### What's on calendar

#### March 2009
- 10 - 15: Australian International Airshow (sponsored by RMIT University)
- 13: Career Advisers’ Seminar
- 27–28: National Careers and Employment Expo

#### April 2009
- 24-26: The Age, VCE and Careers Expo

#### May 2009
- 1: Mid-year intake commences
- 14-15: WRICA Careers and Employment Expo
- 18 - 19: City Tertiary Information Service

#### June 2009
- 30: Electrical and Computer Engineering holiday activity

#### July 2009
- 1: Electrical and Computer Engineering holiday activity
- 9: Aerospace, Automotive, Mechanical and Mechatronics activity
- 6–10: Medical Science Tours

#### August 2009
- 9: Open Day
- 20: Science and Technology Careers Breakfast

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### 2009 Career Advisers’ Seminar

RMIT’s annual Career Advisers’ Seminar is fast approaching on Friday 13 March.

This year’s event will see speakers from Architecture, Communications, Engineering, Textiles and more.

Workshops are filling up fast with five to choose from.

To register, visit: [www.rmit.edu.au/programs/advisers/seminar](http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/advisers/seminar) and follow the link to Career Advisers’ Seminar.

Be quick, registrations close Friday 6 March.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

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New students were entertained at the RMIT Orientation Festival Day held on Wednesday 25 February.
Science and Technology for Breakfast

RMIT is proud to host its third careers breakfast seminar for Year 11 and 12 students and their teachers. Part of National Science Week, the science careers seminar will showcase how technology and teamwork can tackle some of the challenges to implementing sustainable practices in Australian industry.

**Date:** Thursday 20 August 2009  
**Time:** 7 am registration  
7.30 am-9.00 am - seminar including sit down breakfast  
**Location:** RMIT Storey Hall, Building 16, 336 Swanston St, Melbourne  
**Cost:** Free

A keynote speaker and recent Victorian science graduates will present their experiences, emphasising how teamwork is instrumental to overcoming problems in resource management, alternative fuel and recycling projects.

Two selected VCE students and one teacher are welcome from each school.

For further information and to register, please visit:  

Advertising students celebrate their success

Over 110 students, staff and industry professionals attended the annual RMIT University and Advertising Institute of Australasia (AIA) graduation celebration on 19 February at the Athenaeum Club.

“The long standing annual event is organised by the AIA as a means for the industry to show its support of advertising education and to recognise the outstanding group of talented graduates who will be future practitioners,” said Federal President of the AIA, Mr Jeremy Hope.

The advertising industry send along their key decision makers to seek out potential recruits, making the event a great networking opportunity for industry and graduates alike.

"It is great to see advertisers, advertising agencies and media working together to celebrate the achievements of our graduates,” said Caryl Hertz, RMIT Department Manager.

The top students from each year level were recognised with a range of industry sponsored awards, each to the value of at least $500.

Visit RMIT at the International Airshow

The Australian International Airshow is the essential aviation, aerospace and defence event of the year. Visit RMIT’s stand at the Airshow from 13 to 15 March, to find out about aerospace engineering, aviation management, aerospace mechanics, maintenance and avionics, as well as flight training (stand 2E25).

RMIT staff will be on hand to answer questions about career and study options. Visit stand 2E25 for a chance to win a free flight with RMIT Flight Training.

Experience Engineering events

Electrical and Computer Engineering activity:  
Tuesday 30 June and Wednesday 1 July 2009

For more details and to register:  

Aerospace, Automotive, Mechanical and Mechatronics activity:  
Thursday 9 July 2009

For more details and to register:  
Want a preview of the latest technology available to teachers?

South Australian company SAGE Didactic, in collaboration with RMIT, is holding a series of free presentations demonstrating the latest in technology training for Australian students. School principals, teachers, education officials, career and VET Counsellors are invited to attend one 90 minute session in the series.

The presentations feature a Targeted Technology Introduction Module, which is specifically designed to ensure students and teachers remain at the forefront of technology-based, industry-relevant training. The model supplements secondary school curriculum.

**Date:** 23 to 27 March  
**Time:** 9.30 am and 1.30 pm daily  
**Location:** Bundoora campus east  
Corner Plenty and McKimmies Rd, Bundoora  
Enter car park via McKimmies Rd  
Building 253, Level 01, Room 26  
**Cost:** Free

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**F1 Grand Prix - RMIT in the fast lane**

Visit RMIT’s stand at the Grand Prix from 26 March to 29 March and see the results of two student team projects - the Formula H (hydrogen) racer and the FSAE racer.

RMIT’s researchers have demonstrated the incredible possibilities of hydrogen as the clean, renewable fuel of the future. Come and see the Formula H racing car first hand and learn how RMIT works with the car industry to generate benefits for our environment, society and the economy.

On show will also be the RMIT FSAE racing car, winner in the world’s biggest student engineering competition – the USA FSAE East Coast event and the International Federation of Automotive Engineering Societies (FISITA) World Cup in the UK.

Students and staff will be on hand to answer questions about career and study options.

