Careers Newsletter

20 May 2019

Disclaimer: All information is printed in good faith. It is the responsibility of the student to confirm all details with the appropriate institution.

***To contact Ms Janes please call 9414 4310 or email djanes@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au***

JobJump - Parents and students please watch YouTube video and sign up
Sign up to JobJump for information about tertiary study options, ATAR’s and apprenticeship and TAFE information. Create a resume, sign up for news alerts.
To register go to https://www.jobjump.com.au/
Search school – St Pius X Chatswood
Register with an email address (use a private address, not spx)
Password – pius (lower case)
Parent information: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZoyckJwvVg&feature=youtu.be

Entry to Medicine 2020 – A Guide
Thinking about becoming a Doctor? We’ve put together a comprehensive Guide that can help you compare your options and find a Medical Program that will get you there.
We’ve reached out to every university in Australia, and in the Guide you’ll find:
Every medical program in Australia for school-leavers
Entry requirements, expected ATARs and prerequisite subjects
Alternative pathways to help you build a solid Plan B
A plain-English guide to fees and medical places, including Bonded Places
The application process and what you can expect
Download your copy here – it’s free for members.

Notre Dame | Early Offer Student & Parent Info Night
Tuesday 2 July 2019 | Please confirm times upon registration
Broadway Campus, Notre Dame Sydney
The Early Offer Student & Parent Info Evening is your opportunity to discover more about Notre Dame’s Young Achievers Early Offer program. At the Info Evening you will gain an understanding of the benefits of being an Early Offer applicant, you will also be able to submit your application. Our supportive Prospective Students Office team will be available throughout the evening to assist you and answer any questions you may have.
The benefits of Notre Dame’s Early Offer program are:
- Secure a place at the University of Notre Dame and sit your exams with the added confidence of knowing you have received your Notre Dame offer.
Inclusive Community

- Showcase your achievements, skills, and passions inside and outside of school, in an interview that covers your interests, goals and future career aspirations.
- Have a seamless transition to University life, with the full support of our Academic and Admissions staff helping you every step of the way.
- Receive exclusive access to Early Offer opportunities, such as the Early Offer Celebration event, networking, leadership and mentoring programs.

Places are limited, so register today to save your spot at https://www.notredame.edu.au/events-items/early-offer-student-and-parent-info-night

Torrens | Design & Technology Open Night | Sydney
Date: Tuesday 21 May 2019 | 6 – 8 pm
Ultimo Campus, Torrens University
Your chance to tour our classrooms and studios and meet some of the talented lecturers and students that make up our creative community.
- Learn about our creative courses in more detail
- Meet our talented students and our lecturers
- Network with connoisseurs of the creative industries
- Speak to our Course & Career Advisors about study options

To find out more or register go to https://www.torrens.edu.au/about/events-and-workshops/open-night-sydney

SCU – Mid Year Information Sessions
Online session | Wednesday 5 June 2019 | 6pm – 7pm
Online session | Wednesday 19 June 2019 | 6pm-7pm
SCU want to make life a little easier and get you heading in the right direction, register for one of their info sessions and talk to expert staff about your study options.
You’ll need to select the campus option you’d like to attend or the online session you’d prefer.
For more information and to register go to https://www.scu.edu.au/engage/events/mid-year-information-sessions-1.php

Deakin : How to make your application stand out
Date: Wednesday 12 June 2019 | 5pm start | Online
Get Deakin Uni applications broken down in easy-to-understand steps and get help making your application stand out.
THIS WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ALL UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS, NOT JUST DEAKIN
Get the best tips, advice and knowledge from our experts to help you ace your application.
To register go to https://www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events/apply-webinar

