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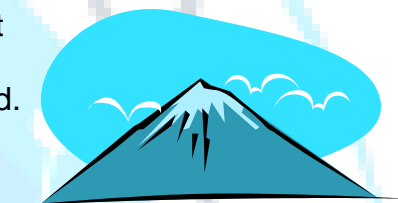
In this issue, you will find out about:

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Ex-student studying overseas

Maxwell Forrest – Japanese Continuers and Extension student in 2013

We have been tracing the footsteps of our students who graduated last year. Some students have continued to study their HSC language at tertiary level. Others choose to further their language education abroad. In this issue, we have interviewed Maxwell Forrest who studied Continuers and Extension Japanese with Open High School last year. Max has embarked on an exciting journey in Japan, fully utilising the Japanese language he has learned. Max describes his life in Japan as rewarding, challenging and self-discovering. He plans to be a bridge between Japan and Australia through his work in the future.



What options were available to you after the HSC?

I received offers to study Arts and Information Technology at the University of Sydney and the University of Melbourne. However, I was keen to move to Japan and study at a Japanese university.

Why did you decide to go to Japan?

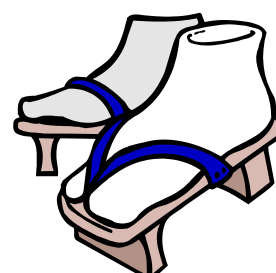
I started studying Japanese at the age 10 after becoming friends with a Japanese exchange student at primary school. Since then my interest grew and I visited Japan several times and continued studying Japanese. In year 10, I spent six months living in Tokyo on student exchange. After returning from my exchange, I decided that I would like to attend a Japanese university in order to perfect my language skills and prepare myself for a career related to Japan.

How long do you plan to stay in Japan?

I will start at a Japanese university in October, so I will be here for at least 4 more years.

What are you doing in Japan?

I am currently living in Tokyo, studying at a Japanese language school in the morning and working as a translator/administrator for an online language school in the afternoons. From October, I will move to Sapporo to study International Relations at Hokkaido University.



Why did you choose to do Japanese as a HSC subject?

I had been studying Japanese privately from a young age, and was unaware of Open High School until year 11, when one of my teachers introduced it to me as Japanese was not offered by my school at the time. I was very happy to have the opportunity to study Japanese for the HSC and picked up the Extension course in Year 12.

What was the most difficult thing learning Japanese with Open High School? How did you overcome it?

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed my time studying with Open High School. I particularly enjoyed phone lessons with my teacher, Ms Bavinton. The most difficult thing would have been the lack of opportunities to practise speaking and listening to Japanese. I overcame this by watching Japanese movies/dramas and working part time at a Japanese restaurant.

It is inspiring to us that Max's language learning has opened up other doors for him. Best wishes to Max for his journey in Japan.

Information Days

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

At the Information Evening, you will have the opportunity to talk to UOW staff and current students.

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Contact Details: uniadvice@uow.edu.au/1300367869

<http://www.uow.edu.au/future/events/index.html>

Monday 21st July, 5.30pm – 7.00pm, Albury Library Museum
Tuesday 22nd July, 6.30pm – 8.00pm, Wagga Wagga The Mantra Pavilion
Wednesday 23rd July, 6.30pm – 8.00pm, Griffith Ex-Servicemen's Club
Thursday 24th July, 6.30pm – 8.00pm, Orange Ibis Styles
Thursday 31st July, 6.30pm – 8.00pm, Canberra Hyatt Hotel
Monday 25th August, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Campbelltown Catholic Club
Tuesday 9th September, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, St George Leagues Club

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. www.canberra.edu.au/events/

Canberra CareersXpo

Wednesday 30th July – Thursday 31st July, Exhibition Park.

The CareersXpo is open from 9.30 am to 2.30pm and 4.30pm to 7.00pm on Wednesday and 9.30am to 2.30pm on Thursday.

The Canberra CareersXpo specialises in the provision of valuable career opportunities to secondary students throughout the ACT and surrounding NSW schools network. There are over 80 local and national exhibitors, including universities, colleges, and career placement organisations providing a wide range of information sources. Visit <http://www.canberracareersmarket.com.au> or contact Melanie Selems at 6205 3601.

University of Western Sydney, Parent Information Evenings

Tuesday 29th July, 6.00pm – 8.30pm. Bankstown Sports Club.

Tuesday 5th August, 6.00pm – 8.30pm. Campbelltown Catholic Club.

Wednesday 6th August, 6.00pm – 8.30pm. Penrith Panthers Leagues Club.

Tuesday 12th August, 6.00pm – 8.30pm. Rooty Hill Novotel.

Wednesday 13th August, 6.00pm – 8.30pm. Parramatta Leagues Club.

The UWS Parent Information Evenings provide parents, guardians and students with a chance to find out everything they need to know about university from discovering the way the ATAR works and exploring the full range of options for entry into university, to speaking with UWS staff and students one-on-one to learn about the opportunities available. The Parent Information Evenings are a great introduction to the exciting journey ahead.

Contact Name: Tony Ciccone or t.ciccone@uws.edu.au

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

University of Wollongong Open Day 2014

Saturday 16th August, 10.00am – 4.00 pm.

Register your interest to attend and they will get all the information to you as it becomes available.

Register by clicking the link below

<http://courseenquiry.uow.edu.au/webforms/EventBookingDetail.aspx>

William Blue College of Hospitality Management Open Day

Saturday 16th August, 10.00am – 2.00pm and

Saturday 23rd August, 10.00am – 4.00pm at Level 9 171 Pacific Highway, North Sydney.

Their Open Day is a great insight into William Blue College of Hospitality Management with campus tours, workshops, Q&A sessions with their Course and Career Advisers and the chance to meet their expert lecturers and faculty staff members.

Contact name: Rowena Briggs or rbriggs@think.edu.au

National Skills Week

Monday 25th August – Sunday 31st August

The official website for National Skills Week has been released and includes a list of events to be held around the country. Further events will be listed closer to the start of National Skills Week.

www.nationalskillsweek.com.au/

UTS Open Day (City Campus)

Saturday 30th August, 9.00am – 4.00pm at UTS City Campus, Broadway

UTS Open Day is the largest information event for those of you thinking about uni. Primarily for students looking to undertake undergraduate study, the event is an informative and interactive day. As the name implies, the campus will be open to everyone keen to come along - attend one of close to 100 info sessions run on the day, covering courses, services and entry options; take part in a campus tour and check out our on-campus facilities; or simply wander around campus and soak up the free music and live demonstrations.

This is your perfect opportunity to spend a day on UTS City campus, learn about courses and career options, talk to UTS staff and students and see what it's like to be a uni student.

Visit www.undergraduate.uts.edu.au

UTS Open Day (Kurring-gai Campus)

Saturday 6th September, 11.00am – 1.00pm at UTS Kurring-gai Campus

UTS Open Day (Kuring-gai campus) is an opportunity for anyone who is thinking about studying Health or Education in 2015. Spend some hours on UTS Kuring-Gai Campus in Lindfield, learn about courses and career options, talk to their academics, staff and students and see what it is like to be a uni student. Note: For Kuring-gai courses in Education, Nursing, Sport & Exercise Science

and Sports & Exercise Management courses only. Contact future.students@uts.edu.au for more information.

Australian National University Open Day

Saturday 30th August, 9.00am – 4.00pm at the ANU Campus

Join the Open Day at ANU and experience what their campus has to offer. Chat with staff and students about university life, courses, enrolment and more. Representatives from every teaching area will be based in the ANU Sport and Recreation Centre building to provide detailed course advice and ideas for undergraduate and graduate study options.

Included will be activities for prospective students, Alumni, family and friends, including a free lunchtime concert and activities providing entertainment for the whole family. So, whether deciding to begin a new exciting future or just a trip down memory lane, come along and join them to celebrate all things ANU. Contact Christine Scott or student.recruitment@anu.edu.au for details.

