Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of Monash University’s Careers Update for 2009, the Onshore Student Recruitment team are all looking forward to working with you over the coming year.

I hope you took the opportunity to take a well-earned rest over the summer break, and that the first round of offers proved successful for your former Year 12 students. We have been delighted with the quality and quantity of interest in Monash courses this year, which you can read about in this update.

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

Kind Regards,
The Onshore Student Recruitment Team

VCE 2008 wrap up

Top VCE students choose Monash

Victoria's best Year 12 students have been offered a scholarship of up to $15,000 to study at Monash, and in an Australian-first they received the good news via a text message on their mobile phone.

Hours after they had learnt of their perfect VCE score, Monash University Vice-Chancellor Professor Richard Larkins presented students with their Scholarships for Excellence at a ceremony in Melbourne. The scholarships cover the cost of a Commonwealth Supported Place (between $4000 and $9000 a year), plus a $6000 allowance for each year of study.

In 2009, Monash University will offer new and ongoing research and coursework scholarships, awards and bursaries for undergraduate and postgraduate students worth $86.9 million.

More information


Most school leavers prefer Monash

Victorian school leavers again voted Monash as the university of first choice, reflecting strong interest in flexible, career-focused degrees, and the reputation Monash has for the highest standards of learning and teaching.

Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Adam Shoemaker said VTAC data showed that 12,918 domestic school leavers, 22.8 per cent of the total pool, listed Monash as their first preference, up from 11,531 in 2008. (Source: VTAC pre change of preference data.)

The University also recorded its highest ever number of 99.95 or ‘perfect score’ applicants considered for admission.

Professor Shoemaker said there had been a sharp increase in applications for undergraduate degrees in medicine and science, with over 1000 more students applying for courses in these faculties compared with 2008. He also said that with applications for law places at Monash doubling in the past two years, the faculty had received additional Commonwealth-supported places (CSP), enabling an increase of 50 per cent in the number of CSP offers in law.

As a result of these successes, we would like to say thank you to all schools for working with Monash during the 2009 tertiary application period. Your hard work and support is a strong contributor to our success and the ongoing success of your students.

Important dates

February
- 13-15 & 18-20, VCE Instrumental Analysis Workshops (Yr 12 Chemistry students), Gippsland campus

March
- 26-27, Uni Student for a Day, Gippsland campus

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Information for new students

Deferment policy

Monash will in most cases allow deferment of study up to a maximum of twelve months (or longer in exceptional circumstances) for new undergraduate students who apply to their faculty of intended enrolment. However, deferment will not be granted to students who intend to study elsewhere.

Deferment applications may be completed online using the University’s Web Enrolment System (WES), or students can download the ‘Deferment Application Form’ from www.adm.monash.edu/service-centre/forms

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

Orientation - Semester 1, 2009

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 acting as a guide only:

- For new international students:
  Monday 16 – Friday 20 February
- For new domestic students:
  Monday 23 – Friday 27 February

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

More information
www.monash.edu.au/orientation

Making news

Life in the fast lane for Box Hill students

Year 9 Box Hill High School students visited Monash University in December to get a taste for University life as an engineering student.

The students learnt about engineering, its disciplines and the exciting projects that engineers work on. Current engineering students from Monash Motorsport then explained how they design and build a formula style race car each year. They then race the car against other Australian and international universities. This year they came second out of the Australian teams, and fourth overall.

Box Hill students had the opportunity to view the car, hear it start up and talk to Monash Motorsport team members. Some even got to sit in the driver’s seat!

More information
See the Monash Motorsport website at www.monashmotorsport.com

Box Hill High School students experience the formula style race car built by Monash engineering students

Enhancement Studies Program

Graduation celebration

On 12 December 2008, more than 300 Enhancement students, teachers, academics, family and friends attended Robert Blackwood Hall to celebrate another successful year of the program.

Each student was awarded a certificate on stage by Professor Phillip Steele, Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University, who spoke about the challenges these top achievers will face as leaders of the future.

The dux of each subject also received a watch and a $1000 cheque.

Refreshments were held after the formal presentations to give students the opportunity to mingle and to thank the Enhancement teaching staff for their efforts throughout the year.

The 2008 Graduation also saw the introduction of an ‘Enhancement Studies Teaching Award’, which was presented to Ms Lisa Farrell from Westbourne Grammar School. Lisa teaches Enhancement Accounting and was nominated by several of her students who wrote of her dedication and infectious enthusiasm for the program; as well as her willingness to assist them out of hours. Congratulations to Lisa!

2009 Orientation

Another Enhancement Studies Program initiative is the introduction of an orientation day. Despite a day of very hot, windy and unpleasant weather, 170 of our new students attended!

The dual purpose of the day was to provide an opportunity for students to meet each other and Monash staff, and to get themselves organised in a practical sense, by getting their ID card, activating their internet access and learning some important points about transition to university.

