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Go to <http://www.indeed.com.au> and type apprenticeship or traineeship in the "what" box.

From the Careers desk...

It has been my pleasure to take over from the wonderful Ms Elks this term.

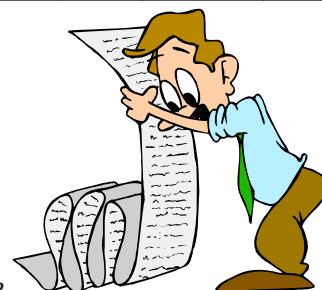
I have been very busy discussing Transition plans with Year 10 students who are trying to enter the workforce.

Lots of TVET applications are being chased up for 2015. It is not too late to get those forms in.

Also. The White Card training course has been organised to occur at the school on 21 November at a cost of \$85, which ensures students can access construction sites for work experience and work placement.

Year 12, 2014 need to remember they can access the Careers Advisory Service through the DEC from 18 December to 23 December, either online at www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au or 1300 300 687. Parents and carers may also access this service to clarify course choices, employment opportunities and training options.

*Mrs Beamer
Careers Adviser*



See Mrs Beamer for all information in this newsletter!

Tax File Number Applications

As the year is drawing to an end, many students may be applying for work leading up to the Christmas break. If you are 13 years or older, you can apply for a Tax File Number (TFN) through school.

Tax File Number application forms are available from the Careers room and the front office.

When you return the completed form, your birth certificate or passport (if you were not born in Australia) must be sighted.

If you do require a Tax File Number before Christmas, you must complete and return your application to school by Wednesday, 19 November.

Applications submitted after this date will still be accepted but you may not receive your TFN before Christmas.

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UNIVERSITY NEWS

UWS: Badanami Alternative Entry Program for Indigenous Students Test Dates

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school and mature age students can apply to study at the University of Western Sydney through the Badanami Alternative Entry Program. The program is designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who have not:

- Completed high school
 - Obtained an ATAR or high enough ATAR score for their chosen course
 - Received sufficient workplace experience
- Obtained a Higher School Certificate (HSC)

The Badanami Alternative Entry Program is a two day test held on the Kingswood (Penrith) campus. Students will be given an interview and tested on basic mathematics and English.

November test dates: Mon 10th November and Tue 11th November

January test dates: Mon 19th and Tue 20th January 2015

http://future.uws.edu.au/future_students_home/events_at_uws

CSU Year 10 Subject Information

Charles Sturt University has a webpage on their website dedicated to assisting students to choose their year 11 and 12 subjects. The webpage aims to help students to choose subjects which are most likely to be of use in their future careers.

<http://www.csu.edu.au/oncampus/getting-to-uni/year-10-information>

Open Universities Australia Undergraduate Courses

Most Open Universities undergraduate first level units have no entry requirements, students can start in any one of their four study periods, and graduates are awarded the same degree as their on-campus counterparts.

Open Universities offers undergraduate courses in Arts & Humanities, Business, Education, Health, IT, Law & Justice, Science & Engineering

To view the extensive range of flexible courses, visit:

<http://www.open.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/>

Macquarie University: Accelerated HSC Students Program

This program allows high achieving students in their final year of the HSC to undertake a university course. Units undertaken as part of this program will not form part of the HSC or contribute towards the students' ATAR. However, the program will count towards a degree program with Macquarie University. There are no tuition fees for students in this program. Courses are available from the faculties of Arts, Human Sciences & Science.

Contact: (02) 9850 6831 or nonaward@mq.edu.au http://mq.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting_in/entry_schemes_and_pathways/accelerated_hsc_students_program

Macquarie University: Gifted and Talented Program

Applications close Tue 16th December

Macquarie University is offering its Critical Thinking (PHL 137 – Philosophy Unit) course for students who enjoy analysing and deconstructing arguments, are independent thinkers and learners, and are of high natural ability with good problem solving skills. The course will appear on a student's Year 11 Record of Achievement and will count towards their degree should they choose to enrol at Macquarie University.

http://www.mq.edu.au/future_students/school_partners/gifted_and_talented_students/



Raising University Entry Standards for Future Teachers

From 2016, prospective students will need to meet increased academic standards to be offered a place in a NSW accredited undergraduate teaching degree.

From 2016, entrants to an accredited undergraduate teaching degree will need:

- ◆ a minimum of three Band 5 HSC results, including one in English or
- ◆ to complete bridging units equivalent to a minimum of three Band 5 HSC results, including English, as approved by BOSTES before entry or
- ◆ to enter via an alternative pathway as advised by their university and approved by BOSTES.

<http://nswteachers.nsw.edu.au/about-us/news/raising-university-entry-standards-for-future-teachers/>

UNSW: Scientia Challenge Years 7 – 10

Applications close Sun 30th November

Tue 20th January – Thu 22nd January, UNSW Kensington

The Scientia Challenge Program is designed for gifted and talented high school students in Years 7-10. The program features a range of workshops taught over three days. The courses are developed and presented by academics at the University of New South Wales.

<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-gifted-students/scientia-challenge-yr-7-to-10/>

NEWS FOR YEAR 12 SCHOOL LEAVERS

Sydney Institute of Business and Technology

Sydney Institute of Business and Technology (SIBT) is a direct pathway to a Macquarie University degree.

SIBT is part of the global Navitas Group, an internationally recognised education provider. As a tertiary college working in collaboration with Macquarie University, SIBT eases the transition from high school to university level studies, offering a variety of foundation and undergraduate courses.

<https://www.sibt.nsw.edu.au/about-sibt>

The University of Notre Dame Course Information Days

Sydney: Tue 6th January 2014, 9.00am – 3.00pm, 104 Broadway, Broadway

Auburn: Wed 7th January, 9.00am – 3.00pm, 88-90 Water St, Auburn

Lithgow: Tue 13th January, 11.00am – 2.00pm, 2B Col Drewe Drive

Students who are still unsure about university study in 2015 may attend a Course Information Day and have all their questions answered by academic staff.

Contact: 02 8204 4404 or sydney@nd.edu.au

<http://www.nd.edu.au/events/sydney>

The University of Notre Dame Twilight Tours and Information Evening

Tue 18th – Thu 20th November, 5.00pm – 7.00pm, Admissions and Prospective Students Office, Broadway

The Prospective Students Office will be open and available to help prospective students with any questions they may have regarding tertiary study options, admissions information and campus tours.

<http://www.nd.edu.au/events/2014/still-time-twilight2>

Board of Studies: Enhancements to 2014 HSC Credentials

Students eligible for the HSC will receive their 2014 HSC credentials as PDFs to assist them to provide employers and further education institutions with their results.

PDFs can be downloaded from Students Online on Wed 7th January 2015.

<http://news.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/index.cfm/2014/10/31/Enhancements-to-2014-HSC-credentials>



UWS Note for Year 12 2014

Applications for UWS scholarships are now open! UWS commits over \$3 million to scholarships each year, providing new students with scholarship opportunities covering a range of eligibility criteria.

If your students achieve a 90+ ATAR they might be eligible to receive \$20,000 through the [Academic Excellence Scholarship](#) (no application required). Students who achieve a 90+ ATAR and demonstrate leadership potential and community involvement could be eligible to receive \$50,000 through the [Vice-Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship](#)! This is our most prestigious scholarship and provides all successful candidates with membership to [The Academy](#), our new personal and professional leadership development program. Selection for this scholarship is through an application and interview. We also have a range of donor funded scholarships available with varying criteria. For more information on the scholarships available, please visit uws.edu.au/scholarships.

Searching and applying for UWS scholarships is now much easier with the '[Find a Scholarship](#)' tool. Students simply answer three questions, and are provided with a full list of the scholarships for which they may be eligible. Please note that students can hold more than one scholarship at a time, so it is highly recommended that they apply for several.

