

Career Information Newsletter

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USING THE CAREER INFORMATION NEWSLETTER - Welcome to the first edition of the Career Information Newsletter for 2017. This newsletter is **published twice a term and emailed to all students in Weeks 4 and 8**. **Important Career updates will be emailed directly to students**. **Hard copies** are available at Student Services, the Careers Resource Centre and the Front Office. Students are also able to download the Careers Newsletter by visiting www.mcsc.act.edu.au The TV monitor and noticeboards outside the Library, Career Resource Centre and Student Services **advertise Career related information**. This newsletter informs you about: **Universities, CIT, New Courses, Open Days, Scholarships, Apprenticeships, and Employment Information etc.** You are encouraged to read the 'Career Information Newsletter' to make yourself **aware of the opportunities available to you**. **Appointments** are made by visiting Careers Resource Centre and booking in a time and date. Staff providing career support this year includes Helen Vlandis & Annie Kennedy on the senior campus and Kathryn Brown on the junior campus.

Career Presentations This year Career presentations will be advertised when students have expressed a demand on a particular topic or training event. Regularly we get guest speakers who would like to speak to Year 11 & 12 students. These presentations will **occur during a whole school assembly or during year group assemblies**. These presentations will be advertised via email, the Careers Newsletter, PC Notices, TV monitor and Face book.

Important Notices

UMAT - Register ⇒ Prepare ⇒ and ⇒ Sit UMAT

Attention Year 12 Students - PLANNING TO STUDY MEDICINE, PHARMACY, PHYSIOTHERAPY, DENTISTRY, OPTOMETRY, HEALTH SCIENCES?

Year 12 students planning to apply for these courses must complete the **Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)**. UMAT test results are used as part of the selection process for medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at various UMAT Consortium universities. UMAT 2017 will be held on the **26 July 2017**. **Note that UMAT is offered once a year only**. **Registrations for UMAT 2017 are now open**. Registrations will close 5.00pm -2 June 2017. You must read the [UMAT2017 Information Booklet](http://umat.acer.edu.au/files/UMAT_info_book_16.pdf) http://umat.acer.edu.au/files/UMAT_info_book_16.pdf and complete the UMAT Registration Tutorial before you register for UMAT2017 <http://umat.acer.edu.au/tutorials>

For more information visit: <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au/>

UMAT preparation options: • MedEntry - www.medentry.edu.au

• The National Institute of Education - www.nie.edu.au

Students interested in the following training programs:

White Card : Asbestos Training : First Aid : RSA - Responsible Service of Alcohol are asked to visit the Careers Resource Centre and record their **contact details** on the expression of interest form. Once we have the required number of students the training date will be advertised.

Note: Many of these training programs have a cost involved. Payment must be completed at the front office one week before the training session begins.

TERM 1: The following Training has been organised and will be delivered in the MCSS Science Lecture Theatre. See Careers for an information sheet.

- **White Card Training** - 3 April 9.00- 3.30pm \$ 75 plus \$37 Card
- **Asbestos Training** - 4 April 9.00 -12.30pm \$ 75

Discount: \$140 for both statements of attainment - plus \$37 for the White card

The Unique Student Identifier (USI) From 1 January 2015, all students doing nationally recognised training need to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). This includes students doing Vocational Education Training (VET) programs in school, an Australian School based apprenticeship and additional training that includes VET competencies such as white card and asbestos. Students will be required to register online. For a brief introduction to what the USI is and why it is needed, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5zMjJfxyDKs> To apply go to: <https://www.usi.gov.au/> Provide your USI Number to Robyn in Student Services

What's new in the Careers Centre for students to review?

The following information has recently arrived in the Careers Room:

- **UMAT Australia** - 2017 Information Brochure & MedEntry UMAT Preparation
- **Bond University Information Pack**
- **University of Wollongong Future Students Events Guide**
- **GAP YEAR Information** - Project Abroad, LATTITUDE
- **QUT News**
- **LaTrobe University 2017 Calendar of Events and Information Pack**
- **Lattitude - Gap Year information**

Selected Websites to Visit

What's New - in Websites **Job Jumpstart** is a one-stop-shop for young people seeking employment planning and job search information. The site offers a range of content in the form of articles, workbooks and links that can help young people.

