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Careers News

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In this issue, you will find out about:

- Educational Access Scheme
- information day
- scholarship and exchange opportunities
- various useful publications

Educational Access Scheme

Can you see the connection?

Educational Access Schemes, Bonus Points, Open High School

Do you know you can apply for the *Educational Access Schemes* and potentially get university *bonus points* by studying with *Open High School*?



What are Educational Access Schemes (EAS)?

Most of the participating tertiary institutions of the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) have EAS to help students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage gain admission to university. EAS are available for educationally disadvantaged students who belong to a group which is statistically under-represented in the student population and/or by virtue of their individual experience/s, have been impeded in their studies.

How do EAS work?

Institutions use EAS to make offers of admission by setting aside a certain number of places for EAS applicants or by allocating bonus points.

Who can apply for EAS through UAC?

To be eligible for consideration you must be:

- a UAC applicant for undergraduate admission
- an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident of

Australia (includes a holder of a permanent humanitarian visa)

There are many types of disadvantage. Distance education is deemed to be a type of disadvantage. Studying your language through Open High School is a type of distance education which makes you eligible to apply for the EAS.

If you are studying any of your Year 12 courses through a secondary distance education centre as a result of circumstances beyond your control, eg, the Year 12 course you have chosen is not provided by the secondary school you are attending, you can apply for the EAS. You need to apply through your home school.

If you are allocated bonus points, your selection rank for a particular course will change. Your ATAR does not change. For most Year 12 applicants, their selection rank for entrance to higher education is their ATAR. However, if institutions allocate bonus points to you, then your selection rank for a particular preference or course = ATAR + bonus points.

As the bonus points schemes for each institution, and often for each course at the same institution, are different, then your selection rank can be different for each course you list in your course preferences. Studying your language with Open High School will give you the added benefit of these bonus points.

For more details, visit www.uac.edu.au/eas

Information Day

Au Pair in America Online Information Session

Tuesday 10th March, 8.00pm – 9.00pm

An Au Pair in America specialist will be live and on hand to provide all the information needed and answer any questions about the program.

www.aifs.com.au/aupair-america/events/au-pair-in-america-online-free-one-hour-info-session-january/

Projects Abroad Overseas Volunteer Programs

Tuesday 24th March 6.00pm – 7.00pm, High School Projects Online Information Session

Programs are available for year 10 and 11 students to volunteer overseas in their school holidays.

Register your free place and find more details here: www.projects-abroad.com.au/more-info/information-events/webinars/ or call 1300 132 831.

WEP Student Exchange Scholarships - Information Sessions

Information sessions at *different times and locations*

WEP is offering scholarships for two students wishing to participate in a semester or year-long student exchange program in 2016. The award consists of a \$2000 discount of the program fee AND \$1000 spending money for each participant. Visit <http://wep.org.au/info/information-evenings#NSW> , call 1300 884 733 or email info@wep.org.au to request an information pack.

IDP Education Sydney International Students Expo

Friday 27th March, 11.00am – 5.00pm, Mercure Sydney Hotel, 818-820 George Street, Sydney

Speak face-to-face with representatives from more than 20 top institutions, receive on-the-spot offers for qualified applicants and attend seminars from immigration specialists.

www.idp.com/australia/studyabroad/events/2015/03/sydmarch2015expo

College of Event Management Information Session

Friday 27th March, 6.30pm, Level 9, 28 Foveaux Street Surry Hills

Speak to lecturers and staff to learn about the course and career opportunities available after graduation. Contact: 1300 725 846 or enquiries@coem.edu.au

<http://collegeofeventmanagement.com.au/campus/information-sessions>

Career Focus Day

Monday 20th April – Wednesday 22nd April

This 3 day residential program is designed for students who are considering a career in hospitality to experience life at Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School first hand. Students experience both their Leura and Sydney campus and are able to take practical classes, live amongst current students and gain an insight into career options within the hospitality and event management industry. Contact josh.wood@bluemountains.edu.au

Lattitude Global Volunteering Information Sessions

Albury: Tuesday 21st April

Canberra: Tuesday 5th May

Sydney: Wednesday 6th May

Find out more about Lattitude with staff, returned volunteers and parents of returned volunteers giving short presentations and making themselves available for questions.

