



## Open High School

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## Careers News

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### In this issue, you will find out about:

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### Ex-student overseas

**Madelin Strupitis-Haddrick.** Class of 2013. SECOND in the State HSC **German** Beginners

Madelin Strupitis-Haddrick, who is spending a gap year working as a residential assistant at Kilgraston School in Perthshire, Scotland, will share with us her journey in Scotland. Madelin has enjoyed her time and is making full use of the German she learned at Open High School.

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With a burn flowing from a distant loch through damp fields and muddy woods, and mist obscuring the surrounding hills, an old manor house braves the freezing air.

Not everyone, within months of finishing the HSC, finds themselves boarding a plane, embarking on a journey to a new life on the other side of the world in a country where they know no one. Originally choosing to set off into the unknown in pursuit of the magic I once felt on visiting the UK and a chance to enter the working world, I have since found a new independent existence that I love. Living and working far from everyone that I knew previously, I am no longer a school student, and have gotten to establish myself in the working world, embracing all the skills and personality traits I have developed over the years.

In my role as a residential staff member and general assistant at Kilgraston School, I work in the boarding houses as well as taking the girls on outings, supervising a kindergarten PE class, coaching swimming, helping senior classes with Maths, co-conducting a choir and assisting in German classes. Having studied German Beginners at Open High School for my last two years of secondary school, I very much enjoy my weekly German classes and was thrilled to have my first teaching experience with one of these classes last term due to staff absence.



I wrote to many schools in the UK applying for such a role as I had always enjoyed being very involved in my school community and thus saw this as a chance to enter a workplace where I would be able to use my past experience to make a worthwhile contribution. Despite originally setting out to work in England, I ended up accepting an offer from Kilgraston on the merits and character of the school itself, and am pleased to state that this turned out to be a very good decision. Not everyone enjoys their gap year placement, and the role of gap assistants varies greatly between different schools, but I am very happy in my role at Kilgraston and the chance it gives me to develop my skills working with young people and to assist in areas of interest to me. My placement has also been truly incredible in the fast development of friendship with young staff

from different corners of the globe. United by our shared experience and despite our array of accents and our different life experiences, being in each other's company at any time of day or night gives us all the chance to unwind and be truly comfortable.

My language studies have also been of much benefit to me over the past two months in which I have been travelling through Europe. Having studied French to a high level at my home school and completed German Beginners through OHS, I have particularly enjoyed spending time in France, Belgium and Germany. Not only have I had the opportunity to speak the language and interact with many German and French speakers, but I have also gotten to experience the culture first hand, from eating baguettes every morning in France to eating typical German food at travelling markets and attending a German wedding.

Despite enjoying the chance to travel across Europe, I am very much looking forward to the next five months at Kilgraston. With the weather changing every twenty minutes, all-obscuring mist that doesn't lift even into the evening and village life rather than the ever-stretching suburbs, life in Scotland is something that I love.

Ideally, I would like to continue working and living in the UK, before pursuing university study at a British university, however this is unfortunately not an option for me since I am not a British citizen. Nevertheless, my current plan is to take up my offer of a Bachelor of Global and International Studies at the University of Sydney before returning to the UK for work and possibly post-graduate study. I have found a life I love, and whilst I am open to whatever change and new possibilities the future brings, I currently wish to continue living this new, autonomous life in a land of villages, accents and stunning scenery.



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## 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.

Contact Name: UOW UniAdvice

Contact Details: [uniadvice@uow.edu.au](mailto:uniadvice@uow.edu.au)/1300367869

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

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Campbelltown Catholic Club

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, St George Leagues Club

## **National Skills Week**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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/](http://www.nationalskillsweek.com.au/)

## **UTS Open Day (City Campus)**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.undergraduate.uts.edu.au)

## **UTS Open Day (Kurring-gai Campus)**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:future.students@uts.edu.au) for more information.

## **Australian National University Open Day**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:student.recruitment@anu.edu.au) for details.

## **The University of Notre Dame Open Day**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.nd.edu.au/events/sydney)

## **TAFE Sydney Institute Open Day**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:claire.oconnell6@tafensw.edu.au)

### **St Andrews College Open Day**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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>

### **Australia College Information Centre's Education Expo for International Students**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 1:30pm – 4.00pm

This is just like an Open Day except many universities and schools at one place. Students can come and meet with university representatives specialising in international students to get advice and information first hand. All major universities in Sydney are attending as well as some from Melbourne. To attend ACIC's Expo, student can apply via [www.acic.com.au](http://www.acic.com.au)

### **University of Western Sydney Open Day**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:t.ciccone@uws.edu.au) for more information.

