Welcome to the next edition of the SSC Careers newsletter for 2014- an e-bulletin for everything to do with courses, careers, transition and post-school opportunities. I will be circulating this information via email, Veritas Voice and notice boards. Each fortnight you will read updated information relating to your future study options, upcoming events, guest speakers, current work trends, Open Days, seminars, UAC news, Gap Year and employment opportunities, scholarships and anything relating to transition.

Regards,
Mrs Kathryn McKee
Careers Counsellor

Career Hotspot...Journalist

Journalists write and edit news reports, commentaries, feature articles and blogs for newspapers, magazines, radio, television and websites, including online publications.

Personal Requirements:
- able to write clear, concise, objective and accurate material quickly
- good general knowledge
- interested in current events
- aptitude to learn keyboard and shorthand skills
- able to speak clearly when working on radio and television.

Education and Training:

To become a journalist you usually have to complete a degree in journalism or in a related field with a major in journalism, followed by a 1-year graduate cadetship involving on-the-job training. Alternatively, you can become a journalist by completing a 3-year cadetship, during which you receive instruction and gain experience in practical journalism under the supervision of senior journalists.

To get into the degree courses you usually need to gain your HSC/ACT Year 12 with English. A number of universities in Australia offer degrees in these areas. Universities have different prerequisites and some have flexible entry requirements or offer external study.
Employment Opportunities:

Most journalists work for country, metropolitan and suburban newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations. They may also work for press agencies. Due to changes in the industry, it is common for journalists to work on a freelance basis. Others move into publicity roles in government departments, work as press secretaries for government ministers or work in related fields such as advertising, marketing and public relations.

For more information, please visit: www.ibsa.org.au

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(03) 9815 7000 info@ibsa.org.au

Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance www.alliance.org.au 1300 656 513 mail@alliance.org.au

Jobs of the future

Customs & Boarder Protection Officer

Customs and Border Protection officers manage the security and integrity of Australia's borders. They work for the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, mainly at international airports, seaports or outposts along the Australian coastline. They check luggage and other cargo of ships and aircraft to prevent the illegal entry of prohibited, quarantined or dutiable goods into Australia.
Audiologists test hearing and assess the nature of hearing disorders. They are responsible for the non-medical management and rehabilitation of hearing loss and associated disorders of communication.

**Personal Requirements:**

- able to inspire confidence and cooperation
- a sympathetic and tactful approach to people's problems
- good communication skills
- Analytical ability.

**Education and Training:**

To become an audiologist you usually have to study biomedicine, biological science, health science, social science, education or a related field at university, followed by a postgraduate qualification in audiology. To get into the degree courses you usually need to gain your HSC/ACT Year 12. Most universities in Australia offer degrees in these areas. Entry to postgraduate courses usually requires completion of an appropriate bachelor degree. Contact the universities you are interested in for more information as requirements may change.

**Employment Opportunities:**

Audiologists are employed by Australian Hearing, major hospitals, community health centres or in academic research or teaching positions. They often work in association with medical practitioners specialising in ear, nose and throat disorders. Employment opportunities are also available in private practice, as well as in special education or industrial audiology.

For more information, please visit: Australian Hearing [www.hearing.com.au](http://www.hearing.com.au)

Audiological Society of Australia Inc. [www.audiology.asn.au](http://www.audiology.asn.au)
New to Macquarie University in 2015

The 21st century has seen the emergence of new security challenges in Australia, the Asia-Pacific and around the world, which have led to a shift in the traditional approaches to national and international security. This degree will prepare you to meet the needs of a rapidly changing sector.

You will examine security from a range of perspectives, including international security challenges such as military power, interstate war and terrorism, and national and non-traditional security challenges, including domestic law enforcement, national security policy, emergency and disaster resilience, human security and whole-of-government coordination. The broad scope of this degree reflects the Australian government’s expanded definition of national security and targets industry needs for graduate skills and capabilities.

