

Information from the Career's Desk.

Up and Coming Events.

We have been slowly moving through the study room interviewing the Yr 12 students about their thoughts for next year. This will continue throughout the rest of the term, however, students can make appointments with us if they want to have an earlier interview time.

Once again we will be holding a career expo at ACK at the start of next term. This expo will be for Yr 11 and 12 students. We are hoping that most universities will be represented at our expo. If any parent, friend or other family members are able to help us out by making a presentation at the expo we would love to hear from you.

Interested in learning more about University of Melbourne?

You should consider attending a "Meet Melbourne" Seminar. Students and Parents will be able to learn more about the Melbourne Model, student facilities and services, courses, scholarships and accommodation options. The sessions run between 6:30 – 8pm during March and May. To find out exact dates view www.assumption.vic.edu.au or for further information and to register see www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne; **Info:** 1800 801 662.

Interested in learning more about Monash University?

Monash is conducting the 'At Monash' seminar series. The university showcases each of its faculties on various dates starting with Science on Tuesday 31st March and Arts and Humanities on Wednesday 1st of April (both of these are being held at the Clayton Campus). For **more info** and to **book online**, and to obtain details about **other sessions**, go to: www.monash.edu.au/study/events/atmonash; **Phone Info:** 9903 4758; **Email:** valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au.

Interested in Graphic Design?

University of Ballarat are holding the "Push Up 09" conference on 25th of March at their Ballarat Campus. Attendance is free and you will be able to hear from 6 Industry guest speakers from all over Victoria. You will also be able to speak to lecturers about courses available in Graphic Design. For further information contact Gavin Nash on g.nash@ballarat.edu.au

Want to find out about Courses and Careers?

Then, CAREERS EXPOS are for you. Held annually, they provide opportunities for students/parents to collect information/advice at one location. Coming up soon:

- The **National Careers and Employment Expo** is a chance for Year 10 – 12 students to gain career pathway advice and to meet representatives from educational, government and corporate organisations. **When:** 9am-4pm, Fri 27 & Sat 28 March; **Where:** Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre; **Cost:** Free; **Info:** www.eocexpo.com.au.
- 'The Age' **VCE and Careers Expo** will have over 150 exhibitors and 120 seminars on VCE subjects, study skills, tertiary courses and career advice. **When:** 24-26 April; **Where:** Caulfield Racecourse; **Cost:** \$10 (incl seminars and copy of 'Age'); **Info:** www.education.theage.com.au

The Age have given me some free entry passes if any student wishes to use them for this Expo.

Do careers at the zoo interest you?

There are three programs available for you to consider:

- 'Careers at the Zoo' will provide opportunities for students to meet Zoo employees at the Werribee Open Range Zoo in a range of departments, explore the educational and career paths in the zoo industry and give you skills to help land the job of your dreams.
Dates: April – 8, 9, 16, 17, 23 & 24 (programs repeated each day); **Cost:** \$39.50 incl admission, safari tour, morning tea; For further information ring 99731 9635 or view www.zoo.org.au/learning.

- **‘Keeper for a Day’ and ‘Vet for a Day’**

Healesville Sanctuary run two fantastic programs for students in Yr 9 – 12. Vet 4 a day takes you behind the scenes of the wildlife hospital and Keeper 4 a Day teaches you about being a zookeeper. Each program costs \$99 and there are a variety of dates in 2009 starting in April. Bookings can be made on 5957 2818 or view www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student_Conferences/Careers;

Interested in Aviation as a career?

The Royal Victorian Aero Club runs a monthly ‘Young Eagles Victoria’ program. It aims to introduce and encourage those aged 12-17 to join the world of aviation and to learn about the career possibilities. Find out about topics like aerodynamics and pilot training, and participate in an airborne experience with one of the Club’s pilot members. The aim of the program is to introduce young people to the excitement of aviation. This program runs once a month on a Sunday at Moorabbin Airport and you can get more information and the registration forms from: www.rvac.com.au. This program is free of charge and is certainly a fantastic experience if you can get to Moorabbin by 9am on a Sunday morning.

Below is an article written by Shane Eastwood about his experience of the Young Eagles Program last year.

Last Sunday it was a beautiful crisp clear morning with hardly any wind or clouds. A perfect day for flying! After arriving at the club we had a forty five minute briefing by Mike Murphy who built his own aircraft and flew around the world three times including both the North and South Poles with no support. Mike Murphy is also the Patron of the RVAC and his plane was there for us to look at.

Next a recruiting officer from the Defence forces gave us a talk about becoming a pilot and other job opportunities with the Army, Navy and Air Force.

In pairs we went with a pilot and learnt about the instruments of the aircraft including the cockpit, radio, navigation equipment, landing gear and flaps and other interesting facts. After this, Ian, our pilot took us for a half hours flight around the city in which I was able to have a go at flying the plane. We then flew back and landed at Moorabbin Airport where the person in the back and I exchanged seats and off we went again for another half hour flight down the South Coast, around Frankston and over the ocean and back to Moorabbin.

It was a great day and best of all it was **FREE**. If you are thinking of becoming a pilot I highly recommend that you pay the RVAC a visit.

Work Experience

Reminder that students are completing “**WORK EXPERIENCE**” they are not covered by work care unless they have completed an OH&S test and that Mr. Kenny has signed the correct 2009 permission forms. If any student wants to complete work experience they must see either Mr. White or myself so that we can make sure that all the paper work has been completed.

GAP Year Programs

One of the many options available to students after they have finished Yr 12 is to take a GAP year. There are many reasons to why students may decide to take a GAP year – these include for financial reasons, to have a break from study or to travel or to gain more experiences.

On the College website I have listed the name of some organizations that offer GAP year programs. These include Volunteering Abroad, Nanning overseas, Australian Defence Force GAP Year and working on American Camps.

Each organization has different application requirements and dates by when you need to apply. It is important that you realize that we don’t recommend any organization over another. All we can do is give the students the information and strongly suggest that parents and students attend the information sessions to ask any further questions before agreeing to the application terms.

Assumption College Open Day

All members of the Pathway team will be available to speak to on our Open Day which is Sunday 22nd March. Please feel free to approach us during the day if you want to know anything about VCAL, SBAT, VCE – VET courses, subject selections or career pathways post ACK.

If parents have any questions about career information you can now email us on careers@assumption.vic.edu.au

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