CQUni Online Chat Session
Thursday 23 May | 3pm – 6pm | Online Event
Thinking about starting a TAFE or university qualification? If you’re considering CQUUniversity, you probably have a few questions.
Get to know CQUUniversity a little better at our Online Chat Session.
Whether it’s in relation to your course of interest, student support services, or anything else to do with studying with us, our staff will be on hand to provide you with the answers.
To register or find our more go to https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/information-session/online-chat-session30
Parent Information Sessions | ACU
Monday 27 May 2019 | 18:00-19:30 | Strathfield
ACU Strathfield Campus – Gleeson Auditorium, 25A Barker Road, Strathfield
Monday, 20 May 2019 | 18:00-19:30 | North Sydney
ACU North Sydney Campus – Level 12, Tenison Woods House 8 – 20 Napier Street, North Sydney
Parents, guardians or carers, can find out how to support your teen’s journey through high school into university. You’ll also find out about entry programs to give your teen an extra boost and support services available to students on campus.
Event program:
• Canapes and drinks on arrival
• Tips to prepare for university
• Panel discussion with current ACU student, their parent, alumni and academic staff
• Tips for choosing a career and preparing yourself for university and a part-time job
• Information on scholarships, fees, support services, entry programs and upcoming ACU events.

NSW Police Recruitment Information Session
Saturday 15 June | 9.00am – 12.00pm | NSW Police Headquarters
Come and join us for an information session about the NSW Police Force recruitment process. Recruitment Officers will be on hand to discuss your current or future application and to answer specific questions relating to the process.

JMC School Holiday Workshops Sydney
July School Holidays | JMC Sydney
The workshops are a great opportunity to check out the JMC Academy campus while getting a taste of what studying your passion with Australia’s leading Creative Industries provider is like at this fun, engaging and hands-on program!
These workshops are strictly for high school students in years 9 – 12.
All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation that includes the details of the completed workshop.

UNE | HSC Booster Days
Monday 3 June – Tuesday 4 June 2019 | 9am – 2pm
UNE Campus
UNE and specialist lecturers present various sessions in the maths, science, economics, business and legal studies disciplines. These sessions are jam packed with relevant information to assist Year 12 students reach their full potential and in many sessions students are able to undertake practicals that are not possible at school.
Monday 3 June: Business Studies Economics Legal Studies Maths Science
Tuesday 4 June: Maths, Science
To register or get more information go to https://www.une.edu.au/study/study-options/landing/hsc-study-day

NIDA Open Equity Scholarship
Open/Closing Dates: May 27, 2019 – July 29, 2019
Value: Full-fee Scholarship for School Holiday Program
To celebrate NIDA’s 60th anniversary, NIDA Open has committed up to $25,000 worth of complimentary tuition to help young people who are experiencing barriers to participation in the arts including, financial or other disadvantage to achieve their full creative potential. The NIDA Open Equity Scholarships are available throughout the 2019 spring holiday program period and are open to all secondary school-aged students nationally, regardless of previous experience or professional ambition. Applications can be made by individuals or by an organisation on behalf of a young person identified as a suitable scholarship applicant.

If you or a young person you know wants to experience a NIDA Open course and would like some support to achieve this goal, we want to hear from you!

Follow the links below to see which courses for secondary school-aged students are being offered in your local area.

Find out more
Sydney – NIDA Kensington
Sydney – Chatswood
Sydney – Parramatta
Sydney – Kellyville
Sydney – Campbelltown

Billy Blue Scholarships
Open/Closing Dates: – August 19, 2019
Value: $10,000 AUD

If you are contemplating studying design and creative technology, you might want to look at the courses offered by the Billy Blue College of Design.

The scholarships are open to high achieving school leavers, those who have worked in design or established professionals ready to return to study for a postgraduate course.

Eligibility: All recipients are required to attend key recruitment events in their State/Territory. The final award is subject to the winner(s) satisfying the age and ATAR requirements of the College entry criteria.

