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Careers News

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In this issue, you will find out about:

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The Power of Bonus Points

Many universities offer bonus points to students who have studied a language in the HSC. Some of our students from the class of 2013 have already experienced the power of bonus points. They managed to get into their desirable course because the bonus points they had acquired through studying a language pushed the ATAR. Below are some of the examples. (Please note that because of privacy reasons, we have withheld their full name but only reveal their initials.)



AM

AM studied Japanese with us last year. This student wanted to do Psychology at the Australian National University. AM has acquired band 6 in Japanese and the ANU gave her 5 bonus points. Because of these 5 extra points, she got into her dream course successfully. AM's father quickly enrolls AM's younger sister in a year 11 language course with Open High School this year to take advantage of the bonus point system.

GC

GC studied Italian with Open High School last year. Just like AM, this student was awarded entry into her dream course, International Studies and Science at the University of New South Wales and because of the extra points she got through studying Italian in Years 11 and 12.

MS

MS studied Spanish with Open High School last year and was awarded 5 bonus points for studying Spanish in the HSC, enabling her to qualify for the combined degree program of Law and International Studies at the Australia National University.

EH

EH studied German with Open High School last year and, like the previous students, was awarded bonus points for language studies. This student has successfully gained entry to Macquarie University's Bachelor of Arts program.

These are just some of the examples. The message is clear – language study is worth it.

Information Days

Evolution Hospitality Institute information evening

Wednesday 7th May 2014. Discover the hospitality pathway that is right for you, meet trainers and industry professionals, staff will be available to answer questions regarding courses and fees. Industry professionals will be able to assist you with career pathways for hospitality. Info sessions 10am-12pm and 6-8pm. Level 4 552 George Street Sydney NSW 2000. For bookings and enquires call James Richards on 9283 8222 or www.evolution.edu.au

College of Event Management Information Session

Friday 16th May, 6.30pm. Level 9, 28 Foveaux Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 1300 725 846
<http://collegeofeventmanagement.com.au/campus/information-sessions>

University of Wollongong College Information Evening

Wednesday 21st May, 6-8pm. This evening provides an opportunity to meet with staff and current students of UOW College and discuss educational goals. UOW College now offers a Diploma of Nursing and Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care that can be used as a pathway to University or direct entry to the workplace. Building 30, University of Wollongong. For more information and to register for the event go to www.uowcollege.edu.au or call 1300 367 869.

Central Queensland University Sydney and Online Information Sessions

Online Information Session Thursday 22nd May, 4-7pm, Online Information Session
http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar?SQ_CALENDAR_VIEW=month&SQ_CALENDAR_DATE=2014-05-01

The HSC and Careers Expo 2014

29th May to 1st June (10am to 3pm). Admission fee: \$10 per person
Royal Hall of Industries, Moore Park, Sydney.

The HSC and Careers Expo is an important event for Years 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents featuring over 140 exhibitors with HSC resources, tertiary courses and career information. The seminar program features 115 presentations on HSC subjects, tertiary courses, career and study advice. <http://www.hscandcareers.com.au/>

The Western Sydney Careers Expo 2014

19th June to 20th June (9am to 3pm) and 21st June to 22nd June (10am to 3pm)
Admission fee: \$10 per person. Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

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University of New South Wales

Year 10 Subject Selection and Information Evenings. Various dates and locations **throughout May and June**. Presented by both UNSW staff and Board of Studies representatives. Current students and staff from all faculties will be on hand before and after the presentation to answer questions. For more information and to register, visit www.whatson.unsw.edu.au.

