

# St John Paul II Catholic College

# Careers Newsletter

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Dear All,

At this time of year I am very conscious of specific “career” issues facing our Year 12 and Year 10 students.

Year 12 recently completed their half yearly exams and received their reports. For many students it can be a ‘wake -up’ call, especially if their results were not as good as they would have liked. For others it can be a welcome “reality check” confirming they are on- track and progressing well. Either way this can be a period of positive reflection, more so if a student ‘s results were disappointing. However all is not lost! My advice for students is to ‘take stock’ and set about adjusting study patterns, along with work, social and sporting commitments. This is a proven strategy which can assist students improve their results and allow them to feel on top of their studies.

The message is that its NOT TOO LATE to apply oneself more consistently and enhance the chances of achieving satisfactory results in the HSC. Having a study timetable, and actually sticking to it, can go along way to improve grades. Students are encouraged to see myself if they need assistance in formulating a study plan.

Good luck to all our Year 12’s –remember we are here to support you so you can achieve your Personal Best.

Students of year 10 have begun the process of looking at their immediate future .Do I stay or do I go? – these are common questions students and families ask themselves . Year 10 have been doing some Vocational assessment work, getting a “taste of Nirimba” and looking at the options available for next year. If students require subject select assistance I am available to help.

All students and families are encouraged to consult the Careers Newsletters as they become available throughout the school year. This newsletter has valuable information on up coming career activities at universities, TAFE and private colleges. Many of the news items have links attached for more detailed information.

If parents and /or students wish to discuss their future study/ career options they are welcome to contact the College Careers Adviser Mr Joe Evans on 9208 7258 or email [jevans3@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jevans3@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Happy Reading!

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# Universities

## **University of Wollongong: Sydney CBD Open Day**

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> August, 10.00am – 2.00pm, Sydney CBD, Circular Quay

Explore three levels of the modern teaching facilities and discuss study options with academic staff.

<http://business.uow.edu.au/news-events/sydney-open-day/index.html>

## **University of Wollongong: Information Evenings**

Jindabyne: Thu 4<sup>th</sup> June

Albury: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July

Wagga Wagga: Tue 14<sup>th</sup> July

Tamworth: Tue 14<sup>th</sup> July

Griffith: Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July

Orange: Thu 16<sup>th</sup> July

Grafton: Tue 21<sup>st</sup> July

Parrmatta: Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Armidale: Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> July

These events are designed to provide information that prospective students may need when choosing UOW courses.

<http://www.uow.edu.au/future/events/index.html>

## **UNSW Youtube: UNSW Experience**

UNSW has a number of online videos where current students and staff speak about topics of common concern to prospective students. Topics covered in the online videos include picking subjects, deciding on a degree, student life, and HSC bonus points.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCthjY71kw6kubDED3pNn9Yg>

## **Macquarie University: Study Without Stress Workshops**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July or Tue 7<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00am – 12.00pm

The workshops aim to help give students the skills they need to study and perform in exams more effectively by exploring how the body reacts to stress and looking at the importance of social and physical pursuits when maintaining balance. The workshops will also give students the tools to change the way they view exam and school stress as well as tips for dealing with work avoidance and unrealistic expectations.

<http://www.centreforemotionalehealth.com.au/pages/swoshsc.aspx>

## **Macquarie University: Double Degrees**

This article explores the benefits of studying a double degree at Macquarie University and lists some of the double degrees that the university offers.

[http://www.mq.edu.au/study/undergraduate/parents\\_and\\_teachers/connect\\_with\\_macquarie\\_newsletter/all\\_connect\\_articles/focus\\_on\\_double\\_degrees/](http://www.mq.edu.au/study/undergraduate/parents_and_teachers/connect_with_macquarie_newsletter/all_connect_articles/focus_on_double_degrees/)

## **UNSW High School Computing Competition**

Registration is free and closes on Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June

Compete with teams from across Australia for cash prize money and scholarships to UNSW.

The main round is held in schools on Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June and the Grand Final held on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> September at UNSW.

<http://www.cse.unsw.edu.au/studying-at-unsw/school-programs/progcomp/>

## **UNSW Chemistry Enrichment Workshop for Year 11 Students**

Workshop will be held Mon 28<sup>th</sup> September – Thu 1<sup>st</sup> October, applications close Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July

A series of hands-on experiments and engaging lectures designed to strengthen an understanding of chemistry in areas relevant to the HSC. Students will complete a number of mandatory practicals from the Production of Materials and Acidic Environment Modules, and then take the experiments to the next stage by undertaking university-level open ended investigations.