The degree combines expertise from Macquarie’s Department of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism (PICT) with units from politics, international relations, anthropology and law to examine contemporary security issues from a range of perspectives across society.

Key features

- Risk-management and critical approaches are used to examine contemporary security challenges.
- This degree combines theory, policy and practice in national and international security.
- You will have opportunities to build professional relationships with experts working both in Australia and internationally.

Minimum course duration

3 years full time / equivalent part time at North Ryde (Sydney)

If you are interested in the field of security and wish to develop the knowledge, skills and capabilities to work in this diverse area, please visit:

www.courses.mq.edu.au/BsecStud
Interested in joining the force?

NSW POLICE RECRUITMENT

The NSW Police Force is Australia’s oldest and largest police organisation and one of the biggest in the English speaking world has a large and diverse workforce.

The Force serves a population of seven million in the state of New South Wales, an 801,600 square kilometre area.

NSW Police operates on land, sea and from the air and provides community based policing from more than 500 police stations to a wide range of ethnic communities speaking more than 30 languages, it is a non-profit statutory authority funded by the NSW Government.

General Duties

The backbone of the NSW Police Force is the Local Area Commands (LAC), your local police. Here, most officers’ work as General Duties police, together with detectives and highway patrol provide a comprehensive, professional community-based policing service.

Specialist Roles

The NSW Police Force has more than 100 specialist roles in support of front line policing and the community. Generally, new recruits will be required to complete 3 years of general duties before applying to a specialist area.

Diversity

NSW Police Force is commitment to the Principles of Multiculturalism as outlined in the NSW Police Priorities for working in a Culturally, Linguistically and Religiously Diverse Society.

Am I Eligible?

Take the quiz to see if you may be eligible to commence an application to the NSW Police Force.


For more information please visit:

www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment or call 1800 222 122
MCA’s Young Creatives program is full of opportunities for you and your friends to create, think, make and get involved. From festival-style experiences with hundreds of like-minded young people, to intimate art-making or performance workshops with artists, the MCA offers the chance for every young creative to take part in an adventurous and diverse range of creative activities.

What is Genext?

An award-winning program offering Sydney teenagers the chance to meet, explore and create with established artists and like-minded young people, after-hours at the MCA.

Designed by the MCA Youth Committee, by teenagers for teenagers, Genext offers exclusive after-hours access to the MCA. At Genext, Sydney’s teenagers embrace the freedom to explore, discuss and make art with established artists and hundreds of like-minded young people all amongst a vibrant festival atmosphere with free live music and tasty food.

Genext

When: Sun 23 November
Where: 140 George St Sydney
Time: 6.00 – 9.00pm
Cost: FREE

Bookings essential

For more information please visit:


Or call Ph: 02 9245 2400
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Careers Advisory Service

Important information for school leavers

This website provides access to the Careers Advisory Service, an annual initiative which gives students and their families or caregivers up to date information about the range of relevant career and study options available following the release of the Higher School Certificate results by the NSW Board of Studies Teacher Educational Standards (BOSTES).

The Careers Advisory Service complements the services provided by the Board of Studies Teacher Educational Standards (BOSTES) NSW, The Universities Admissions Centre, TAFE NSW, universities and other providers.

In 2014 there will be:

- Phone-in service - this free state-wide service operates from a call centre in Senior Pathways Secondary Education.
- E-mail service - this free state-wide service operates from a centre in Senior Pathways Secondary Education between 18 December and 23 December 2014. Access to the service is through this website.

The majority of enquiries focus on the following issues:

- career/study options available to students with lower or higher than expected ATARs
- changes to university course preferences, and
- University and TAFE NSW application processes and courses.

Experienced careers advisers staff the Advisory Service and offer a professional, friendly and impartial service.