University of Technology, Sydney Experience Day

Wednesday 2nd July, 9am – 3pm, UTS City Campus. Visit UTS and take part in hands-on workshops across many courses. <http://www.uts.edu.au/node/3977>

University Experience, Australian Catholic University

Wednesday 9th July (Strathfield) and Friday 11th July (North Sydney). University Experience is a free program that gives students the opportunity to sample the degree of their choice. To register, go to www.acu.edu.au/uni-exp-nsw

University of Canberra 4 Yourself Experience Days

Wednesday 23rd July, 10.30am – 3.30pm UC 4 Yourself days brings high school students to UC with the aim of familiarising students with university and the potential benefits of a university education. <http://www.canberra.edu.au/events/>

University of Wollongong 2014 Information Evening for Year 12 Students and Parents

Albury: Monday 21st July, 5.30pm – 7.00pm, Albury Library Museum
Tuesday 22nd July, 6.30pm – 8.00pm, Mantra Pavilion Hotel Griffith
Wednesday 23rd July, 6.30pm – 8.00pm, Griffith Ex-Servicemen's Club
Thursday 24th July, 6.30pm – 8.00pm, Ibis Styles Orange
Monday 25th August, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Campbelltown Catholic Club
Tuesday 9th September, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, St George Leagues Club
<http://www.uow.edu.au/future/events/UOW144922.html>

Canberra Careers Xpo

Wednesday 30th July – Thursday 31st July, Exhibition Park. Contact 6205 3601 or careers@act.gov.au
http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/transition_careers_and_vocational_learning/careers_market_2012

University of Western Sydney Campus Experience

Prospective students and their family and friends can meet with a current student and find out all they need to know about UWS. Campus Experience tours operate at all UWS campuses on selected dates.

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

University of Technology, Sydney Open Days

Saturday 30th August, 9am – 4pm, UTS City Campus
Saturday 6th September, 11am – 1pm, Kuringgai Campus, Lindfield
<http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/teachers/tools-and-resources/uts-events-and-key-dates>

TAFE NSW Hunter Institute School Subject Selection Nights

Hunter TAFE will be visiting a number of different schools throughout the Hunter Valley and Central Coast region in **July and August**, to provide information to assist students and parents on TVET and VET pathways. <http://www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au/events/Pages/Events.aspx#>

Volunteer / Exchange Opportunity

WEP Student Exchange - World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now looking for volunteer host families for their overseas students from Italy, France, Brazil, Norway, the Netherlands and Chile. Whether students are learning foreign languages or their families are interested in different cultures, this is a fantastic inter-cultural experience for the whole family and opportunity to make new friends from around the world. To request detailed program information, please visit www.wep.org.au or email judithortmann@wep.org.au.

GapForce Overseas Work Experience, courses and Volunteering

Open evening Monday 2nd June, Sydney Central YHA, 11 Rawson Place, Corner of Pitt St and Rawson Place, Sydney. 6 – 9pm (presentation on programmes at 6:30pm, otherwise drop in anytime). This event will give senior school students and their parents the chance to meet with staff to discuss programmes and how they develop personal growth. Programmes are available to anyone, lasting from two weeks to three months+. For more information see www.gapforce.org

Volunteer Opportunity in Cambodia for students who want to spend 2 or 4 weeks during January 2015. Volunteers will be working on teaching projects in rural schools. This project is intended for school leavers who want to experience volunteering before starting university. For more details about information evenings contact Jean White at Jean@octours.com.au or visit www.octours.com.au

AFS exchange programs

The benefits of an AFS exchange are more than just the excitement, fun and adventure. An AFS experience will also develop a lot of the skills that are critical to success in your future studies, career and personal life. With AFS you don't have to be a top student and have the best grades to go overseas. What you will need is a commitment to education and your community as well as energy, drive and a desire to achieve. You must also have a genuine interest in people and the world around you. AFS has a range of different programs to choose from.

<http://www.afs.org.au/scholarships/>

Antipodeans Abroad

Volunteer or work overseas to broaden your horizons, reward yourself, have a break from study and return more focused. Add value to your CV or choose a placement that will complement your tertiary studies. Information evenings for parents and students are held every couple of weeks. To find out more visit: <http://www.antipodeans.com.au/Home.htm>

Scholarships

Badanami Alternative Entry Program

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students wanting to gain entry into any course at university. **Monday and Tuesday, 2-3 June**, the **University of Western Sydney** will be hosting the mid-year **Badanami Alternative Entry Program** test at **Kingswood (Penrith) campus**.

