It has been a busy week in careers with presentations popping up all over the place!

Three past students came into SCHS for a mini ‘panel interview’, explaining to year elevens how they tackled year twelve and how they managed the transition from school to university. Students prepared lots of questions for them and they really enjoyed being back here.

A representative from Deakin University delivered a lunchtime session on Graduate Entry Medicine and the allied health courses offered. This was of interest to students considering Medicine, Optometry, Occupational Therapy and Nursing.

SAE presented on Tuesday regarding courses in gaming, animation, film and all careers in the entertainment industry! Hopefully students attend their open days and find their specialised courses appealing.

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Also, students applying for courses that have **extra requirements** (i.e. submitting a folio, a pre-selection kit, arranging an interview, etc.) are reminded that failure to meet the deadline date for these means students may no longer be eligible for selection into their desired course.

Students eligible to apply for **SEAS** are also reminded that you cannot apply for SEAS and VTAC Scholarships until you have made your VTAC application, so putting your VTAC application in soon would be to your advantage!

The VTAC website is [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au).

**Science Precinct Guided Tours**

Due to the increased interest after the recent Open Day, the Faculty of Science at Monash University has decided to run a series of **Science Precinct Guided Tours** in the upcoming school holidays. There are numerous days and times available, and to register for one of these tours, visit [Science Precinct Tours](http://www.vtac.edu.au).

**Medicine, Dental Surgery and Physiotherapy**

At the University of Melbourne, The **Doctor of Medicine**, **Doctor of Dental Surgery** and **Doctor of Physiotherapy** have very specific **prerequisites** which must have been completed prior to commencing these graduate programs. Students considering applying for one of these courses and wanting to make sure that their undergraduate degree does include these prerequisite subjects and that they are approved by the University of Melbourne should visit [how do you assess subjects from other Universities?](http://www.vtac.edu.au) to find out more!
Bachelor of Pharmacology and Toxicology at Griffiths University

Griffith University offers a 3-year Bachelor of Pharmacology and Toxicology. This degree provides a pathway to a career in pharmacology, toxicology or drug research, pharmaceutical, biotechnology and other health industries. The degree’s focus on pharmacology may be of particular benefit to those students considering continuing their study with a postgraduate degree in an area such as pharmacy, medicine, dentistry or medical research. Students learn through extensive hands-on experience in state-of-the-art facilities including formulation, pharmacology and analytical laboratories.

Students can select one major from the following options:

• Applied Pharmacology;
• Chemical and Environmental Toxicology;
• Diagnostics;
• Sales and Marketing;
• Pharmaceuticals.

Besides English and Maths, students will also need to have completed Biology, Chemistry or Physics in their VCE. Find out more at Pharmacology and Toxicology.

Courses in Paramedicine

Deciding to become a paramedic is a life-changing decision. For many the first decision they want to make is to decide what type of paramedic training they need. There are different types of paramedics – visit Types of Paramedics. Being a paramedic is about a lot more than lights and sirens and rushing to help someone in need. Paramedics perform clinical procedures, administer drugs, maintain patient records and decide the most appropriate medical facility to take someone to. It is it is a requirement of Ambulance Victoria for applicant’s applying for the Graduate Ambulance Paramedic program, to be currently undertaking or to have graduated from a recognised Ambulance qualification at an Australian or New Zealand University. The university course is usually a 3-year and teaches students the fundamentals of their medical training including anatomy, biology and physiology. The following Victorian universities offer courses that are recognised by Ambulance Victoria:

✓ Australian Catholic University
✓ Monash University
✓ La Trobe University
✓ Victoria University

Find out more by browsing the Ambulance Victoria website at Paramedics.

