Welcome

November brings preparations for the Change of Preference period in the Onshore Recruitment office. The website is already live, and brochures have been sent out to all schools. If you require additional copies, please do not hesitate to order them. The delay in brochure distribution this year was outside our control - but we hope that having the website live earlier than usual will compensate for this.

The Change of Preference information session will be held at the Caulfield campus on Wednesday 19 December. Our hotline (1800 MONASH) for student queries will remain open after the official university closing date to meet your students’ needs, but will close for the Christmas break at 5pm on Friday 21 December - please encourage your students to contact us before this time.

Looking towards 2008 – mark the Monash Careers Advisers Seminar in your diary for the Thursday 5 June. We are also beginning to take bookings for schools tours and visits for next year - register online at www.monash.edu.au/study/schools/visits/course.

Best of luck to all your students with their exams, and to all of you assisting them during the Change of Preference period!

Kind regards,

The Onshore Student Recruitment team

Change of Preference Information Session

Wednesday 19 December, 2–6pm
Ground Floor, Building H, Caulfield campus

At Monash’s Change of Preference Information Session, students can talk to staff about course options, entry requirements, fees and costs, alternative entry pathways, accommodation, study abroad and host scheme orientation – in fact, anything they might want to find out about studying at Monash in 2008.

The following half-hour information sessions are scheduled on the day:

- 2.30pm and 4.30pm (repeated session): Information for high-achieving students – What Monash can do for you.
- 3.30pm and 5pm (repeated session): Alternative pathways into Monash University

Tours of the Caulfield campus, led by current students, will also be available.

More information
Onshore Student Recruitment Office: 1800 MONASH
www.monash.edu/monash08

Note: Change of Preference brochures can be ordered from the website

French Exam Revision Workshop

Clayton campus, Monday 19 November, 10-12pm

The French Studies program in the Faculty of Arts is offering an exam revision workshop for students in Year 12 French, and IB French.

Cost: $60

More information
Email: jacqueline.lesage@arts.monash.edu.au
Enhancement Studies Program

Thank you to everyone who attended the Enhancement Studies Information Evening. It was a well attended session, with Careers Advisers, students and parents enjoying the interaction with Enhancement Studies academics and former students.

It is not too late to apply for the 2008 intake. Applications close on Friday 30 November (Applications for Japanese close on Friday 2 November).

More information
Melissa Melder: (03) 9905 4214
www.monash.edu.au/study/enhancement

Co-operative Education Program

- Application deadline extended!

Industry-based learning, Gippsland campus
Co-operative Education is a unique industry-based learning program that allows a student to combine their academic studies with a comprehensive industry-based learning program that incorporates:

- Over seven months’ industry-specific paid work placement
- Professional career planning and training
- Fantastic networking opportunities with a wide range of industry representatives

This is a three-year program that students apply for PRIOR to commencing their undergraduate studies. Areas of study recognised by program: Arts, Art & Design, Business, Engineering, IT and Science.

Applications
The application deadline has been extended. The new closing date for applications is 5pm, Friday 25 January 2008. The student intake has also been increased, to provide more students with the opportunity to be ‘ready to work, ready to earn, ready to learn at Monash University’

More information
www.gippsland.monash.edu.au/programs/coop
or call Kylie O’Donnell (Program Officer) on: (03) 9902 6303

Coursework Scholarships Unit

Scholarship Applications for 2008 have closed
Although scholarship applications closed on 31 October 2007, late applications will be accepted from Tuesday 18 December 2007. Late applications will only be considered if there are scholarships still available.

More information
Scholarships office: (03) 9902 6011
http://www.adm.monash.edu.au/scholarships

ask.monash - your online help service
The Coursework Scholarships Unit is pleased to advise that a large number of new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) have been created to better provide students and school staff with the answers they’re looking for, right away.

Users are able to search the 50+ FAQs or, if they can’t find the answer they’re seeking, submit a question. This online help service can be accessed anytime, anywhere.

More information
https://my.monash.edu.au/askmonash/

Access Monash

Indigenous Pathway Program
Indigenous students are encouraged to apply to participate in an Indigenous Pathway Program as an alternative entry point to their course.

- This program is ideal for students who meet the prerequisite studies of their desired course, but who may not achieve the ENTER score needed to obtain an offer.
- Successful applicants are given the opportunity to demonstrate their potential to succeed at university by undertaking a fee-sponsored enrolment in single subjects from their intended course.
- Individual tutorial assistance is provided to maximise efforts and, upon successful completion of pathway subjects, participants may gain direct admission to their degree - whilst receiving credit for their pathway studies.