www.lattitude.org.au/index.php?nodeId=202

Newcastle Lake Macquarie Career and Training Expo

Thursday 21st May, 1.30pm – 3.30pm, Newcastle Jockey Club

An opportunity to speak face-to-face with leading education and training providers as well as some of the Hunter's largest employers. Visit www.newcastlecareerexpo.com.au

Hunter Valley Careers Expo

Friday 22nd May, 9.00am – 1.30pm, Maitland Basketball Stadium, Bent Street Maitland

Get information and speak to representatives from Hunter TAFE, Universities, other training providers and employment agencies.

www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au/events/pages/2015-hunter-valley-career-expo.aspx

The HSC and Careers Expo 2015

Thursday 28th May – Sunday 31st May, Royal Hall of Industries, Moore Park, Sydney

The expo will feature over 145 exhibitors providing information and resources for the HSC, university study, TAFE, career advice, exchange and gap year programs.

www.hscandcareers.com.au

Scholarships and other Opportunities

UNSW Indigenous Students Enabling Programs

Enabling programs are designed for Indigenous people who have the potential, but are not yet prepared for first year undergraduate study. Enabling programs generally run for one year and are offered at UNSW's Kensington campus in Sydney. At the end of the program, students who have demonstrated an ability to perform at a tertiary level can apply to transfer into a degree program at UNSW. www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au/unsw-enabling-programs

University of Western Sydney: The Academy Scholarships

The Academy at UWS offers substantial financial support for high-achieving students who are committed to academic excellence and to making a contribution to their community. Scholarships include the VC Leadership Scholarship, valued at \$10 000 per year, and the Dean's Scholarship and Academic Excellence Scholarship, valued at \$5 000 per year.

www.theacademy.edu.au/scholarships

Youth Off The Streets 2015 Scholarship Program

Nominations for the Program close Friday 3rd April

Provides financial support for young people who need help to pursue their talents. The scholarship is valued at \$6,000 and can be used in any education or training course.

www.youthoffthestreets.com.au/scholarshipprogram#.VO0jMfmUeW4

Heywire Competition

Entries close Wednesday 16th September

The Heywire Competition is for people aged 16 – 22 who live in regional areas to tell a story about their life, in text, video, photo or audio form.

www.abc.net.au/heywire/

Exchange or Overseas Opportunity

UN Youth Australia: Aotearoa Leadership Tour

Monday 29th June – Saturday 11th July, Auckland, Wellington and Melbourne

An opportunity for high school students to learn about indigenous rights and culture through a two-week tour of New Zealand. The tour is open to students in Years 10-12 and aims to promote interculturalism and engagement between indigenous and non-indigenous young Australians.

<https://unyouth.org.au/event/aotearoa-leadership-tour/>



Go Overseas

Go Overseas is a website that allows you to find and compare overseas programs. Every organization and program has been reviewed by students who have participated in that program. There are also over 300 articles on travel available as well as customized country guides.

www.gooverseas.com/

Other Information

Worlds of Work (WOW)

WOW is a national Foundation for Young Australians initiative that builds the skills and beliefs that young people need to make successful transitions into life beyond school. For one week, year 10 students will participate in workshops focusing on personal development and future employment, as well as converse with employees from a number of leading workplaces. Contact wow@fya.org.au or visit their website www.fya.org.au/initiatives/worlds-of-work/

TAFE Western Sydney Institute 2015 Course and Career Guide

<http://wsi.tafensw.edu.au/courses-and-careers/course-and-career-guide/>

“A free gift could cost you thousands”

Before You Sign Up to a Training Course – Know Your Rights

NSW Fair Trading is running an education campaign to alert consumers about inappropriate conduct by training providers and marketers in relation to marketing VET FEE-HELP courses. The campaign aims to provide greater awareness and understanding to NSW consumers about their rights and obligations before signing up to a training course.

www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/News_and_events/Whats_new/A_free_gift_could_cost_you_thousands.page

Hobsons Course Finder: Year 12 Survival Tips

<http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/Latest-news/Getting-into-university/Year-12-survival-tips#.VPJ2AXQcScx>

Australian Catholic University: 2014 Year 10 and 11 Course Guide

This course guide provides information that can help Year 10 and 11 students when they are choosing their final subjects in high school.

www.acu.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/566371/FINAL_STR1559_Year_10_and_11_Guide.pdf

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.

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.

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.

www.diip.com.au/tech-tools-assist-learners-disability

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