Explore your options

A feature of this website is Explore your Options. This section supports students to consider their options. It may also be used by a parent, carer, teacher or mentor who is helping a school leaver with his or her decision making.
NEW COURSES

Song writing: JMC Academy's new Songwriting course combines technical principles with pure creative expression, this hands-on course will help you find your voice, sharpen your craft, and create songs which listeners will appreciate and remember. This course will explore the fundamental songwriting techniques and uncover the essential tools for writing music that will appeal specifically to music supervisors, music publishers, record labels, and producers, across any number of different genres. Find out more at www.jmcacademy.edu.au

Digital Design: JMC Academy's new Digital design course is about the design of The Web, Apps, Spaces and Experiences. In undertaking this course you will be equipped with the design tools to turn your ideas into things that they can not only visualise, touch or hear, but also things they can actively experience. A JMC Academy Digital Design Bachelor's Degree will give you the opportunity to immerse yourself in all the digital tools you need for your future in Design. Find out more at www.jmcacademy.edu.au

The University of Sydney is offering a new Diploma of Language Studies in 2015. This is an accelerated, one year program for students who are enrolled in a course and would like to study a language concurrently with their degree but have no units free to do so. The diploma is offered through a mixture of intensives and off-campus modes and students do not need a language background to enroll. Languages offered are: Indonesian, Spanish, Korean and Japanese. For more information see www.sydney.edu.au/arts/slc/departments_programs/diploma_languages_accelerated_mode.shtml

OPEN DAYS

Sydney Film School, Tour Day: Sunday 16 November 12pm. Interested in a career in film and digital media industries and want to graduate industry ready? Get an insider’s perspective at the Tour Day, with teachers, current students and graduates of the Diploma and Advanced Diploma of Screen and Media courses on hand to share their experiences and answer all your questions. 82 Cope St, Waterloo, NSW 2017. For more info & to RSVP: http://www.sydneyfilmschool.com/school/tours.aspx or (02) 96982244 or events@sydneyfilmschool.com

Bedford College Open Days 2014 – Friday 14 November (Norwest) and Friday 21 November (Glebe). Open Days offer a great opportunity to visit the College, view the facilities, talk to teachers and past and current students, attend information sessions and generally see what Bedford College has to offer. Open Day runs from 9.30am – 3.00pm, with Scholarship exams running at 10.30am open to all years 10, 11 and 12 school leavers. For more information visit www.bedford.edu.au or call 1300 174 174.
Thinking of studying Medicine?

The UMAT

The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Science Admission Test (UMAT) is designed to assess a range of non-academic personal qualities, which are considered important for the study, and practice of medicine, dentistry and other health professions. The tests are developed each year to rigorous professional and technical standards by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER - an independent national research and development organisation) on behalf of a group of universities (the UMAT Consortium) formed for the purpose of collaborating on selection testing of applicants for bachelor degrees in medicine, dentistry and health sciences. ACER is responsible for the administration of UMAT on behalf of the UMAT Consortium. Please note, ACER is the only website where you can register for UMAT.

If you are considering university applications or entrance for Medicine, Dentistry, or Optometry at either Australian or New Zealand Universities then in most cases the UMAT must be considered as an integral part of your preparation and planning.

Simulated UMAT Day Workshop

Are you in year 10, 11 or 12 and considering career in medicine, dentistry, or optometry?

This event will be conducted by the National Institute of Education, the only UMAT preparation organisation that uses teachers accredited by the Department of Education and Training to prepare students for this critical test.

Due to popular demand ‘The Simulated UMAT Day” is on again. Please note, places for this event are strictly limited and registration is required

For more information and to register for the UMAT or the workshop, please visit: www.nie.edu.au or email enquiries@nie.edu.au
If you're thinking about a career in architecture, come and see what it's like at the UTS Discover Architecture Summer School.

The inaugural 2015 UTS DISCOVER ARCHITECTURE short course will use Sydney's central business district as an architectural laboratory. Structured around an intensive design studio learning experience, participants will design, draw and model a range of design proposals.

