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From the Careers desk...

Isn't it great to be back and into the groove of study and reaching for your goals! We are here to support you once again by ensuring that you know about every opportunity that might be suited to your dreams and aspirations.

The Careers File has gone completely digital this year. It will be posted on the school web site, the school app and Google App (as soon as it is available). If you still like to read hard copy come and ask - I will happily print it out for you.

Keep all issues and you will find that you build a fairly comprehensive guide to career opportunities available to students!

Good luck in your studies this year. If you need assistance with planning and organizing your study time come and see me in the Careers Room.

Employment Focus in Term 1

- ☺ Careers in Local Government
- ☺ Work Experience with Western Sydney Health

NSW Board of Studies To Do List

Years 10, 11 & 12 have you...

- ☺ Year 11 - Completed All My Own Work
- ☺ Signed your Confirmation of Entry form

See Ms Elks for all information in this newsletter!





SECONDARY SCHOOL WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM



Health
Western Sydney
Local Health District

A Nurse at
work at
Blacktown
Hospital.

Western Sydney Local Health District offers a Work Experience Program to students attending local or rural schools and also students who live within the Local Health District. The program offers year 10 & some yr 11&12 students the opportunity to observe and participate in the working life of a health care/support worker.

The benefit to the student is to have an understanding of what a career in the health industry can offer so they can use the experience when making future career decisions.

It is important that all applications are completed by the identified completion date as places are limited

How to obtain a work experience placement.

- Step 1. Ask your Careers Advisor for a application package.
- Step 2. Legibly fill in application completely. Making sure privacy /confidential statement is signed.
- Step 3. School Approval Section must be signed this covers public school indemnity. (private schools must add insurance policy to application)
- Step 4. Your Careers advisor emails your completed application to anec@wsahs.nsw.gov.au before closing date.
- Step 5. The Work Experience Coordinator will contact relevant managers to find a placement for the student.
- Step 6. If your placement application is successful, you and your School Career Advisor will receive notification

Please note applications for 2012 are now closed.

2013 Applications open Nov 2012 and close on March 29th 2013

If you have any questions about the work experience program you can ring the Work Experience Coordinator on 0409217356

Centre for Education & Training
Locked Bag 7118
Building 64 Wirrabilla,
Cumberland Hospital
Parramatta,
Ph 0409217356
anec@wsahs.nsw.gov.au

Work Experience placements depending on availability can be

- Nursing & Midwifery
- Pathology
- Physiotherapy & OT
- Information technology
- Oral health
- Speech pathology
- Information Technology
- Other possible options as well

A Future Workforce Initiative



Careers in Local Government

Have you ever thought about a career with your local council? A number of opportunities are advertised each year, particularly, with Penrith and Blacktown City Councils and they are worth thinking about as possible career options.

Applications for apprenticeships and traineeships are advertised from July 2013 and may be in the following trades.

Apprenticeships

- ◆ Carpenter
- ◆ Electrician
- ◆ Gardener
- ◆ Greenkeeper
- ◆ Heavy Vehicle Plant Mechanic
- ◆ HVAC Technician (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration)
- ◆ Auto-Electrical
- ◆ Plumber
- ◆ Painter

Traineeships

- Business Administration
- Child Care
- Hospitality
- Information Technology
- Sport & Recreation

Other career opportunities

Blacktown City Council

- Accounting & Financial Management
- Community
- Services/Community Development
- Engineering
- Environmental Health & Building Surveying
- Horticulture
- Human Resource Management
- Information Technology
- Landcare and Conservation
- Library Services
- Marketing & Communications
- Outdoor Worker
- Planning & Development
- Recreation & Leisure
- Regulatory & Compliance - Ranger

Penrith City Council

- Accounting
- Community Development
- Early Childhood Teaching
- Engineering
- Environmental Health
- Environmental Planning
- IT/Geographical Information Systems





UWS offers free HSC Study Sessions

UWS is offering FREE HSC study sessions to students from selected schools in the upcoming April school holidays and we would like to invite your Year 12 students to attend.

These study sessions are intended to assist participating students to maximise their HSC results and will include a review of syllabus content and a workshop in study skills and stress management. All sessions are led by leading HSC teachers, teachers with HSC marking experience and UWS academic staff.

Study sessions will be made available over 2 of our campuses (**Bankstown** and **Kingswood**) and will include units in:

- **English:** Standard, Advanced, Extension 1, Extension 2
- **Mathematics:** General, 2U, Extension 1, Extension 2
- **Business Studies**
- **Biology**
- **Study Skills and Stress Management:** Study life balance, time management, stress management and study techniques.

HSC Study Sessions are only available to selected high schools. Please note that places will be limited and that registration is essential and are on a first in, first served basis.

Students can register online at www.uws.edu.au/hscstudysessions

BIG DAY IN 2013

BiG Day In is an IT careers conference with a difference - it's organised, run and hosted by students for students. The ACS Foundation facilitates leading speakers from companies such as Microsoft, Coca Cola, IBM, Westpac and WiseTech Global to speak about the future of technology and how students can get involved in shaping the future.

In 2012, over 220 attendees, from high school, university, industry and academia converged on Aerial Function Centre @ UTS. As a result of the success of **BiG Day IN 2012**, we're excited to announce that in 2013, we're holding separate High School and University student conferences.

The **High School Student exclusive, BiG Day In** conference will be on **13 June 2013 @ University Hall, UTS** from **9.30am to 3pm**. Tickets are \$10 for the day.

Please register your interest with Ms Elks by the end of March.



Professional Cadetships Australia

The Professional Cadetships Australia program offers the opportunity to apply for cadetships in the areas of Business and Engineering.

Applications are now open to Year 12 students to apply for a Business Cadetship at your university of choice. Applications close on 15 May.