University of Wollongong Bachelor of Pre-Medicine, Science and Health

The University of Wollongong (UOW) offers a 3-year Bachelor of Pre-Medicine, Science and Health as a pathway to graduate medical studies. The course is designed to give high-achieving students an excellent preparation for graduate medical studies at UOW or other institutions. The strengths of the course are:

✓ A Foundations for GAMSAT subject in first year
✓ A choice of one of nine possible majors or minors in science or health that lead to other postgraduate study and career paths whilst allowing students to concurrently pursue entry to graduate medical studies
✓ Access to enrichment and professional development activities to enhance their interpersonal skills, demonstrate their ‘service to society’ and develop an impressive Portfolio which is required on application to graduate medical studies at UOW
✓ A core capstone subject in third year - Integrated Science in Medicine - delivered in the same case-based learning format used by graduate medical schools, it brings together all earlier learnings through clinical scenarios related to medicine and health
✓ Guaranteed interviews for the top 12 performing domestic students and the top 12 performing international students who meet the admission criteria for the UOW Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) at the Graduate School of Medicine (GSM)

Applicants need an indicative ATAR of 95 and have studied mathematics and chemistry, with biology being recommended. Students must
apply through www.uac.edu.au and the UAC course code is 757500. The University of Wollongong (UOW) has an early admissions program allowing students to earn a place in some UOW degrees before sitting their final exams and this course is one of them - UOW Early Admissions. Applications for the Early Admissions Program are open and close on Friday 28 August 2015 at 5.00pm.

Find out more about eligibility for the Bachelor of Pre-Medicine, Science and Health at Bachelor of Pre-Medicine, Science and Health at UOW. For frequently asked questions about this degree, visit FAQs about Bachelor of Pre-Medicine, Science and Health.

**Degree in Education**
The Deakin University Associate Degree of Education is a two year, full time program specifically designed for students who would benefit from a supported entry to tertiary study. The course provides a pathway into university and articulates into the Bachelor of Education (Primary) with up to 18 months credit for prior learning. The Associate Degree may also be taken as a stand-alone qualification. This course is targeted at students who do not satisfy the usual university entry requirements including students who have completed Year 12 but have achieved an ATAR score which is insufficient to gain normal entry into the bachelor degree. This is an excellent option for some students and students are encouraged to browse the following links to find out more:

Associate Degree in Education
Associate Degree in Education PDF

Applications are to be made directly to Deakin University - Apply

**Career in Urban and Regional Planning**
Urban and regional planners (often also called Town Planners) develop policies and plans for the use of land and resources. They advise on the economic, environmental, social and cultural needs of particular localities or regions as they relate to the built environment and the community. They also work on large-scale projects such as new suburbs, towns, industrial areas, commercial and retail developments, urban renewal projects and transportation links.

Urban and regional planners may perform the following tasks:

- develop long-range objectives to cope with growth and change, in consultation with affected communities
- perform surveys and site inspections
- compile and analyse information on physical, economic, social, legal, political, cultural and environmental factors which affect land use
- discuss plans with local communities, private companies and government organisations
- consider new developments or re-developing areas and advise state and local governments on planning issues for projects such as new suburbs, transportation links, industrial estates, retail complexes and housing developments
- draw up plans for development or re-development and evaluate proposals in terms of benefits and costs, recommending how schemes can be carried out
- prepare urban and rural subdivision plans, taking into account various land uses, including residential, public open space, schools and shops
- prepare and coordinate economic, social and...
Planning is a broadly based discipline and it is possible to specialise in a wide range of fields, including strategic planning, urban design, environmental impact assessment, residential planning, commercial and industrial planning, heritage planning, tourism planning and social planning.

Successful planners need to –

- Be interested in social, economic, environmental and cultural issues
- Have good oral and written communication skills
- Be able to produce detailed and accurate work
- Have good analytical and problem-solving skills

To become an urban and regional planner students usually have to study urban, regional, community and/or environmental planning at university. Students may also consider other degrees that emphasise related fields of architecture, economics, environmental management or science, geography and sociology.

Entry to these courses requires students to attain their VCE and a year 12 maths is highly recommended.

