

Career Information Newsletter

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USING THE CAREER INFORMATION NEWSLETTER -This newsletter is published fortnightly and emailed to all students via their email accounts. 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.mcass.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, employment 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. Additional staff providing career support this year are Annie Kennedy, Kathryn Brown and Terry Eveston.

Important Notices

Students interested in the following training programs:

White Card @ Asbestos Training :Students interested in White Card and Asbestos training are asked to see Helen in Careers. The next training sessions at MCSS Senior campus will be:

⇒	White Card Training	31 March	9.00 - 3.00 pm	Science lecture Theatre
		Cost: \$110		
⇒	ASBESTOS	1 April	9.00 - 1.00 pm	Science lecture Theatre
		Cost: \$50		

Interested students are asked to register and pay at the front office. You need to provide your USI number, Date of Birth & mobile number. Note: Two current forms of ID will be required for White Card training. One of these must be a photo ID.

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 2016 will be held on Wednesday **27 July 2016**. **Note that UMAT is offered once a year only.** Registrations for UMAT 2016 are now open. Registrations will close at 5.00pm 3 June 2016. You must read the UMAT2016 Information Booklet https://umat.acer.edu.au/files/UMAT_info_book_16.pdf and complete the UMAT Registration Tutorial before you register for UMAT2016 <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

National Institute of Education: Simulated UMAT Day Workshop 16th July 2016, Canberra Grammar School. The workshop covers every section of the UMAT test and also the styles of questions. Registrations are now open. <http://nie.edu.au/simulated-umat-day-workshop>

ADF Gap Year program - applications are now open!

You can now apply to experience a Gap Year in the Navy, Army or Air Force. In one action-packed year you will gain valuable skills and work experience; a good salary package plus free healthcare; live a varied, active and healthy lifestyle and make friends with like-minded people. The **ADF Gap Year program** is an excellent way to experience military life and to gain a greater understanding of what's involved.

In 2017 there are 11 roles to choose from ranging from admin to artillery, and flight crew to logistics. Places are strictly limited and will only be open for a limited time.

Things to know:

- Details of all the Gap Year roles are available at defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear
- Employment commences early 2017
- Applicants must have completed Year 12 and be aged between 18 and 24 as of 1 April 2017 (Navy), 31 May 2017 (Army), or 7 April 2017 (Air Force).

BiG Day In IT - Thursday 2 June 2016 - 9:00am - 2:30pm **BiG Day In IT Careers Conference** for students in Years 9-12 @ University of Canberra. Speakers' incl. Microsoft, IBM, WiseTech Global, HP, CSC & more talking about their Careers & the future of Information Technology. Interested students are asked to See Helen. A bus will be organised if there are enough students interested in going. Cost \$5 Visit: <http://www.thebigdayin.com.au>

Interested in learning more about your rights and responsibilities. Legal Aid in partnership with Belconnen Community Services is providing legal advice to teenagers on work, cars, money, cyber safety just to name a few topics. For more information see flyer at the end of this newsletter.

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

The following information has recently arrived in the Careers Room:

- **STEM Reading** - Career Reading Material
- **University of Melbourne** - Werribee pen ay - Sat 19 March 10-3pm
Diploma in General Studies & bachelor of Agriculture brochures

Selected Websites to Visit

www.ncah.com.au/	Online Careers Resource for Nurses & Allied Health Professionals
http://www.mathscareers.org.au/	Careers in Maths
www.apathways.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.
http://ndisrights.org.au	NDIS Rights has fact sheets available which provide rights-based legal information on how to deal with various NDIS processes, agencies, and complaints

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

Charles Sturt University (CSU) 2016 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 interesting in attending a MyDay event are required to register online. To view upcoming events or to register visit: www.csu.edu.au/go/myday

Sydney University - will be the first NSW university to introduce Mathematics course prerequisite for a number of University of Sydney courses. You can read more on this exciting development online. <http://sydney.edu.au/news-opinion/news/2016/02/01/mathematics-to-become-a-prerequisite-for-university-of-sydney-ad.html> You can also find a list of degrees impacted by the change and equivalent subjects, by visiting: www.sydney.edu.au/study/maths.html

