Welcome

Welcome to the first Monash Careers Update for 2008. We hope you had a relaxing break and are enjoying the start of the New Year. The team at Onshore Student Recruitment looks forward to working with you and your students in 2008.

The commencement of this year sees a number of changes amongst the Onshore Student Recruitment team. We farewell our Manager, Jennie Hayes, who has returned to her hometown of Adelaide after a year of dedicated service to Monash. We also farewell Alex Sims, whose long-standing reputation for professionalism made her a favourite among many. We wish both Jennie and Alex the best in their future endeavours.

The team welcomes back Jodie Martin-Blick, who has returned to the Onshore Student Recruitment team in the capacity of Acting Manager. Her extensive past experience within the Prospective Students Office and knowledge of educational systems, marketing and recruitment is a great asset to the team. She is extremely happy to back in this role and looks forward to catching up with many of you in the next few months. Jodie can be contacted on (03) 9903 4751 or by email Jodie.Martin-Blick@adm.monash.edu.au

We hope that you find the Careers Update a useful tool. If you have any suggestions for improvements, or have information you would like us to cover, please email your comments to: kate.spencer@adm.monash.edu.au.

Kind regards,
The Onshore Student Recruitment team

2008 VTAC Offers

Monash tops 2008 VTAC offers

Monash received more aggregate first preferences than any other Victorian university for the second year in a row in the first round of VTAC undergraduate offers. The University was one of only two which did not see a significant drop in first preference demand.

There was continued strong interest in most Monash double degree and professional programs. Equally pleasing was the renewed strength of interest in generalist degrees – particularly in Arts and Science.

Monash demonstrated substantial growth in first preferences across Arts, Engineering and Law (up 65% on 2007), elevating clearly-in ENTER scores from previous years. Science also made an additional 119 first round offers, an increase of 16% on the previous year.

The new Bachelor of Architectural Design offered by the Faculty of Art & Design received more than 275 first preferences, establishing the inaugural clearly-in ENTER at 89.5 – a wonderful result for the new degree.

Our expectation is that Monash will comfortably reach (and may slightly exceed) its enrolment targets for the Semester 1, 2008 intake.

Thank you to all Victorian schools for working with Monash University during the 2008 tertiary application period. Your recognition and support is a strong contributor to our success.

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Faculty of Art & Design

Folio information session

The Faculty of Art & Design is planning to hold an information session for art and design teachers and career advisers. The session will include how to best communicate to students what to incorporate in their folio when applying for a Faculty of Art & Design course at Monash.

The session will be run by Faculty of Art & Design academics and selection staff. Similar sessions have been held in the past and the faculty is asking for current feedback from secondary school art and design teachers and careers advisers regarding a suitable time to host a folio information session in 2008, as a best-fit to your curriculum and students.

More information
Please email Tom Hazell, Student Recruitment Manager, with your input: tom.hazell@artdes.monash.edu.au

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Important dates for February 2008

- VCE Instrumental Analysis Workshop (Gippsland)
  13-15 and 18-20 February
  Contact Jennie Wray (03) 9902 6822, (03) 5122 6822 (local)
- Monash Mail out - Term 1
  Week commencing 11 February
Scholarships

Top VCE students pick Monash

In recognition of the hard work and dedication of Victoria’s best Year 12 students who received perfect ENTER scores of 99.95, each was offered a Monash University Scholarship for Excellence, valued at up to $14,000 annually.

University Vice-Chancellor Professor Richard Larkins congratulated the successful students in an award ceremony held on 17 December 2007, and presented them with framed certificates.

“By deciding to study at Monash University, students are choosing a career-orientated university degree that allows them to begin working towards their careers from day one,” Professor Larkins said.

Monash University will offer more than 1,000 new coursework scholarships and bursaries for academic excellence and equity in 2008. These are worth more than $8 million. More than half will be offered to indigenous students, students from rural and isolated areas and to students from disadvantaged backgrounds across Victoria.

