



Belmont  
High School

# The Belmont News

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### WINTER CONCERT

I would like to invite parents and students to this year's **Winter Concert** being held on Tuesday June 17 in our school gym. This is the first major school performance for all of our bands and ensembles and is always a wonderful evening.

### SHANNON.....our PIERRE de COUBERTIN AWARD RECIPIENT



Named after the founder of the modern Olympic Games, the Pierre de Coubertin Award recognises students who demonstrate academic excellence and sporting prowess whilst exemplifying the Olympic values.

Our congratulations go to **SHANNON JENNINGS** (12 Green) who received the award two weekends ago at the MCG.

### 5 MINUTE DROP OFF ZONE / LOADING ZONE

It has been brought to the school's attention that some of our parents are parking, and leaving their cars, in Belmont High School's "5 min Drop Off Zone" which is located outside our administration building in Rotherham Street.

Please note that parking is not allowed in this area. City of Greater Geelong Parking Officers have indicated that they are aware that vehicles are being parked there and left unattended. They will be monitoring the parking situation there on a regular basis and issuing fines to anyone who breaches those parking conditions.



There is clear signage indicating that it is a "5 minute Drop Off Zone" in the mornings and then this area becomes a Loading Zone during the school day. There is no reason for anyone to park there unless they are stopping to pick up or drop off Belmont High School students.

### IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS

Whilst we welcome and encourage parents to attend the school for a wide range of reasons, it is important that all visits to the school come through our front office. Parents and visitors to the school are not to go directly to other areas of the school including classrooms or the technical support office. Our office staff will handle all parent and visitor enquiries and make the appropriate arrangements for you. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2014

### Monday 2 June

Parents' Association Meeting, Conference Room, 7.30pm  
Yr 9 Health, Drug Education  
Yr 2 PE, Deakin Uni, P1-4

### Tuesday 3 June

Yr 9R, Yr 10 Parent Information Evening, Library, 7pm  
YLead Leadership, 40 x Yr 9 students, Melbourne  
Jnr Girls football, Jnr & Int Boys Netball, Yr 7&8 Soccer Finals  
Europe Art Fundraiser, sausage sizzle, lunchtime

### Wednesday 4 June

Belmont Breakfast Program, Caf, 7.45-8.35am  
Yr 9 Health, Drug Education  
7G, 7E, 7R, Friends for Life Program

### Thursday 5 June

Finance Committee, 8am  
Combined Junior Band Concert, Kardinia College  
Yr 8 & 10 students, Adventure Group, Celebration Day, lunch-P6

### Friday 6 June

Yr 9R, 10 & 11 Exams completed in class  
9R Science and Engineering Challenge, Deakin  
Yr 9 Health, Drug Education

### Monday 9 June

### QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

### Tuesday 10 June

REPORT WRITING DAY—No formal classes

### Wednesday 11 June

Belmont Breakfast Program, Caf (7.45—8.35am)  
GAT Exam  
9R SEALP Camp, Melbourne  
Yr 9 Strive, Deakin & Gordon Excursions, P5-6  
7G, 7E, 7R, Friends for Life Program  
24 x Yr7 students, Cyber Cats Program, all day

### Thursday 12 June

WMR Cross Country  
9R SEALP Camp, Melbourne

### Friday 3 June

Semester 1 Concludes  
9R SEALP Camp, Melbourne  
Yr 9 History & Economics, Vic Market & Shrine Excursion  
Yr 12 Further Maths Networks SAC

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday 9 June—Queens Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 10 June—Report Writing Day—no classes

### 24 hr STUDENT ABSENCE LINE

5241 0090

Parents only to call to report student's name, house/  
form, reason for absence, and date.

## CONTINUING WITH A LANGUAGE STUDY

It is often not really understood that there is considerable evidence to suggest that learning another language can enhance literacy in a student's first language.

At the core of Languages learning is the development of communication skills, both written and oral. The development of all these skills prepares students for success in all subject areas and later life. Second language proficiency opens career opportunities for students that wouldn't otherwise exist.

In response to a rapidly changing global marketplace, all economically-developed countries now recognize the importance of a highly skilled, multilingual workforce. Students with good language skills enhance their future career prospects and opportunities in fields such as aid agency work, business services, engineering, finance services, government and public administration, health, hospitality, marketing, media and journalism, technology, and travel and tourism.