The University of Notre Dame Open Day

Saturday 30th August, 9.00am at the Broadway and Darlinghurst campuses

Experience life at Notre Dame on Open Day, with course information, campus tours and free entertainment. Meet their academic staff and socialise with current students. Course information for all areas at Broadway, Medicine and Nursing at Darlinghurst and Broadway.

For more information, or to register online, visit www.nd.edu.au/events/sydney

TAFE Sydney Institute Open Day

Saturday 30th August, 9.00am – 4.00pm at the Ultimo Campus.

Come along to Sydney TAFE Open Day at Ultimo to find out what is on offer at all eight college locations in 2015. There will be loads of activities to help you decide what course is right for you. Watch live demonstrations, receive one-on-one advice, meet with industry experts and employers, go on behind-the-scenes tours and listen to more than 30 information sessions.

Contact name: Claire O'Connell or claire.oconnell6@tafensw.edu.au

St Andrews College Open Day

Saturday 30th August, 9.00am – 3.00pm at St Andrews College within the University of Sydney.

St Andrew's College is a residential academic community within the University of Sydney.

They welcome all prospective students and their families to their College - come and meet their current residents, find out more about life in a residential College, take a tour and see all that they have to offer! For more information, visit <http://www.standrewscollege.edu.au>

University of Western Sydney Open Day

Sunday 31st August, 10.00am – 2.00pm at the University of Western Sydney, Parramatta Campus.

Explore the possibilities and get a unique look into life as a UWS student at Open Day 2014.

Contact Tony Ciccone or t.ciccone@uws.edu.au for more information.

Australian Catholic University North Sydney & Strathfield Open Day

Saturday 6th September, 8.30am – 2.30pm at the Australian Catholic University North Sydney Campus (40 Edward Street, North Sydney).

Saturday 13th September, 8.30am – 4.00pm at the Australian Catholic University Strathfield Campus (25a Barker Road, Strathfield).

University open days are a great opportunity for you to find out what you need to know about a university before making that big decision. They will give you a tour of the campus, discuss your study options with our lecturers, staff and students, and get a sense of what your future might be like at ACU. Contact Siobhan.Mctiernan@acu.edu.au for more information.

Nepean Disability Expo Post School Options Exhibition

Friday 12th September – Saturday 13th September 2014 at Exhibition Marquee, Penrith Panthers
The expo aims to bring consumers, service providers and businesses together to enhance the lives of people with a disability. www.disabilityexpo.org.au/

Macquarie University Open Day

Saturday 13th September, 10.00am – 4.00pm at their North Ryde Campus.

Macquarie Open Day will introduce you to their University. You can attend mini-lectures on some of our degree programs, enjoy fun activities for the whole family, explore the campus, obtain information about alternative pathways and talk to academics about specific courses and subjects. Contact Alisha.Cousins@mq.edu.au for more information.

Macquarie University - Uni in a Day

Thursday 2nd October, 9.00am – 3.00pm at their North Ryde Campus.

Uni in a Day is your chance to taste some of what university life has in store for you. On Thursday 2nd October they open their doors to Year 10, 11 and 12 students for the day. Students are able to experience a day in the life of a university student and ask some questions about what university is all about. As part of this experience, you are able to choose your own subjects, plan your timetable and see what happens in a normal day on campus. Contact Alisha.Cousins@mq.edu.au for more information.

Teach.NSW

This website is a very useful resource for current HSC students interested in becoming a teacher in the NSW public school system. As well as containing information about teaching as a career, the website provides details of a number of scholarships relevant to current year 12 students. Visit www.teach.nsw.edu.au

University of Sydney Future Direction Network

The Future Direction Network provides mentoring, career planning, information, logistical support and financial assistance to young people from southwest Sydney who wish to attend university. <http://fdn.net.au>

Australian Pacific Travel & Tourism (APTT) offers work experience for all its students and a Job Guarantee within travel agencies, airlines, tour operators and cruise companies for all successful graduates of its Certificate III in Travel and Diploma of Travel & Tourism qualifications. APTT also offers higher education articulation pathways and its programs are suitable for school leavers. Arrange a no obligation visit to view the college facilities and program. www.aptt.edu.au

Southern Cross University – Senior Schools Day

Thursday 30th October, 10.00am – 2.00pm at their Lismore Campus.

