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Careers News

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In this issue, you will find out about:

- Study tips (second half)
- Tertiary institutions information
- Scholarship opportunity

This is the last issue of careers newsletter for the year. Year 12 students have finished their HSC and eagerly await their HSC results and ATAR. Best Wishes to our students.

Study Tips

This is the second half of the study tips written by the *Australian Council for Private Education and Training*. There are altogether 14 tips. The first 7 tips were published on the last issue of careers newsletter. If you have missed it or if you would like to revisit it, here is the link:

http://www.theopenhs-d.schools.nsw.edu.au/index.php?option=com_jdownloads&task=download.send&id=198&catid=14&m=0&Itemid=386

- 8) Get help from people in your study network
Make the most of the support you can get through your network. Your teachers can guide you through the coursework. Students can help each other through discussion groups.
- 9) Use your notes and make your own study materials
Taking detailed notes while studying will save you lots of time later. Re-writing and adding to your notes is a great way to revise what you have learned. Create your own flash cards or other strategies to help you study.
- 10) Stay healthy
Good health is important to your study success. Have healthy, regular meals and snacks and drink plenty of water. Give your eyes a rest – schedule regular study breaks, have a stretch and go for a walk. Make sure you get enough sleep.
- 11) Get motivated
Think about what your studies mean for you and where they can take you. Keeping the end result in mind will help you stay motivated. Find a quote or an image or something that represents success for you and put it somewhere you can see while you are studying.
- 12) Test yourself
Do not wait for an exam to test your knowledge – test yourself first. Get a friend or family member to quiz you on key concepts. It is a great way to get confident with what you do know and find out what you still need to learn.

13) Reward yourself for success

Study requires discipline, especially if you are not used to the study routine or you are studying in a difficult environment. Reward yourself every time you achieve a study goal – this will motivate you to keep going and complete your course. Reflect on what you have learnt and be proud of yourself.

14) Make your own strategies

Remember: these tips are just some of the things that you can do to get the most out of your studying. There might be other things that work even better for you. Ask around – find out what your friends do when they are studying – maybe some of their tricks will work for you too! Your teachers will also have good advice.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Ariel Tjeuw** for securing the prestigious AFS Scholarship. Ariel is our Year 9 Japanese student. She has won a free trip to Japan as an exchange student for a year. She will be leaving for Japan at the end of this year. It is an achievement for Ariel because the past AFS have predominantly focussed on Year 12 students. This scholarship is highly competitive and the candidature involves all students from all schools across Australia. An amazing accomplishment for a Year 9 student! Well done Ariel.

Attention Year 12 School Leavers

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Post School Options 2014-2015: **Navigate your career journey**

This comprehensive resource supports parents and carers who are helping school leavers with their career decision making.

The resource includes the latest information on a wide range of opportunities including further training, study at university or with private providers as well as information about the ATAR, alternative entry schemes, Smart and Skilled and apprenticeships and traineeships. The resource also includes information to support Aboriginal young people and students with disability.

The resource is available on the DEC Careers Advisory Service website under the heading, 'Post School Options' at: <http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au/>

The Careers Advisory Service phone and email service will be available to students and their families on 18th – 19th and 22nd – 23rd December 2014 from 9am-5pm. Experienced careers advisers from government high schools staff the Advisory Service and offer a professional, friendly and impartial service. If you have any inquiries about the resource or the Careers Advisory Service, please contact Wendy Byrne, Vocational Learning Initiatives Adviser, Senior Pathways - Secondary Education on telephone 9244 5425 or by email wendy.byrne@det.nsw.edu.au

Smart and Skilled Information for School Leavers

From 1st January 2015, Smart and Skilled will give you the chance to gain the skills you need to get a job and advance your career. Under Smart and Skilled you can choose the training qualification and approved training provider that best suits your needs. To learn more, visit:

www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/

Information Sessions

Disability Career Planner and Capability Framework Workshops

Wagga Wagga: Friday 14th November

Wollongong: Tuesday 18th November

Queanbeyan: Wednesday 19th November

NDS NSW's The Career Planner is a visual and interactive tool that clearly illustrates the variety of career options across the disability sector. The planner will assist people who are interested in joining the sector, or are already working there, to identify career opportunities and pathways.

<http://www.communitynet.tricomm.org.au/index.php/events/training-a-workshops/65913-disability-career-planner-and-capability-framework-workshops-oct-nov-2014-various-locations>

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Online Information Sessions

Wednesday 19th November, 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Find out about the programs offered and have any questions answered from the comfort of your own home. Online information sessions are conducted by a staff member over a video internet connection. <http://studentexchange.org.au/info-sessions/live-online/>

The Northern Sydney Institute Information Sessions

Bachelor of Education (Birth to Five Years): Tuesday 25th November, 6.30pm, Crows Nest Campus, Level 1 auditorium

<http://www.nsi.tafensw.edu.au/About/News/EventList.aspx>

TAFE Illawarra – Choices Day

Saturday 6th December, 9.00am – 1.00pm.

Students are encouraged to attend a Choices Day to learn about courses on offer in 2015, speak with expert teaching staff, get assistance with the enrolment process and check out their local campus. It is on at TAFE Illawarra's Bega, Cooma, Goulburn, Moruya, Moss Vale, Nowra, Queanbeyan, Ulladulla, Wollongong and Yass campuses. Visit www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au or call 1300 766 123 or follow TAFE Illawarra on Facebook or Twitter for more information.

UTS 2015 Information Day

Tuesday 6th January, 9.00am – 4.0pm, UTS City Campus

UTS Information Day aims to assist potential UTS students to make educated decisions on course selection before close of main round preferences. Students and staff will be available on the day to provide information and advice regarding courses, scholarships, entry schemes and pathways.

