Welcome
Welcome to the second edition of Careers Update for 2009.

This month we are pleased to advise that our Schools Activity Poster will soon be sent to your schools, and our upcoming programs and some events are profiled in more detail below.

Also this month we farewell a valued member of the Onshore Student Recruitment team, as Britta Morrison will be taking 12 months maternity leave from mid-March. I’m sure you will join us in wishing her congratulations and the best of luck.

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

Make sure your students are the first to know…

Monash eNews
Students from Years 10 to 12 who subscribe to Monash eNews will receive periodic updates via email and SMS about courses, careers, admissions, scholarships and events in their specific area of interest at Monash.

How to subscribe
Advise your students to visit www.monash.edu.au/study/eNews to register. It’s as simple as that.

Information Technology

Step IT Up Program
Step IT Up is an opportunity provided by the Faculty of Information Technology for Year 10 and 11 students to undertake an intensive one-week program that will include:

- Workshops on game development, web design, database, programming and multimedia. Students will be divided between computer lab studios and meeting rooms and assigned hands on practical tasks.
- Tours of Caulfield campus including the IT Museum
- Discussion groups facilitated by industry, academic and/or University student representatives. Topics to include student life, study experience and social aspects (clubs and societies), IT industry and employment and trends.

More information
or contact Andrew Owen on 03 9903 1441 or Andrew.Owen@infotech.monash.edu.au

Monash on Show
The Monash on show website showcases Monash in pictures, with links to campus tours, research videos and more.
www.monash.edu/on-show
Events and activities in 2009

The Onshore Student Recruitment Team will distribute the 2009 Schools Activities Poster in the next few weeks. This outlines the key events and programs that Monash run for secondary students, their parents, and careers advisers and teachers.

We provide these opportunities to ensure students are informed about their options for university study and are best prepared for university life.

Please find below a brief listing of key dates included in the brochure for 2009:

At Monash Seminars

The seminar series provides a unique opportunity to hear from academics, plus current and past students all in the one place. There is also a question and answer session and a chance to pick up course information.

There are 17 seminars in all, covering the broad range of studies available at the university. The series will commence on Tuesday 31 March with ‘At Monash – Science’ and run until mid-July.

More information
www.monash.edu.au/study/events/atmonash
or contact Helen O’Keeffe on 03 9903 4810 or email Helen.okeeffe@adm.monash.edu.au

Experience Monash

• Caulfield campus – Tuesday 30 June
• Clayton campus – Tuesday 7 July
• Berwick campus – Wednesday 23 September
• Peninsula campus – Tuesday 29 September

Uni Student for a Day (Gippsland)

• Tuesday 7 – Wednesday 8 April
• Tuesday 22 – Wednesday 24 September

Open Day

• Saturday 1 August (Berwick, Gippsland, Peninsula and Parkville campuses)
• Sunday 2 August (Caulfield and Clayton campuses)
www.monash.edu.au/study/events/openday

Change of Preference Information Session

• Wednesday 16 December (tbc) - Caulfield campus

School Visit Requests

The Onshore Student Recruitment Team has already taken many requests for school visits. We advise that bookings should be made at least a month, preferably at least six weeks in advance, to ensure the highest chance of you securing your required date.

Bookings
If you have a preferred date for campus visits or ‘at school’ talks or expos, please complete our online booking form at: www.monash.edu.au/study/schools/visits/course

Ordering publications online via Waivestar

Monash publications are ordered online through Waivestar: www.waivestar.com.au

The Careers Adviser at each school has been allocated a username and password to place orders. If you need a reminder or are new to this role please email your details (name, school, telephone number and role) to: steve.ryan@adm.monash.edu.au

Enhancement Studies Update

A Great Start to 2009

380 students are enrolled in the 2009 Enhancement Studies Program, which is 100 more than last year. Several new schools have come on board to run centres, including Lauriston Girls’ School and Billanook Secondary College that are both hosting Philosophy, and Camberwell High School which is hosting the rejuvenated Geography program.

More information
For details about the Enhancement Studies Program, or if your school would like to be involved, please contact Helen O’Keeffe on 03 9903 4810 or via email, Helen.OKeeffe@adm.monash.edu.au.

Faculty of Art & Design

Lunchtime Art Forums

Starting in March, Monash’s weekly free ‘Lunchtime Art Forums’ will provide a taste of the Faculty of Art and Design’s vibrant intellectual community. Speakers reflect the wide breadth of contemporary art practice, and each forum provides an insight into sources of inspiration and pathways to success.

