

# BMG Careers News



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As this is the final *BMG Careers News* for this year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students a safe and happy Christmas break with friends and loved ones.

Kind regards,

**Alice Wu-Tollis**  
Careers Practitioner

### Work Experience Programs from 2018 onwards

The school has decided to replace the formal Year 10 Work Experience Program for 2018 and beyond. Alternative programs will be offered to students, making stronger development experiences more accessible to a range of students in Years 9-12. Students wishing to complete a work experience placement will still be supported but only where there are direct and obvious links to the child's career development.

#### *Procedure for obtaining school support for Work Experience placements:*

1. Students are to alert TG Teachers, then pass all relevant information to their Year Level Coordinator (YLC).
2. Placements will only be considered if 4 weeks notice is given PRIOR to placement date.
3. Notice will be in the form of a COMPLETED Work Experience Arrangement Form (all sections to be completed and signed - Student, Employer and Parent/Guardian **except** for the Principal's Agreement) and appropriate Safe@work certificates.
4. The YLC will bring to attention of The Careers Practitioner.
5. The Careers Practitioner will assess viability and make recommendations for Principal consideration.
6. Outcomes will be communicated to the student via their Tutor Teachers.

If students find a worthwhile placement, the week to nominate is our traditional Term 2, 1 <sup>st</sup> week break (Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018). Holiday weeks are best but a teacher must be available to either visit or phone the student to check on their progress during this time.
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### UMAT2018

Students commencing Year 12 in 2018, and planning to apply for any of the following university courses - [Courses requiring the UMAT](#) - are reminded that part of selection into these courses requires that students sit the **UMAT – Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test**.

Students might like to browse [UMAT Preparation Strategy](#). Applications open early in December 2017.

For more information, and/or to apply visit [UMAT2018](#) or call (03) 8508 7643.

## 2017 VCAA Results

Year 12's, and Year 11 students who may have sat Unit 3/4 exams, are reminded that the study scores are released on Friday 15 December 2017. To access these results students can:

- Log on to [Results and ATAR](#) any time from 7.00am, Friday 15 December 2017 AEDST. This service is *free* and operates 24 hours a day.
- Type in your **VCAA student number** and where a PIN is required, type in the **first four digits of your birth date**, e.g. 22 August = 2208

It should be pointed out that the school is not able to release results or ATARs to parents or other parties as the results are the property of the student.

Please note that I will be contactable through the change of preference period. Please refer to the contact details on the letter sent home to Year 12 parent/guardians in term 3. Alternatively, you can contact the school's reception line for contact details.

<b>Dates of Main Round Tertiary Offers for all States</b>	
<a href="#">VTAC</a>	International students Early Offers – Wednesday 20 December 2017 International students Main Offers – Tuesday 9 January 2018 Local students – Tuesday 16 January 2018
<a href="#">SATAC</a>	Tuesday 16 January 2018
<a href="#">UAC</a>	Sunday 17 December 2017 <u>and</u> Friday 22 January 2018
<a href="#">QTAC</a>	Various dates
<a href="#">TISC</a>	Wednesday 17 January 2018

## News from Australian National University

### *ANU Melbourne Advisory Day*

A reminder to students considering applying to study at the Australian National University (ANU) are invited to attend an Advisory session where students can have an opportunity to learn about courses offered at ANU, student accommodation, exchange programs, etc.

**Date:** Thursday 14 December 2017

**Time:** 10.00am – 2.00pm

**Location:** The State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street in Melbourne

Find out more, and register at [ANU Melbourne Advisory Day](#)

## News from Monash University

### *What happens if something occurs after the VTAC SEAS deadline?*

In the case of a student experiencing educational disadvantage since the SEAS closing date which was in October, Year 12 students may apply for SEAS directly with Monash by completing the **Monash University Special Entry and Access Scheme** form. Students must provide their VTAC ID with their evidence, and send certified copies of all relevant documents to support their claim of disadvantage along with the form - [Monash University Direct Application Special Entry and Access Scheme](#)

### *Important Information for VCE International Students*

International students undertaking an Australian Year 12 who are unable to meet the minimum 30 in EAL requirement are able to sit another English proficiency test.