We strongly encourage students to research all scholarships available and to apply for all in which they meet the eligibility criteria. The application process is online, and students can apply for multiple scholarships in a single application. The closing date for most scholarship applications is 9 January 2015, so students still have time to write applications and personal statements after the HSC exams finish.

We would very much appreciate if you could pass this information on to your students once they have completed their exams.

If you have any questions, please contact the PSA Team at forschools@uws.edu.au or the Scholarships Unit at scholarships@uws.edu.au

THE UWS ADVANTAGE

Visit the UWS website for everything you need to know about The UWS Advantage. You will find information and important dates for HSC students in relation to the following:

- ⇒ Early Offer Program
- ⇒ iPad initiative
- ⇒ Regional bonus points
- ⇒ Subject bonus points
- ⇒ Elite athlete and performer bonus scheme
- ⇒ Educational access scheme.

www.uws.edu.au/uwsadvantage



APPRENTICESHIPS

HTN Now Recruiting Commercial Cookery and Meat Retailing Apprenticeships

HTN is the largest hospitality specific Group Training Organization in NSW/ACT, currently employing over 450 young apprentice chefs, apprentice butchers and hospitality trainees. HTN is currently recruiting in excess of 100 Commercial Cookery and Meat Retailing (Butchery) Apprenticeships across NSW and ACT.

Contact: 1300 139 108 or recruitment@htn.com.au <http://www.htn.com.au/>

PLUMBING: Your future, your career

Master Plumbers Apprentices Limited is a plumbing industry specific group training organisation that specialises in the employment of plumbing apprentices. MPAL indentures all of our apprentices and guarantees 4 years training.

To qualify for the recruitment process you must:

- be 16 years of age prior to the commencement of the apprenticeship
- have successfully completed Year 10 or greater and be prepared to undertake an entrance exam based on communication, mathematics and comprehension.

MPAL looks for enthusiasm, commitment, problem solving and communication skills and the ability to think for yourself. You should:

- have a willingness to work
- display a desire to learn new skills; and
- enjoy working in an indoor/outdoor environment.

See Mrs Beamer for more information,
or contact Master Plumbers Apprentices Limited

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Email: info@mpal.com.au
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PO Box 351, Auburn NSW 2144



Bricklaying

Buildings and bricklaying contractors are looking for young people to build a strong workforce as housing and public works growth continues. Starting an apprenticeship in bricklaying can lead to many successful careers in construction. After completing an apprenticeship in bricklaying, a young person can work in the trade and choose to run his/her own business as a sub-contractor, become a self-employed builder, a project manager, a construction manager and more.

If you would like more information or details on how to apply, please see Mrs Beamer.

Automotive Apprenticeships

WPC group is offering opportunities to commence working with one of Australia's leading automotive companies in its servicing department whilst completing a Certificate III in Automotive (light vehicles).

Apply now by sending your resume to recruitmentnsw@wpcgroup.org.au
<http://www.autoapprenticeships.org.au/index.php/job-vacancies/automotive-apprenticeship>



TRAINEESHIPS

Qantas Indigenous Careers Program: School Based Traineeship

Qantas is seeking applications from current year 10 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students who are interested in a School-Based Traineeship with Qantas. The Traineeships provide an opportunity to kick-start a career in aviation by learning on-the-job skills and operations. Successful applicants will be working one day per week while completing a nationally recognised qualification.

<http://www.maxima.com.au/qantas-careers/>

Commonwealth Bank: Indigenous School-Based Traineeships

The Commonwealth Bank will provide in depth training to ensure that students are set up for success in a career after school. Students will also receive a Certificate II in Business at the end of the traineeship.

<http://www.maxima.com.au/bankingYcareers/commonwealthYbank>

PRIVATE COLLEGES

Academy of Interactive Entertainment: 2015 Work Experience Program

This program is for students in Years 10 to 12 and includes a range of activities, including 3D animation, programming, product testing, and much more.