Applications for Engineering Cadetships will open on 29 April. Watch this space for further details.

Please see Ms Elks if interested in applying for either scholarship.

Autumn School of Engineering Years 11 & 12

Engineers Australia coordinate the Honeywell Engineering Summer School. Demand has exceeded the 100 places available so a second school has been organised for an Autumn Session.

The School will run this year from Monday, 15 April to Friday, 19 April.

The program provides students with insight and maximum exposure to the diverse range of available engineering careers. Students get to go on site visits and experience first-hand life at university.

The cost to attend is \$270.00. This fee covers lunch daily, the week's activities, and transport to the universities and other sites during the week.

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Local police open their doors

Station to be opened up to the public as part of Penrith Festival next month

CASSANDRA O'CONNOR

Ever wondered about the inner workings of Penrith Police Station?

For the first time in over a decade, Penrith Police are opening their doors to the public in conjunction with the Penrith Festival on Saturday, March 16.

Though the station will still be fully operational and executing their normal duties, officers will be on-hand to offer guided tours through one of the state's largest police stations between 1.30pm and 5pm on the day.

Starting at 1.30pm there will be a performance by the Police Band, according to Penrith Crime Manager, Detective Inspector Grant Healey.

"Our exhibits and lost property will be open for inquiries and the prosecutors will be open to discuss what they do and recruitment to the prosecutors' section," he said.

"There will also be demonstrations on what police do: the youth liaison officers will be there to talk about youth issues; and our crime prevention officer and domestic violence officers will be there to field questions."

With three levels to the Penrith Police Station, there are plenty of interesting places to explore on the guided tour.

The basement of Penrith Police Station will be opened up with a display by forensic services.

"On the first floor the range and mat room will be open however we are not shooting on the day," Det Insp Healey said.

"The top floor will have the police radio section open so you can see what they do and a history of police radio. Our radio technicians will also be open so you can have a look at what technologies we use and how we repair the stuff ourselves."

"Also, to my recollection this will be the first time we have opened the charge room for public viewing as St Marys Police have helped us out and we will be charging there. You will get to see the interview rooms where criminals are interviewed."

In the back car park there will also be members of the PCYC and mobile police stations and bike police will show off their agility on test courses.

The Mounted police unit, St Marys Commands and Hill will also participate in a parade as part of the Penrith Festival.

There will also be history of the station on display including original architect model.



Penrith Commander Ben Feszczuk is opening the doors to his station. Inset: You'll get to see the inner workings of the station.



BRIDGES TO HIGHER EDUCATION

University Visits for Parents

Come and experience university for yourself so you can better support your child. Information provided about getting in, university life, costs, courses, and the support available. Common questions answered and a campus tour provided.



Macquarie University

Tuesday 5 March
10am – 2pm

Registration is essential.
Lunch provided.
Bus transfers from schools or train tickets available on request.



University of Sydney

Wednesday 10 April
10am – 2pm

Registration is essential.
Lunch provided.
Bus transfers from schools or train tickets available on request.



Australian Catholic University

Wednesday 29 May
10am – 2pm

Registration is essential.
Lunch provided.
Bus transfers from schools or train tickets available on request.

Register online at www.bridges.nsw.edu.au/bridges_-_parents_visits
Or contact your School's Community Liaison Officer or Community Information Officer.
For more information, visit bridges.nsw.edu.au
Enquiries: (02) 8627 8515

Bridges to Higher Education is a partnership of the University of Technology Sydney, Macquarie University, University of Western Sydney, University of Sydney and the Australian Catholic University which aims to boost the participation of communities underrepresented in higher education. This program is funded by the Commonwealth Government's Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program.





National Skills Needs List Current as at February 2013

The trades included on the National Skills Needs List (NSNL) are:

- Airconditioning and Mechanical Services Plumber
- Airconditioning and Refrigeration Mechanic
- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Avionics)
- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Mechanical)
- Arborist
- Automotive Electrician
- Baker
- Boat Builder and Repairer
- Bricklayer
- Butcher or Smallgoods Maker
- Cabinetmaker
- Carpenter
- Carpenter and Joiner
- Cook
- Diesel Motor Mechanic
- Drainer
- Electrical Linesworker
- Electrician (General)
- Electrician (special class)
- Electronic Equipment Trades Worker
- Fibrous Plasterer
- Fitter (General)
- Fitter and Turner
- Fitter-Welder
- Floor Finisher
- Furniture Finisher
- Gasfitter
- Glazier
- Hairdresser
- Joiner
- Landscape Gardener
- Lift Mechanic
- Locksmith
- Metal Fabricator
- Metal Machinist (First class)
- Motor Mechanics (General)
- Motorcycle Mechanic
- Optical Mechanic
- Painting Trades Worker
- Panelbeater
- Pastrycook
- Picture Framer
- Plumber (General)
- Pressure Welder
- Print Finisher
- Printing Machinist
- Roof Plumber
- Roof Tiler
- Screen Printer
- Shearer
- Sheetmetal Trades Worker
- Signwriter
- Small Engine Mechanic
- Solid Plasterer
- Stonemason
- Telecommunications Linesworker
- Telecommunications Technician
- Toolmaker
- Upholsterer
- Vehicle Body Builder
- Vehicle Painter
- Vehicle Trimmer
- Wall and Floor Tiler
- Welder (First class)
- Wood Machinist



Please note that this list is current as at August 2012 and may be subject to change.

For more information

Contact your Australian Apprenticeships Centre for more information about eligibility criteria for incentives and personal benefits, call the Australian Apprenticeships referral line on 13 38 73 or visit the Australian Apprenticeships website at australianapprenticeships.gov.au for more information about the National Skills Needs List for Australian Apprenticeships.

Your Life. Your Career. Your Future.

TEAMWORK
DATE 1/2/13