World of Work (WOW) Semester 1

World of Work is a semester based subject to support young people in Career Development. The Work Experience program allows students to work for a week and find out about a possible career pathway.

Students completing WOW in Semester 1 are going to be involved in a number of activities:

**Work Experience** – This is compulsory and an extremely important part of Year 10 and will be held 18\textsuperscript{th} – 22\textsuperscript{nd} May. By carefully selecting a placement, students can find out what it would be like to work in a particular industry. The placement needs to be meaningful and something students will benefit from. Many students will be deciding on VCE or VCAL for the next two years depending on their pathway choices. The process of Work Experience is an opportunity to assist with choices that will lead to a future career.

**Post Office visit** – All WOW students will be asked to participate in a postal exercise. After writing a cover letter and addressing it to themselves, we would like them to post it. As the regular post has become less used, we feel it is an important method of communication. We ask that students bring a stamp to school and give it to their WOW teacher. We have arranged a time and date for students to walk to the local Post Office with their teacher to post their letter. At the same time, students will collect a Tax File Number application. Schools can no longer process these on behalf of students. They need to be returned to the ATO or local Post Office with the correct documentation.

**Mock Interviews** – Students will be required to attend a Mock Interview session at Dandenong on 29\textsuperscript{th} April. We will be asking students to attend an assigned interview time at the Drum Theatre in Dandenong on this day. Students will be required to arrive at the theatre 10 minutes before their interview and will be allowed to go after the interview is complete. They will not be required at school on this day.

**Oral presentations** – after Work Experience, students will be presenting their week at work to the their WOW class.

**Students not in WOW Semester 1**

Students NOT completing WOW in Semester 1 will be involved in an alternative program during Work experience week. The planned program includes:

Monday 18\textsuperscript{th} May – Australian Defence Force presentation, Monash University and Chisholm TAFE.

Tuesday 19\textsuperscript{th} May – Students will visit Deakin University or Swinburne, Hawthorn. Parents will need to complete a permission form and there will be a cost of $5.00 per student to cover transport.

Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} May – Sessions will be run by Holmesglen, Headspace, ATO and our Workplace Coordinator.

Thursday 21\textsuperscript{st} May – SELLEN, SECASA and Deakin University will be running sessions.

Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} May – Students will have a choice of: The Navy experience – HMAS Cerberus, The Wildlife experience – Healesville Sanctuary, The City Art experience – NGV and Arts Centre, The Ranger experience – Lysterfield Lake run or The Sport experience - Scienceworks. These activities are capped at 25 students. Students wanting to participate MUST have attended all activities in this week. Parents will need to sign a permission form and there will be a cost, depending on the activity.

**Welcome to our New Team Member**

The Careers and Pathway team would like to welcome Carol Mccaskie as our new dedicated Work Experience Coordinator.

Carol is available on Thursdays, 8:00am to 4pm to assist your son or daughter with how to secure meaningful work experience and general career information.