We're pleased to advise that our new look 2013 Undergraduate Course Guide has been printed and you should be receiving your copy the first week back in Term 2.

We have introduced a new distribution system that will streamline the way you receive and order publications. This system aims to ensure you have adequate resources whilst reducing the difficulties and impact of having surplus copies. The copy we will send to you is a reference copy of the 2013 Undergraduate Course Guide and we ask you to order the number of copies you would like to have available to distribute to your students. To request copies of these Deakin publications please send back the fax sheet included in the mail pack or order more copies online at deakin.edu.au/future-students/careers-advisers/publications.

IT students at Deakin have access to specialised computer labs to help put theory into practice. Here is a snapshot of some of the facilities available.

**A headstart to Cisco industry certification**
The CCNA Exploration and CCNP curricula of the Cisco® Networking Academy® are incorporated into units offered by the School of Information Technology. These units are supported by dedicated, well-equipped laboratories with modern facilities and high equipment to student ratios. Students completing these units are well prepared to complete the internationally recognised CCNA and CCNP industry certifications and undertake careers such as a network administrator, network installer or network engineer.

**Get an edge on gaming**
A range of cutting-edge facilities support units in game design and development. Practical work takes place in modern laboratories equipped with high end PCs fitted with specialist graphics cards. The quality of the hardware is matched by the range of software available, including professional software development platforms, industry standard modelling and animation packages, Steam, and motion capture software compatible with the systems used in Deakin’s state-of-the-art motion capture facility.

**A hands-on approach to IT security**
IT security students can put theory into practice during hands-on work activities in Deakin’s computer labs. The recently updated IT security lab at the Melbourne Burwood Campus is well-equipped with modern facilities and enthusiastic and experienced staff. An example of the support the lab can provide to studies in the IT security field is the inclusion of a facility to examine mobile devices, which will support future studies in this area.

For more information about Deakin’s IT courses visit deakin.edu.au/scitech/it.
If your students are considering a career in medicine or optometry, Deakin’s Medicine and Optometry Information Evenings will provide them with the information they need to know about our courses in these areas. Students will hear from academic staff who will talk them through the courses available, entry requirements, pathways and study options. Attendees will find out about the course structures, innovative teaching methods and placement opportunities. Professional accreditation will be discussed, as will the speciality practise areas and career opportunities available following successful completion of these courses.

**Medicine at Deakin**
The Deakin Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (BMBs) is a four-year, graduate-entry program that prepares students for practice within a wide range of health care settings. A graduate-entry program requires successful completion of an undergraduate degree; however, there are no prerequisites within the undergraduate degree for entry into the Deakin’s BMBs program. This means students bring the added benefit of varying backgrounds and experience to the course. ‘We have nurses and physis, a few lawyers, a journalist and engineers. There is a huge variety of people, which is great. If we have to nut out a problem (during Practice Based Learning BL tutorials), having different opinions from people of different backgrounds makes it really interesting,’ says recent graduate Cameron Hart.

**Optometry at Deakin**
Deakin optometry is unique in several ways, including the emphasis on case- and team-based learning; an extensive, fully equipped clinical skills facility, industry partnerships, and a curriculum that delivers excellence across clinical, commercial and professional domains in optometry. Above all, Deakin optometry students will have one considerable advantage over those from other universities – time. Deakin optometry’s unique course structure takes advantage of Deakin’s trimester system, so the Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry can be completed in just three and a half years of full-time study. In short, our graduates enter the workforce sooner, which translates to significant earnings and ample time to consider further options including areas of specialisation, research opportunities and further studies.

**Want to find out more?**
Then come along to one of our Medicine and Optometry Information Evenings (detailed below) or contact Health – Student and Academic Services on 03 9251 7777 or health-enquire@deakin.edu.au

**OPTOMETRY INFO EVENINGS**

**Tuesday 15 May**
6–8.30 pm
Peter Thwaites Lecture Theatre
Building ia1.006
Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus

**Wednesday 16 May**
6–8.30 pm
LT Education Resource Centre
Ballarat Hospital

**Thursday 17 May**
6–8.30 pm
Lecture Theatre 13
Building hc2.005
Melbourne Burwood Campus

Medicine and optometry information evenings allow students to find out what they will be taught.
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Bianca Walpole, a Diploma of Health Sciences graduate, is one student among many who undertook the MIBT pathway and is now excited about continuing her studies at Deakin University in the Bachelor of Health Sciences.

’It is thanks to my careers teacher who in Year 10 told me about MIBT,’ explains Bianca. ‘I didn’t do as well as I expected in Year 12, so when it came to putting down my VTAC preferences, I placed Deakin as my first, followed by MIBT. When asked about what advice she could offer to current MIBT students, Bianca responds ‘MIBT provides a supportive study environment. I recommend that you attend the Study Skill Workshops even if you think you know everything. I found them really helpful, especially in time management and how to quote text in assignments’. MIBT congratulates Bianca, along with the other 80 per cent of eligible Australian MIBT students who accepted their Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) in a second year Bachelor degree at Deakin University in March 2012.

For more information visit: www.mibt.vic.edu.au.

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

The recruitment team has been involved in a university-wide parental engagement project that fosters aspirations for higher education by engaging with parents of current and future students from non-traditional backgrounds, particularly those from low SES areas or who are First in Family in higher education.

In recent months we have been busy developing a variety of targeted resources for parents. These include:

- a 2012 Functional Calendar for Parents (designed around the Year 12 experience, with month-by-month milestones, tips for parents, additional resources and university jargon explained)
- the first of three 2012 issues of the Parents’ Newsletter.

Many of the new resources for parents have been translated into Cantonese, Vietnamese and Italian, as our research indicates that these are key languages spoken by prospective Deakin students in key catchment areas near Deakin University campuses. A selection of parents’ resources is available at deakin.edu.au/parents.

Further parental engagement initiatives to be undertaken in 2012, include community engagement events, parent information nights, parent focus groups, and further development of the parents’ web page. For more information on the project, or to obtain resources for distribution to your parents please contact Angela Fragiacomo (angela.fragiacomo@deakin.edu.au) or Bridie McCarthy (bridie@deakin.edu.au).
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MEDICINE AND OPTOMETRY INFORMATION EVENING

15 MAY | Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus
16 MAY | Ballarat Hospital
17 MAY | Melbourne Burwood Campus

YEAR 10 INFORMATION EVENING

05 JUNE | Melbourne Burwood Campus
06 JUNE | Warrnambool Campus*
12 JUNE | Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus

* Parent and year 10 event at Warrnambool Campus

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

06 JUNE | Warrnambool Campus
25 JULY | Geelong Waterfront Campus
26 JULY | Melbourne Burwood Campus

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY INFORMATION EVENING

10 JULY | Melbourne Burwood Campus
12 JULY | Geelong Waterfront Campus
13 JULY | Warrnambool Campus

DISCOVER DEAKIN

10 JULY | Melbourne Burwood Campus
25 SEPT | Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus

DEAKIN OPEN DAY

12 AUG | Warrnambool Campus
19 AUG | Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus
26 AUG | Geelong Waterfront Campus

Melbourne Burwood Campus

OTHER EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN 2012

» Speed date your way to a career in health (16 May)
» Regional VCE and parent information nights (May and June)
» Change of Preference (December)

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