To apply:

Register and log-in, fill out the submission form with all your details and responses to the following:

- Answer: What can you bring to the Design and Creative Technology Ambassador program?
- Upload your favourite piece of creative work to your Frontier profile, this is your chance to show off your creative and technical skills that make you unique. Your submission can take any form, as long as it is relevant and related to your chosen course area.
- Submit: 300 word rationale explaining your piece.
- Read and agree to the Terms and Conditions

Submission deadline is 11.59pm on Monday 19 August for September 2019 intake and 11.59pm AEDT on Monday 20 January 2020 for February 2020 intake.

Sitting the UCAT in 2019?

UCAT have some fantastic free resources to help you prepare for the exam. They say: “You should prepare for the test using these free official practice materials which have been developed by the UCAT Consortium to support test preparation. We recommend you start by looking at our UCAT 2019 Preparation Plan which provides a suggested approach and timetable for preparing for your test.”

Practice Tests

Our three, fully timed practice tests, which mimic closely the testing experience, are an essential part of your preparation. Please note that when you take the live test your correct and incorrect answers will not be reported.
OFFICIAL MOBILE APP
Our official mobile app for Apple and Android users. This cannot replicate all question types from the live test but is a useful preparation tool to complement our other resources.

QUESTION BANKS
10 question banks containing 400 official questions from all five subtests. Use these to familiarise yourself with the type of questions you will see in your test. Answer rationales are also provided for all questions.

QUESTION TUTORIAL
An interactive tutorial which includes general advice on how to approach the test as well as strategies on how to approach and answer questions in the Verbal Reasoning, Decision Making, Quantitative Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning and Situational Judgement subtests.

TOUR TUTORIAL
A tutorial which illustrates all the functions used in our computer-based tests including how to answer and review questions.

UCAT YOUTUBE CHANNEL
The official UCAT YouTube channel has a number of videos to support preparation. High-scoring, former UCAT candidates share advice on their preparations for the test, plus a member of the UK based UCAT team talks through the steps involved in preparing for the test. There are also videos showing what to expect in a Pearson VUE test centre.

2019 OFFICIAL GUIDE
The 2019 Official Guide contains definitive information regarding the test including over 130 practice items.

Australia’s highest-paying jobs: 2018 vs 2013
Seek (one of Australia’s largest job search engines) compared salary across industries to show us where growth is strong.
Mining topped the list in 2013, and while those jobs are still amongst some of the best paid jobs in ICT and engineering have taken out the top three spots in 2018.

STEM Programs coming soon
Good news from the 2019-20 Federal Budget. Questacon will receive $6.2 million to help roll out its Engineering is Elementary program, resources will be available to primary schools throughout Australia.
In addition, it will receive another $8.9 million to expand the Science Circus program.
It’s hoped that by making the Engineering is Elementary program more widely available, it will engage children in STEM from an earlier age and help them discover careers that might interest them.
The resources, resources and workshops are set to be delivered to 1000 teachers in up to 500 primary schools across the country in a bid to support the demand for STEM skills in future workforces.
Source: STEM program taps into kids’ natural curiosity to inspire interest in engineering

The Ralph & Russo Couture Apprenticeship
There are many careers associated with the world of fashion. But if you would like to learn the art of designing and creating high fashion clothing, then this apprenticeship could be a fantastic opportunity.
Ralph and Russo, Britain’s only certified couture house have launched an apprenticeship programme in partnership with Fashion Enter.
3 students will get to spend two years working in the atelier (workshop) 4 days a week, spending the fifth day at the Fashion Technology Academy.
The apprenticeship is based in London, international candidates are welcome to apply.
“We have got over 45 nationalities, with an age range from 20 to early 60s,” says Ralph. Check the eligibility criteria and application details here. Read the full article.

