

**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, Wednesday and Thursday.

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

Mr. White and myself look after the Career mentoring and subject selections for the 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.

**WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?**

Have a great 2010, achieve your goals, and keep yourself informed. One way to keep informed is to read CareerNews and attend events that could assist you in your career research. You will receive CareerNews each fortnight, with details of **career events, courses, seminars, information about entry to courses, Open Days, scholarships, study options** and much more. Students who attend career events, read, talk with family and friends about careers, collect information and visit the careers room, generally find the career selection process easier than those who do not.

Some say 'I don't have time to read CareerNews'. You know you have.....about 10 minutes per fortnight or five per week. Some say 'there is nothing in it that applies to me'.....how can you know that if you don't read it, or are unsure what career to pursue? So, **you are going to read CareerNews in 2010.....**

**I'M NOT SURE HOW TO CHOOSE A CAREER.....**

then be assured that you are like many other people at some stage of their lives. The important thing to consider is **what you are going to do about it**. Will you do what your friend does? Will you 'fall into' a career because someone offers you an apprenticeship? Will you do what your parent does because it is familiar? Will you decide you can't be bothered studying and take on a career that you think will not take much effort? Although you can **change careers** if the first one doesn't suit, and you are likely to have a number of careers anyway, career choice does deserve serious consideration. Some **questions** to take on board and ponder are:

- What **interests** me?
- What do I **enjoy** doing?
- What am I **good** at?
- What **school subjects** do I like best?
- How do I like to spend my **spare time**?
- What is **important** to me?
- How much and what type of **study** do I wish to do after finishing school?

By answering these questions you will start to get some clues about what will best suit.

**WORTHWHILE WEBSITES TO VIEW IF I AM NOT SURE WHAT I WANT TO DO.**

At the recent Yr 12 Parent Night we mentioned the following websites that students should have a look at if they are not sure what they want to do next year. These are:

[www.youth.gov.au](http://www.youth.gov.au)

[www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au)

[www.jobguide.dest.gov.au](http://www.jobguide.dest.gov.au)

**WHERE WILL I STUDY AFTER FINISHING YEAR 12?**

This question, of course, assumes that you **will** complete further study after Year 12. It is essential that you consider further study; **qualifications** will increase your **employment options**, they will increase your **opportunities for advancement**, and will almost certainly **increase your pay**. In fact, you can expect to study for further qualifications throughout your life. Australian Bureau of Statistics figures show that the **unemployment rate** for those with a bachelor degree or above (3%) was half the rate for those without such qualifications (6%).

- You might decide on an **apprenticeship**; this will quite likely involve completing a pre-apprenticeship course first, where you study for several months at TAFE and then look for an employer. Apprenticeships generally take four years to complete. **Traineeships** are also available, generally taking one year (see [www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au)).
- Alternatively, you may wish to complete a **TAFE certificate or diploma**. These can take between a year and about two years and are available in a huge range of fields such as engineering, accounting, beauty therapy, child care, graphics and youth work. Government assistance is usually available with fees, and fees are quite low (see [www.tafe.vic.gov.au](http://www.tafe.vic.gov.au)).
- You may wish to obtain a **university qualification**, or **degree**, taking three or more years to complete. These are also in a range of areas, for example, law, medicine, architecture, occupational therapy, arts and commerce. Some universities offer **double degrees**, where you can complete two degrees in a much shorter time than two

separate degrees would take. Government assistance is usually available with fees (see: [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au) and university websites).

- Others may wish to complete a qualification at an **independent college**, such as the Photographic Studies College ([www.psc.edu.au](http://www.psc.edu.au)) or the Australian College of Natural Medicine ([www.acnm.edu.au](http://www.acnm.edu.au)). These offer specialist courses and charge full fees as they are not government funded.
- The **Defence Forces** will appeal to some. Most join as **general entry** recruits, commencing training at various locations around Australia. However, others enter the **graduate entry** stream, studying for a university degree at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) in Canberra (see: [www.defencejobs.gov.au](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au)).
- The **Police Force** may also appeal to you (see: [www.police.vic.gov.au](http://www.police.vic.gov.au)).

## FOCUS ON- EARLY UNIVERSITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

**Interested in learning about University programs early in the year?** Many students and their families are keen to start learning about their options early in the year and this is a wise decision for reasons such as the following:

- You can learn about new programs and initiatives which can assist you to set career goals
- Often knowing what and where you would like to study in the future can motivate you to set goals and succeed with your VCE and VCAL studies.
- Where the course you would like to study is offered at different institutions, you can compare programs, services and facilities across different Universities which will help you to best order your preferences
- You will be able to work out early if University study is for you, or whether you would prefer to start your career through TAFE training, the Defence Force, an apprenticeship or traineeship or through employment/ volunteering etc.

At these events, you will learn about the following: TAFE (where applicable), undergraduate and graduate courses, facilities and student services, scholarships, overseas exchange opportunities, accommodation options, pathway programs and you will often be given a tour of the campus. You will also be given the opportunity to speak to current students and faculty lecturers and attend seminars that interest you.

