to work in the Healesville Sanctuary Vet Hospital for the day. You will be able to assist the veterinarian’s with jobs such as suturing, diagnosis, health checks, and rehabilitation.


### UPCOMING EVENTS - JUNE

- **Focus on Melbourne University**, Law (10), Information Technology & Engineering (11), Melbourne Conservatorium of Music (18), and Victorian College of the Arts (25), [http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events](http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events)
- **17, 26: At Monash Seminar Series**, Student Experience (17), and Teaching (26), [www.monash.edu.au](http://www.monash.edu.au)
- **1, 8: Experience Australian Catholic University**, Ballarat (1), Melbourne (8), [www.acu.edu.au/97108](http://www.acu.edu.au/97108)
- **5 – 11: Monash Computer Games Boot Camp**, Clayton Campus, [https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/](https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/)
- **8, 10: Experience La Trobe University**, Bundoora (8), Bendigo (10), [www.latrobe.edu.au/experience](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience)