Welcome to the Mentone Girls’ Grammar School Careers Newsletter. Here you will find important information relevant to tertiary study and a range of different course and career options.

For more careers information and advice, please contact Careers Counsellor, Ms Annie Dawson on 9581 1285 or email: adawson@mentongirls.vic.edu.au (Mon-Wed).

**Information Sessions**

**School Holiday Programs**

During the upcoming school holidays, the RSPCA Burwood will be offering two hands on sessions for students aged between 15 and 18 years who are considering a career with animals or simply have a love of animals and would like to participate.

1. **Vet Day at the RSPCA (Aged 15+ years)**
   
   Are you interested in working with animals in the future? Do you see yourself as an animal doctor? Students are encouraged to go along and discover what it is like to be an RSPCA Vet or Vet nurse, and working in animal care. Places are limited, and bookings are essential!

   **When:** Tuesday 1 July  
   **Time:** 9.30am – 3.00pm  
   **Cost:** $100

2. **Animal Attendant for a Day (Aged 13 – 18 years)**
   
   Is your ideal job looking after animals, all day, every day? Animal Attendants spend their day caring for animals in our shelters. Students are encouraged to go along and find out why Animal Attendants love their job so much and how a career as an Animal Attendant might be perfect for them. Places are limited, and bookings are essential!

   **When:** Thursday 10 July 2014  
   **Time:** 9.30am – 3.00pm  
   **Cost:** $100

More information on each of these programs, correct clothes to wear, and to register visit [http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/holiday-programs/youth-holiday-program](http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/holiday-programs/youth-holiday-program).
Career as an Anaesthetist

An anaesthetist administers anaesthetics to patients who are undergoing surgery and takes care of them during and after the operation. Anaesthetists are also involved in pain management. An anaesthetist is a medical practitioner who has chosen to specialise as an anaesthetist. Being a medical practitioner, anaesthetists are involved in a wide range of activities, which can include patient consultations in hospitals, attending emergencies, and participate in operations alongside surgeons. To become a medical practitioner, and then go on to specialise as an anaesthetist, students have to study medicine at university.


Career in Accounting

Although they can work across a range of industries, the one thing all accountants have in common is they all need to be good with numbers! Most accountants deal with financial reports, tax audits and financial investigations – done within government or private businesses. Many accountants work for companies that prepare financial statements for presentation to boards of directors, management, shareholders and statutory bodies. They may have responsibilities where they conduct financial investigations, undertake audits, prepare reports and advise on such matters as the purchase and sale of businesses, mergers, financing, suspected fraud, insolvency and taxation. Finance is central part of any business, and thus accountants’ skills are highly valued. Accounting is offered at many universities, either as a specialised degree or as a major offered in more general business or commerce degrees.
Graduates may qualify for entry to the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA), CPA Australia or the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA). Eligibility for membership varies and may require work experience and/or further study. Useful website include –

The following Victorian institutions offer accredited Bachelor of Accounting degrees:

**Australian Catholic University** - This accredited course enables graduates to pursue professional careers in finance and accounting. Focusing on auditing, budget analysis, portfolio management, investment analysis, mergers and acquisitions, and taxation strategy, this program gives students comprehensive and essential skills in the fields of accounting and finance. Students may seek membership with the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia; Certified Practicing Accountants Australia; Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance and the Financial Services Institute of Australasia upon successful completion of this course.

**Charles Sturt University** - The degree is accredited by CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. Graduates are eligible for associate membership of CPA Australia and to enter the CPA Program conducted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Graduates are also eligible to join the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants at the member level without further study and to become an Associate of the Institute of Public Accountants.

**Holmesglen Institute** - Graduates of this degree may apply for associate membership of CPA Australia and the Institute of Public Accountants. Graduates also meet the academic entry requirements of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICAA) Program.

**La Trobe University** - The Bachelor of Accounting offers students the flexibility to enhance their business skills by adding to their final degree an additional business major in Management, Financial Management, Financial Planning, and Management Information Systems, depending on the campus. Popular minors in the growing areas of Forensic Accounting, Management Accounting and Public Sector Accounting are also offered at the Melbourne campus. In addition to fulfilling requirements for membership of CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, students this course is also recognised by other professional groups such as the National Institute of Accountants (NIA) and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) in the UK.
Monash University – The accounting degree offers six core units that introduce students to the key principles of business, including marketing, accounting, management and economics. Accounting graduates gain an associate membership of and entry to CPA Program of CPA Australia, entry to the Chartered Accountants Program of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia (ICAA) and associate membership of the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA) http://www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/0315/

NMIT - The course includes fundamental Accounting subjects covering general accounting, corporate accounting, management accounting, auditing and taxation and financial management whilst at the same time providing a focus on environmental sustainability through subjects such as Introduction to Sustainability Studies, Environmental Law and Environmental Economics and Policy. Opportunities exist for graduates to apply for membership with the CPA, ICA and IPA. http://www.nmit.edu.au/courses/bachelor_of_accounting

