Are you interested in an apprenticeship pathway? The Australian Industry Group Apprenticeship Adviser Program has a Facebook page called ApprenticeNET, which is a tool to interact with students seeking information on apprenticeships. The page has tips for finding apprenticeships, handling interviews, and keeping motivated on the job. You can sign up to the page at www.facebook.com/ApprenticeNet

Considering an electrical apprenticeship? The National Electrical and Communications Association (NECA) provide a national pre selection test for young people interested in applying for electrical apprenticeships. The test measures literacy, numeracy and comprehension. For more information on test dates/locations, please go to www.neca.asn.au

Have you considered bricklaying as a career? Bricklayers lay clay bricks and concrete blocks using mortar. They are masters of their profession and create beautiful brick and blockwork in domestic homes and commercial buildings working to specific plans and as part of a team. The work of bricklayers can be seen all around you. There is a shortage of qualified builders in Australia. For information about this exciting industry, go to www.becomeabricklayer.com.au/

Interested in engineering: There are many types of engineering you can study after school. It can be difficult to choose the right course for you. RMIT has developed a quiz you can take that will narrow down specialisations you would be suited to. To take the quiz, go to this link- https://trueengineer.com.au/

Victorian Work Experience Directory: This is a website which enables you to search for work experience opportunities in Victoria. Most placements are in Melbourne and surrounding suburbs, http://workexperiencedirectory.com.au/

Guaranteed Entry at UNSW: UNSW is based in Sydney and offers a huge range of courses. They have just released their guaranteed ATARs for the 2016 intake. Students will know if they have a guaranteed place in their desired course when their results are released in December, http://goo.gl/NNJcrL

Thinking of studying at University of Sydney in 2016? St Andrew’s is a residential college at the University. Their Scholars Program is now open and applications will close 30 June. The Scholars Program is for high achieving students and involves scholarships and bursaries for successful applicants, www.standrewscollege.edu.au/st-andrews-scholars/

Study at Monash University whilst you are still at school! You can apply to undertake online courses through the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) program. Courses are free and take 5 – 7 weeks to complete. The following are upcoming courses:

- Science of Medicines
- WWI: A History in 100 Stories
- Creative Coding

To enroll, go to www.futurelearn.com/courses/
Interested in design? Billy Blue is a private design college in Melbourne. College staff will be running ‘Day in the Life’ workshops in the Term 2 holidays in the following course areas:

- Communication/Graphic Design
- Photography
- Digital Media (Motion, Interaction, and 3D Design & Animation)
- Branded Fashion Design
- Interior Design (Residential & Commercial)

The workshops will be held Saturday 4 July and there are only 25 places available per workshop, so it is important you register your place now, www.billyblue.edu.au/news-events

Trinity Young Leaders Summer School: Trinity College at the University of Melbourne is running their annual intensive two-week residential program for talented students aged 14 – 17 years. Students will have the opportunity to: engage in interactive teaching, participate in excursions and group work, develop skills in critical and creative thinking, teamwork, public speaking, and communication etc.

Students will immerse themselves in a ‘themed week’. Streams include:

- Arts
- Commerce
- Biomedicine
- Fine Arts
- Leadership for Social Justice
- Sports Development & Management
- Environmental Sustainability - Coastal Discovery Program
- New York Jazz Symposium

The programs will run during the Victorian Term 2 holidays. For more information and to apply, go to www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/young_leaders

Upcoming events: March

- 7: UMAT Simulation Day, St Vincent’s Hospital, Melbourne, NIE, www.nie.edu.au
- 12: UNSW Medicine Information Evening, UNSW, Kensington, http://goo.gl/09m11s
- 10 – 19: At Monash Seminar Series, Monash University. For a list of dates, seminars and venues, go to http://goo.gl/hvU8BT

Upcoming Events: April

- Zookeeper for a Day and Vet for a Day, Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo, www.zoo.org.au
- 9 & 10: Experience La Trobe University, Bundoora (9) and Bendigo (10) campuses, www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events
- Charles Sturt University MyDay events - Nursing & Paramedics, Bathurst (23), Nursing, Albury-Wodonga (24), and Accounting, Business & IT, Albury-Wodonga (30), www.csu.edu.au/go/myday

Upcoming Events: May