Depending on which Australian Year 12 qualification the student has undertaken, the English proficiency test must be sat on or after the last English examination date for it to be considered. The recommended English proficiency tests are –

<b>Pearson's Test of English (Academic)*</b>	Overall score of 58 with no Communicative Skills lower than 50
<b>Academic IELTS</b>	Overall band score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0
<b>Internet Based TOEFL</b>	Total score of 79 with 12 in Listening, 13 in Reading, 21 in Writing and 18 in Speaking
<b>Paper Based TOEFL</b>	Total score of 550 with 4.5 in Test of Written English
<b>Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)</b>	Overall score of 176 with no band less than 169.
<b>Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)</b>	Overall score of 176 with no band less than 169.

\*If a student wishes to commence study in semester 1 2018, they should consider the Pearson's Test of English (Academic), as it allows for the quickest return of results (5-7 business days) - [Pearson Test](#)

Note: Some Monash undergraduate courses have higher English language requirements, therefore the EAL score and English proficiency test entry requirements may be higher.

## VCE 2018 Summer Schools

### *Access Education Summer School*

The **Access Education Summer School** program is a unique opportunity for students studying Units 3 & 4 to experience university life while preparing for the demands of the VCE year ahead. The format of the program is that extensive and detailed 3 ¼ hour VCE preparation lectures will be given, and subject specific study notes prepared by the lecturer will also be made available. The presenters have been chosen for their extensive knowledge, communication abilities and passion for their subject. Subjects on offer are *Biology, Business Management, Chemistry, English, Further Maths, Health & Human Development, Legal Studies, Maths Methods, Physical Education, Physics, and Psychology.*

**Dates:** Monday 22 – Thursday 25 January 2018

**Venue:** Monash University (Clayton Campus)

Visit [Access Summer School](#) to find out more or to download a brochure for this program.

### *Neap VCE Summer School Program*

Get a head start on your VCE! The aims of the **Neap Summer Lectures** are to give students a head start on topics and concepts from the Units 3/4 course for each subject, and to revise key concepts from Units 1 and 2 that form an essential base for each subject. There is also an emphasis on helping students understand each subject's assessment criteria. Strategies, problem-solving and exam techniques will also be a focus so that students can further develop these skills throughout the semester as they work towards their exams. Each student also receives comprehensive lecture notes. Subjects on offer include *Legal Studies, Specialist Maths, Psychology, English, Biology, Maths Methods CAS, Accounting, Chemistry, and Physics*.

**Dates:** Wednesday 10 – Saturday 20 January 2018

**Venue:** Victoria University (Flinders Street Campus)

Visit [NEAP Summer School](#) to find out more about the 2018 program.

### *The School for Excellence Summer School*

**The School for Excellence (TSFX) Summer School** offers a comprehensive summer school program preparation, each lecture will thoroughly address Unit 1 or 3 materials in advance of school, and expose students to critical analytical/problem solving strategies and skills so as to maximise Unit 1 or 3 scores.

Students attending the programs receive detailed notes, fully worked examples and exercises to complete at home. The lectures are prepared and delivered by qualified, currently practising VCE teachers and markers from top ranking schools who possess the knowledge and experience to demonstrate the means by which students can achieve higher scores. Subjects on offer include *Accounting, Biology, Business Management, CAS Technology Applications, Chemistry, Economics, English, Further Mathematics, Health & Human Development, Legal Studies, Literature, Mathematical Methods, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, and Specialist Mathematics*.

**Dates:** January 2018

**Venue:** University of Melbourne

### **Short Courses at the Victorian College of the Arts**

#### *Get your creative edge this Summer*

The University of Melbourne's VCA & MCM have a range of special treats available for you in the form of creative short courses to help you develop and push your artistic skills this Summer.

The **Teenflix** Summer School is for teenagers aged 13 - 18 and will have you undertake a series of intensive and practice filmmaking workshops. A great way to get experience in a range of film roles including: writer, director, actor, camera operator, boomswinger and grip and more.

Are you a budding artist? The VCA have two **Visual Art** short courses to help students develop those important artistic fundamental skills, **Painting** and **Drawing**. Take your artistic passions into the professional realm by learning various techniques and processes within the painting and drawing specializations.

The **Youth Jazz Studio** is actually a year-long short course that has been designed to give students practical experiences through guided performance practice. This will result in an end-of-year public performance.

View more by clicking the links above.

## **News from JMC Academy**

### *Short Courses*

In January 2018, JMC Academy Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney will offer 6 Short Courses based on [Animation](#), [Audio Engineering & Sound Production](#), [Contemporary Music & Performance](#), [Digital Design](#), [Entertainment Business Management](#), [Film & Television](#), [Game Development](#) and [Songwriting](#).

Short Courses are a great opportunity for creative-thinkers to get a unique insight into life at JMC Academy while engaging in a fun, hands-on program relating to their own creative passion. Encourage your students to challenge themselves and explore their area of interest with like-minded peers in these interactive, newly developed programs!

Short Courses run for 2 to 4 days and are priced between \$180 to \$360, depending on the course. 20% discount applies when the code 'HOLIDAYS' is entered at checkout. Content of Short Courses is tailored to suit students aged 16 and above.

Click on the below links to browse the Short Course details:

- [Audio](#)
- [Character Design](#)
- [Insta-Pro Marketing](#)
- [Introduction to Visual Design](#)
- [Pop Songwriting & Production](#)
- [Script to Screen](#)

**If your students register now they will enjoy 20% off!**

*To take advantage of this offer enter the discount code 'HOLIDAYS' at checkout*

## Deakin Inspired Minds

This term, a mix of 26 Year 9 and 10 students took part in challenging their Research Skills in the Deakin Inspired Minds Program.

Presented with the topics of:

1. Predators in the environment
2. Crynoics
3. Policing issues

Students worked towards producing three pieces of assessment in a limited amount of time. In approximately 2 days of intensive group and individual research, students were all able to achieve solid presentations as well as quality hardcopy reports. The third component was an oral presentation to parents and friends of the school community. The program conclusion ended with Alejandra Camacho taking home the prize of the '2018 Deakin Inspired Mind'. Congratulations Alejandra.

## Applying for Christmas Casual or Part Time Work?

### *Useful Tips for Successful Interviews*

Many candidates lose the job in the first minute of the interview by not thinking carefully about their initial impact. *John Lees* shares his expert interview tips.

#### **1 Don't waste the opening moments**

Many candidates lose the job in the first minute of the interview by not thinking carefully about their initial impact. Interviewers make a quick initial decision about your personality from the moment you arrive, based on how you look and sound. Dress as if you already work there and you've just been promoted. Make those initial seconds relaxed and upbeat as you can, even if you're just talking about your journey.

#### **2 Don't over-deliver**

Most candidates say too much. Interviewers are not that interested, and will usually accept a short, positive answer and move on. Practise compressing your evidence into good short stories no more than 3 minutes long setting out what problem you were handling, what you did, how you did it, and what the result was.

#### **3 Don't act like a stranger**

Leave your coat, umbrella and bag in reception. Just take in a slim folder into the interview room containing the documents you need, and you will look like an employee rather than a visitor.

#### **4 Don't try to wing difficult questions**

Don't duck predictable questions about your know-how and skill level – think carefully about good examples. Equally predictable questions cover things like strengths (talk about qualities that match the job) and weaknesses (talk about skills you are improving, and make it clear that you're a fast learner).

*John Lees has written a wide range of careers books. His 2013 titles are Just The Job!, his first systematic guide to job searching, and Knockout CV, a comprehensive guide to writing a winning CV.*

## CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (COP) DATES & CONTACTS 2017

INSTITUTION	CONTACT DETAILS	TIMES	DATE
<b>Australian Catholic University</b> <a href="http://www.acu.edu.au">www.acu.edu.au</a>	HOTLINE 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228)	9.00am – 5.00pm	Dec 15 (Friday)
		12.00pm – 4.00pm	Dec 16 (Sat)
		9.00am – 5.00pm	Dec 18 – 20
	ASK ACU Drop in Centre	9.00am – 5.00pm	Dec 15 (Friday)
		9.00am – 5.00pm	Dec 18 – 20
	Info Session (Melbourne)	12.00pm – 3.00pm	Dec 18 (Monday)
Info Session (Ballarat)	4.00pm – 6.00pm	Dec 18 (Monday)	
<b>Australian College of Applied Psychology</b> <a href="http://www.acap.edu.au">www.acap.edu.au</a>	1800 061 199		
	COP Info Session	6.00pm	Dec 6 (Wednesday)
<b>Box Hill TAFE</b> <a href="http://www.boxhill.edu.au">www.boxhill.edu.au</a>	1300 269 445		
	COP Information Evening	2.00pm – 6.00pm	Dec 18 (Monday)
<b>CQU (Melbourne)</b> <a href="http://www.cqu.edu.au">www.cqu.edu.au</a>	HOTLINE 13 CQUni (13 2786)		
	120 Spencer Street, Melbourne	9.00am – 1.00pm	Dec 15 (Friday)
<b>Deakin College</b> <a href="http://www.deakincollege.edu.au">www.deakincollege.edu.au</a>	HOTLINE (03) 9244 5600 Email: <a href="mailto:dcoll-direct@deakin.edu.au">dcoll-direct@deakin.edu.au</a>		
	Information Sessions	Same as Deakin University	Same as Deakin University
<b>Deakin University</b> <a href="http://choose.deakin.edu.au/">http://choose.deakin.edu.au/</a>	HOTLINE 1800 MY FUTURE (1800 693 888) Online Live Chat Sessions	8.00am – 7.00pm	Dec 15 (Friday)
		10.00am – 2.00pm	Dec 16 (Saturday)
		10.00am – 2.00pm	Dec 17 (Sunday)
		9.00am – 5.00pm	Dec 18 – 19
		9.00am – 12.00pm	Dec 20 (Wednesday)
	Melbourne Campus at Burwood - Information Session	11.00am – 2.00pm	Dec 17 (Sunday)
	Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus – Information Session	4.00pm – 7.00pm	Dec 18 (Monday)
	Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus - Walk & Talk	11.00am – 1.00pm	Dec 18 (Monday)
Warrnambool Campus – Walk & Talk	11.00am – 1.00pm	Dec 19 (Tuesday)	
<b>Federation University</b> <a href="http://federation.edu.au/future-students/information-for/information-for-schools/events">http://federation.edu.au/future-students/information-for/information-for-schools/events</a>	HOTLINE 1800 333 864		
	Info Day (Ballarat, Berwick & Gippsland Campuses)		Dec 18 (Monday)
<b>Holmesglen Institute</b> <a href="http://www.holmesglen.edu.au/open">www.holmesglen.edu.au/open</a>	HOTLINE 1300 693 888		
	Change of preference Information Session	9.00am – 7.00pm	Dec 14 (Thursday)
<b>JMC Academy</b> <a href="http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au">www.jmcacademy.edu.au</a>	1300 410 311	9.00am – 5.00pm	Dec 15, 18 – 20
	Change of Preference Event	3.00pm – 6.00pm	Dec 18 (Monday)
<b>La Trobe Melbourne</b> <a href="https://www.latrobe.edu.au/change-of-preference">https://www.latrobe.edu.au/change-of-preference</a>	HOTLINE (03) 9479 2417	Same as La Trobe University	Same as La Trobe University
<b>La Trobe University</b> <a href="http://www.latrobe.edu.au/prefer">http://www.latrobe.edu.au/prefer</a>	HOTLINE 1300 135 045	7.00am – 7.00pm	Dec 15 (Friday)
		9.00am – 5.00pm	Dec 16 – 22
	Change of Preference (COP) Event	10.00am – 2.00pm	Dec 16 (Saturday)



Melbourne Polytechnic <a href="http://www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au">www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au</a>	HOTLINE (03) 9269 8400		
Monash University <a href="http://www.monash.edu.au/cop">www.monash.edu.au/cop</a>	HOTLINE 1800 666 274	8.00am – 6.00pm	Dec 15 (Friday)
		10.00am – 4.00pm	Dec 16 – 17
		9.00am – 6.00pm	Dec 18 – 19
		9.00am – 5.00pm	Dec 20 (Wednesday)
	Change of Preference Expo – Monash Caulfield Campus	3.00pm – 7.00pm	Dec 18 (Monday)
Navitas College of Public Safety <a href="http://www.ncps.edu.au">www.ncps.edu.au</a>	HOTLINE 1800 783 661		
	COP Info Session	6.00pm	Dec 6 (Wednesday)
Photographic Studies College <a href="http://www.psc.edu.au/">http://www.psc.edu.au/</a>	(03) 9682 3191	9.00am – 6.00pm	Dec 15, 18 – 20
RMIT University <a href="http://www.rmit.edu.au/school-leaver">www.rmit.edu.au/school-leaver</a>	HOTLINE (03) 9925 2260	8.30am – 5.30pm	Dec 15 (Friday)
		10.00am – 4.00pm	Dec 16 (Saturday)
		10.00am – 4.00pm	Dec 17 (Sunday)
		8.30am – 5.30pm	Dec 18 (Monday)
		8.30am – 5.30pm	Dec 19 (Tuesday)
		8.30am – 12:00pm	Dec 20 (Wednesday)
	COP Expo – City Campus	3.00pm – 6.00pm	Dec 18 (Monday)
Swinburne University <a href="http://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose">www.swinburne.edu.au/choose</a>	HOTLINE 1300 275 794	10.00am – 3.00pm	Dec 16 (Saturday)
	Live Chats – book through website		
	COP Expo Hawthorn Campus	11.00am – 4.00pm	Dec 18 (Monday)
Torrens University <a href="http://www.torrens.edu.au/">http://www.torrens.edu.au/</a>	1300 575 803 or (03) 8199 3107		
	COP Day 595 Lt Collins St Campus	9.00am – 5.00pm	Dec 15 (Friday)
University of Melbourne <a href="http://www.cop.unimelb.edu.au/2017">www.cop.unimelb.edu.au/2017</a>	HOTLINE 13 63 52 <a href="https://ask.unimelb.edu.au/app/ask?chat">https://ask.unimelb.edu.au/app/ask?chat</a> Online Support	9.00am – 5.00pm	Dec 12 – 20
	Course Information Day Parkville Campus	10.00am – 2.30pm	Dec 18 (Monday)
Victoria University <a href="http://www.vu.edu.au/change">www.vu.edu.au/change</a>	CHAT AND HOTLINE 1300 842 864	8.30am – 6.00pm	Dec 15 (Friday)
		10.00am – 3.00pm	Dec 16 (Saturday)
		10.00am – 3.00pm	Dec 17 (Sunday)
		8.30am – 6.00pm	Dec 18 – 19
		8.30am – 12.00pm	Dec 20 (Wednesday)
	One-on-one Appointments	9.00am – 5.00pm	Dec 15 (Friday)
		10.00am – 3.00pm	Dec 16 – 17
		9.00am – 5.00pm	Dec 18 – 19
	COP Expo at Footscray Park Campus	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Dec 19 (Tuesday)
William Angliss Institute <a href="https://www.angliss.edu.au/2018">https://www.angliss.edu.au/2018</a>	HOTLINE 1300 ANGLISS		
	One-on-one consultations available	9.00am – 5.00pm	Dec 18 – 20

This information is only a guideline and it is important that students check dates and times themselves.