DANDELONG HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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CAREERS TEAM REPORT

Each school term is a busy term for the Careers Team as we are always working on different projects. Here is a summary of some of the things the Careers Team has been working on in Term 1.

Mrs Cristobal has been contacting Year 12 students from our class of 2012 to find out where they are studying or working this year. At the moment, she is busy organising the Dandenong High School Careers Expo which is being held on Thursday 9th May, 2013 in the Jacaranda Centre.

Mrs Harrison has been busy with VET courses changes and VET fees, subject changes, tracking of Year 9 – 12 students who left school early. She is also informing teachers and House Leaders of absences in VET classes every week and visiting our VET classes and getting various forms to Chisholm as our RTO for VET courses at DHS.

Ms Eaton has been working on a range of careers projects: preparing electronic Pathway Plans to be completed by students in years 9, 10, 11 and 12 during Term 2; organising excursions to HMAS Cerberus and Try-A-Trade and working with Mr Styles and the Beacon Student Ambassadors to prepare for a range of experiential opportunities and events for Year 10 students during Futures Week in June.

Miss Pepprell has been working hard during term 1 to assist students, and has visited all of the Year 10 Personal Learning classes with advice about how to find a work experience placement. Year 10 students should by now have found their placement, or at least have a very good idea of where they would like to go.

Miss Pepprell has also been working with the Universities and TAFE’s to organise some exciting events for students in years 8-12 throughout this year. Keep an eye open for events for your year level!

We hope our students and their families enjoy a happy and safe school holiday break.

Happy Holidays

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CAREERS EXPO

THURSDAY 9TH MAY, 2013

JACARANDA CENTRE

Year 10-12 students to attend during class
School Holiday Program @ the RSPCA

Are you interested in working with animals in the future? Take a backstage look at the work of animal attendants and vets at the RSPCA. Watch live surgery in our animal hospital, learn about assessing a dog's health and temperament and spend some quality time with our education animals. Places are limited and registration is required.

1. Animal Attendant for a Day (13-18yrs)
   Thursday 4 April
   9:30 – 3:00 pm

2. Vet Day (15-20yrs)
   Wednesday 10 April
   9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Visit [http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/holiday-programs/youth-holiday-program#animal-attendant](http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/holiday-programs/youth-holiday-program#animal-attendant) for more information about any of these programs and/or call Penny on (03) 9224 2286 to book a place.

Keeper for a Day School Holiday Programs

Are you thinking of a career in working with animals? Would you like the opportunity to go behind the scenes with some precious and endangered Australian animals?

Both Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo are running a ‘Keeper for a Day’ program these upcoming school holidays! Both programs are geared towards showcasing what it is like to work with animals and for students get to watch keepers and learn what a rewarding job they have!

To find out more or to register for the Werribee Open Range Zoo Program, visit [http://www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day](http://www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day)

To find out more or to register for the Healesville Sanctuary Program, visit [http://www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day](http://www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day)

Experience La Trobe University

Experience La Trobe is designed especially for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents to get a taste of what it is like to be a university student for a day and get the inside scoop on what really happens after high school. Students may participate in workshops of their choice, find out about student life and also check out the Melbourne campus, including student accommodation. University students and staff will be there to help participants out and answer any questions that might arise. Experience La Trobe is a free event - with lunch and entertainment provided!

Date: Friday 5 April 2013
Time: 9.30am – 4.30pm
Venue: Melbourne Campus, north-eastern suburb of Bundoora, at the intersection of Plenty Road and Kingsbury Drive, Bundoora.

To register, visit [http://www.latrobe.edu.au/events/2013/experience-la-trobe-melbourne-campus-autumn](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/events/2013/experience-la-trobe-melbourne-campus-autumn), or email [study@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:study@latrobe.edu.au) for more information.
Science in the City – Lab tours

Students, parents and teachers are invited to visit RMIT's state-of-the-art learning laboratories, and see first-hand the broad range of sophisticated equipment and facilities available, and discover what science at RMIT is all about. Lunch or refreshments will be provided.