Visit: jobjumpstart.employment.gov.au

http://www.mathscareers.org.au/	Careers in Maths
www.aapathways.com.au/Career-Resources/Practice-Aptitude-Quizzes	Australian Apprenticeship Pathways Practice Aptitude Quizzes - for people interested in entering a trade. The quizzes also provide industry specific careers information and links.
www.joboutlook.gov.au/pages/careerquiz.aspx	The Job Outlook Career Quiz takes students' answers to a small range of questions and provides them with career profiles for jobs in fields that might suit them.
www.alife.net.au	Range of career profiles and interviews
www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com/Home.aspx	<i>What Degree? Which University?</i> Is a website that explores the many degree options available at different universities.
http://www.myfuture.edu.au/	Australia's career information and exploration service site
www.australia.gov.au/healthheroes	For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary students to pursue a job in the health sector
http://myuniversity.gov.au/	A website aimed at providing potential students with more information to help them decide what and where to study
http://essendonvet.com.au/career-veterinarian	This website gives an overview of the career of the veterinarian and the salary range that a new graduate might expect. The site also provides a list of Australian universities that facilitate the Bachelor of Veterinary Science.
http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/	Course information from TAFEs, private VET Colleges, Universities University Ratings and Career Info.
The Good Universities Guide now available as a free eBook - The Good Universities Guide rates the quality of institutions and courses on offer against a comprehensive list of criteria relevant to students and their advisers. The digital edition of the Guide can be viewed at http://ebook.gooduniguide.com.au	

University

**Tertiary Open Day CANBERRA (ANU,UC,ADFA,ACU,CIT)
Saturday 26 August:9am-4pm**

ACU - Australian Catholic University (Canberra Campus) - Important dates:

- **4 July 2017** - Canberra Campus University Experience

http://www.acu.edu.au/student_experience/student_life/experience_uni_before_you_start/university_experience

ACU - Bonus points schemes Bonus - (Subject Bonus & Access ACU) ACU has a number of bonus points schemes available to eligible applicants. Bonus points are added to your ATAR, to give you a new adjusted entry score. This is then used to assess your eligibility for ACU courses. For more information visit:

http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/accessacu

ACU - Early Achievers Program - Do you regularly contribute to your school or local community? Be recognised for your voluntary contribution and gain an early entry to ACU.

Applications open: 26 April & Close 17 July 2017 Visit: www.acu.edu.au/early-achievers

Charles Sturt University (CSU) 2017 Upcoming MyDay Events: MyDay offers students a taste of living and learning on campus at CSU and the opportunity to find out more about their chosen course and career. Students will also receive key information about opportunities and support available to make their goals achievable. Students interested in attending a MyDay event are required to register online. Visit:

<http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/unilife/social/campus-events/myday>

Macquarie University - 2017 Key Dates Visit: <http://www.mq.edu.au/study/school-portal>

- **Macquarie in a Day** - 19 & 20 April 2017 **Open Day** - 19 August 2017

Sydney University - **Entry requirements** visit:

<http://sydney.edu.au/study/admissions/apply/entry-requirements/undergraduate-academic-requirements.html>

Note from 2019, students need to complete the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) Mathematics (not General Mathematics) or equivalent interstate or IB subjects in order to meet the requirements for admission into a number of our courses, including economics, commerce, engineering and IT, psychology, pharmacy, veterinary science and science.

Scholarships

Bond Scholarships for Year 12 students will open in early April and close around 31 July. Visit: www.bond.edu.au/study-at-bond/scholarships/how-to-apply/index.htm They are designed to reward and encourage students who have excelled in the areas of academia, leadership, community and sporting.

ANU Tuckwell Scholarships - Applying for a Tuckwell Scholarship is a three-stage process which commences with an initial application from yourself and a recommendation from your school teacher. Shortlisted applicants will complete a more detailed application in stage two (including a recommendation from your school Principal) and final candidates will be interviewed during July for stage three. For more information visit:

<http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/> <http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/>

Scholarship finder - Hobsons website:

<http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/scholarship/search?levelOfStudy=4&keyword=&organisationName=&country=14®ion=1000&fieldOfStudy=3&supportType=1&targetGroup=5&actionSearch=Search#.UhPS1X-bAjw>

Cadetships

Professional Cadetships Australia - (PCA) specialises in creating career opportunities for young people. Their cadetships enable you to combine study at the University of your Choice with paid work at leading companies.