Second language proficiency is also valuable to students for a range of personal reasons. Overseas travel, participation in exchange programs, and worldwide communication via the internet are increasingly part of students' lives. The pleasure and value of these activities can be significantly enhanced by being able to talk to the people you are mixing with.

Additionally, for students who carry a language study into Year 12, the VCE assessing authority 'scale up' study scores for each language. This in effect means that students gain additional points on their ATAR score at the end of year 12.

To further enhance the languages program at Belmont we have sister schools in northern Italy and on Lombok, Indonesia. This enables our students to study overseas for periods of time, as well as to host students from the country of their study. Further information about these opportunities is available from language staff.

Time for thinking about Language Study in 2015!

## SEMESTER REPORTING

Parents will be able to access student Semester reports online from **Tuesday 24 June** at 3 pm till **Friday 18 July** at 10 am. Your child will receive logins for STAR, our reporting system, on **Monday 23 June**. Please follow the instruction on the sheet to access your child's reports. Logins are reset every reporting cycle. If you have more than one child at Belmont High School, only the youngest one will receive logins for STAR. However, once you log on, you will find all your children's reports. If your child attends Year 8 to 12, you will see their progression since 12 months ago.

If you have any concerns or need any support with this Semester's reports, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Our win this week at the Geelong Cross Country championships cements our place as the top government secondary school in the city in sport, having previously won the Swimming and Athletics. Congratulations and thankyou to all participants.

A special mention to age group place getters:

<b>Olivia Hobbs</b>	13Y Girls 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Tyler Bumpstead-Chalmers</b>	14Y Boys 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Lachlan Partridge</b>	15Y Boys 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Indi Flexman</b>	16Y Boys 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Georgia Reupert-Allen</b>	Senior Girls 1 <sup>st</sup>



38 students have now qualified as individuals for the Western Metropolitan event on June 12 as well as three teams:

14YBoys, 15Y Boys and Senior Girls

We wish all runners and teams the very best.

## LIMITING SCREEN TIME YIELDS MULTIPLE BENEFITS

The amount of time young people spend on computers, iphones and watching television is an issue often raised by parents with teachers and Principals. Management and control of this is often difficult for parents but the evidence appears overwhelming about the benefits of 'stepping in'.

Parents may not always see it, but efforts to limit their children's screen time can make a difference. A new study, published in *JAMA Paediatrics*, found children get more sleep, do better in school, behave better and see other health benefits when parents limit content and the amount of time their children spend on the computer or in front of the TV.

To read the full article please see the article sent separately with this newsletter.

## CHESS CHAMPS....very intense!

Well done to the 14 boys who represented the school well in the regional chess championships at Oberon High School last week. The team worked hard all day in tough competition and led the teams award for most of the day.



**Garry Schultz**  
Principal

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped cook the sausages at the recent Fun Run in Queenscliff. Your contribution was greatly appreciated.

A reminder that Jo, Leanne, Pauline, Michelle and Fiona each Friday lunchtime run our Secondhand books and uniforms shop. As winter starts to set in, we have plenty jumpers, kilts and rugby tops currently available for purchase.

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 3 at 7.30pm in the Conference Room. Our guest speaker will be Assistant Principal Michael Caccamo. We invite all interested parents to attend.

## YEAR NINE AND TEN SUBJECT SELECTIONS

Students in Year Nine and Ten will soon be entering an important phase of the year as they consider their pathways and subjects for 2015 and beyond. We have a extensive and successful process in place to support and advise the students that includes individual counselling, interviews with parents, students and House Leaders, information evenings and group presentations to the students.

The first of these events are:

### **Nine Red and Year 10 information evening for parents moving into VCE or VCAL in 2015**

Tuesday June 3

7.00pm in the Library

### **Year Nine Pathways Information evening for parents moving into Year Ten in 2015**

Thursday June 19

7.00pm in the Library

Students may attend these evenings.

More information will be sent home with the students as we get closer to the events.

**Peter McKenzie**

Pathways Manager

## EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Applications for the second instalment of EMA must be submitted to the school by the due date: **1 August 2014**

**Please note: you only need to make a second application if your child changes schools between March and August, or if you did not receive the first instalment of EMA and have since become eligible.**

The Pension Concession Card (PCC) or Health Care Card (HCC) is subject to electronic confirmation with Centrelink to verify that the cardholder is receiving a benefit.

To be eligible for the EMA:

- Your child must be under the age of sixteen; and
- Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on, 28 February 2014 for the first instalment and 1 August 2014 for the second instalment; and

You must on 28 January 2014 for the first instalment and 14 July 2014, for the second instalment:

- be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
- be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or
- be a temporary foster parent.

## GREEN HOUSE NEWS

Congratulations to Green House on a fantastic effort in the Fun Run. The participation was fantastic and the efforts of everyone showed what a great House Green is. A celebration lunch will be held in the near future.

Further congratulations are to **Shannon Jennings** for her nomination for the Pierre de Coubertin award. Shannon is a wonderful example of high sporting achievements, good academic results and community involvement and is a positive role model to the House. Well done Shannon!

There has been a lot of interschool sport going on over recent weeks and it has been great to see so many Green students involved and often their teams are successful and going on to the next round. Well done and keep up the wonderful team effort.

The end of first semester is fast approaching so it is important for students to get their work in on time and prepare adequately for assessment tasks. Time is very tight for staff at this time of the year with exams to be marked and reports to be written so there will be little leeway for reassessments. Please continue to encourage your student to stay abreast of their work. We don't want to get any surprises about Green students not completing tasks.

A big thank you to Green House staff for their continued support of the Green students.

**Anne Harbison and Zen Muller**

Green House Leaders

## BOOK REVIEW

Tahereh Mafi's "Shatter me"

You know when some books just grab you on page 1 and you feel that it's going to be an amazing story? Check out this excerpt:

"You're getting a cellmate roommate..... We hope you rot to death in this place. For good behaviour."

I know!!! This is truly an exceptional book. Read on.

Juliette's touch is fatal. Some would call that a curse. Others may see it as a gift. She is imprisoned by the new government – The Reestablishment – who want to use her as a weapon. But Juliette is not a gun or a tank or a machine, she is human. She has feelings and morals and does not want to be used by anyone. So she will fight for what she believes in.

This is a brilliant story, beautifully told. The film rights have been bought and books 2 and 3 have been written. Juliette joins Katniss and Tris as fantastic female protagonists of Dystopian Fiction.

Books are reviewed and displayed weekly in the library.

**Lee Suter**

Teacher-Librarian

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books are now available at the Admin office at a cost of \$55 per book. Entertainment Books consist of hundreds of vouchers which can be used at various locations around Geelong. Entertainment Books for Melbourne are also be available (\$65). All money raised from the sale of Entertainment Books will go towards the 2014 Wakakirri Challenge and assist in purchasing costumes and props.

## VCAL NEWS

### **VCAL Amazing Race**

On Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, the intermediate VCAL students held an Amazing Race for the senior VCAL students. Intermediate students spent the past four weeks planning activities in small groups. Teams were located at The Waterfront, GPAC, The Old Geelong Jail, Botanical Gardens, Geelong Train Station, Johnson's Park and Kardinia Park. The locations turned into checkpoints for the each group. At each of the checkpoints students had to complete activities. Some tasks required physical or thinking skills to challenge each group as they came through the checkpoints. The planning of this event provided intermediate students the opportunity to develop their leadership, teamwork and communication skills. There was also a focus on information and communication technology skills. Overall the event was a huge success. Well done to the senior VCAL students who managed to complete the tasks within the set time!

**Emily Barnes and Tom Turnley**

11 Green



## Street Art excursion



On the 8<sup>th</sup> of May the Year 11 and 12 VCAL classes went to Melbourne to explore the amazing and creative art on the streets of

Melbourne. In VCAL Literacy classes we have been investigating the issues associated with Street Art and Graffiti.

Some of the streets we visited where Union Lane, Hosier Lane, AC/DC lane and many more. We had to choose 1 of our favourite pieces of artwork,

analyse and explore why it was important to us through an expository piece of writing. Overall we all had a fantastic day and saw some amazing pieces.



**Caitlin Evans**  
12 Ebony

## SEAL PROGRAM NEWS

With many undertaking mid-year exams next week it is a timely reminder for students to keep up to date with formative assessments and with the following of a regular program of revision throughout the semester. Students are reminded that all assessments must be finalised before the end of the semester on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Year 9 SEAL Camp- Melbourne Experience 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> June.

The much anticipated Melbourne SEAL Camp is due to happen at the end of the semester with an exciting range of activities planned. Among other things students will visit the stunning State Library where they will engage in a printmaking program, visit the IMAX, Eureka Tower and engage in the educational challenge of the "Amazing Race," negotiating their way around Melbourne's city environs, visiting Lygon St. and China town. It is sure to be an experience not to be forgotten.

### Legal Studies County and Supreme Court Excursion 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2014, the 9 Red Legal Studies class, along with Mrs Pugh and Mrs Love, went up to Melbourne to visit the County and Supreme Courts. We departed from the Geelong Railway Station. Upon arrival, we walked up to the County Court, where we were greeted by a tipstaff, who gave us a tour around the County Court. There, we were educated by Judge Grant about the Adversary System of trial. We were then taken to another courtroom, where we heard the beginning of an assault case.

After lunch at Spencer Street shopping centre, we walked up to the Supreme Court. We were greeted by two educational guides, who then took us to one of the courtrooms, where we had a role play of the Adversary System in action. After learning what judges and juries do in court, we entered a murder trial. It was a very valuable and interesting excursion.

Special thanks go to Mrs Pugh for organising the excursion and to Mrs Love for attending on the day.

**James Brayshaw, Matt Bunker and Cameron Hurley ( 9 Red)**

### Extension Activities.

The UNSW Science Competition to be conducted this week for selected Year 7-8-9 students. The Maths competition for Year 10 was recently conducted at Deakin University.

Opportunities exist next term through participation in **Debating, Model United Nations** and **Tournament of the Minds**. These activities enable students to explore areas of interest combining world issues, critical thinking, drama, mathematical and science challenges. Stay tuned for more information at the beginning of Term 2.

**Mark Dooley**  
**SEALP Manager: Acceleration and Enrichment**

### OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER HOMESTAY

Belmont High School will be hosting some students from Italy who are expected to arrive start of Term 3 2014 for 8 weeks. The 12 girls and boys are 16 years old. As they will be attending school we need to organise homestay arrangements now.

Homestay requires that the girls and boys are cared for by your family and take part in normal family activities during the weekends. The goals for the program are both cultural and language.

As a part of the program there is a reimbursement of \$240 per week per student for the homestay family. These students must have their own bedroom, be provided with 3 meals per day and laundry of their clothing.

This is a wonderful opportunity to host an overseas student for a short period of time with mutual benefit for the visiting student and the host family. This would be a beneficial experience for Belmont High students who study Italian as a language.

If you are interested in hosting a student, please return the reply slip below to the school office or indicate via email (cordingley.cherie.l@edumail.vic.gov.au) as soon as possible. If you would like more information please contact Mrs Cherie Cordingley (Business Manager).

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HOMESTAY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name/Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Welcoming an Italian language student is a once in a life time opportunity!

Accepting a native Italian student gives you the perfect opportunity to learn about another culture combined with promoting our Australian lifestyle whilst developing new friendships!

If you are learning Italian, realising your ability to converse with this person and in turn the benefit of continuing your language studies is profound.

We look forward to introducing 17 year old, Elena Buratti from Lonate Pozzolo, Italy to Belmont High School. Elena is artistic, social able and athletic. She particularly enjoys art and photography, swimming and gymnastics. Elena will attend school with you and participate in extra curricula activities as they arise. She looks forward to immersing herself into your family and school allowing both of you to explore other cultures, absorb other ideas and, as a result, improve in compassion and insight.

Nacel Australia would like to hear from compassionate families who have a genuine interest in other cultures that could welcome Elena into their home.

Elena arrives in July 2014 for a term. You may like to share hosting Elena with a friend or another family.

Interested? Need more information? Please contact our friendly Nacel Australia Team on our national toll free number; 1300 735 732 or [debbie@nacel.com.au](mailto:debbie@nacel.com.au)

## OH THE PLACES YOU WILL GO

With banner flip flapping once more the Year 9/10 Belmont drama students flew high taking over GPAC's **Take Over** program on Tuesday night. With their play inspired by the great Dr. Seuss book "Oh! The Places You'll Go" the students brought the stage alive embracing the comedy and weird whacky fun told throughout the book.



It was a night to be remembered and a pleasure for all as we watched the new born actors and actresses **Mhairi Reid, Audrey Roth, Gemma Stavenuiter, Hannah Crowley, Olivia Steele, Shalia Wood, Louis Kavanagh, Robert D'arrigo** and **Mia Taitapanui** come alive in their pyjamas to set the mood for the dream wonder of the play. It was a show to love and not be missed and highly enjoyed by those who were able to see. It was a performance the students will never forget and that will make these kids ready for anything under sky.

Credits to the amazing help of **Ms Jacka** as she moved mountains to have the group ready and raring to go. We thank her for all the time and effort she put into our production.

Written by **Mia Taitapanui** (the creature on crutches)

## MUSIC NEWS

Junior Jazz performed at Barwon Valley school last Friday, thanks to Mr Davidson for assisting on the day. Congratulations to the new members of Junior Jazz in their first community performance.

BHS Brass students attended a workshop with the American Brass Quintet and students from the Australian National Academy of Music last Monday, and learnt a great deal. Our students were as always a delight to take due to their fabulous behaviour and enthusiasm for all they heard.

The first of the Junior Solo Music nights was held on Tuesday 27th May, and was a great success, with students performing a variety of musical styles. Thanks to all who attended, and to Mr Davidson, Mrs Linton and Ms Morton for her accompaniment.

Brass, Percussion and Clarinets will hold their solo performances on Tuesday June 3rd, at 7pm in the bandroom.



The Winter Concert is fast approaching, and will be held on Tuesday June 17th in the BHS Gym, commencing at 7pm. All instrumental music students will be performing. This is a great chance to see the music students in action! Gold coin donation at the door, and plenty of great raffle prizes to be won during the evening.

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**BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE IN VCE  
WINTER SCHOOL**

**WANT A MASSIVE  
HEADSTART ON UNIT 4?**

- ✓ GET AHEAD OF YOUR CLASS
- ✓ BOOST YOUR STUDY SCORES
- ✓ MAXIMISE YOUR ATAR



**3-10 JULY 2014**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
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**Would \$500 assist you  
with education costs?**



You could receive up to \$500 to help pay for educational costs including text books, computers, excursions and swimming lessons.

Saver Plus is delivered by Bethany Community Support in your local area and is looking for new participants.

You may be eligible if you or your partner:

- have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work
- have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself

To find out more contact Amanda Vernon,  
Saver Plus Worker at Bethany Community Support  
on 5278 8122 or [avernon@bethany.org.au](mailto:avernon@bethany.org.au)

**UNWANTED LEGO/DUPLO NEEDED!**



Any pre-loved, good condition Lego or Duplo that is wanting a new home, Belmont Primary School

is in great need!

If you wish to donate, please drop off at  
Belmont Primary School  
(51 Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont).

Thank-you

**427 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets**

are recruiting 13-18 year olds for their next intake  
beginning Monday 14th July 2014.

We will be holding an information session on

**Friday 20th June 2014, 7:00pm**

at **48 Sherbourne Terrace, Newtown**

For more information, please contact Pilot Officer  
(AAFC) James Flanagan on 0406 990 582 or  
email [xo.427sqn@aafc.org.au](mailto:xo.427sqn@aafc.org.au)

Further information can also be found at  
**[www.aafc.org.au](http://www.aafc.org.au)**



**"L'ANGOLO DI BENIAMINO"**

From now until the end of the year, Beniamino Tacconi, our assistant teacher, will regularly write in the newsletter. Every fortnight he will come up with an Italian phrase, proverb or colloquial expression and he will put it into a context and explain its meaning. At the end of the year, we will put a crossword with the expressions he explained to test your memory.

Have fun! **Signor Gava**

**"Chi ben comincia è alla metà dell'opera"** from the Latin "*Dimidium facti, qui coepit, habet*" attributed to the roman poet Horace (Epist. I, 2, 40) is translated in English as "Well begun is half done".

Is very common and used in Italy, especially by mothers with their children, to underline the importance of starting a task at the best one can, so that he may have more easily success.