The annual Southern Cross University Senior Schools Day held in October of each year provides an excellent opportunity for students to visit a university campus, meet with students currently studying at university, and receive information on the range of courses on offer, career outcomes, facilities and support services. The day is ideally positioned as senior high school student's start on their Year 12 curriculum. Contact danielle.fisher@scu.edu.au or 0417 883 326 for more details.

Volunteer / Exchange Opportunity

AFS Scholarships now open for applications

AFS offers more scholarships than any other exchange organisation and is supported by over 40 organisations and individuals. Thanks to the generosity of corporate and community donors, AFS offers scholarships which cover all or part of the program fee. For more information on each of these scholarships head to www.afs.org.au/scholarships

WEP Student Exchange

Attention Year 10 & 11 Students - Make the most of your summer break and spend it overseas! Live with a welcoming host family, attend school overseas and make friends from around the world. Applications for short-term WEP student exchange programs are closing in August 2014. To request an information pack, please visit www.wep.org.au, call 1300 884 733 or email info@wep.org.au

Scholarships

Teacher Scholarships

NSW Department of Education and Communities' 2015 Teacher Education Scholarships, teach.Rural Scholarships and Great Teaching, Inspired Learning Cadetships and Internships. Keep your eyes on the website www.teach.nsw.edu.au for all the information. Don't forget – teach.NSW videoconference question and answer sessions can easily be arranged those interested in teaching careers and scholarship opportunities – email or call Kylie Famularo kylie.famularo@det.nsw.edu.au 9836 9892 to make a time.

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.

www.youth.act.gov.au/index.php/scholarships

Other Information

Global Leadership Entry Program for year 12 - Macquarie's new Global Leadership Program is now open to Year 12 students allowing students to join the Macquarie community before they finish high school. Instead of singularly judging students by their ATAR, Macquarie is looking for students who embody Macquarie's values. Macquarie wants students who are not only doing academically well but are leaders in their community, who are actively involved in extra-curricular activities, who succeed not just on paper but also in life. Macquarie can offer these students early entry, so that they can finish their high school studies without stress. Find out more and apply at <http://www.mq.edu.au/global-leaders>

The Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) is a 100% Indigenous managed, national, not for profit recruitment company. Since 2003, they have operated a School Based Program which provides Indigenous high school students with opportunities to complete a traineeship or apprenticeship whilst attaining their Higher Education Certificate. The AES is currently recruiting for our School Based Traineeship program, please visit www.aes.org.au for details.

ATARS by subject area - national - The Graduate Connection has released the 2015 edition of the directory undergraduate in both print and iPhone/iPad editions - the 26th edition of the directory. The directory is subject based and deals with the student reality that marks define possibilities. Whilst official course listings are institutionally based, the place of the directory in the market hinges on the fact that there is still no other way that you can get a listing of university courses and entry scores by subject area in such an accessible manner. Available from The Graduate Connection by emailing directory@grad.com.au. Please note there is a cost of \$12.50.

How the Federal Budget will affect Tertiary Students

This article outlines how the new federal budget will result in changes related to tuition fee structures and government contributions, tuition repayments and government allowances.

www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/Latest-news/How-the-Federal-Budget-will-affect-tertiary-students

Australian Apprenticeships & Traineeships: Industry Career Information & Practice Aptitude Quizzes

This page provides a range of career information and resources under specific industry titles. There is a range of aptitude quizzes available for students to test themselves.

www.aatinfo.com.au/Career-Resources/Industry-Career-Information---Quizzes

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.

www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/ratings/

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. www.serviceskills.com.au/the-job-i-love-careers-guide

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'

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

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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