- **Business Cadetships** - Open 6 March 2017: Close 10 May 2017
- **Technology Cadetships** - Open 26 April 2017: Close 16 June 2017

Note: Technology Cadets are placed in Sydney at Westpac Group or at Macquarie Group

For more information visit: www.businesscadetships.com.au

Australian Defence Force & ADFA

Defence has a number of Work Experience Programs in the ACT for 2017. Visit the website to see the current opportunities available to students. www.defence.gov.au/workexperience
This year students are required to apply online and then notify your Careers Adviser.

ADF Gap Year - 2018 Applications for the (ADF) Gap Year program will open in March.

ADF provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished year 12 (or equivalent) and are aged between 17 and 24*, to experience an exciting and rewarding year in the Navy, Army or Air Force. You will gain life skills, make new friends and develop leadership qualities that you can take anywhere. For more information attend an information session or to register your interest visit:

http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/gap-year/?utm_campaign=gapyear2015&utm_medium=edm&utm_source=eoi_canberra

Remember to fill in their form to receive updates:

INFORMATION Sessions - Defence Force Recruiting invites you to attend:

1. Gap Year Information Session

Date: Tuesday 14th March 2017 **Time:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Location: Defence Force Recruiting Canberra. Level 2, 64 Northbourne Avenue Canberra,

2. Australian Defence Force Academy Information Session

Date: Tuesday 7th March, 2017 **Time:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Location: Defence Force Recruiting Centre Canberra - Level 2, 64 Northbourne Avenue

3. Defence Careers Information Session

Date: Tuesday 21st March, 2017 **Time:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Location: Defence Force Recruiting Centre Canberra - Level 2, 64 Northbourne Avenue

If you wish to attend these information sessions, please call 13 19 02 to book your seat/seats.

Gap Year/ Exchange

Cultural Care Au Pair - Is a cultural exchange program that provides young Australian adults with the opportunity to live and work in the USA. A free information session is available in Canberra on the 25th Feb & 18 March at 11am. Meeting held at the Belconnen Community Centre, Swanston Court and students can book their seat by calling 1800 677 373 or visit: <http://culturalcare.com.au/join-info-meeting/>

Lattitude Global Volunteering 2017 applications now open! Applications are now open for students interested in embarking on a volunteering placement in a new culture and community during their gap year in 2018. Placements are available in North America, the UK, Europe and Asia/Pacific. To help with costs, a number of scholarships are available to assist with placement fees or flights to certain countries. Visit: www.lattitude.org.au/ for more information.

Projects Abroad Online Information Sessions - Projects Abroad offers volunteering opportunities in 29 countries across the developing world and have over 1000 unique projects. The projects are all about connecting with and understanding a different world, making a worthy contribution, and personal development. Online information sessions can be found by visiting: <http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/about-us/meet-us/online-info-sessions/>

or head to their website: <http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/about-us/meet-us/#information-evenings>

Projects Abroad Overseas Volunteer Programmes - These programmes are tightly scheduled and chaperoned to ensure a well-structured, safe and supported short stay for Yr 10-11 students. There are programmes in:

Cambodia - Childcare and renovations

Nepal - Childcare and renovations

Nepal - Medicine experience and observation **Nepal** - Post earthquake building

Sri Lanka - Childcare and renovations

Fiji - Childcare and renovations in a traditional village

Philippines - Public and community health

Thailand - Marine conservation

Full details are available on their High School Projects page. <http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/projects/high-school-projects/#overview> A leaflet detailing these projects is available here. <http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/projects/high-school-projects/#resources>

Antipodeans ABROAD - an independent Australian company that has been creating unique student volunteer experiences for over 20 years. For more information visit: www.antipodeans.com.au

US Summer Camp Info Meeting - to find out about the Camp Counsellors USA program for 2018
Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/ccusa.australia/events>

WEP Student Exchange - 25 Countries - WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation and currently accepting applications from students in years 9-12 to participants in short-term, semester or year-long student exchange programs. For students wishing to complement their education with an international experience, find out more via <https://wep.org.au/>, (Click NSW) info@wep.org.au or 1300 884 733

ASBA's - Australian School Based Apprenticeships

Students undertaking an accredited program and are interested in doing an ASBA are asked to see Helen for more information.