Applications
Applications close Friday 30 Nov 2007.
Forms are available from Indigenous Student Services, by email to: peggy.swindle@general.monash.edu.au

Clayton campus ranked as one of Australia’s best
The Monash University Clayton campus has been named one of Australia’s top campuses, according to a survey by the National Union of Students.

The University was placed in the top four rankings based on:
- student services provided
- support of student unions
- student influence over governance and expenditure
- level of input enjoyed of student associations
- campus culture

More information
Explore the Monash Clayton campus in our online photo tour:
www.monash.edu.au/campuses/tours
**Course update**

**Faculty of Arts – Course cancellation**

**Diploma of Social and Community Welfare**

As of 2008, the Diploma of Social and Community Welfare will no longer be offered.

**Recommended alternative course**

In its place, an Associate Degree in Social and Community Welfare will be available: www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/1826

This change DID NOT make the VTAC Guide 2008. Interested persons are encouraged to contact the Faculty for additional information.

More information
School of Humanities, Communications and Social Sciences, (03) 9902 6339
Associate Degrees at Monash: www.gippsland.monash.edu.au/future

**Faculty update**

**Victorian College of Pharmacy**

**Opportunities for Rural and Regional Students**

Students from rural or regional schools interested in studying the Bachelor of Pharmacy or Bachelor of Pharmacy Scholarship are encouraged to apply for the Victorian College of Pharmacy Rural Entry Scheme.

The scheme favourably re-ranks eligible applicants during the selection process. Students are not required to return to a rural area after graduation.

More information
www.vcp.monash.edu.au/courses/pharmacy/ruralentryscheme.html
Applications close: Friday 7 Dec 2007

**Chemistry Challenge Activity**

Forty nine talented Year 11 students tested their chemistry skills as part of a two-day workshop held at the Victorian College of Pharmacy over the September school holidays. The challenge was for participants to work out how to make a moisturising cream, gathering their information through a series of workshops and tutorials.

Judges awarded Berenice Cheng and Sarah Tan from the Methodist Ladies College first place, with teams from Melbourne High School, Shelford Girls’ Grammar, Beaconsflelgh College, University High School, Catholic Regional College Sydenham, and Penleigh and Essendon Grammar coming in close behind.

The challenge gave students an insight into university-level chemistry, and in particular, Pharmaceutical Science. It focused on Medicinal Chemistry and Formulation Science, both major areas of studying the Victorian College of Pharmacy’s Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science.

More information
www.vcp.monash.edu.au

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**Art & Design**

**Monash appoints Foundation Professor of Architecture**

Renowned architect and academic Professor Shane Murray has been appointed Foundation Professor and Head of Discipline, Architecture in the Faculty of Art & Design. He will lead the first completely new architecture program in Australia in 30 years and the only one to be offered in an Art & Design environment.

He joins Monash from RMIT, where he has been Professor of Architectural Design, Director of the Urban Architecture Laboratory (UAL) and Program Director of the undergraduate architecture program.

Professor Murray is eager to commence his in his role of guiding the program from first year and beyond: “I’m inspired by the possibilities of a completely new architecture program. Starting fresh, we can develop the discipline to anticipate current and future issues in architecture, including architecture's role in other challenges, such as social and environmental sustainability.”

Final preparations are underway for the first intake of Architecture students in February 2008, who will be housed in a brand new suite of studios, labs, offices and exhibition spaces.

More information
For further information about the new Bachelor of Architectural Design:
Telephone: (03) 9903 1517
Alternate entry into Monash

Diploma of Tertiary Studies

The Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS) is a one-year full-time course offered at both the Gippsland and Berwick campuses. DoTS is designed for students who do not obtain the ENTER score required for their desired undergraduate degree program.

The structure of the program suits students seeking additional learning support in their first year of university study.

Upon successful completion of DoTS, students can apply for the Gippsland or Berwick degree of their choice, and will generally receive full credit to progress into the second year of their studies.

Eligibility
To be eligible, students must complete VCE or equivalent and attain a minimum English study score of 25 and a minimum ENTER score of 50.

Applications for DoTS
Applications can be made DIRECT to the University:

Pre-ENTER applications
• Students can apply prior to receiving their ENTER score and be enrolled before Round 1 VTAC offers are released.
• Pre-ENTER applications close Wednesday 12 December 2007.
• Students are required to attend a compulsory information session at either the Gippsland campus (Wednesday 19 December) or Berwick campus (Thursday 20 December).

Post-ENTER applications
• Students can also apply after they have received their ENTER score. Post-ENTER applications close Wednesday 23 January 2008.
• Students are required to attend a compulsory information session at either the Gippsland campus (Wednesday 30 January) or Berwick campus (Friday 1 February).

More information
Contact the School of Humanities, Communications and Social Sciences
Email: humcass.info@arts.monash.edu.au, or telephone: (03) 9902 6339