It is important to note that degree studies in urban and regional planning are necessary for professional recognition by the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA).

Visit Urban and Regional Planner for further information.

sourced from the Job Guide - Job Guide

Victorian universities that offer courses in Urban and Regional Planning include –

Deakin University
Bachelor of Planning (Honours)
Planning

La Trobe University
Bachelor of Urban, Rural and Environmental Planning
Urban, Rural & Environmental

RMIT University
Bachelor of Social Science – Environment
Bachelor of Environmental Science
Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning

Environment and Planning

University of Melbourne
Bachelor of Environments
Environments - Urban Design and Planning

News from the University of Tasmania (UTAS)

- Relocation Scholarship

The University of Tasmania (UTAS) also invites the best and the brightest from across Australia to apply for a Relocation Scholarship. The scholarship is designed to encourage high achieving interstate students to study Law at the University of Tasmania by assisting with the financial costs of moving to Tasmania. The scholarship consists of a once-off payment of approximately $5,000 and is awarded automatically to eligible students who accept an offer and enrol to study law at UTAS.

To be eligible to be considered for this scholarship, students must –

- Be a new/commencing University student
- Have recently completed year 12
- Have achieved an ATAR of 90 or above (or the equivalent)
- Are enrolled in a direct entry Bachelor of Laws or Combined Degree with Law at the University of Tasmania as of the applicable census date

For further information please contact the Faculty of Law Executive Officer at Kira.White@utas.edu.au or visit Law Relocation Scholarship

➢ Alternative Pathways to Medicine

UTAS has a number of pathways to medicine including a pathway through one of the following degrees at UTAS:

- Bachelor of Biotechnology and Medical Research
- Bachelor of Health Science
- Bachelor of Biomedical Science
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Pharmacy
- Bachelor of Environmental Science

Each year UTAS gives MBBS entry to students who have studied one year full-time in one of these degrees at the University of Tasmania.
To be considered for this option students will need to apply into the MBBS demonstrating a distinction average (70%) achievement in one of the degrees listed, a competitive UMAT score and completion of MBBS pre-requisite subjects. This option is not available to international applicants. Students interested in this option will need to put one of these degrees down as their second or third preference when applying for the MBBS.

To find out more about this and other pathways visit Pathways to Medicine at UTAS

Applications to the University of Tasmania for students commencing in Semester 1, 2016 are now open! Visit UTAS Admissions to find out more!

NIDA
National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA)
The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) is an internationally recognised institute that offers education and training in a range of courses including acting, writing, staging, movement, voice, costume, and production design. All application, audition, interview and project requirements for NIDA’s tertiary programs are now available on the NIDA website. Visit NIDA to learn more!

Gap Break Application Days
Get a paid gap year job or volunteer abroad! Want to get a job or volunteer overseas on your Gap Year? Antipodeans Abroad organises paid work and volunteer placements for students in amazing destinations such as Canada, UK, Peru, South Africa and more.

Find out more by attending a Gap Break Application Day in the September holidays or visit Gap Break

Careers in Psychology
Information Session
Students keen on learning more about careers in psychology and wish to hear from speakers talking about their particular fields, the pathways into their area and other important tips, are encouraged to attend a free Information Session.

Date: Saturday 12 September 2015
Time: 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Venue: Lecture Theatre 3, Building B, Level 1, Room 77, Deakin University, 221 Burwood Highway in Burwood.

For more information contact Danielle Amiet at melbapsstudents@gmail.com or visit Careers in Psychology

La Trobe Melbourne to La Trobe University
La Trobe Melbourne is an alternative entry option to La Trobe University and provides a complete university experience within a personal and supportive environment and a fast-track pathway to an extensive range of degree options.

La Trobe Melbourne offers a range of Diploma courses, which are equivalent to La Trobe University’s first year bachelor degree. Upon successful completion, students enter second year of their Bachelor Degree, choosing a degree from the university’s five faculties.