- **Current Positions available** - Business Administration, IT, Hairdressing, Childcare and Grounds Maintenance

Work Experience & SWL

Work Experience & SWL is available for all students in Year 11 and 12. The database is located in the Careers Resource Centre. Come in, have a browse and put in an application. Semester 1 placements

need to be finalised by the end of May. **Note:** Students interested in a Trade placement will need to have done their white card and asbestos training. See Helen or Annie for more information.

AIE Work Experience Program - The AIE Work Experience Program is in place to give students who are interested in a career in the video games, 3D animation and visual effects industries a chance to get some hands on experience. Students use industry standard software in a studio environment as they learn what it is like to be an independent developer in the digital creative industries. Places fill up fast, students need to apply early to ensure they don't miss out. www.aie.edu.au/workexperience

Popular WEX placements that fill up fast - If you are interested in Nursing or the Zoo, it is important to make an appointment with careers staff and **register now** for a placement

Full Time Apprenticeships

Students Interested in a full time apprenticeship are asked to review information from the following three apprenticeship centres in the ACT and group training organisation: This includes their job vacancy boards.

Australian Support Australia

<http://www.apprenticeshipsupport.com.au/states/New-South-Wales>

MEGT - <http://www.megt.com.au/>

SARINARUSSO - <http://sarinarusso.com/apprentices/>

Group Training Organisations:

1300 Apprenticeships: <http://1300apprentice.com.au/>

HIA - Housing Industry Association -

<https://hia.com.au/en/ProductsServices/Apprentices.aspx>

Volunteer Work

Volunteering opportunities see Helen. Charny Carny currently require volunteers

ACT Red Cross Volunteering - The Red Cross has a variety of volunteering opportunities available in the ACT. To see what is available visit: <http://volunteering.redcross.org.au/vw/en/filter/?job-mail-subscribe-privacy=agree&search-keyword=&location=australian%20capital%20territory>

Stop Press - Work related Reminders

The Young Worker Toolkit - The Australian Government has a website to help you find information about your workplace rights and obligations Visit <http://www.fairwork.gov.au/>

10 Step plan to your First job - The ACTU website offers a good reference list to help students organize themselves for their first job. Visit:

<http://www.worksite.actu.org.au/new-stuff/10-step-plan-to-your-first-job-plus-one-extra-step.aspx>

MoneySmart Rookie Campaign Learn more about managing your money, moving out of home, studying, budgeting, credit cards, debt and more. Visit:
www.moneysmart.gov.au/life-events-and-you/under-25s

RESUME Template - Available in hard copy in Careers or request a template to be emailed to you.

Skills Road: Resources for students: Career Quiz, Explore Careers, Resume Builder and more Visit: <http://www.skillsroad.com.au/home> Skillsroad Work Readiness Course - Visit: <http://www.skillsroad.com.au/students/training-courses/skillsroad-work-readiness-course-%284%29#.VzHhky9OKUm> (Note: Cost involved)

Monster Career resources - Sample Resumes to get you started
<http://www.monster.com/career-advice/cover-letter-resume/resume-samples>

Skills One - Skills one is a video platform with over 1500 short video stories about getting a trade or skill. Check it out by visiting the website: <http://www.skillsone.com.au/>

Young People at Work This website - offers a range of advice on getting a job, workers' rights at work, how to leave jobs, and other resources to help young people learn about work.
<http://www.youngpeopleatwork.nsw.gov.au/>

Need a TAX FILE NUMBER: Do you have a tax file number (TFN)? If you don't, you will need one soon- for employment, youth allowance or for the Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS). Schools no longer process the Tax File form. The application process requires you to apply online and visit your nearest Australian Post Office. For more information visit:
<https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/Apply-for-a-TFN/>