The tour dates are:
- Thursday 11 April, 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm
- Tuesday 2 July, 11.00 am - 1.30 pm
- Wednesday 25 September, 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm

Register at www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover

University of Melbourne Access All Areas

Access All Areas is a series of events especially designed for Year 10 to 12 students and their families, providing an opportunity to explore what the University of Melbourne has to offer. There will also be an opportunity to tour our Southbank campus during the day. The program will be run on two days so students should register for the day that suits them best.

Date: Friday 5 April OR Friday 12 April
Time: 9.00am – 3.30pm
Location: Parkville Campus, the University of Melbourne

Find out more and/or register at http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria/access-all-areas

GAMES AND ANIMATION SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Considering a career in games, 3D or VFX? Then you should attend the Industry Experience Day being held by the Academy of Interactive Entertainment on.

Date: Wednesday April 3rd, 2013
Cost: FREE
Location: Level 8, Atari Building, 14 Queens Road, Melbourne 3000
Time: 10am – 3pm

Registration is free for Year 10 – 12 students with lunch provided on the day. For more information and to register please visit the website www.aie.edu.au

WORLD OF WORK

I WANT A PART TIME JOB!

Lots of DHS students are looking for a part time job which is fantastic as we love to see our students being enthusiastic about working. Jobs in Dandenong can be limited so you may have a better chance if you apply for jobs in other areas such as at Fountain Gate or Parkmore. Not all jobs are advertised so telling people you are looking for a job may help with hearing about jobs as soon as they become available.

Any part time jobs sent to the Careers Team will be placed in the student bulletin and posted on the noticeboard outside the Careers Office in A4 so please ask your teacher to read the student bulletin to you!
YEAR 10 NOTICES

REMINDER: YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE FORMS ARE DUE IN SOON!

All Year 10 students need to find a one week placement at a workplace in the week allocated to your House. The best way of finding a workplace is to speak to people you know who could host you in their workplace and ask your Personal Learning teacher for help. Year 10 students must have a placement booked in and a Work Experience form completed and returned to school by Friday 26th April, 2013.

In 2013, Year 10 Work Experience dates are as follows:
Banksia, Callistemon, Darwinian and Eucalyptus students: Monday 17th June – Friday 21st June, 2012
Fern, Grevillea and Hakea students: Monday 24th June – Friday 28th June, 2012

YEAR 11 NOTICES

VTAC COURSE SEARCH

Year 11 is a great time to think about what you may like to do once you finish Year 12. Most students choose to apply for University and TAFE courses. Using the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) CourseSearch tool is a great way to start researching the huge variety of Uni and TAFE courses available in Victoria.

To get started, visit the VTAC website [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) and look for the blue ‘Course Search’ button and away you go!

YEAR 12 NOTICES

UMAT 2013

The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT) is a test that Year 12 students need to sit to be eligible for a place in Medicine and other Health Science courses. UMAT dates are:
**Early April 2013** – Registration open on UMAT website [http://umat.acer.edu.au/](http://umat.acer.edu.au/)
**Friday 7th June 2013** – Registrations close
**Wednesday 31st July 2013** – UMAT test occurs
**Late September 2013** – UMAT results released
Year 12 students will need to sit the UMAT if they want to gain entry into the below courses:

- **The University of Adelaide** - Medicine, Dental Surgery
- **Flinders University** - Clinical Sciences/BMBS, Vision Science
- **Charles Darwin University** - Clinical Sciences
- **The University of Newcastle/University of New England** - Joint Medical Program
- **The University of New South Wales** - Medicine, Optometry
- **University of Western Sydney** - Medicine
- **Bond University** - Medicine
- **The University of Queensland** - Medicine (provisional entry), Dental Science
- **Monash University** - Medicine, Physiotherapy
- **University of Tasmania** - Medicine
- **The University of Western Australia** - Medicine, Dental Medicine
- **The University of Auckland, New Zealand** - Medicine
- **University of Otago, New Zealand** - Medicine, Medical Laboratory Science, Dental Surgery, Physiotherapy

For more information, please visit the UMAT website [http://umat.acer.edu.au/](http://umat.acer.edu.au/)

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**JOB OF THE MONTH**

**Career as a Forensic Scientist**

[Image of a forensic scientist]

Forensic scientists apply scientific procedures and techniques to the examination of physical evidence that may assist in legal investigations.

A forensic scientist may perform the following tasks:

- identify illicit drugs
- analyse drugs and poisons in human tissue and body fluids, including blood alcohol results
- examine and compare materials such as fibres, paints, cosmetics, oils, petrol, plastics, glass, metals, soils and gunshot residues
- examine human and animal biological material to be compared with victims and suspects using DNA profiling
- conduct botanical identification of plant materials at trace levels and whole-plant identification (e.g. cannabis)
- conduct document examinations, both physical (e.g. handwriting, typewriting) and chemical (e.g. analysis of inks and papers)
- examine crime scenes
- identify firearms and ammunition (forensic ballistics)
- detect, enhance, recover and identify latent fingerprints, footprints, tool marks, shoe marks, tyre marks and tracks
- examine fire and explosion scenes to establish the origin and cause
- improve the clarity of and analyse audio recordings
- produce reports, appear in court and present scientific and/or opinion testimony accurately and in a manner which is readily understood by the court
- keep contact with, and provide advice to, police investigators, scientists and pathologists across a broad range of disciplines

Forensic scientists need to –

- have good communication skills
- be able to remain unbiased in the examination of potential court evidence
- be meticulous and capable of clear, logical and lateral thinking
- be able to work as part of a team
- demonstrate initiative and motivation
- have perseverance
- have good observation skills
The main employers of forensic scientists are:
- State and federal government health departments
- State, territory and federal police forces.

The Australian Federal Police, through its Forensic and Data Centres Division in Canberra, employs forensic scientists in the disciplines of crime scene examination, fingerprint identification, firearms and ammunition identification, document examination, forensic biology and forensic chemistry.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

If you are considering university once you complete Year 12, you may come across some words you don’t understand. The below list of ‘University Terminology’ will help you understand the meaning of some new words.

UNIVERSITY TERMINOLOGY

**Associate degree:** A qualification requiring two years of full-time study, or part-time equivalent. You could count this towards a full bachelor degree.

**Bachelor degree:** Also known as an undergraduate degree, this is the type of course Year 12’s will apply for – your first degree. It requires three to four years of full-time study, or part-time equivalent.

**Commonwealth-Supported Place:** A university place awarded to eligible students, whereby the Australian Government pays for most of the cost. You will need to pay a portion of the cost, known as the student contribution.

**Defer:** Guarantees your place at Uni, but delays enrolment for up to two years. You could take a gap year, volunteer or work and save some money.

**Double-degree:** Two degrees studied at the same time – it will take less time to complete them at once than if you did them separately.

**Entry requirements:** The minimum qualifications required for entry into a course, e.g., a minimum ATAR score, specific subjects or an audition/interview/folio.

**Major:** A specialisation in your bachelor degree. You’ll be able to tailor your major, and can usually complete more than one in a degree.

**Minor:** A smaller specialisation in your bachelor degree – usually four subjects.

**Prerequisite subjects:** Year 12 subjects you must successfully complete to be eligible for entry into a course – there may be alternative entry options like completing a TAFE course or a university bridging course.

**Undergraduate:** When you start Uni, you will be an ‘undergraduate’ student, working towards your bachelor or associate degree – your first degree.

ENJOY A SAFE AND HAPPY TERM 1 HOLIDAY BREAK 😊