Contact: [outreach@chem.unsw.edu.au](mailto:outreach@chem.unsw.edu.au)

<http://www.chemistry.unsw.edu.au/outreach/chemistry-enrichment-workshop>

### **ACU North Sydney Midyear Information Session**

Tue 9<sup>th</sup> June, 5.00pm – 7.30pm, North Sydney Campus, The Peter Cosgrove Centre, Level 22, Tenison Woods House

8-20 Napier Street, North Sydney

Speak with course experts, discuss study options, view the campus and learn more about the university.

[http://www.acu.edu.au/connect\\_with\\_acu/events/north\\_sydney/sydney\\_midyear\\_information\\_event](http://www.acu.edu.au/connect_with_acu/events/north_sydney/sydney_midyear_information_event)

### **The University of Notre Dame Logos for Schools for Year 11 Students**

Logos I Philosophy, Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Logos II Ethics, Mon 14<sup>th</sup> December – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December

The University of Notre Dame is offering a version of its core curriculum to Year 11 students, providing them with an opportunity to undertake introductory study of philosophy and ethics. This programme is designed to foster and support the pursuit of truth, and represents the heart of the tradition of Catholic University liberal education.

Contact: (02) 8204 4175 or [sydney.philosophytheology@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney.philosophytheology@nd.edu.au)

<http://www.nd.edu.au/sydney/schools/theology/logosforschools>

### **University of Notre Dame: HSC Study Week**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July, University of Notre Dame, Sydney Campus, Broadway

Cost: \$345

A week-long program delivered by well qualified and highly experienced HSC teachers and markers.

Attendees will be able to select the subjects they would like to focus on and attend dedicated lectures and skills workshops on these subject areas.

Contact: 02 8204 4228 or [sydney.aesc@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney.aesc@nd.edu.au)

[http://www.nd.edu.au/academic\\_support/hsc-study-week](http://www.nd.edu.au/academic_support/hsc-study-week)

### **University of Newcastle: Mid-Year Entry Online Chat**

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May, 4.00pm – 6.00pm

University of Newcastle student ambassadors will answer questions on a range of topics including degree options, change of preferences, alternative entry schemes, and scholarships.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1706754952885340/>

### **CSU Information Studies Webinar**

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Learn about Information studies, the benefits of the courses, career opportunities for graduates, what it's like to study by distance education and the costs involved.

Contact: (02) 6338 6010 or [infoevents@csu.edu.au](mailto:infoevents@csu.edu.au)

<http://news.csu.edu.au/events>

### **UTS Public Lectures**

Rising Temperatures and the Impacts on Human and Environmental Health

Tue 12<sup>th</sup> May, 6.00pm – 8.00pm, UTS Green Lecture Theatre, UTS Building 7, Level 2, Jones St, Ultimo

Two UTS scientists will explain their current research areas in marine bio-toxins and plant ecology and discuss how rising temperatures have had an impact on the seafood we eat, our environmental ecosystems and biodiversity in Australia.

<http://www.uts.edu.au/staff/andrea.leigh>

Sydney: A Landscape Articulated

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June, 6.00pm – 9.00pm, Level 1, Dr Chau Chak Wing Building, UTS City Campus

A symposium will bring together leading landscape architects to discuss pivotal Sydney projects from the past 15 years. Concurrently, an exhibition will be held showcasing works by UTS Bachelor of Landscape Architecture students.

<http://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-design-architecture-and-building/architecture/events/sydney-landscape-articulated>

### **UTS Housing Applications Now Open**

UTS has a number of self-catered accommodation options to suit a wide range of requirements.

<http://www.uts.edu.au/current-students/support/accommodation/campus-accommodation>

### **QS World University Rankings 2014/15**

QS World University Rankings have been released for 2015 with the results based on academic reputation, employer reputation, faculty/student ratio, citations per faculty, international student ratio and international staff ratio. The Australian National University was ranked number 1 in Australia followed by The University of Melbourne at number 2, The University of Sydney 3, The University of Queensland 4, and the University of New South Wales number 5.

<http://www.topuniversities.com/qs-world-university-rankings>

### **Ernst and Young Sydney Cadetship Program**

Applications open Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May and close Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June

The Ernst and Young Cadetship program provides high school graduates the opportunity to combine full-time work with part-time study. Cadets will gain valuable experience working within the organization and with clients, ensuring they graduate from university a step ahead of their peers.

