Board of Studies Change

On 1 January 2014, the Board of Studies NSW and NSW Institute of Teachers merged to become the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES). http://www.bostes.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/home

MHSCAREERS Website - Access for parents and students

Parents and students have access for 2014 to the mhscareers website via a school subscription. To view the ‘news’ pages and the ‘calendar’, go the website at: http://www.mhscareers.net/
Login with either: “student”, “parent”, “ca” or “other” Password: 14cairns

MHSCAREERS CALENDAR
You can also view their calendar by going to the calendar at: http://www.mhscareers.com/Calendar.html and select the State NSW.

MHSCAREERS NEWS
You can also view their careers news by going to the above address or go to: http://www.mhscareers.net/careers-news-for-nswact.html

Job Outlook

This website made by the Department of Employment provides information on prospects, trends & other data for a huge range of occupations. It also provides links to job vacancies, education & training courses, and more. Occupations can be searched by name, keyword, industry or category.

The website also features a career quiz which can help students to find what type of work they like the best. http://joboutlook.gov.au/

My Resume Builder

This website contains informative articles, resume samples and templates to ensure that you create an impressive resume.

Important changes to apprenticeships from 1 January 2014

The Fair Work Commission have recently made a number of changes to the apprentice provisions in the Building and Construction General Onsite Award 2010 and the Joinery and Building Trades Award 2010. These changes take effect from 1 January 2014. From 2014 there will be large increases to the minimum award rates of pay for first and second year apprentices. Please contact 1300 650 620 for more information.

Useful websites

www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au  An Australian Government site all about apprenticeships and traineeships — what they are and how to find one.


www.career.edu.au  An Australian Government initiative designed for parents and career practitioners to access career development learning opportunities.

www.myfuture.edu.au  Provides current career information, articles and links to resources to assist young people on their career journey.

My Skills  Australia’s Directory of Training - A Government initiative to assist individuals and employers to choose the training provider that best suits their needs. My Skills features all publicly-available, nationally recognised vocational education and training in Australia.

lmip.gov.au  Provides industry skills information, including employment data and links to information on employment, careers, skill needs and training.

studyassist.gov.au  Provides information for prospective and continuing Australian tertiary students on the schemes available to help pay tuition fees and contributions, available scholarships and more.

New Skillsroad website with FREE tools

Set for launch in December! NSW Business Chamber in conjunction with Australian Business Apprenticeships Centre relaunched a new version of their national careers advice portal Skillsroad.com.au. The new website features free information and resources for students and jobseekers to assist them in navigating career options. Additionally, they are launching new sections for supporters including teachers and careers advisors, parents and employers. Exciting new resources include the all new FREE Career Quiz app, new FREE Resume Builder app and career information on over 350 occupations including videos, job growth and wage statistics, training and qualification pathways plus more.

Screen & Media Careers Info Night with Metro Screen

Date: 26th Feb 2014  Time: 6pm to 7.30pm  Venue: Metro Screen, Paddington Town Hall, Paddington, Sydney  Cost: FREE  Contact: Robert Gadsbey: 9356 1818

Finding a way to get a start in the Screen, Media and Creative Industries can be daunting. We’ve put together a special panel of screen industry practitioners to talk about how they started out and what has been helpful along the way.

Students interested in studying Medicine, Optometry and Health Sciences:

The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT) is developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) on behalf of the UMAT consortium universities. The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the Medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at the universities listed on this website.

In 2014, the New South Wales participating universities are listed as: New South Wales: The University of New South Wales Medicine, optometry; The University of Newcastle/University of New England Joint Medical program; University of Western Sydney Medicine.

Students in Yr 12 who are interested in studying Medicine, Optometry and Health Sciences: Registration reminder


Please see Ms Gereige if you have any questions regarding this.

UMAT Preparation:

UMAT practice tests are now available to purchase on the website. The preparation materials are available as online tests only. See further information on the UMAT website. There are also a number of private providers of preparation courses which you may be interested in: www.nie.edu.au and www.umataustralia.com.au.

TAFEnow

TAFEnow is backed by North Coast Institute of TAFE, in New South Wales, and all TAFEnow qualifications will be issued by North Coast TAFE.

TAFEnow is a provider of nationally accredited online courses in the areas of accounting and finance, animal studies, business, community Services, information and cultural Services, information technology, real estate and sustainability. Start and pay any time, working at your own pace. All courses are iPad and mobile friendly, supported by experienced online teachers. VET-fee help options are available for diploma students. For further information, visit [http://www.tafenow.com.au](http://www.tafenow.com.au) or phone 1300 TAFEnow (1300 8233669).