<http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/info-day>

Course Information

The UWS Advantage Key Dates

Friday 5th December: Ensure you have a UAC preference for UWS

Thursday 18th December: ATAR released, choose UWS course from their email and make it first preference

Friday 19th December: Receive early offer from UWS or UWS college and enrol online

Monday 22nd December: UWS students can pick up their student card and iPad from Parramatta campus

The UWS Advantage is designed to provide prospective students with more opportunities to study at UWS, as well as assist these students to achieve their own degree of success.

<http://www.uws.edu.au/uwsadvantage>

UTS Course Update for 2015

Arts and Social Sciences Master of Teaching in Secondary Education: This degree will replace the existing Bachelor of Teaching in Secondary Education. After completing an undergraduate course of their choosing, students can apply for the Master of Teaching in Secondary Education Diploma of Languages: New sub-bachelor diploma program that allows students to study languages in addition to their undergraduate or postgraduate program.

Business Bachelor of Management and Bachelor of Management, Bachelor of Arts in International Studies will replace the existing courses outlined below: Bachelor of Management in Events and Leisure Bachelor of Management in Tourism Bachelor of Management in Tourism and Hospitality

You and Your Future at Southern Cross University

This website uses the views and advice of current and future students to assist prospective students in making a career decision that is right for them. <http://yourfuturescu.com.au/>

Volunteer / Exchange Opportunity

World Education Program Student Exchange \$500 Discount

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is offering a \$500 Early Bird discount for students wishing to spend a semester or year overseas in August 2015 to any of the following destinations: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand and the USA. To request information visit: <http://wep.org.au/info/teachers> or email judithortmann@wep.org.au.

Scholarships

University of Western Sydney scholarships

UWS commits over \$3 million to scholarships each year, providing new students with scholarship opportunities covering a range of eligibility criteria. Searching and applying for UWS scholarships is now much easier with the 'Find a Scholarship' tool. Students simply answer three questions, and are provided with a full list of the scholarships for which they may be eligible. Please note that students can hold more than one scholarship at a time, so it is highly recommended that they apply for several.

For more information on the scholarships available, please visit uws.edu.au/scholarships or forschools@uws.edu.au or the Scholarships Unit at scholarships@uws.edu.au

University of Sydney: One-third of Students to Receive Scholarships Under Deregulation

<http://sydney.edu.au/news/84.html?newsstoryid=14236>

Other Information

Survey of Employers Recruitment Experiences

The Department of Employment's Survey of Employers' Recruitment Experiences provides insights into recruitment. The survey results identify what employers are looking for in applicants and how job seekers can better connect with employment opportunities.

<http://lmip.gov.au/default.aspx?LMIP/RecruitmentAnalysis>

University of Western Sydney: Badanami Alternative Entry Program for Indigenous Students Test Dates

This program is designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who have not completed high school, obtained an ATAR or high enough ATAR score for their chosen course, received sufficient workplace experience or obtained a Higher School Certificate (HSC).

The Badanami Alternative Entry Program is a two day test held on the Kingswood (Penrith) campus. Students will be given an interview and tested on basic mathematics and English. November test dates: Monday 10th November and Tuesday 11th November
January test dates: Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th January 2015
http://future.uws.edu.au/future_students_home/events_at_uws

Commonwealth Bank: Indigenous School-Based Traineeships

The Commonwealth Bank will provide in depth training to ensure that students are set up for success in a career after school. Students will also receive a Certificate II in Business at the end of the traineeship.

<http://www.maxima.com.au/bankingYcareers/commonwealthYbank>

University of Wollongong College Launches Suite of New Diploma Programs

UOW College, a pathway institution for UOW, has launched a range of new Diploma and Certificate programs. The programs are designed to meet the needs of students seeking career ready qualifications but also looking for alternative entry to UOW.

<http://www.uowcollege.edu.au/about/news-media/UOW181926.html>

Open Universities Australia Undergraduate Courses

Most Open Universities undergraduate first level units have no entry requirements. Students can start in any one of the four study periods, and graduates are awarded the same degree as their on-campus counterparts.

Open Universities offers undergraduate courses in different fields, including, Arts & Humanities and Education. To view the extensive range of flexible courses, visit:

<http://www.open.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/>

EducationUSA

This U.S. Government Website provides advice to students interested in applying to U.S. colleges and universities. Information includes how to apply, testing, financial aid, visas, and more. The U.S. Consulate General in Sydney has an EducationUSA Centre. Students and parents can make appointments to visit the centre. <https://www.educationusa.info/australia>

WIT: TAFE Course Fees are Changing in 2015

<http://www.wit.tafensw.edu.au/the-institute/smart-and-skilled>

Hobsons Course Finder

Tips for using higher education pathway: www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/Latest-news/Getting-into-university/Tips-for-using-a-higher-education-pathway#.VCejl2eSy8A

Australian Universities Excel in QS World University Rankings:

www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/Latest-news/Education-news/Australian-unis-excel-in-QS-Rankings#.VCej8meSy8A

On the Job

On the Job targets students in years 5 -10 and uses information about different jobs, interesting facts and incorporates online and offline activity around that job.

<http://webapps.acu.edu.au/onthejob/>

Myfuture: Case Studies

The Myfuture Case Studies page highlights the career paths and achievements of a number of people in different stages of their career. Myfuture has recently added several new case studies focusing on women in a range of traditionally male-dominated industries.

<http://myfuture.edu.au/explore-careers/talk-with-real-people-about-your-career/browsecasestudybyoccupationalphabetically>

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>

www.MyCareerMatch.com.au has just released two new free career resources.

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 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 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.

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>

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

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