1. LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS? Do you wish you could ask someone about their university experience? Would you like to know about employment outcomes? What about the quality of learning resources available? With QILT (Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching) you can compare the quality of higher education institutions and study areas that interest you. QILT results are based on thousands of annual surveys completed by students across Australia, and are well worth a look. See: www.qilt.edu.au.

2. MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS

- NEW BACHELOR OF MEDICAL SCIENCE AND DOCTOR OF MEDICINE - Monash is the only Victorian university to offer both direct-from-school entry and graduate entry to the same medical degree. The course is designed as an integrated curriculum, taught on both campus and clinical sites. For school-leaver entry, the first two years are largely campus-based, although some city and rural clinical placements are possible. Students will complete a research project and clinical placements will have a home base with better relationships with clinical supervisors. The graduate entry program is open only to those who have completed a Monash University degree in biomedical science (including those undertaking double degrees), pharmacy, physiotherapy or science (with the completion of specific units).

- YEAR 10 INDEPENDENCE DAY AT MONASH UNIVERSITY – Would you like to find out about courses, prerequisite subjects, meet Monash staff, explore the campus, get advice on management of Year 11 and 12, and attend workshops? Then Monash Independence Day is for you. When: 10am-2.30pm, Thurs 30 June (lunch included); Where: Robert Blackwood Hall, 49 Scenic Boulevard, Clayton; Information and Bookings: www.monash.edu/year10-day

- ‘INSIDE MONASH’ UNIVERSITY SEMINARS – Wanting to find out about studying at Monash? The final seminars in this series for 2016 are as follows: August 24 – Science; September 13 - Teaching. For details, and to book go to: www.monash.edu/inside-monash

3. WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTS AT MELBOURNE? The B. Environments at the University of Melbourne is not having an intake in 2017 while a major review of all undergraduate environmental offerings is being undertaken. Students who were considering the degree for 2017 will still be able to undertake studies in all majors either in the B. Science, the B. Arts or the new Bachelor of Design (see www.bdes.unimelb.edu.au/).

As a student of the B. Design you will use innovative processes to solve problems creatively, and determine solutions for a better future. You will study the application of design to a wide range of contexts from the construction of buildings and landscapes to the small scale of systems and microstructures. The majors offered within the B. Design include: architecture, computing, construction, civil systems, digital
technologies, graphic design, landscape architecture, mechanical systems, performance design, property, spatial systems and urban planning.

The B. Design in Performance Design will be taught at the VCA. It will be different from the B. Fine Arts (Production) in that students will be chosen on ATAR only, it will not involve acting, students will be exposed to a range of areas, not just one specialisation as with the B. Fine Arts and there will also be more conceptual thinking in the B. Design.

The B. Design provides pathways to more than 20 different Masters degrees in areas including: Engineering, Design, Computer Science, Agricultural Science and the Faculty of the Victorian College of the Arts and the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music.

4. NEW DEGREES AT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) – ACU has campuses in several Australian states. The Melbourne campus (Fitzroy) has 10,000 students, and is growing. As a public university, ACU is open to students of any or no religion, and has a commitment to empower its graduates with the knowledge, skills and professional experience needed to make a difference in the world.

Interestingly, the QILT 2015 University student experience survey shows that ACU graduates earned $600pa more in starting salary than Melbourne and Monash graduates.

New courses at the ACU Melbourne campus in 2017:

- Bachelor of Science – will prepare graduates with the skills needed to apply a sophisticated understanding of a broad and coherent body of scientific knowledge to professional work in a range of science contexts. Majors offered: Chemistry, Biology and Environment. Prerequisites: Units 3/4 with at least 30 in EAL or 25 in any other English, and a minimum of 25 in mathematics (any) and 25 in science (any)
- Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Science – prepares graduates with skills to apply a sophisticated understanding and coherent body of scientific knowledge to professional work in a range of science contexts within an education setting

- Bachelor of Physiotherapy – Commencing at the Ballarat campus as noted previously.

5. VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) IS INDUSTRY CONNECTED – VU is both a provider of higher education and VET courses, with campuses in Footscray, St Albans, City, Melton, Sunshine and Werribee. One of VU’s strengths as a university is its links with industry. In the Education Faculty alone VU has over 900 partnerships with a range of organisations across Victoria and beyond. Many professional experiences are offered such as:

- Teaching in rural/remote areas
- Overseas study tours to countries like Malaysia, China and Timor Leste
- Sporting, literacy and leadership programs with sporting organisations including Western Bulldogs
- Mentoring school students in university-ready skills
- Creative art projects.

Graduates find employment in youth work, early childhood education, kindergarten, primary and secondary schools, in adult and vocational education, and in special needs education.


6. TURN YOUR HOBBY INTO A CAREER AT RMIT – Melbourne plays an integral part in Australia’s vibrant and growing animation, games and interactive media industries. It is home to independent start-ups and small gaming and app development studios, and is a hub for award-winning animation and VFX companies – like Iloura, whose team has worked on Hollywood blockbusters like Mad Max. Be immersed in a culture of animation and design, where staff are practicing artists and designers. Collaborate on projects across year levels and in real world studies.

Through studying games and animation at RMIT you will become skilled in producing interactive experiences by developing your conceptual design, storytelling and specialist art skills – perhaps turning your hobby into a career.

Check out the courses and studios at RMIT

Open Day, 10am-4pm, Sunday 14 August.

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