The following Universities have early information sessions-

**University of Melbourne- 'Meet Melbourne':** sessions will be held in various locations across Victoria between March and April. To find out when the closest Meet Melbourne seminar is being run, go to [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events)

**University of Melbourne- 'Access All Areas':** sessions are run on campus. The first session will be held 9 April at the Parkville Campus. Contact [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events) for more information

**Charles Sturt University- 'MyDay' CSU:** will showcase 27 courses on various dates up until June. February and March events are as follows: MyDay Dentistry and Health (Dental Science, Health and Rehabilitation Science, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Clinical Science)- 26 February, Orange Campus: MyDay Dubbo Campus (Business, Social Work, Early Childhood and Primary, Nursing) – 19 March. For more information, contact [infoevents@csu.edu.au](mailto:infoevents@csu.edu.au) or 02 6338 6010

**Monash University- 'At Monash Seminar Series':** showcases different faculties within the University. The seminars run over several months and students have to book in advance. Dates for 2010 have not been released yet. Check the following link for updates: [www.monash.edu.au/study/events/atmonash](http://www.monash.edu.au/study/events/atmonash)

**Deakin University- 'Discover Deakin':** events run at different campuses over several months. Dates for 2010 have not been released yet. More information will be released in a later career news.

## UPCOMING STATE EVENTS

**Are you ready to put your cooking skills to the test?** William Angliss Institute are running their annual Schools Cook-off Competition and Cupcake Decorating Competition on Thursday 18 March between 9.30am – 1.30pm at their campus, 555 LaTrobe St, Melbourne. You will be able to compete against other schools and learn new skills. To develop your skills before the competition, you are invited to attend a cupcake decorating skills demonstration on either 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> March at the William Angliss campus. For more information, see your career adviser or VET Hospitality/ Food Technology teacher.

**Would you like to learn more about careers in Hospitality?** William Angliss Institute are running their annual Trial-a-Trade program on Saturday 20 March between 9am – 2pm at their campus, 555 LaTrobe St, Melbourne. You will be able to learn about careers in the Hospitality Industry diverse as the following- chef, baker, butcher, waiter, barista, confectioner or patissier. Apart from learning new skills, you will get to work with other young people to put on a

luncheon! It will cost you \$28 and you must be between 14 – 18 years of age. To book or find out more, please call 03 9606 2111, email [info@angliss.edu.au](mailto:info@angliss.edu.au), or visit [www.angliss.edu.au](http://www.angliss.edu.au).

**Considered pursuing a career as a Veterinarian?** The University of Melbourne are hosting their annual Veterinary Science Open Day on Sunday 21 March at their Faculty of Veterinary Science, Werribee Campus between 10am – 3pm. This day provides prospective students and their families with the opportunity to learn about pathways into their new Doctor of Veterinary Science program. Students will also be able to go 'behind the scenes' of their Veterinary Hospital in Werribee and get involved in interactive activities. Location- University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital, 250 Princess Hwy, Werribee, Vic. Contact 03 8344 7844, [www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday](http://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday)

#### **FIND OUT ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ACADEMY**

ADFA provides training and education for future leaders in the Navy, Army and Air Force. Combining military and leadership training with an undergraduate degree from the University of NSW, you will be paid to study, get a Uni of NSW degree in Arts, Business, Engineering, Science or Technology, no HECS debt, free health care and a guaranteed career in the Navy, Army or Air Force. Want to know more? **When:** 6.30pm, Wed 24 Feb; **Where:** Defence Force Recruiting, Level 14, 501 Swanston St, Melbourne; **Bookings:** 13 19 01. Parents/friends welcome; **Info:** [www.defencejobs.gov.au/adfa](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/adfa).

#### **WANT HELP WITH FOLIO PREPARATION AND CAREERS?**

Folio preparation and career discovery courses are held at the RMIT City and Brunswick campuses at various times to suit. Courses are mainly designed for Year 11/12. **Info:** [www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au](http://www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au), 9925 8111. (Note: These courses do not influence selection of students into RMIT award programs nor are they a requirement for gaining a place in an RMIT award program).

#### **FIND OUT ABOUT MONASH**

Do you know that you can hear Monash University news first by subscribing to **Monash eNews**? Receive regular updates via email and SMS about courses, careers, admissions, scholarships and events in your area of interest. **How?** Register by visiting: [www.monash.edu.au/enews](http://www.monash.edu.au/enews).