Students who are:

- of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- wanting to study in 2015
- doing their HSC
- not eligible for an ATAR
- not confident with their ATAR
- expecting to receive a high ATAR but wanting early entry
- wanting early entry into university
- wanting to gain entry into Medicine (students would need to sit the June testing)
- wanting to study an Indigenous block program
- Bachelor of Community and Social Development
- Bachelor of Education (Primary)

The Badanami Alternative Entry Program is also for students expecting high ATAR results. Mature age students are also welcome to apply. No work experience or HSC needed. For any questions, please call **1300 897 669**, or email study@uws.edu.au or www.uws.edu.au/badanamiadmissions

Young People Without Borders (YPWB) Scholarships

The Foundation for Young Australians is offering young Australians aged 18 to 20 the opportunity to secure \$2,500 scholarships towards volunteer placements in the Asia-Pacific. YPWB have teamed up with two amazing organisations, Global Vision International and Latitude Global Volunteering, to offer some of the best volunteering placements in India, China, Vietnam, Laos, Fiji, Vanuatu, Nepal and Thailand. The placements are a wonderful opportunity for students to apply learnings from the classroom and gain valuable lifelong skills whilst also making a meaningful contribution to the world.

Applications for departure in 2015 close 27 June 2014. Please head to www.ypwb.org.au/startyear to apply or find out more. Students who are not 18 by departure in 2015 (e.g. year 11s) can still sign up to the YPWB community and register their interest to be kept up to date on future scholarship opportunities.

Australian Veteran's Children Assistance Trust Scholarships

Applications open Monday 18th August

The Australian Veteran's Children Assistance Trust, provides scholarships based on need and merit to children and grandchildren of ex-serviceman or women to study at TAFE, university, or a private college. <http://www.avcat.org.au/Aboutus/OurScholarships.aspx>

ACT Youth Inter ACT Scholarships

These scholarships provide up to \$500 for people aged 12-25 who need financial help to attend an event that will aid their learning, sporting, personal, or career development. Applications are assessed on the last Friday of February, April, June, August, October and December, and applications must be received two weeks prior to this assessment.

<http://youth.act.gov.au/index.php/scholarships>

Other Information

Discover Your Career

Online information for anyone interested in the Tourism & Hospitality industry.

<http://www.discoveryourcareer.com.au/>

The School for Excellence: Getting the Most Out of the Time Spent at School

This article discusses some ways for students to make the most of their time at school so that they can spend less time after school working.

<http://www.tsfx.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/HSC-2014-Study-Tip-2.pdf>

Australian Catholic University 2015 Course Guides

http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/our_university/publications/course_guides

The Good Universities Guide now available as a free eBook - From the publishers of Job Guide, The Good Universities Guide has been redeveloped for over 23 years with the input of Australian career advisers, students and universities. Taking up from where Job Guide leaves off, what makes The Good Universities Guide unique is that it 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>.

Hobsons Course Finder: Good Universities Guide 2014

Hobsons Course Finder allows you to search through the Guide's unique five-star ratings, which cover every university in Australia. The independent ratings cover all aspects of university life.

<http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/ratings/>

Charles Sturt University Year 10 Information Page

This webpage is designed for year 10 students possibly considering university study once they have finished year 12. The page features advice regarding year 11 and 12 subject selection, what to do if they are unsure about what they want to do as well as career planning advice.

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

The Job I Love Guide

'The Job I Love' allows students and jobseekers find out about occupations and careers within the service industries. It has information about qualifications, how to find training, and what course goes with what job.

<http://www.serviceskills.com.au/the-job-i-love-careers-guide>

Tech Tools to Assist Learners with Disability

This article outlines a range of programs & tools that can be of use to learners with disability. The various tools are all designed to make access to computers easy for people with disability.

<http://www.diip.com.au/tech-tools-assist-learners-disability>

Youth Central: 6 Tips for Surviving Year 12

This article aims to help students get through their challenging final year of secondary school by providing six helpful tips for 'survival'

<http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/Studying+%26+Training/Secondary+Study/6+Tips+for+Surviving+Year+12/>

Martin College: How to Improve Concentration

This article details some things that students can do to improve their concentration & remain focused.

<http://blog.martincollege.edu.au/index.php/studying/improve-concentration>

How to De-stress During Exams

Bond University has released this funny video which is filled with tips to de-stress during exam periods.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4IHCwY838s>

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