<http://www.aie.edu.au/StudentInformation/workexp>

Academy of Interactive Entertainment: VET in Schools Program - NSW

AIE offers Vocational Education and Training in Schools in the industry areas of game development, 3D animation and visual effects. The Certificate II in Creative Industries (3d Animation Foundations), Certificate II in Information, Digital Media & Technology (Game Programming Foundations) & Certificate III in Media (Game Design Foundations) are all on offer. These courses are nationally accredited and contribute to student's School Certificate or HSC (but not to the ATAR).

<http://www.aie.edu.au/vet-nsw>

ACPE Academy Tours

ACPE Academy conducts free campus tours every Tuesday at 3.00pm. Campus tours take around 30 minutes and feature a short tour of ACPE Academy's facilities, and enable prospective students to speak to their lecturers and Student Enrolment Advisors about the courses on offer and the potential career outcomes. Contact: 9739 3313 <http://www.acpeacademy.edu.au/about-the-academy/events>

Coco Republic Design School: 2015 On-Campus Courses

Coco Republic Design School has a number interior design courses available in 2015.

<http://www.cocorepublic.com.au/design-school/start-learning/on-campus-courses/on-campus-courses>

College of Event Management Information Session

Fri 28th November, 6.30pm, Level 9, 28 Foveaux Street Surry Hills

Speak to lecturers and staff to learn about the course and exciting career opportunities available after graduation.

Contact: 1300 725 846 or <mailto:enquiries@coem.edu.au>

<http://collegeofeventmanagement.com.au/campus/information-sessions>



OTHER NEWS

EducationUSA

This U.S. Government Website provides advice to students interested in applying to U.S. colleges and universities. Information includes how to apply, testing, financial aid, visas, and more. The U.S. Consulate General in Sydney has an EducationUSA Centre and students, parents & career advisers can make appointments to visit the centre.

<https://www.educationusa.info/australia>

The School for Excellence: Mastering the HSC Program

Sat 15th November (University of Sydney) & Sun 23rd November (University of NSW), 9am to 5pm

This program is designed to teach students the skills and information needed to maximise their HSC marks. This program is for students studying Year 11 or 12 in 2015, and is available at the cost of a \$10 donation to charity on the day.

Contact: 1300 364 173

<http://www.tsfx.com.au/?hsc-program=mastering-the-hsc>

Sydney Dance Company: DancED

DancED is a national initiative supporting dance education for all ages, through strategic curriculum relevant programs for primary and secondary students and career focused study for pre-professional dancers and university graduates. DancED connects schools, teachers and students to leading professionals in the dance industry, providing invaluable insight, opportunities and role models.

<http://www.sydneydancecompany.com/danc-ed/>

Metro Screen: 2015 Breaks Funding

Breaks Information Session: Wed 3rd December, 6.00pm – 7.00pm, Cnr of Oxford Street and Oatley Road, Paddington

Applications Due: Tue 27th January 2015

This funding project offers eight places for teams (producer, director, writer) to develop and produce a narrative project, with cash funding, equipment and facilities, and an intensive development program to be provided. Applications must include a script (unfinished scripts are allowed) and a CV for each key member of the team.

<http://metroscreen.org.au/breaks/>

PCYC BLUE STAR CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM 2015

An opportunity exists for senior students to participate in the PCYC Blue Star Citizenships Program. It is three months in length and involves two school holiday camps, the opportunity to do the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, gain their Senior First Aid certificate and a Certificate I in Active Volunteering. It is aimed at giving young people some formal and informal leadership training opportunities, an opportunity to learn more about themselves, give back to the community and get to meet young people from all over NSW and form friendships into the future.

Any student aged 16 and above who would like participate in the Blue Star Citizenship Program may register.

The program is free of charge, including travel to and from the holiday camps, and the formal certificates. There is nothing for the participant to pay.

To register or for more information please go to www.pycycluestar.org



