Forums in March
All forums are held from 12.30 – 1.30pm
• Wednesday 11 March, Michael Jaeger (Germany), Windowgarden
• Wednesday 18 March, Nick Mangan (Australia), Untitled
• Wednesday 25 March, Denise Green (Australia/USA), An artists odyssey: Perils and opportunities in the contemporary art world

Venue
Lecture Theatre G1.04
Art and Design Building
Caulfield campus

More information
Faculty of Art and Design
Tel: 03 9903 1517
Email: enquiries@artdes.monash.edu.au
www.artdes.monash.edu.au
Business and Economics

Hear firsthand about economic meltdown from Monash academics

The Department of Economics in the Faculty of Business and Economics at Monash University is putting the current worldwide financial crisis into perspective by visiting secondary schools in Victoria with a presentation on how the financial crisis originated.

Easy access to credit, increasing house prices, increasing stock prices and reduced interest rates have all been factors that have contributed to excessive spending and excessive lending.

The presentation shows how stock markets, credit markets and housing markets all over the world have increased well over their fundamental value since 1995 and, as such, contributed to the imbalances. It shows that the trouble in the financial markets will have dire effects on income growth and unemployment in the future.

Viewpoint 2009 - The Monash Economics Debate

The Faculty has introduced Viewpoint 2009, the Monash Economics Debate as a way to further heighten awareness of economic issues among secondary school students.

Viewpoint 2009 is a state-wide debating contest, providing an opportunity for students to hone public speaking skills and develop their understanding of economic issues, and also giving schools the opportunity to showcase their competencies in this field.

The debate will consist of qualifying rounds; preliminary, quarter-finals and semi-finals, culminating in a Grand Final that will be held on Thursday 28 May 2009 at BMW Edge, Federation Square in Melbourne.

The debate will provide an opportunity for participating students to develop their debating and leadership skills while promoting social, economic and moral awareness amongst our youth.

Viewpoint is organised in conjunction with the Debaters Association of Victoria and supported by the Monash Association of Debaters.

More information

For more details on school liaison activities and the Economics Debate please contact the Marketing and Recruitment Group in the Faculty of Business and Economics on 03 9903 2958.

Arts, Law and Art & Design

Australian Indigenous Arts and the Law: A Hypothetical

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.

More information

Please contact Kristel Keleher (03) 9905 8699 or Cathy Meredith on (03) 9905 3311

Update your details with Monash

To ensure that your school does not miss out on key Monash program information this year, we must have correct contact details.

The administrative department at each Victorian high school was sent a form in late January to enable updating of appropriate contact details on our database.

A number of schools are yet to return their completed forms, so it would be appreciated if all careers adviser’s could confirm that their administration unit has completed the form.

Forms should be returned by fax to Monash: Fax: 03 9903 4777

More information

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valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au

Science

Bachelor of Biotechnology
Course update

The Bachelor of Biotechnology with Honours is now known simply as the Bachelor of Biotechnology.

However, this is the only change to the course, with all the majors, minors and subjects remain the same and students still having the opportunity to undertake an honours year.

Students who complete the Bachelor of Biotechnology will have a strong science background, and will have a competitive advantage when seeking employment in the biotechnology industry or in any of the traditional or emerging areas of science.

More information

For course information see the Monash Course Finder entry at www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/3527

or visit the faculty website:

www.sci.monash.edu.au

Biotechnology students viewing a DNA screen
Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Real-world teaching on virtual island

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is leading the way in worldwide teaching innovation with the development of a virtual hi-tech teaching tool that is being enthusiastically adopted by leading pharmacy schools from around the globe.

An interactive virtual laboratory has been developed on Pharmatopia, the faculty’s island in the internet-based virtual world, Second Life.

Pharmatopia, which is accessible only to students and teachers, is part of a new collaborative teaching model involving 10 leading universities in the UK, Sweden, Denmark, USA and Australia.

A key Monash initiative is the development of the interactive virtual tabletting laboratory that gives students the opportunity to develop and test medicines, each with different ingredients and qualities, in a virtual environment.

Dr Ian Larson from the faculty’s Department of Pharmaceutics said the virtual environment provided a new learning experience to students.

“In this virtual lab on Pharmatopia, students can learn by doing rather than by listening and observing a lecturer, and they can complete their practicals at any time as they’re available 24/7,” Dr Larson said.

“There are also occupational, health and safety and security considerations around the use of the tablet presses and different drug formulations, not to mention the logistics of timetabling the practical classes.

Dr Larson said the faculty was now looking at ways to combine pharmacy teaching with other health professions.

“In collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences and our international partners, we are building a virtual hospital that combines the skills of doctors, pharmacists and nurses so that each cohort can fully understand the role the others play in patient health,” Dr Larson said.

“The future possibilities for this type of teaching are almost limitless.”

More information
www.pharm.monash.edu.au