Beniamino Tacconi





## Reminders

**Discover Deakin**—Held during the term 2 school holidays, this is your chance to be a university student for a day. You can also learn about the courses you are interested in and the great range of facilities available at Deakin. You will be able to attend: a range of faculty workshops; course or study area information sessions; and experience classes and seminars of your choice. To register visit the Deakin University website.

### GEELONG:

**Date:** Friday 4 July 2014

**Time:** 9.30 am to 3.00 pm

#### Venues:

[Building 1A, Geelong Waurn Pond Campus](#)

75 Pigdons Road, Waurn Ponds

[Costa Hall, Geelong Waterfront Campus](#)

1 Gheringhap Street, Geelong

### BURWOOD:

**Date:** Friday 11 July 2014

**Time:** 9.30 am to 2.00 pm

**Venue:** [Building HB Melbourne Burwood Campus](#)

221 Burwood Highway, Burwood

**'At Monash'** seminars on **Biomedical Science, Radiography, Nutrition/Dietetics; Student Experience; Teaching, Sport/Outdoor Rec-reation; Book:** [www.monash.edu/seminars](http://www.monash.edu/seminars).

**'Focus on Melbourne'** seminars: **Commerce, Environments, Science, Agriculture, Law, IT/ Engineering, Conservatorium of Music; VCA;** [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events2014](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events2014)

**UMAT** – Registrations close: 6 June; UMAT test date: 30 July 2014.

## VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) NEWS –

**LEADER IN SPORT** - VU has an outstanding reputation in sport, exercise and active living. It has the largest number of sport related courses in Australia and is the only university with a dedicated College of Sport and Exercise Science. Courses cover exercise science and human movement, physical education, sport management, sports law, sports engineering, and osteopathy. The newly established VU Basketball Academy, under the Directorship of Andrew Gaze, enhances sport teaching, research and knowledge exchange. VU Partnerships provide excellent opportunities for students to learn from professionals.

**P-12 BACHELOR OF EDUCATION** – VU is one of a few universities in Australia offering a Bachelor of Education (P-12) which allows graduates to **teach at any school level, primary or secondary**. At most other universities students must decide whether they want to teach at the primary or secondary level when applying for courses when in Year 12. VU education students can specialise in **physical education, the arts, home economics, humanities, social sciences, mathematics, outdoor education and science**.

**IS ORAL HEALTH A PATHWAY TO DENTISTRY AT MELBOURNE?** The **Bachelor of Oral Health** does NOT qualify students as dentists and is NOT a pathway to the **Doctor of Dental Surgery** at the University of Melbourne. It is a 3-year degree with four main components: **clinical and preventative dentistry, dental and health sciences, social sciences and health promotion, and vocational clinical practice**. Oral health allows graduates to practice as an **oral health therapist, a dental hygienist or a dental therapist**. Info: [www.dent.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.dent.unimelb.edu.au) Information about pathways to the Doctor of Dental Surgery see: [www.coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au/pathways/2-dentistry](http://www.coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au/pathways/2-dentistry).

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH A PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROMOTION DEGREE?** Public health and health promotion combine a range of activities directed at improving **the health of people in the population**. Some well-known activities include those run by organisations such as **SunSmart, TAC, and QUIT**. Public health seeks to understand and act on the **social and environmental** factors that cause **poor health**, with the factors that create and sustain **good health**. Those suited to this occupation have **good communication and negotiation skills**, can relate to people from **different backgrounds** and are **able to work as part of a team**. Graduates work for **government, health agencies, community services, universities, aid and not-for-profit organisations**. Suitable courses are **Deakin University B. Public Health and Health Promotion, La Trobe B. Health Promotion, Monash B. Health Promotion, Swinburne B. Health Science (Public and Environmental Health), and ACU B. Applied Public Health**. ATARs required range from around 55 to around 75. Pre-requisites vary from university to university.

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT JOINING THE DEFENCE FORCES** – **Defence Force Recruiting** holds regular information sessions on a number of topics. Coming up:

**One Year Roles and the ADF GAP Year:** 5.30pm for 6-7pm session, Wed 4 June

**Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA in Canberra)** – 6-7.30pm, Wed 11 June

**Army Officer (Royal Military College Duntroon)** – 5.30pm for 6-7pm session, Wed 18 June.

All sessions are at Level 14, 501 Swanston St, Melbourne; **Bookings:** [CPTVIC@dfrc.com.au](mailto:CPTVIC@dfrc.com.au).

Students/families in Years 10-12 welcome.

**LOOKING FOR A CARING CAREER?** Thinking of a career in disability, aged care or home and community care? Then, you may find assistance by going to: [www.carecareers.com.au](http://www.carecareers.com.au). This site provides assistance with jobs, information and career advice. There is also an interesting pictorial career quiz you might like to try.

### **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) NEWS –**

**‘UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE’**, is a program giving you the opportunity to sample the degree of your choice. Get a taste of life at ACU by meeting academic staff and current students, and trying out the course you’re interested in studying.

**When/Where:** Ballarat campus – Tues 1 July; Melbourne campus – Tues 8 July; **Info/registration:** [www.acu.edu.au/uni-exp](http://www.acu.edu.au/uni-exp).

**ACCESS SCHEMES & BONUS POINTS AT ACU** – Boost your chances of entry to ACU through alternative entry and access schemes. These schemes include: subject bonus, schools relationship bonus, campus bonus, regional schools bonus, Elite Athlete Program and the Early Achievers’ Program. More Info: [www.acu.edu.au/acu-access](http://www.acu.edu.au/acu-access).

**EARLY ACHIEVERS’ PROGRAM** – ACU recognises that you have more to offer than your academic results. If you regularly contribute to your community – through school, workplace, community organisation, or cultural or religious group – you could be eligible for ACU’s **Early Achievers’ Program**. If successful, you will receive an offer of a place well before the usual tertiary admissions announcements. **Applications open:** 17 Aug, close 20 Oct; **Info:** [www.acu.edu.au/achieve-early](http://www.acu.edu.au/achieve-early).

**CAN’T DECIDE WHAT TO STUDY?** Find the career that is right for you by using ACU Career Match at [www.acu.edu.au/my-career-match](http://www.acu.edu.au/my-career-match).

**ASPIRE – THE NEW LA TROBE UNIVERSITY EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM** As mentioned previously, La Trobe has a new initiative for school leavers for entry to the university in 2015. The new **Aspire Early Admissions Program** recognises the positive impact that a student has had on their **local community**. Community engagement and objective school achievement forms a significant part of the assessment criteria of the **Aspire program**, not ATAR scores. Students will be able to apply across all La Trobe courses at all campuses, with offers of places being made to successful applicants as early as September. **Applications open:** 1 July, close: 31 August. **Register now for program updates at:** [Aspire webpage](#).

**SO YOU WANT TO GET INTO A TRADE?** Thinking of being a plumber, carpenter, electrician, motor mechanic, refrigeration mechanic, tiler, brick layer, auto electrician, lift mechanic, or one of many other trades people? Most students think first of being a **carpenter, an electrician or a plumber**. However, there are so many others to choose from. Apprenticeships generally take four years, but, if an apprentice is competent, they may be able to complete sooner. Plumbing and electrical apprenticeships take four years.

Employers often look for three things in an applicant: **Year 12 completion** (VCE or VCAL), being **18 with a driving licence and vehicle**, and **completion of a pre-apprenticeship course**. Pre-apprenticeships can be completed in about four of five months at TAFE (after finishing school) or sometimes while at school. Finding an employer can be a challenge. Suggestions are to try family contacts, sporting club contacts, letting people know that an apprenticeship is being sought. Alternatively, **Group Training Organisations** can often assist. These organisations employ apprentices and lease them to suitable employers. See: [www.grouptraining.com.au](http://www.grouptraining.com.au). Also see: [www.aapathways.com.au](http://www.aapathways.com.au).

**INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT** – ICHM prepares students for careers at the **top end of the international hotel industry**. Located in Adelaide, it is the only Swiss Hotel Association School outside Europe, and offers **internationally recognised qualifications** (B. International Hotel Management and B. Business (Hospitality Management)). If you would like to find out more about the College and its degrees, you can attend an ICHM **Career Week** at the College. **When:** 7-11 July or 29 Sept to 3 Oct; **Where:** ICHM, Days Rd, Regency Park, SA; **Cost:** \$595 (deducted from first year fees if you enrol); **Info:** [www.ichm.edu.au](http://www.ichm.edu.au).