More information

Enhancement Studies

Graduation and awards ceremony

A graduation and awards ceremony for the 2007 Enhancement Studies Program was held on 19 December 2007. During the celebration, Monash University Vice-Chancellor Professor Richard Larkins presented the graduates with a certificate to recognise their achievement, and commended them on their outstanding commitment to study. At the completion of the ceremony, the students enjoyed networking with parents, teachers and other graduating Enhancement Studies students.

More information
Enhancement Study Program enquiries: Melissa Melder, (03) 9903 4756
melissa.melder@adm.monash.edu.au

Orientation

Dates for Semester 1, 2008

Orientation for all new students at Monash is designed to help them settle into university and provide information to fully prepare them for the start of classes. Each campus runs an Orientation program. The dates below are current as at 1 February.

New international students
Monday 11 February – Friday 15 February

ALL new students
Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February

This year, new students may access the ‘eOrientation Planner’ online prior to attending orientation, enabling them to personalize an itinerary based on enrolment type, degree and campus location.

More information
www.monash.edu.au/orientation

Deferment policy

Information for new students

Monash will allow deferment of study up to a maximum of twelve months, or longer in exceptional circumstances, for all new undergraduate students who apply to their faculty of intended enrolment, except where the student intends to study elsewhere.

Deferment applications may be completed online or by downloading and submitting the form by mail.

More information
www.monash.edu.au/study/local/deferring-offer.html

Faculty update

Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

Study medicine in country Victoria

Students in northern Victoria interested in a career in medicine might like to consider the Extended Rural Cohort (ERC) stream in the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery.

ERC students are encouraged to spend their clinical training throughout Years 3 to 5 in regional communities within Northern Victoria. Applicants from the Northern Victorian region are given preference during selection.

Information sessions
The School of Rural Health will be conducting the following information sessions:
- Bendigo and Kyneton (May)
- Mildura (June)
- Swan Hill and Kerang (July)

Dates and venues will be communicated when finalised.

Faculty staff members are also available to attend schools in the Northern Victorian region to present to Year 10, 11 and 12 students interested in studying medicine.

More information
Graham Allardice, (03) 5440 9000
www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/northernvic
Events and activities in 2008

The Onshore Student Recruitment office will distribute the 2008 ‘Schools Activity Brochure’ in the first mail out of the year (early first term). This brochure outlines ALL prospective student and Careers Adviser activities coordinated by Monash University central and faculty departments for the 2008 academic year.

Please find below a brief listing of key dates included in the brochure for 2008

At Monash Seminars
• Throughout April and May

Experience Monash
• Monday 7 July (Clayton and Caulfield)
• Monday 29 September (Peninsula)

Uni Student for a Day (Gippsland)
• Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 March
• Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 September

Parent Information Evenings
• Monday 11 August (Caulfield)
• Monday 18 August (Ballarat region)
• Monday 25 August (Bendigo region)
• Monday 1 September (Geelong region)

Open Day
• Saturday 2 August (Berwick, Gippsland, Peninsula and Parkville)
• Sunday 3 August (Caulfield and Clayton)

Change of Preference Information Session
• Wednesday 17 December (TBC)

Tertiary Information Service (TIS)

Monash coordinated events
Monash University is proud to announce that we will continue to host three TIS events in 2008. Invitations will be sent to schools shortly, but please put into your diary the following dates for your school planning:
• Gippsland Region TIS: 13 – 16 May
• Waverley Region TIS: 26 – 29 May
• Peninsula Region TIS: 16 – 17 June

School Visit requests

Requesting visits in 2008
The Onshore Student Recruitment Office is already taking many school visit requests for 2008. Please, get your preferred dates in early to ensure you do not miss out!

Please note that for 2008, all school visit requests must be made through our online booking system at: www.monash.edu.au/study/schools/

Monash mail outs

Consolidation of Monash promotional material
This year Monash will be consolidating the distribution of all promotional materials to schools in four mail outs throughout the year. Each mail out will be sent to schools within the first three weeks of each term, and will include samples of brochures / material for careers advisers, parents and students, with directions on how to order bulk supplies.

The mail out in term 2 will be the traditional ‘bulk’ package including all new faculty brochures for 2009, and the 2009 undergraduate course guides.

More information
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