UNSW Engineering: FREE ONLINE Course -Through engineers' eyes: engineering mechanics by experiment, analysis and design - 18th April 2016, 12pm This free online course will provide information on engineering mechanics as well as use the theory to interpret experiment and designs. The course consists of four hours per week over a seven week period. <https://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/all-events/free-online-course-through-engineers-eyes-engineering-mechanics-by-experiment-analysis>

CIT

CIT Forensic Science Day Tuesday 10 May One hour sessions at **CIT Bruce** 9:30am -2:30pm, Room A022, CIT Bruce To attend Email: Yvonne.Vandermeer@cit.edu.au

Studio 16 Free Interactive Creative Industry Workshops Thursday 19 May
Time: 9:30am -2:30pm at **CIT Reid** Students select 3 one hour sessions from the following: Photography, Graphic Design, Visual Arts, Fashion, ICT, Interior Design and Building Design. To attend Email: Gerri.D'Aquino@cit.edu.au

Scholarships & Cadetships

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. Download a copy of the [2016 Domestic Scholarship Brochure](#)

ANU Tuckwell Scholarships - Unique \$21,700 per annum. The Tuckwell Scholarships are competitive scholarships awarded to outstanding school leavers who wish to pursue a full-time single or double undergraduate program at ANU. Stage 1 Applications for the 2017 Scholarships will open **29 Feb 2016**. Selections will be finalised in July 2016, for study commencing February 2017. 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>

Professional Cadetships Australia - (PCA) specialises in creating career opportunities for young people interested in Business, Engineering & Technology. **2016 PCA Cadetship programs are now available. Applications for the Business Cadetship opens 7 March and Closes 11 May 2016.**

Applications for the Engineering & Technology open on 26 April and close the 17 June. For more information visit: www.businesscadetships.com.au

Australian Defence Force & ADFA

Defence has a number of Work Experience Programs in the ACT for 2016. Visit the website to see the current opportunities available to students. www.defence.gov.au/workexperience
This year students are required to apply online.

ADF Gap Year program - Applications for the 2017 Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year program is now open. For more information or to register your interest visit: www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/GapYear/default.aspx?utm_campaign=gapyear2015&utm_medium=edm&utm_source=eoicanberra

2016 Defence Force Information Sessions - To view upcoming sessions visit: www.facebook.com/events/1528186550812624/ or to book your spot, email your details to: cptact@dfrc.com.au

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 20th February 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 2017. 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 Information Evening - 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 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 2016

Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/ccusa.australia/events>

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.

REECE School Based Traineeships Reece are Australia's largest supplier of bathroom and plumbing products and are looking for Yr 11 students to undertake school based traineeships across Australia. Students will work one weekday and must also be available to work Saturdays. Interested students are asked to visit the website to search and apply for positions in the ACT: <http://asba.sherpanetwork.com.au/jobs/>

Currently advertising School-based Apprentice - Actrol Parts Part time FYSHWICK ACT

Work Experience

Work Experience 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, Terry 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

Employment/Volunteer Work

Volunteering opportunities see Helen

Stop Press - Useful Resources & 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

Skills Road: Job Interviews 101 Checklist - This resource provides tips on job interviews and helpful ways to prepare. Careers Quiz and Resume Builder.

<http://www.skillsroad.com.au/news-events/news/all-news/november-2014/job-interviews-101>

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/>



Legal Info Sessions

Topic	Date
Your rights as an Employee	25 February
Tenancy and Shared Housing	31 March
Cyber Safety and the Law	28 April
Police Powers	26 May
Money and Debt	30 June
Your rights as an Employee	28 July
School—Rights and Responsibilities	25 August
Crimes and Court	29 September
Cars and Driving	27 October
Money and Debt	24 November

On the last Thursday of each month, Legal Aid will be providing legal info sessions for 12–25 year olds on a variety of topics.

If you need a bit more information about your rights and responsibilities, come along and ask some questions.

Time: 5.30pm—6.30pm

RSVP preferred. Light refreshments provided.

For more information call 6264 0200.



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The corner@bcs is located on the corner of Swanson Court and Chandler St Belconnen. For more information, contact BCS on 6264 0200



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