Wool4School Design Competition
Technology is reshaping almost every industry, including fashion. This year we invite students to design a garment or outfit that embraces the use of technology to enhance garment performance or function. Such as wool footwear that tracks your run, or a credit card chip in a jacket for ease of purchase. With some innovative thinking, and an understanding of the importance of technology in today’s market, the possibilities are endless. Your garment or outfit design must use at least 80% wool and can consist of 1 to 4 items.
You could win money, an internship or a scholarship to Whitehouse Institute of Design. Registrations close May 30 – Final design submissions close at midnight on 25 July 2019. Find out more – https://www.wool4school.com/

Study Medicine – ATAR Scaling News Flash: How you play sport now determines your ATAR score
Playing a sport is used to give a cut-through explanation of subject scaling, ranking and considerations in choosing subjects to maximise your ATAR. A new free resource – ATAR Scaling News Flash: How you play sport now determines your ATAR score is now available. You can also download this article or view the video and use to guide students in their subject selection process. https://www.studymedicine.com.au/atar-scaling

How to nail the Multiple Mini Interview
Are you prepping for a MMI? These interview sessions can be stressful, but taking some steps can help you prepare and possibly increase your chances of a successful outcome on the day. At the very least, you’ll feel a little more in control. Crimson Education are masters at helping people get into their chosen course, and they’ve put together this comprehensive guide to help you master the MMI – www.crimsoneducation.org/au/blog/multiple-mini-interview-preparation

Macquarie Entry Navigator
Everyone comes to university on an ATAR. Right? No, not with Macquarie Entry. ATAR is just one of the factors we use to determine your suitability for study. It’s true that your ATAR rank can be a useful factor of your chances for success in a specific course. But it’s equally true that there are other factors we can use to assess your suitability. That’s why we have 11 different admission pathways to Macquarie; ten of these assess your suitability on more than a selection ranking based on your raw ATAR or on your ATAR plus adjustment factors providing additional points. Try our Entry Program Navigator and you’ll be able to compare all of our entry pathways and work out which one suits you best – and you’ll quickly discover you have more options open to you than you first thought! Start Navigating – www.mq.edu.au/study/macquarie-entry-navigator

What is university like?
Wondering what it’s like to be a student at university? Sure you’ll be spending time in class, but you’ll also have time to do a huge range of other exciting things. Universities are known for their vibrant student communities, packed with events, social get-togethers, sporting opportunities and networking. We’ve pulled together some links from
Inclusive Community

Australian universities so you can read more about what your life could look like once O-Week is over.
University of Sydney – Campus Life
UNSW – Life at UNSW
University of Newcastle – Campus Life
RMIT – Life at RMIT
Swinburne – Life at Swinburne
University of Western Australia – Student Life
Curtin University – What is University like?
University of South Australia – Experience UniSA
Victoria University – Campus Life
University of Queensland – Life at UQ

MACQUARIE LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS – Early Entry program
Macquarie Leaders and Achievers is our new early entry program that recognises a student’s academic performance alongside their extracurricular activities that demonstrate leadership, community service and personal achievement.
Year 12 students who meet the criteria are offered a place in their preferred degree before the HSC examinations.
HOW TO APPLY
Students complete an online application and have a school representative endorse their application.
KEY DATES:
APPLICATIONS OPEN: JUNE 3
APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 26 AUGUST
W: MQ.EDU.AU/LEADERS-AND-ACHIEVERS
E: futurestudents@mq.edu.au

Lego Masters Season 2 Casting Call
Did you love Lego Masters? If you’re into building stuff with plastic bricks and are considering a career in design, engineering, project management, architecture, art, or basically anything then being part of Lego Masters will look amazing on your resume. This time they’re looking for adult teams, as well as teams with one adult and one teen, and teams with two teens (aged 15 – 18). Applications are open to Australian residents or Citizens
You must be available for one day between early August to early September 2019 for a potential audition with Producers. You must be available for approx. 10-12 weeks for the shoot. At this stage, shooting will take place between October and December 2019.
Find out more and apply here – legocasting.com.au/

UNICEF Voices of Youth
Voices of Youth offers inspiring, original insight and opinion from across the globe – by young people, for young people.
Countering disheartening headlines about today’s young generation, the Voices of Youth community proves that young people ARE making a difference, each and every day. So find your voice and change the world.
www.voicesofyouth.org/