**You'll get to:**

- Explore Sydney's CBD and learn how to see it through an architect's eye.
- Make models and drawings using advanced digital tools, including architectural software, rapid prototypers, laser cutters and scanners.
- Meet and work with cutting edge architects working at local, national and international levels.
- Learn how to think about and design architecture from UTS lecturers and recent graduates.

**Who**

The UTS DISCOVER ARCHITECTURE short course is primarily aimed at year 11 high school students who are making decisions about what degree to undertake for their university studies.

The course is open to a maximum of 40 students.

This intensive program is run over two weeks in January 2015. Instructors, lecturers and critics involved in the program include current and past UTS staff and graduates, as well as practitioners drawn from prominent Sydney architectural practices.

**When:**  Monday 12 Jan - Thursday 22 Jan 2015.  
10am - 4pm daily.

**Where:**  UTS School of Architecture  
Building 6, 702 - 730 Harris Street, Ultimo Sydney

**Cost:**  Summer school fees are $599.00.

For more information please visit:  
www.utsarchitecture.net/discoverarchitecture/  
ph. 02 9514 8849 Joanne.Kinniburgh@uts.edu.au
This full-day activity is designed to give you your first taste of university life!

UNSW's outstanding Faculties, including Arts and Social Science, Built Environment, Business, Art & Design, Engineering, Law, Medicine and Science will offer activities and lectures on the day to help you determine what university program is right for you. Also participating are UNSW's Museum of Human Disease and the Careers & Employment Office.

When registering, you'll be given the opportunity to select your preferred Faculty lectures or activities and we will ensure you get as many of those preferences as possible. Designed for students in years 10 – 12

When: Friday 21 November 2014 and Thursday 11 December 2014
Where: Central Lecture Block UNSW Kensington Campus (E19)
Time: 9.30 am – 2.45 pm

These popular days regularly fill to capacity so register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Santa Sabina College CAREERS website www.santacareers.com

This is an exciting new resource for students and parents. The website is a centralised source of Careers related resources and information. The website is regularly updated and contains all types of school and post-school options, information and opportunities. The calendar of Events advertises Sydney, NSW and Santa Sabina careers events. Students are encouraged to REGISTER in the Secure Student login area to create and save fully customised RESUMES and receive regular Newsletters. Start RESEARCHING today.......
LINKS:
www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au
www.uac.edu.au
UTS - www.undergraduate.uts.edu.au
UNSW – www.unsw.edu.au/futurestudents
USYD – http://sydney.edu.au
Macq U – www.mq.edu.au
Notre Dame – www.nd.edu.au
UWS - www.yourfuture.uws.edu.au
TAFE –
TAFE: www.sit.nsw.edu.au

Helpful Websites for the HSC
Board of Studies NSW -
www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au
Students Online NSW -
www.Studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au
Education and Training – State Training Services
www.training.nsw.gov.au
Careers Advisory Service – www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au
NSW HSC online - www.hsc.csu.edu.au
Career Information Centres - wwwcentrelink.gov.au
Universities Admissions Centre - www.uac.edu.au
My Future – Occupations - www.myfuture.edu.au
TAFENSW - www.tafensw.edu.au
Australian JobSearch - www.jobsearch.com.au
Getting Through Your HSC: A Practical Guide
A free copy of Getting Through Your HSC: A Practical Guide is available to staff, students and their parents. Download your free copy here

www.gooduniguide.com.au


SCHOLARSHIPS:
Check individual institution websites for Scholarship details.

TAX FILE NUMBERS
The Australian Tax Office runs a scheme whereby students can apply for a Tax File Number through the College. If you wish to obtain a Tax File Number collect an application form from the Transition Coordinator’s office in the Library, complete it and then return to Mrs McKee who will lodge it with the Australian Tax Office. Applications can take 3 weeks or more to process once they have been lodged. Once the application form has been lodged with the ATO, only the student applying for the Tax File Number is able to follow-up.

Please note - A Tax File Number is required for University enrolment.