<http://www.ey.com/AU/en/Careers/Students/Your-role-here/Students---Programs#fragment-4-na>

## TAFE & Apprenticeships

### **Sydney TAFE Information Session**

Library Services Information Session: Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2.00pm – 3.00pm, Ultimo

St George School of Fashion Information Session: Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May, 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Kogarah

Information Technology: Wed 27<sup>th</sup> May, 5.30pm – 7.30pm, Petersham

Certificate IV in Accounting: Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 6.30pm – 7.30pm, Ultimo

Associate Degree in Accounting: Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 6.30pm – 7.30pm, Ultimo

Applied Fashion Design and Technology: Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 5.00pm – 7.00pm, Ultimo

Photography Information Session: Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 6.00pm – 7.00pm, Ultimo

St George School of Fashion Information Session: Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Kogarah

<http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newsevents/events>

### **Australian Apprenticeship Pathways: Career Interest Explorer**

A new resource which aims to help job seekers identify the strength of their career interests.

<http://www.aapathways.com.au/Search/Career-Interest-Explorer>

## Private Colleges

### **Shillington College Information Session**

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Level 3, 50 Margaret Street, Sydney

Learn about studying a course in graphic design at Shillington College.

<http://www.shillingtoncollege.com.au/graphic-design-course/info-sessions>

### **Think Education: Design Faculty Course Guide 2015 & 2016**

[http://www.think.edu.au/awesome/images/courseGuide/design\\_course\\_guide.pdf](http://www.think.edu.au/awesome/images/courseGuide/design_course_guide.pdf)

### **JMC Academy Open Day**

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30am, Harris Street, Ultimo

Speak to staff and students, get an overview of courses and take a campus tour.

Contact: 02 8241 8899

<http://www.jmccademy.edu.au/events/open-days/register-for-our-next-open-day-2015.aspx>

### **JMC Academy: Design Day with Nick Vegas**

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May, 11.00am, Harris Street, Ultimo

Nick Vegas, one of 3D's biggest names, will be speaking and taking question about 3D work for network news, music clips and also how to prepare for a career in 3D.

<http://www.jmccademy.edu.au/nickvegas>

### **Sydney Design School Open Day**

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> May, 6.00pm, Level 2, 40 Oxley Street, St Leonards

The Information session will run for approximately 40 minutes and will cover the courses available at the design school as well as career opportunities available to graduates.

Contact: 02 9437 1902

<http://sydneydesignschool.com.au/info-sessions/>

### **Academy of Information Technology: Creative Careers Expo**

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 7 Kelly Street Level 2, Ultimo

Join industry experts for a fun and interactive careers expo showcasing opportunities within the creative and digital fields. This is an opportunity for teachers to expose their students to the career opportunities within the creative world.

<http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au/creative-careers-day/>

### **Academy of Information Technology: New Bachelor of Digital Design**

The new Bachelor of Digital Design is a three-year (or two-year accelerated) degree with a hands-on focus, supplementing theory with practical experience in a wide range of design principles. Students will learn key design elements while also having the flexibility to broaden their study by choosing electives that are of interest to them.

<http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au/courses/digital-design-courses/bachelor-of-digital-design/>

### **Australasian College of Natural Therapies: Open House**

Thu 21st May, 5.00pm – 7.00pm, Level 5, 235 Pymont Street, Pymont

View the campus and speak with a course and career adviser about the courses and study modes available.

Contact: 1300 017 267

<http://www.acnt.edu.au/about-us/events>

## Other News

### **TSFX Mastering the Exams 2015**

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> May or Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June, 10.00am – 2.00pm, The University of Sydney, Camperdown

Mastering the Exams is a free unique lecture designed to provide students with the best opportunities to maximise examination scores. During the course of this program, students will learn vital skills that will help optimise examination performance as well as strategies that will maximise learning and cut down on study time.

Students attending this program are required to make a minimum \$10 donation to The Fred Hollows Foundation representatives on the day.

<http://www.tsfx.com.au/?hsc-program=mastering-the-exams-series-2>

### **National Skills Week**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> August – Sun 30<sup>th</sup> August

National Skills Week aims to bring to life the positive messages, highlighting the talents, the skills, the career pathways and the value of apprentices and trainees across Australia to the wider public and employers. The week is dedicated to raising the status of practical and vocational learning.

<http://www.nationalskillsweek.com.au/>

### **National Science Week**

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> August – Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> August

National Science Week aims to encourage an interest in science pursuits among the general public and to encourage younger people to be fascinated by the world we live in. The week features approximately 1000 events around Australia, including those delivered by universities, schools, research institutions, libraries, museums and science centres.

<http://www.scienceweek.net.au/>

### **Chartered Accountants: Meet the Business Leader**

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May, 5.00pm – 8.00pm, 1 Olympics Drive Milsons Point

Meet the business leader, formerly known as Cadetship Evening, provides the chance for Year 12 students to connect with employers who offer a structured cadetship opportunity. Get practical and specific advice about where a career in business can take you and learn about the benefits a cadetship can provide.