### **Australian Catholic University North Sydney & Strathfield Open Day**

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

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Siobhan.Mctiernan@acu.edu.au) for more information.

### **Nepean Disability Expo Post School Options Exhibition**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.disabilityexpo.org.au/)

### **William Angliss Institute Open Day**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00am-2.00pm in Surry Hills.

Go to their Open Day to find out more about their courses in Patisserie, Cookery, Travel & Tourism, Hospitality and Events and to hear how you can gain a triple diploma in one year. Tour the campus, meet their students and staff, hear from industry experts and taste some amazing student-made produce. Trial-a-trade sessions are also available in Cookery, Patisserie, Coffee and Butchery. Any enquiries please contact [annakl@angliss.edu.au](mailto:annakl@angliss.edu.au)

### **Macquarie University Open Day**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Alisha.Cousins@mq.edu.au) for more information.

### **Macquarie University - Uni in a Day**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October the university opens its 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](mailto: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](http://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>

### **Southern Cross University – Senior Schools Day**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:danielle.fisher@scu.edu.au) or 0417 883 326 for more details.

### **Volunteer / Exchange Opportunity**

#### **Projects Abroad Overseas Volunteer and Work Experience Information Evening**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 6.30pm – 7.30pm at Sydney Central YHA, 11 Rawson Place, Sydney (near Central Station). This is an opportunity for senior school students and their parents to meet with staff and volunteers to discuss programmes and join in discussions on the practicalities of overseas volunteer work. Programmes are available for school leavers and for year 10 & 11 students during their summer break. Registrations <http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/more-info/meet-us/information-evenings/>

**Camp America 2015** opens 1<sup>st</sup> August. Camp America is the chance to experience something different by living and working at a summer camp in the USA. Applicants gain international work experience, use their skills and gain lifelong friends and memories. Applications for the 2015 season open 1<sup>st</sup> August with Info Nights around the country starting 5<sup>th</sup> August. For details [www.campamerica.com.au](http://www.campamerica.com.au) or <https://www.facebook.com/CampAmericaAU> or call them on 1300 889 067.

### **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](http://www.wep.org.au), call 1300 884 733 or email [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au)

## Scholarships

The **Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT)** is a national independent charity administering tertiary scholarships for children and grandchildren of ex-service men and women. Scholarship applications open on 18<sup>th</sup> August. Through the help of generous donors, AVCAT administers scholarships to the children of those who have served our country in peace and war in the Australian Army, Navy and Air force. Their recipients come from all over Australia and study an enormous variety of courses. They administer about 70 scholarships a year for the Department of Veterans' Affairs as well as various ex-service organisations (including RSL and Legacy). Scholarship selection is open to children and in some cases grandchildren of a veteran and is based on need and merit. Applicants can be high-school leavers starting university or current university students and eligible for Youth Allowance hence studying full time. Scholarships are generally paid for three years and are between \$3,000 and \$4,000 per year. Applications for 2015 open in August 2014 and close on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014. Visit [www.avcat.org.au](http://www.avcat.org.au) or email [avcat@dva.gov.au](mailto:avcat@dva.gov.au)

## University of Western Sydney Badanami Alternative Entry Program

On Monday and Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November, the University of Western Sydney will be hosting the test at Kingswood (Penrith) campus. The Badanami Alternative Entry Program is a pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students wanting to gain entry into any course at university. Visit <http://www.uws.edu.au/badanamiadmissions> or email [study@uws.edu.au](mailto:study@uws.edu.au)

## Teacher Scholarships

The recent teach.NSW live Facebook event on scholarships and cadetships available to HSC students was a huge success with over 400 participants and great interaction and questions. If some of your students missed out and would like further information on these programs, please book a videoconference with teach.NSW today. Call Kylie Famularo or Anita Zappia on 9836 9892. Remember, applications for these programs close on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014.

## Other Information

**www.MyCareerMatch.com.au** has just released two new free career resources. [www.pinterest.com/mycareermatch](http://www.pinterest.com/mycareermatch) is a cool collection of over 500 'how-to' guides, info graphics, articles and quotes on career success, resumes, personality and happiness. [www.blog.mycareermatch.com.au](http://www.blog.mycareermatch.com.au) is a chatty resource with lots of career and resume articles, inspirational quotes plus topics such as, finding a job, goal setting, knowing yourself and much more.

**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](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:directory@grad.com.au). Please note there is a cost of \$12.50.

### **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](http://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/](http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/ratings/)

### **The Job I Love Guide**

*The Job I Love Guide* 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](http://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/](http://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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