RMIT - In order to meet the requirements for membership of the professional accounting bodies in Australia students need to undertake specified accounting courses, but a second business major can be selected from economics, entrepreneurship, finance, human resource management, information systems, international business, logistics and supply chain management, management and marketing. Graduates are entitled to associate membership of all the professional accounting bodies: CPA Australia, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and the Institute of Public Accountants, provided auditing and taxation subjects are passed. http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=BP254

Swinburne University - This course equips students with the skills needed for a career in accounting and beyond. Students learn to use accounting systems to record and analyse business activities, employ financial statements to guide investment decisions and use information from cost accounting systems to make decisions, price products, develop operating strategies and evaluate business performance. Graduates are eligible to apply for membership of CPA Australia (CPA), the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia (ICAA), the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA). http://www.future.swinburne.edu.au/courses/Bachelor-of-Business-(Accounting)-BA-BUSACC6/local
Victoria University - The Bachelor of Business gives students options to tailor their learning to their specific needs. All students study a common first year which is complemented in second and third years by specialisations in either two business disciplines, or a single specialisation and an area of study. Bachelor of Business Accounting specialisation offers students the opportunity for entry into CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia as an associate member when the appropriate sequence of units is completed.


VCE Help Programs

The Academy of Design recently ran a series of successful ‘VCE Help Day’ programs, and will be running a few more in the upcoming weeks. The next of sessions focusing on Visual Communication Design, Product Design & Technology and Interactive Digital Media.

VCE Help Days
Product Design & Technology Intensive Units 3 & 4

Presented by Katrina Wheaton-Pennial

Date: Saturday 28 June: The SAT Folio - Stages 2 & 3
Time: 12.30pm - 1.30pm

This session will concentrate on the Unit 3 folio work that should be completed or nearing completion at this point. It includes the product design process (Design & Development, and Planning & Production), with special attention given to folio items related to these stages: Visualisations; Design Options, Decision Matrix & Justification; Working Drawings; Planning Components and Production

This session is free, however registrations are essential. Register at

Interactive Digital Media Intensive Units 3 & 4

Presented by Ana Tuckerman

**Date:** Saturday 28 June: Looking forward to the IDM exam  
**Time:** 11.30am - 1.00pm

This session focuses on what skills students should be perfecting during the year that will help them get the best outcome in the practical part of their exam.


Exam & Folio Workshops

**Date:** Wednesday 24 September 2014  
**Cost:** $45 includes lunch

These workshops assist students with their preparation for the all-important VCE Exams and tertiary interviews. Presenters are all accomplished educators and leaders in their field. Students are invited to bring their folio and get constructive feedback from top creative educators on presentation, finish, design principles and aesthetic focus.

The $45 fee includes:
- 1 hour tutorial on exam preparation for either:
  - Visual Communication & Design
  - Product Design & Technology, or
  - Studio Arts

Plus 1 *free* session covering Tertiary Interview Tips and 1 *free* session on your folio.

Students can choose from one of the following specialisations:

- Communication Design
- Fashion & Costume Design
- Filmmaking & Photography
- Graphic & Digital Design
- Visual Arts

**Purchase tickets at**  

News from Deakin University

- Environmental Science at Deakin
Deakin’s Environmental Science courses offer students many opportunities to get up close and personal with various animal species in their natural habitats, and its Environment blog showcases what Deakin staff and students get up to. It features the environments they study, the places they go, the research they’ve done as well as highlighting interesting environmental science news from Deakin and around the world.

A regular feature on the Deakin Environment blog are posts by current and past students discussing the amazing things they do within their communities.

At Deakin, all students are encouraged to volunteer and participate in international study opportunities to improve their skills and prepare them for greater future career opportunities. Deakin also offers a number of local and international field trip opportunities in locations ranging from The Grampians all the way to Peru.

Find our more at the Environment blog at [www.deakin-environment.tumblr.com](http://www.deakin-environment.tumblr.com) and for more information about our environmental science courses, please visit [www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/environment](http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/environment).

- IT @ Deakin
Deakin University offers students the opportunity to study a diverse range of areas within the IT discipline – including computer science, games design and development, and IT security. The perception of computer games has completely shifted. Games are now fundamental tools used in sales and marketing, business strategy, education, and science; they are much more than just entertainment products and graduates are well prepared for careers beyond traditional roles in gaming companies.

IT security is ideally suited to students who are interested in tackling cyber-crime and cyber-security head-on. With the ever-growing threat of cyber security issues, graduates with specialist skills in this fast-paced and rapidly changing area of IT are highly sought-after to help secure Australia’s digital future.

Computer science focuses on the technological aspects of computing and IT, including the development of analytical skills and an understanding of programming and software engineering.

The following videos by Deakin staff and current students provide a further perspective on IT at Deakin: click on each of the following links - computer science, games design and development and IT security.