The Flash Fiction Challenge
This exciting international creative writing challenge, organised by NYC Midnight Movie Making Madness, features several rounds in an exciting and time based competition.
Designed to help discover and promote a new wave of talented storytellers. NYC Midnight aims to provide the prizes and exposure necessary for writers to take their next big step towards writing professionally. Participants have to create original short stories (1,000 words max.) based on genre, location, and object assignments in just 48 hours. Register on the website. For more information, FAQ's, to find about the judges or read through some of the previous winning stories, you can go to the website NYC Midnight.

It's never too late to start a brilliant career
There’s a lot of pressure in this day age to be a success early in life. And there are lots of opportunities for people to succeed early in life. But if you’re not a millionaire by 20 and haven’t got a Nobel peace prize in your hand by 30, it doesn’t mean you’re a failure. This article looks at how our brains and capabilities continue to evolve and develop throughout our lives. How we’ll all experience multiple cognitive peaks throughout our lives. Not to mention how our talents and passions can change and emerge as our lives go by. The overriding message is that late bloomers are everywhere, and that early achievement is the exception not the norm. If you’re feeling under pressure or sick of comparing yourself to the ever-growing list of high achievers, read the full blog. It could help you stay positive and keep doing what you’re doing. Here’s the link.

Celery goodness
Do you love celery? Then there’s good news, it’s got loads of health benefits. If you don’t love celery, maybe you could try disguising it, the evidence-based research shows it could be worth the effort. Staying fit and healthy during the upcoming stressful exam period is essential - Still not convinced? You can read more about the benefits of celery on your health in this article.

5 Tips On How To Study Smarter, Not Harder
No doubt you’ve had that feeling of banging your head against a brick wall when you’re trying to come up with ways to juggle everything on your plate. Finding ways to study more effectively could help you reduce the time you spend studying and get a better life balance going on. This article recommends:
1. Getting a calendar, putting it somewhere that you’ll see it every day and most importantly updating it
2. Finding friends or mentors who can help you out
3. Eating well and getting plenty of sleep
4. Setting targets that are manageable and will help you reach the end goal easily
5. Take regular breaks and find ways to motivate yourself.
You can read the full blog here.

JOB SPOTLIGHT
Visual Merchandiser
What do they do?
Visual Merchandisers (VM) play a key role in brand sales strategies by attracting customers into retail settings and maximising sales by creating floor plans and 3D displays that sell the products. Window displays, shop floor, special promotions, shelving layouts and point of sales displays are some of the areas of focus. While VMs mostly work in fashion and retail settings, there are also opportunities in museums, hotels, airports and other commercial environments.
If you have a great sense of style and a natural flair for colour and design, can work well with anyone and are prepared to work hard, you could make a great career as a VM. Watch this great video clip to see a VM in action.

**Duties:**
- Develop floor plans, window displays and promotions for approval of management
- Determine floor layout, traffic flow and display points
- Decide which items are to be displayed and how
- Design window or internal displays based on an agreed theme based on brand, season or celebration for example
- Create or buy props, accessories, signs and tickets for constructing displays
- Maintain, store and dismantle displays
- Setting up displays, dressing mannequins, moving fixtures and fittings, and updating displays as required
- Arranging lighting to highlight fixtures, displays and goods

**Skills required:**
- Creativity and imagination
- Good hand-eye coordination
- Good drawing and design abilities
- Cope with the physical demands of the job
- Work within a budget
- Great communication
- Work well with anyone
- Work long and sometimes antisocial hours

**Pathways**
Diploma of Visual Merchandising and some retail experience could be desirable. Studying art, design or fashion with no former experience may also be an option.

**Average salary** $50,000 per year (Source: Seek.com.au)

**Job growth** in this area is strong (source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

Ms D Janes – Year 11 Coordinator and Careers Adviser