The Institute of Chartered Accountants

The Institute of Chartered Accountants have university scholarships available for disadvantaged students. If you know of a student who would benefit from, or may be dependent on, financial assistance to continue their studies from High School to University, the Institute would like to hear from you! Simply email the Institute at [Michael.Bellemore@charteredaccountants.com.au](mailto:Michael.Bellemore@charteredaccountants.com.au) and they will contact you to discuss.
University of New England  New Courses on offer in 2014

In addition to the nearly 200 courses already offered, UNE is proud to announce the introduction of a range of new courses for 2014. New courses to choose from include Associate Degree in Agrifood Systems, Bachelor of Agrifood Systems, Bachelor of Community Services, Bachelor of Health Practice, Bachelor of Health Practice/Bachelor of Community Services.

BiG Day In IT Careers Conference

BiG Day In IT Careers Conference for students from Years 9-12 will be held @ UTS on Wed 26 March. Bring your students to hear speakers from Google, Microsoft, IBM, Westpac, WiseTech Global, Deloitte & more talking about their careers & the future of technology. Exhibitors fr. IBM, Westpac, WiseTech Global, Deloitte, LEGO Education, KPMG, CBA & more for students to speak to. Tickets $10 for students (no charge for teachers – use ‘teacher’ as coupon code). Enq: Kerrie, ACS Foundation 8296 4444/0417 409 069 kerrie.bisaro@acsfoundation.com.au au thebigdayin.com.au

UNSW Science Parent and Student Information Evening

Wednesday 26 March, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, The John Niland Scientia Building, UNSW Kensington campus. The Faculty of Science invites Year 11 and Year 12 students and their parents to attend an information evening. This evening will include talks and a career market, giving students and parents the opportunity to talk directly to current students and academics. Register online from February through www.science.unsw.edu.au/infonight

Billy Blue College of Design has launched the new website!

The significant overhaul project has taken a few months to complete and resulted in a new and improved, information-rich website with enhanced functionality and visual experience. Check out the new Billy Blue website today: www.billyblue.edu.au

Diploma of Journalism now online

Vocational journalism college Jschool's diploma can now be studied online, either full-time over one year or part-time over two or more years. The course is accredited and registered for VET-FEE-HELP. Areas covered in the course include reporting & news writing, research, law & court reporting, political journalism, multimedia, reviewing, journalism issues and shorthand. For more information see Jschool's website, www.jschool.com.au or emailinquires@jschool.com.au

University of New South Wales & University of Sydney Foreign Language Partnership

Under a new partnership between the University of New South Wales and the University of Sydney, students at UNSW will be able to study Indonesian, Modern Greek and Italian at the University of Sydney from 2015 onwards. http://sydney.edu.au/news/84.html?newsstoryid=12981
New degrees on offer from the University of Technology Sydney include the Bachelor of Creative Intelligence and Innovation, the Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Digital and Social Media), and the Bachelor of Design in Landscape.

Monday to Friday, any week during the UTS teaching semester.
UTS Science has a work experience program that aims to give students an overview of the facilities, teaching & research at UTS, as well as an introduction to tertiary science. Areas covered include chemistry & forensic science, the environment, physics & advanced materials, and medical & molecular biosciences. If you are interested, see Ms Gereige.

Applications are now open for University of Sydney’s 2014 Work Experience Program. This program places students with the Public Programs team where they receive experience working in the fields of research, administration, events & collection management. Placements are open to secondary school students in Year 10 and run for three days. To apply, you will need to send a resume & short cover letter to the Public Programs Assistant. See Ms Gereige for further information if you are interested.

The AIE is currently taking expressions of interest for its Work Experience Program. The program is for students in years 10-12 and aims to teach them about interactive entertainment and digital industries. Activities include 3D animation, programming, QA testing and more. See Ms Gereige if interested.

Tractor Design School is now offering school leavers a full-time 2 year Advanced Diploma of Graphic Design course. This course will teach students’ technical skills, as well as teaching them how graphic design and advertising works in contemporary society. The course also includes a study tour to New York City.
The Certified Public Accountants Career Expo is a chance for students to connect with industry experts and employers. During the expo students will be able to get advice and information about careers within the accounting and finance industry.
Canberra: Thu 20th March, 5:30pm to 8pm at the National Convention Centre, 31 Constitution Avenue, Canberra
Sydney: Tue 18th March, 5:30pm to 8pm at Sofitel Wentworth, 61-101 Phillip Street, Sydney
Contact: careergexpo@cpaaustralia.com.au

People between the ages of 12.5 and 20 can learn leadership, team building and survival skills, all while discovering what life is like in the armed forces.
Cadet groups are available in most areas and in the three main branches of the armed forces, the Army, Navy & Air Force.

These lectures are designed to help Year 12 students get ahead of their peers and increase their final ATAR. Subjects covered include Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Economics, English, Mathematics & Physics

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