More information
For more information about the Enhancement Studies Program, or if your school would like to be involved, please contact Helen O’Keeffe:
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Making news

Young science minds at Monash

Australia’s best and brightest young science minds spent part of their summer holidays studying at the Clayton campus as part of the Australian Science Olympiad program.

The 56 Year 11 and 12 students spent two weeks completing an entire first-year university science subject, which included lab work, lectures and exams in the students’ chosen speciality of biology, chemistry or physics.

From this demanding course, 13 students will be selected to form teams in physics, chemistry and biology and will go on to represent Australia at the 2009 International Science Olympiads. The 2009 International Olympiads will be hosted by Japan (Biology), England (Chemistry) and Mexico (Physics).

The students worked in Monash science laboratories and visited the Australian Synchrotron, a particle accelerator located adjacent to the Clayton campus.

Monash University Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) Professor Adam Shoemaker said, “we believe the Australian Science Olympiad program is a tangible way of enhancing students’ interests in developments in science, opening them up to the future career opportunities they can provide.”

Australian Science Olympiads is a program run by Australian Science Innovations, a national not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting science and enhancing the capability of Australia’s science students.

More information
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Law academic wins PM’s Teacher of the Year

In December 2008 Professor Stephen Barkoczy, from Monash University’s Faculty of Law, won the Prime Minister’s University Teacher of the Year Award.

The award is reserved for outstanding teachers who have an exceptional record of advancing student learning, educational leadership and scholarly contribution to teaching. The quality of candidates this year was so high that two PM’s awards were given: one to Professor Barkoczy and one to Macquarie historian, Marnie Hughes-Warrington.

Professor Barkoczy was recognised for making the difficult subject of taxation law interesting and engaging for students.

He has been teaching and researching at Monash University for 20 years and is also a consultant to major Australian law firm Blake Dawson. His main areas of expertise are taxation law, superannuation law and venture capital law.

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Peninsula campus update

New shuttle bus service

A new shuttle bus service between the Frankston train station and the Peninsula campus will commence operation from Monday 23 February 2009. The shuttle bus will operate during University semester and exam periods. Students and staff wishing to travel on the service will be required to produce their Monash ID card.

The station bus stop is located in Fletcher Road, Frankston opposite Chisholm Institute of TAFE.

More information

Student experience videos

The Peninsula campus has developed a range of videos featuring current students talking about their courses and their experience studying at the campus.

The students are from a range of discipline areas and backgrounds provide an excellent insight into what it is like to study at Monash, as well as the features of the campus. This is an excellent way for prospective students who may not be able to visit the campus to get an idea about the university experience at Peninsula. Each video is between 1.5 and 3 minutes long.

More information
View videos: www.monash.edu/peninsula

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Monash alumnus named Australian of the Year

Monash alumnus Professor Mick Dodson AM (BJuris 1974, LLB 1978) is the 2009 Australian of the Year.

Professor Dodson is an academic and Indigenous issues advocate. He is the director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at the Australian National University and chair of Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. Professor Dodson received a Monash University Distinguished Alumni Award in 1997/98.

Presenting the award on Australia Day eve, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd thanked Professor Dodson for his lifetime commitment to improving the lives of Aboriginal people and promoting understanding between all Australians.

“Mick Dodson has been a courageous fighter for reconciliation and for closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians,” said the Prime Minister. “His efforts truly show that if we work together, we can achieve real progress.”

Professor Dodson is the second Monash alumnus to receive this prestigious national honour. Professor Tim Flannery (MSc 1981) was Australian of the Year 2007.

More information
www.australianoftheyear.org.au

Monash student attends US Presidential inauguration

Monash University’s top accounting student Natasha Boloski experienced history in the making when she attended the inauguration of the President of the United States, Barack Obama.

Natasha attended the University Presidential Inaugural Conference (UPIC) in Washington D.C. from 17 to 21 January 2009. She witnessed the historic event which also included the inauguration of the Vice-President Joe Biden.

“I also saw the parade as the new President made his way to the White House. During the conference I’ll had the honour of listening to keynote speakers such as Al Gore and Colin Powell,” Natasha said.

“I received this opportunity because I attended the Global Young Leaders Conference (GYLC), part of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), in my final year of high school in 2005. This conference was held in Washington D.C and New York over a two-week period,” she explained.

Hypothetical: Australian Indigenous Arts and the Law

Tuesday 5 May, 5-7pm
Faculty of Art and Design, Monash University Caulfield campus.

How are Indigenous arts recognised and protected in Australia? What happens when someone takes an Indigenous artwork or cultural site and uses it for their own profit? A lively performance presented by the Faculties of Art & Design, Arts, and Law at Monash will debate how Indigenous arts and culture are recognised in the Australian community, and what sorts of protections are provided by Australian laws.

Judges, lawyers, artists, archeologists and others will take part, using the dramatic format of a ‘Hypothetical’, and will ask and answer the many questions that arise about this important issue.

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