For more stories of student successes please visit the FSAE website:  
[www.fsae.rmit.edu.au](http://www.fsae.rmit.edu.au)

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**Hats on for bushfire victims**

First and second year students from RMIT’s Business TAFE School joined together to raise money for victims of the recent Victorian Bushfires.

Students and staff from the Advertising, Public Relations, International Business and Marketing programs were asked to wear a hat to class and bring along a one dollar donation to be put towards the Victorian Bushfire appeal.

The fundraiser was organised by Peter Lawrance, Advertising and Public Relations teacher, Business TAFE School.

Over $700 was raised which will be sent through to the Red Cross.
Renewable Energy Day

As part of World Engineering Day, RMIT University will hold a Renewable Energy Day on Saturday 6 June at Bundoora campus east.

Secondary school students can find out how sustainable engineering is developing sustainable energy technologies, solving water supply problems through solar desalination and designing green cars that use solar electricity and hydrogen.

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Construction careers fast-tracked at RMIT for Year 11 and Year 12 Students

An exciting initiative at RMIT University will help young people fast-track their careers in the construction industry by giving Year 11 and 12 students the chance to gain qualifications in record time.

12 students from high schools across Melbourne, including St Bernard’s Secondary College, have joined the “Building Pathways to Construction” (VET in schools program).

Under the program, students study for a Certificate IV in Building and Construction in Year 11 and 12, enabling them to begin the second year of a Diploma once they have finished secondary school.

Students who successfully complete the credit-bearing Certificates and Diplomas are able to use these qualifications to apply to the Bachelor degree. Selection will not be based on ENTER for these pathway students.

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Behind The Scenes Medical Science Tours - July school holidays

Ever wondered what happens after you have a blood test or other medical tests? Where does your blood go, how is it examined and how is a diagnosis is made?

The team at RMIT Laboratory Medicine together with medical diagnostic and research laboratories, are giving Year 10, 11 and 12 students the chance to go behind the scenes as a medical scientist.

Visits are to laboratories in major teaching hospitals in Melbourne and regional Victoria. Visits will run from Monday 6 to Friday 10 July.

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To register visit:
www.rmit.edu.au/medical-sciences/lab-visits

With skill shortages in the construction industry at critical levels, Building Pathways to Construction enables students to begin training in Year 11 and gain three qualifications and a broad range of industry experience in four years.
IT students creating a buzz

Two RMIT IT students have created a brand new web site for a Melbourne beekeeping supply business as part of their studies.

Business owner Robert Owen approached the School of Computer Science and Information Technology to have a web site developed for his business, “Bob’s Beekeeping Supplies”.

This eye catching web site incorporates products such as a browsing and online shopping facility, useful links related to beekeeping, resources, a forum for beekeepers and online registration to receive newsletters.

Since Bob’s Beekeeping went live last year, it has had more than 700 visitors to the web site and orders are generated every day from the site www.bobsbeekeeping.com.au.

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Manufacturing Student wins inaugural ABB National Robotics Competition

Manufacturing and Engineering Management student, Chun-Yen Lai, has won the 2008 Annual ABB National Robotics Innovation Competition.

First prize was awarded to the student who could produce the most innovative and cost effective way of manufacturing or improving an existing component or manufacturing process, through the use of robot based automation.

Chun-Yen chose a real-life industry project, based on improving an existing furniture manufacturing process for SK Furniture Ltd.

“This project has helped me in many ways. I have been able to experience a real-life situation, develop better communication and social skills with industry professionals and find out more about what I would like to do in my career. I hope to use this accomplishment to pursue further graduate studies,” he said.

Short courses set you up

Choose either a single course or series, suitable for people considering further education in a particular field. Students studying a short course at RMIT have opportunities to work on projects under the guidance of a tutor with industry experience. With plenty of weekend and evening courses available, short courses are even more accessible for full time students.

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2009 Event bookings

The Student Recruitment team is taking bookings from career advisers for 2009.

Bookings can be made for the following events:

- RMIT Campus Tours – City, Bundoora, Brunswick
- Off Campus RMIT Presentations at your school from either Student Recruitment or program representatives
- Community and school based expos

Events can be booked at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/advisers, using the ‘Booking Events’ link. Alternatively, you are still able to email or phone us with your event details.
RMIT welcomes SNAP students

RMIT welcomed the incoming Schools Network Access Scheme (SNAP) students on Wednesday 18 December with a half day transition program and BBQ lunch. Over 380 students in 2009 were admitted through the SNAP scheme. Our relationship with SNAP schools and the qualities that SNAP students from these schools bring to RMIT are highly valued.

A range of RMIT staff provided information and tips on transition and the first year experience, including managing new learning environments, scholarships and ways to enhance academic success.

This is the fourth year of RMIT’s transition experience, and the first year that a Student BBQ was provided by students involved in mentoring and leadership activities.

The annual roll call of SNAP schools demonstrated the great esteem in which students hold their secondary school. The students from Roxburgh College brought the roof down with their cheer when we did the school roll call, and had close to 100% attendance for the transition event. We know that participation in transition, preparation and orientation activities supports student success.

As always we encourage SNAP students to return to their secondary school to talk about their experience.

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