Contact: 1300 137 322 or [service@charteredaccountants.com.au](mailto:service@charteredaccountants.com.au)

<http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/Students/Whats-on/Event-listing/NSW/NSW-Meet-the-Business-Leader-2015.aspx>

### **Future Leaders Awards 2015**

#### Future Leaders Environment Award

Schools can nominate a Year 12 student who has shown environmental leadership for this award. The winner will receive \$1000.

#### Helen Handbury Leadership Award

Schools can nominate a Year 12 student in rural or regional Australia who has shown strong community leadership and initiative. The winner will receive an international trip to experience community development in another culture.

#### Future Leaders Writing Prize

Year 11 and 12 students are invited to submit a piece of writing between 800 & 1000 words long. The winner will receive \$1,000 and have their work published.

#### Future Leaders Future Justice Award

Schools can nominate a Year 12 who has shown leadership and initiative on intergenerational equity & future justice. The winner will receive \$1000.

#### Future Leaders Photography Prize

Year 12 students are invited to submit a digital photographic work. The winner will receive \$1,000.

Nominations for all awards due by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

E: [Helen@futureleaders.com.au](mailto:Helen@futureleaders.com.au)

<http://www.futureleaders.com.au/awards/index.php>

### **Australian Defence Force: Information Sessions**

Parramatta – Pilot Careers: Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm, 9 George Street

Canberra – Navy Careers: Tue 12<sup>th</sup> May, 6.00pm, 64 Northbourne Avenue

Newcastle – Army Reserve: Tue 12<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm, Brunner Road, Adamstown

Parramatta – Army Reserve: Tue 12<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm, 9 George Street

Armidale – Army Reserve: Tue 12<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm, GAZA Training Depot Mann St Armidale

Muswellbrook – Army Reserve: Tue 12<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm, Chauvel Training Depot, 8 Francis St

Wollongong – Women in Defence: Wed 13<sup>th</sup> May, 6.00pm, 25 Atchison St, Wollongong

Forster – Women in Defence: Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May, 6.00pm, 19 Strand Street, Forster

Sydney – Navy Careers: Mon May 18<sup>th</sup>, 6.30pm, 9 George Street

Canberra – Army Careers: Tue 19<sup>th</sup> May, 6.00pm, 64 Northbourne Avenue

Port Macquarie – Women in Defence: Tue 19<sup>th</sup> May, 6.00pm, 1 Bay St, Port Macquarie



Wollongong – Army Reserve: Tue 19<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm, 91 Gipps St, Gwynneville  
Wollongong – Defence Careers: Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May, 6.00pm, 91 Gipps St, Gwynneville  
Parramatta – ADF Fitness: Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm, 9 George St, Parramatta  
Online – Army Reserve: Thu 21<sup>st</sup> May, 6.30pm – 8.00pm  
<https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events>

### **Girls Can Do Anything**

This website highlights some of the many women working in ‘non-traditional’ jobs, revealing why they enjoy their jobs and the pathways that lead them to their current position.  
<http://www.security4women.org.au/rolemodels/>

### **HBCA Annual Youth Writing Competition**

Closing date: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
Secondary students Australia-wide are invited to submit short stories (up to 500 words) for the HBCA Annual Youth Writing Competition. First prize is \$100, second prize is \$50. Entry is free.  
<http://www.herveybayartscouncil.com.au/artsqld/events-competitions.html>

### **TSFX Exam/Study Tip 5 – Keeping Learned Knowledge Alive**

<http://www.tsfx.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/HSC-2015-Study-Tip-5-FINAL.pdf>

### **International Junior Authors Contest**

Closing date: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
This is a free writing competition open to ages 9 to 21, with separate age categories and prizes. Entrants are required to submit a short story (fewer than 1,000 words).  
<http://laurathomascommunications.com/juniorauthorscontest/>

### **ISV High School Program**

ISV's High School Program allows high school students to combine volunteering and adventure travel to Thailand, Vietnam, Costa Rica or South Africa. Students live, travel and learn in another country whilst making a positive contribution to communities and environments through volunteering.  
Download the ISV High School Booklet that details departure dates and itineraries:  
<http://www.isvolunteers.org/high-school-program>

### **Australian Mathematics Competition**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July  
Administered by the Australian Mathematics Trust, students from years 3 to 12 across the country can take part.  
<http://www.amt.edu.au/>

### **Australian Science Olympiad Exam**

Students can test their skills in the sciences. Top performing students will be invited to attend the Australian Science Olympiad Summer School, a 15-day residential program at Monash University. Registrations close Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Test dates are below.

- Chemistry: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August
- Earth and Environmental Science: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August
- Biology: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August
- Physics: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August

<https://www.asi.edu.au/site/dates.php>