FOCUS ON RESEARCHING CAREERS

You have just come back to school and if you are reading this, chances are that you are thinking about exploring your career and pathway options. It is never too early to start thinking about career ideas, researching your options, developing pathway action plans, or simply having a discussion with your Career Adviser.

If you are in Year 12, it is essential that you discuss your options with the key people in your life as soon as possible. Have no idea what you would like to do when you leave school? No stress!! Don’t delay seeing your Career Adviser—now is the perfect time. Not sure what to say? Don’t worry—it is their job to guide you and open up possibilities you may not have considered before.

As a starting point, if you are interested in studying at university or TAFE in the future, please find to the right links to Facebook and Youtube accounts of several Victorian institutions.

It is important to know that Swinburne University, RMIT, Victoria University, and University of Ballarat all have both university and TAFE divisions and that many TAFE institutes now offer university degrees!

If you are interested in pursuing a traineeship or apprenticeship pathway, it is important that you gain as much industry experience as possible. You can undertake up to 15 days of work experience or work placement per year once you turn 15 years old.

Seeing the Work Experience Coordinator and Career Adviser early in the year is important to ensure you can get organised early and to be able to start making links with local employers.

It is important to read the Career News each week to ensure that you keep up to date with upcoming career events, and to make an interview with your Career Adviser as soon as possible.

CONNECT WITH INSTITUTIONS

University of Melbourne-
www.facebook.com/melbuni
www.youtube.com/user/unimeb

Monash University-
www.facebook.com/Monash.University
www.youtube.com/user/monashunivideo

Deakin University-
www.facebook.com/DeakinUniversity
www.youtube.com/user/deakinuniversity

La Trobe University-
www.facebook.com/latrobe
www.youtube.com/user/latrobemarketing

Victoria University-
www.facebook.com/victoria.university
www.youtube.com/user/VictoriaUniversity

Charles Sturt University-
www.facebook.com/charlessturtuni
www.youtube.com/user/CharlesSturtUni

RMIT- www.facebook.com/RMITuniversity
www.youtube.com/user/mitmedia

University of Ballarat-
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Box Hill Institute-
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Swinburne University-
www.facebook.com/swinburneuniversityoftechnology
www.youtube.com/user/swinburne

Australia Catholic University-
www.youtube.com/viewacu

Wodonga Institute of TAFE-
www.facebook.com/wodongatafe
http://twitter.com/#!/wodongatafe
Defence Technical Scholarship’s (DTS): The Australian Defence Force has announced they will not be offering Defence Technical Scholarships in 2013.

Interested in mathematics, statistics, science, education, nursing or midwifery? If you are considering studying in these course areas at university, you will be a Commonwealth supported student, and you will be deferring part or all of your course costs through HECS-HELP, you may be eligible for government incentives to assist you in paying off your HECS debt. For information, go to www.studyassist.gov.au/sites/studyassist/payingbackmyloan/hecs-help-benefit/pages/hecshelpbenefit

RMIT Short and Single Course Guide: The 2013 edition has been released and features courses running between January to June 2013. Senior students will find the short courses, workshops and folio preparation programs useful. To search for a course, go to www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au

Interested in student exchange to France? If you would like to study in France on exchange, please explore the AFX Student Exchange website and speak to your French teacher or Career Adviser- http://www.afxstudentexchange.com/australie/

Interested in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)? The Faculty of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) at Swinburne University has developed an online tool called ‘ICT Study Spectrum’ for students and parents to help gain a better understanding of the variety of course and career areas that sit within ICT.

You can access ICT Study Spectrum by visiting www.swinburne.edu.au/ict/schools/careers/

Thinking of a career in agriculture? If you are interested in studying agriculture and/or agribusiness, but aren’t sure what type of jobs are available in Australia and globally, you should check out a new website called Career Harvest- www.careerharvest.com.au

Super Thursday at Box Hill Institute: If you would like to explore your course options at Box Hill, their next Super Thursday will be run this Thursday 7 February across all of their campuses. To explore the information sessions, go to www.nmit.edu.au/superthursday

United World Colleges (UWC) Scholarships: If you are in Years 11 or 12 and would like to complete your education at one of the 12 United World Colleges around the world, and would like to apply for a scholarship, please go to their website at www.uwc.org.au or contact Mairi Stewart, mairi@uwc.org.au, 0431822960. An information session will be held on Sunday 24 February, 2-5 pm, City Library, CAE Building, 235 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

Police Open Day: NSW Police, in conjunction with Charles Sturt University, will host an Open Day on Sunday 24 February at Goulburn. You will be able to talk with local police officers, lecturers, and officers from specialist commands such as Highway Patrol and Mounted Police.

You will also have the opportunity to take a tour of the Academy and watch physical fitness and officer survival demonstrations. For more information, go to their website www.csu.edu.au/study/arts-courses/policing/career-days
New courses at Whitehouse Institute of Design: Two information sessions will be held to promote the following new part time courses that will be offered this year - design fundamentals, fashion, millinery, interiors, marketing and visual merchandising.

Sessions will be run Thursday 28 February and Thursday 21 March, 6.30-7.30pm at the Whitehouse Institute of Design, 672 Bourke Street, Melbourne. For more information, go to www.whitehouse-design.edu.au or phone 03 9600 3625.

Interested in Oral Hygiene and Allied Health Careers? Charles Sturt University will be holding their MyDay Oral Hygiene and Health Science event on Friday 1 March at their Wagga Wagga Campus. Application forms can be obtained from Judy Walsh by emailing her at infoevents@csu.edu.au.

2013 CAREERS TEAM: Deb Batt, Rose Schiavello and Martina Drendel are located in the new CAREERS HUB.

RSPCA – ANIMAL CAREER DISCOVERY DAY
There are four Career Discovery Days planned for 2013: Thursday 14th March; Tuesday 18th June; Tuesday 3rd September and Thursday 5th December. Time: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Location: Burwood East RSPCA
Cost: $55 includes registration, morning tea, RSPCA career show bags, and all activity costs.
See Deb Batt in the Careers Office for a registration form.

MANAGED INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS PLANS or CAREER ACTION PLANS.
All students at Hallam Senior College need to complete a MIPS or CAP during 2013. The plan and associated Career Development activities assist students towards a successful transition through the senior years of education to further education, training or employment. Students will complete these is WOW, PDS or English classes, depending upon year level.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 7: Super Thursday, NMIT Institute, www.nmit.edu.au/superthursday

MARCH EVENTS

- 1: MyDay Oral Hygiene and Health Sciences, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, Judy Walsh, infoevents@csu.edu.au
- 19: Year 10 WOW Students Excursion to Deakin or Berwick Chisholm & Monash
  Return excursion forms to your WOW teacher by March 1.
- 22: MyDay, Business, Information Technology and Computing, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga Campus, contact Judy Walsh, infoevents@csu.edu.au
- 26, 27: Meet Melbourne University, Bendigo (26), Sale (26) and Warragul (27), http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria