

## **Information from the Career's Desk.**

### **Personale**

The pathway team this year consists of Ms Helen Campbell, Mrs. Carol Fisher, Mr. Chris White and myself. Each of us is responsible for different aspects of the student's pathways as they travel through ACK and beyond.

Ms Campbell is the coordinator of VCAL and is available on a Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Fisher is the coordinator of VET in schools and School based Apprenticeships and is available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Mr. White and I look after the Career mentoring and subject selections for the senior students.

Students can make an appointment to see anyone of us by contacting us in our office in the student service wing while parents can contact us via email or by telephone.

### **The importance of the newsletter articles**

Most fortnights we will have an article in the newsletter about important information that is relevant, not only to senior students but also younger students as they too start to make plans about their future. At various times throughout the year, however, this information is abundant and as a result only an abridge version will be available in printed form with a more detailed version being available on the school website. When this is the case we will direct you to that information.

### **Work Experience**

This week we have had a few students trying to organise some work experience to be completed over the school holidays. To be registered as a work experience student and to be covered by the Department of Education and Training, students must complete an online Occupational Health and Safety program for their specific industry plus a general O,Hand S test. If any student over the age of 15 wants to do any work experience during the year please contact either Mr. White or myself with plenty of time (no later than 2 weeks before they wish to start) to complete the appropriate paper work and to make sure that the O,H and S program has been completed.

### **Useful Websites**

At the recent Yr 12 parent information night we advertised a list of useful websites that students and parents can search for information about careers and courses that may interest them. These websites are:

#### **To help with career choices**

[www.jobjuice.gov.au](http://www.jobjuice.gov.au)                      [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au).  
[www.jobguide.dest.gov.au](http://www.jobguide.dest.gov.au)      [www.year12whatnext.gov.au](http://www.year12whatnext.gov.au)                      [www.jobsearch.gov.au](http://www.jobsearch.gov.au),  
[www.mycareer.com.au](http://www.mycareer.com.au)                      [www.careersonline.com.au](http://www.careersonline.com.au)                      [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au),  
[www.careersgov.com.au](http://www.careersgov.com.au),                      [www.dest.gov.au/careerdevelopment](http://www.dest.gov.au/careerdevelopment)

#### **To help with apprenticeships**

[www.workplace.gov.au](http://www.workplace.gov.au)                      [www.jet.org.au](http://www.jet.org.au)                      [www.apprenticeshipsplus.org.au](http://www.apprenticeshipsplus.org.au)  
[www.theapprenticeshipfactory.com.au](http://www.theapprenticeshipfactory.com.au)                      [www.workways.com.au](http://www.workways.com.au)  
[www.aajobpathways.gov.au](http://www.aajobpathways.gov.au)

### **University or TAFE what's the difference?**

At the moment we are interviewing all of the Yr 12's about options for next year and we have lots of chats about what type of institution is best for them – TAFE or University? TAFE courses are vocational; they are geared up to lead to employment and, consequently, have close links with industry; TAFE courses are shorter than university, are easier to access in terms of ENTER's and are almost always cheaper. Many students regard university as the 'better' option but it all depends on what suits you best and the career you wish to enter. If you do study at TAFE and wish to study at university later on a pathway is usually available. Interestingly, many university graduates complete a TAFE course as well to improve their employment options.

### **How to choose a career?**

Our advice is always to think about what you **enjoy** doing; what you are **good at**; what school **subjects** you enjoy most; what you **value** most; and what **interests** you.

Considering these things will give you valuable clues as to careers that will suit you.

For example, do you enjoy science? Art? English? Business subjects? Technology? Is helping others important? Do you like being indoors/outdoors? Are you good with your hands? What sort of activities did you enjoy as a younger child?

Spend time using the **Job Guide** researching jobs that fit with your interests/abilities.

**Remember**, you are not choosing a **job for life**. Think in terms of the next few years only. Technology is rapidly changing various aspects of the job world, and we can't anticipate what we might be doing in 10 or 15 years' time.

### **Some advice in choosing a course**

- Make sure that you have the **pre-requisite subjects** for the course
- Don't choose a course just because it has a **high ENTER**; you need to **enjoy** and be **suit**ed to the course. If your ENTER is higher than necessary to get into your chosen course it will probably mean that you will achieve very well.
- Don't choose a course because **someone else** thinks it's what you should do – it's **your** life!
- Take **time** in making your decisions
- Consider applying for a course and then **taking a year off** from study to work/volunteer/travel, particularly if you are very unsure (i.e. **defer** your offer of a place)
- Go to **Open Days** (usually in August) to check out the institutions you are considering
- Don't assume that you will be **able to transfer** to a preferred course after first year – check what is required for this to happen
- Don't dismiss TAFE as an option – University does not suit everyone.

### **Want to study forensic medicine?**

A career information session is being held for Years 10-12 students by the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine. It will provide insights into various **career options in forensic sciences**. **When:** 12.30-4.00pm, Mon 6 April; **Where:** VIFM Lecture Theatre, Coronial Services Centre, 57-63 Kavanagh St, Southbank; **Registration (do it soon):** complete the form available at: [www.vifm.org](http://www.vifm.org) (for the form see: Job Opportunities, then Careers Information). **Info:** 9684 4313. A second session will be held later.

### **Need a folio prepared to study at RMIT?**

RMIT is holding folio preparation courses at their City/Brunswick campuses on weeknights, Saturdays and school holidays. Students can either collect an information brochure from the career office or contact RMIT Training P/L on 9925 8111, [www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au](http://www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au).

### **Want to learn more about Hospitality?**

**Trial-a-Trade** is a fun and affordable opportunity for you to learn **new skills** and explore a **range of career options** in the foods and hospitality industries. It will give a feel for the working life of a chef, baker, butcher, waiter, barista, confectioner or patisserie as you collaborate with others to prepare a shared luncheon. **When:** Sat 14 March; **Where:** William Angliss TAFE Institute, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne; **Cost:** \$35 (\$25 for parents, public attending lunch only); **Bookings/Info:** 9606 2111, [info@angliss.edu.au](mailto:info@angliss.edu.au), [www.angliss.edu.au](http://www.angliss.edu.au).

### **Want to be a VET?**

The University of Melbourne is conducting a Vet-Day at their Werribee campus on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. As there are many changes about to be introduced in the study of Veterinary Science this would be a very worthwhile event to attend. The day would be suitable for students in Yr 10 – 12 as you will have the opportunity to talk to staff, meet current students and tour the facilities. **When:** 10am-4pm, Sun 22 March (lectures for Year 10 and above students will be held at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm); **Where:** 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee (Mel 206, G5); **Enquiries:** 8344 7357, email via <http://vet-unimelb.custhelp.com>, [www.vet.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au).

If parents have any questions about career information you can now email us on [careers@assumption.vic.edu.au](mailto:careers@assumption.vic.edu.au)

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