Programs include:
- Diploma of Bioscience
- Diploma of Business
- Diploma of Health Sciences
- Diploma of Information Technology
- Diploma of Mass Media & Communications

Find out more at La Trobe Melbourne

Monash College to Monash University
A Monash College Diploma offers a direct pathway into second year at Monash University. Five diplomas are on offer that can lead students to a number of Monash University degree course:
- arts
- art, design and architecture
- business
- engineering
- science

Find out more at Monash College
Monash University – Pathway Options

1. Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTs)

The Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS) is designed as an alternative pathway to university study. The one-year full-time course is particularly suited to students requiring additional learning support in their first year of study. The DoTS pathway equips students with the skills to write essays, undertake research, solve problems, think critically, develop projects, and communicate their ideas more effectively. This pathway opportunity is offered at the Peninsula campus and the Berwick campus of Monash University. Providing a direct pathway to Monash University, successful completion of DoTS allows students to apply to progress to the second year of a number of Monash University degrees. When applying for DoTS, students will have the flexibility to choose a stream that interests them from Business, Education or Nursing. It is this stream that forms the first year of their degree, and determines which Monash University degree they can pathway into. Students with a minimum ATAR of 50 and who attain a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL are eligible to apply. Visit DoTS to find out more!

2. Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE)

The Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE) is designed for students who want to study a Bachelor course in science, inclusive of mathematics or related areas at Monash University, but did not get the ATAR they need, or they did not quite meet the entry requirements for entry, having perhaps missed a prerequisite, particularly mathematics. On successful completion of this one-year, full-time course, students can apply to enter the second year in several mathematics and science courses, and gain credit for the subjects they have already studied. The Diploma of Higher Education is offered at the Clayton campus. Students with a minimum ATAR of 65 and who attain a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL are eligible to apply. Visit DoHE to find out more!

UniLink Diplomas: Pathway to a Degree at Swinburne University

UniLink diplomas are an option for students who miss direct entry to a degree or who would benefit from a more supportive style of learning. They are equivalent to the first year of university and can provide a pathway to the second year of a related Swinburne University bachelor degree. Students who successfully complete their diploma course are guaranteed a place in a range of business, information and communication technologies (ICT), and science degrees.

UniLink diplomas are available in the areas of:

- business
- design
- engineering
- information technology

Students wishing to undertake a UniLink course can apply through VTAC and must attain an ATAR of approximately 50 to be eligible for consideration. For more information about the range of UniLink courses on offer, visit UniLink.

Studying at Le Cordon Bleu

Do you have a passion for cooking? Particularly French cuisine?

Le Cordon Bleu, as a culinary arts school that offers courses at more than 29 international schools across 5 continents, and is attended by more than 20,000 students every year. Students are taught by Master Chefs, of which the majority come from Michelin-starred restaurants or are winners of prestigious competitions and titles such as Meilleur Ouvrier de France. They pass on their knowledge of classic French cuisine and modern international culinary techniques to our students.

Le Cordon Bleu Australia has a number of campuses – Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne.

Programs offered at Le Cordon Bleu include:

- Certificate III (Cuisine or Patisserie)
- Advanced Diploma (Cuisine or Patisserie)
- Combined Diploma of Cuisine and Patisserie
- Bachelor of Business (International Hotel Management)
- Bachelor of Business (International Restaurant Management)
- Bachelor of Business (Food Entrepreneurship)
- Bachelor of Business (Culinary Management)

Le Cordon Bleu will be hosting an Open Day.
providing students with an opportunity to visit the state-of-the-art facilities and speak to educators.

**Date:** Thursday 10 September 2015  
**Time:** 3.00pm – 6.00pm  
**Venue:** 488 South Road in Moorabbin (Holmesglen Institute Campus)  
Students are encouraged to register their interest at [Le Cordon Bleu Open Day 2015](#).

Visit [Le Cordon Bleu](#) to find out more and discover which courses are offered at which campuses.