Website of the fortnight: www.jobsearch.gov.au. This site has a wealth of information including job prospects for all listed occupations, average earnings, the occupation size, job description and positions vacant. Check it out…..

Reminders:
• Engineering Expo, Etihad Stadium, 5 Mar, www.engineeringexpo.org.au
• Age VCE and Careers Expo, 23-25 April, www.education.theage.com.au

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1. SEE UNIVERSITIES IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Some universities give senior school students the chance to visit, and get their questions answered.

• DEAKIN UNIVERSITY - Deakin is conducting 'Discover Deakin' commencing at 11am on Tuesday 30 March at the Melbourne (Burwood), Geelong (Waurn Ponds) and Warrnambool campuses. Registration: www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/campus-tours/discover.php

• LA TROBE UNIVERSITY - La Trobe (Bundoora) has a 'Talk and Tour' aimed at school students wanting to find out more about La Trobe. A great chance to check out courses and careers. When: 9.30am-12 noon (optional afternoon activities), Fri 9 April; Register: 1300 135 045, or www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour; Venue: West Lecture Theatres. For La Trobe Uni news: www.latrobe.edu.au/keepintouch.

• MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY - is holding 'Access all Areas' for Years 10-12 students and families, allowing them to come on campus and gain personal insight into the university. After an introductory session there are info. sessions on specific study areas. When: 9am-2pm, Fri 9 April; Info: Ph 1800 801 662, or 8344 6543; Registration: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic

• SWINBURNE - Art and Design Discovery Day on Thurs 8 April at Prahran and Wantirna campuses. In Year 10-12 with a passion for art and design or film and TV? Then this is for you. See: www.future.swinburne.edu.au/events/artsanddesign/

2. AGRICULTURE MEANS FARMING, RIGHT?
Not necessarily. About 50% of all jobs in agriculture are located in capital cities in areas like agribusiness, environmental management and research and development. Australia needs more agriculture graduates to meet the growing job market, and demand is likely to grow as the agricultural industry increasingly needs experts in areas such as sustainable farming practices and land management. Agriculture graduates are offered amazing career opportunities, often starting on very good salaries. At Melbourne University there are over 20 specific scholarships available for Agriculture students in addition to those offered by the university. Info: www.land-environment.unimelb.edu.au.

3. YOU WANT TO STUDY ARCHITECTURE?
Four universities in Victoria offer degrees in architecture:

• Deakin (Geelong Waterfront campus) offers a 3-year B. Design (Architecture), leading to the 2-year Master of Architecture. This can be combined with the B. Construction Management as a double degree. Prerequisites: Units 3 & 4 English (2009 ENTER/ATAR: 81.55)

• Melbourne offers the 3-year B. Environments which provides an appropriate pathway into the 2-year Master of Architecture. Prerequisites for B. Environments (architecture stream): Units 3 & 4 English (2009 ENTER/ATAR: 85.15)
• **Monash** (Caulfield campus) offers the 3-year **B. Architectural Design** leading to the 2-year **Master of Architecture**. Prerequisites: Units 3 & 4 English and Maths (any) (2009 ENTER/ATAR: 91.85)

• **RMIT** (City) offers the 3-year **B. Architectural Design** leading to the 2-year **Master of Architecture**. Prerequisites: Units 3 & 4 English. 2009 ENTER/ATAR – not available as it is only one of the criteria used for selection; applicants must also complete a pre-selection kit and interview.

Students interested in architecture might also consider **landscape architecture**, offered by RMIT (B. Design plus Master of Landscape Architecture) and Melbourne (Master of Landscape Architecture), usually after completing the B. Environments.

Also on offer: The 2-year **Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural)** at Box Hill, Chisholm, Gordon, Holmesglen, RMIT, Swinburne, Ballarat, Wodonga TAFE’s.

### 4. NEW GAP YEAR OPTIONS AT DEAKIN UNI

Students taking a GAP year can get a head start now by studying one or two subjects off campus during that year. This could be a helpful option in terms of keeping in touch with study during that year. Students who take this option will make a seamless transition into Deakin by taking a lighter study load while having access to the range of Deakin student services and opportunities (eg access to course specific events/networks, access to the library, alternative entry points in Trimester 2 or 3, access to career counselling, volunteering partnerships and short term study programs). See [www.deakin.edu.au/future-students](http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students).

### 5. FORENSIC MEDICINE CAREERS

The Institute of Forensic Medicine has a Career Information Afternoon, offering insights into career options in forensic science. **When:** 12.30-4.pm, Fri 9 April; **Where:** IFM Lecture Theatre (Coronial Services Centre, 57-63 Kavanagh Street, Southbank); **Info:** jobs@vifm.org or 9684 4342.

### 6. ANIMAL KEEPER FOR A DAY

This is a day of animal keeper related activities involving students in tasks that keepers do. Career and course info, pathways, see ‘behind the scenes’ and a chance to talk with keepers are part of the day. **When:** 30 & 31 Mar and 7 & 8 April (holidays); **Where:** Healesville Sanctuary; **Register:** [www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student_Conferences/Careers/Keepers](http://www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student_Conferences/Careers/Keepers); **Info:** (03)5957 2818.

### 7. INTERESTED IN DESIGN?

agIdeas 2010 Futures is exclusively for Secondary Schools on Tues April 27, 4.00-8.00pm. Be inspired by some of the world’s creative leaders, get advice on the transition from secondary to tertiary education and explore career pathways; attend a presentation by renowned speakers and gain access to major tertiary design courses in one venue at the Design Course Expo. **Where:** Hamer Hall, the Arts Centre. **Cost:** $30, tickets limited. Ticket holders gain access to the Design Course Expo and take home a copy of the limited edition, 500-page, 20 years of agIdeas book. **Bookings:** [www.agideas.net/register or call 9416 2966](http://www.agideas.net/register or call 9416 2966). See [www.agideas.net](http://www.agideas.net).

### 8. YOU WANT TO BE A NURSE?

Nursing courses are offered at university and TAFE (and independent providers). Division 1 nursing is a three-year university degree qualification while Division 2 is a one-year TAFE Certificate IV qualification (this can be upgraded to a Diploma or Advanced Diploma, for example, by studying specialist units such as critical care or palliative care). Many universities offer nursing degrees (ACU, Deakin, La Trobe, Monash, RMIT, Ballarat, Victoria), some with double qualifications such as nursing/midwifery (Deakin/La Trobe), nursing/psychology (Deakin), nursing/ public health and health promotion (Deakin), nursing/paramedicine (ACU), nursing/ emergency health (Monash). The required ENTER or ATAR varies, but 70-80 has been a good guide for metropolitan Melbourne nursing single degree courses. NOTE: Providers like Mayfield Education ([www.mayfield.edu.au](http://www.mayfield.edu.au)) offer a range of nursing courses as well.