#### **FEBRUARY EVENTS**

- **26: MyDay CSU Dentistry and Health**, Orange Campus, Charles Sturt Uni, [infoevents@csu.edu.au](mailto:infoevents@csu.edu.au) or 02 6338 6010

#### **MARCH EVENTS**

- **3 – 4: Cupcake Decorating Skills Demonstration-** William Angliss Institute, [marketing@angliss.edu.au](mailto:marketing@angliss.edu.au) 03 9606 2444
- **Meet Melbourne, Uni of Melbourne-** Bendigo (10), Traralgon (11), Ballarat (17), [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events)
- **18: Annual Schools Cook-off Competition-** William Angliss Institute, [marketing@angliss.edu.au](mailto:marketing@angliss.edu.au) 03 9606 2444
- **19: MyDay CSU Dubbo Campus**, Charles Sturt Uni, [infoevents@csu.edu.au](mailto:infoevents@csu.edu.au) or 02 6338 6010
- **20: Trial a Trade in Hospitality**, William Angliss Institute, [marketing@angliss.edu.au](mailto:marketing@angliss.edu.au) 03 9606 2111
- **21: Veterinary Science Open Day**, Uni of Melbourne, Werribee Campus, Vic, 03 8344 7844, [www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday](http://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday)
- **30: Discover Deakin-** Deakin University, [www.deakin.edu.au](http://www.deakin.edu.au)

#### **APRIL EVENTS**

- **8: Art and Design Discovery Day**, Swinburne Uni, Prahran and Wantirna Campuses, [www.swinburne.edu.au](http://www.swinburne.edu.au)
- **9: Access All Areas**, Uni of Melbourne, Parkville Campus Vic, [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events)
- **14: Postgraduate Information Session: Juris Doctor**, RMIT, City Campus, [deborah.mcnaughton@rmit.edu.au](mailto:deborah.mcnaughton@rmit.edu.au) 03 9925 5761
- **17: Hawthorn in Focus Seminar**, Swinburne Uni, Hawthorn Campus, [www.swinburne.edu.au](http://www.swinburne.edu.au)
- **Meet Melbourne, Uni of Melbourne-** Shepparton (21), Albury/Wodonga (22), Glen Waverley (27), Caroline Springs (28) [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events)
- **Swinburne TAFE forums**, Swinburne Uni, Prahran Campus (20) and Wantirra Campus (29), [www.swinburne.edu.au](http://www.swinburne.edu.au)
- **23 – 25: The Age VCE and Careers Expo**, Caulfield Racecourse Vic, 03 9596 8881, [www.vceandcareers.com.au](http://www.vceandcareers.com.au)

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Currently at Assumption we do not have a compulsory work experience program, however we do support students who would like to do work experience during their holidays. Work Experience is different from Structured Work Place

learning that all VET students have to complete as students usually don't have any skills when they attend Work Experience and it usually is an opportunity to observe people in the career area that they may wish to follow. 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.

## **GAP YEAR INFORMATION**

Thinking of taking a year off to travel overseas after school? Then check out the following two ideas:

**Cultural Care Au Pair:** If you are interested in working with children and travelling to the USA, you could work as an Au Pair (live in Nanny). You need to be between 18 – 16yrs old to be able to participate in the program. If you would like to learn more about the program, call Trish Cavenagh, Country Program Manager on 1800 677 373 or visit [www.culturalcare.com.au](http://www.culturalcare.com.au)

## **Websites to check on Potential Nanny Positions**

If a student was considering applying for a Nanny Position which they see advertised either in newspapers or on the internet it would be in their best interest to check on the following sites for potential scams.

These few websites refer to known nanny scams, and what potential applicants should look out for.

[http://babysitters.sittercity.com/article/common\\_nanny\\_scams.html](http://babysitters.sittercity.com/article/common_nanny_scams.html)

<http://www.greataupair.com/public-forum.cfm/type/3/ID/4124>

<http://ezinearticles.com/?Crooked-Online-Nanny-Scams&id=613398>

**Latitude Global Volunteering:** Would you like to have the opportunity to travel overseas during your Gap Year? You could travel to countries as diverse as Africa, Mexico, Spain, Poland or the UK and undertake activities such as teaching primary school children English, working with homeless young people or working with communities developing sport and rec programs. To learn more about these programs, you can attend a Latitude Gap Information night which will be running in various locations over the upcoming months. For more information, contact Carla Baker, Marketing Officer, Latitude Global Volunteering, 03 9826 6266, [www.lattitude.org.au](http://www.lattitude.org.au)

## **EMPLOYMENT/ APPRENTICESHIPS**

At the moment many apprenticeships are being advertised in the local papers and on [www.seek.com.au](http://www.seek.com.au), [www.mycareer.com.au](http://www.mycareer.com.au) and [www.careerone.com.au](http://www.careerone.com.au). If students are still looking for full time apprenticeships they should be searching these resources on a regular bases. Students can also register their name with us at school and we too will keep an eye out for you.

## **WEBSITE ALERT!**

**Course Directory:** This site has been developed to help students explore their options for further study. Log onto [www.coursedirectory.com.au](http://www.coursedirectory.com.au) to start searching!

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Students are able to make appointments with any member of the pathway team. This can be done by the student emailing the relevant teacher or by putting their name down the booking sheets that are displayed outside the career offices. Students can either have individual interviews or may wish to come with a friend – either is acceptable.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

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