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Universities

Macquarie University: HSC-University Pathway for Talented Students

This program allows high achieving students in their final year of the HSC to undertake a university course. Units undertaken as part of this program will not form part of the HSC or contribute towards the student’s ATAR. However, the program will count towards a degree program with Macquarie University. There are no tuition fees for students in this program. Courses are available from the faculties of Arts, Human Sciences & Science.

Contact: (02) 9850 6831 or nonaward@mq.edu.au
http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/centre_for_open_education/hsc-university_pathway_for_talented_students

**Macquarie University: Gifted and Talented Program**
Applications close Fri 13th December.
Macquarie University is offering its Critical Thinking (PHL 137 – Philosophy Unit) course for students who enjoy analyzing and deconstructing arguments, are independent thinkers and learners, and are of high natural ability with good problem solving skills. The course will appear on a student’s Year 11 Record of Achievement and will count towards their degree should they choose to enroll at Macquarie University.
Information Night: Tue 5th November, 6:30pm to 8pm
http://www.mq.edu.au/future_students/school_partners/gifted_and_talented_students/

**EducationUSA**
This U.S. Government Website provides advice to students interested in applying to U.S. colleges and universities. Information includes how to apply, testing, financial aid, visas, and more. The U.S. Consulate General in Sydney has an EducationUSA Centre and students, parents & career advisers can make appointments to visit the centre.
https://www.educationusa.info/australia

**University of Sydney: Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School**
Sun 12 January – Sat 18 January 2014
In January 2014, the University of Sydney will host the IAESS. Open to 20 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students entering Years 11 and 12, the six-day live-in summer school gives these students a taste of engineering as a university course and career. It involves hands-on and challenging activities within the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies as well as site visits to engineering companies.
Contact, IAESS Coordinator, Email: jaess@sydney.edu.au
http://sydney.edu.au/engineering/iaess/

**Charles Sturt University: Centre for Excellence in Environmental Education to Open**
Charles Sturt University in Albury-Wodonga has launched a new centre for excellence in environmental education. The Regional Centre of Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development for the Murray Darling Basin is recognised by the United Nations University and aims to inform and educate about sustainability while conducting research into the Murray-Darling Basin.
http://news.csu.edu.au/director/latestnews.cfm?itemID=DE35465B0FFE74B104CB930718FBDF43

**La Trobe University: 2014 VCE Plus Program**
Applications close Fri 13th December.
The 2014 VCE Plus program lets students undertake university courses at a range of La Trobe University campuses. This program is available to HSC students from New South Wales. Students who undertake a La Trobe degree may be eligible for credit for the subjects completed, but will not receive any recognition of these subjects towards their HSC results or receive any ATAR bonus.
Contact: vceplus@latrobe.edu.au or 1300 135 045

**TAFE**

**Nepean TAFE College Kingswood: Free Partial Certificate III Commercial Cookery Course**
Course starts Tue 19th November and ends Fri 20th December.
This course is equivalent to one Semester of the Cookery Trade course and will be considered credit towards a NSW Government funded apprenticeship. Hospitality Training Network will organize an industry placement for you. This program is only available for 15 to 24 year olds who are not currently enrolled at school or in other training.
Information Session: Thu 14th November, 3:30pm at Entrée Restaurant, Building H, 2-10 O’Connell Street, TAFE College Kingswood.
Contact: 1300 139 108 or send your CV to recruitment@htn.com.au

**TAFE Mount Druitt College: The Way into Hospitality Training Course**
Mon 11th November to Fri 13th December (Three days per week plus Work Experience)
This course consists of two strands, either Barista work or Bar work. Both strands include the Responsible Conduct of
Gambling (RCG) and Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) qualifications. The course includes training in customer service, workplace procedures, cash register use, and more. Work experience is included. Participants must be 18 years old or older.
Information Sessions: Wed 6th November, 10am to 1pm or 2pm to 5pm at the Royal Agriculture Society, Sydney Showground, 1 Showground Road.
Contact: Nasrin or Emma on 9204 7400.

**Australian Apprenticeships Pathways: New Practice Aptitude Quizzes**
These quizzes show the expected level of literacy, numeracy and comprehension that people attempting an apprenticeship in that field should have. Two new quizzes covering the Printing and Water industries have been released.

**Private Colleges**

**Academy of Interactive Entertainment: 2014 Work Experience Program**
This program is for students in Years 10 to 12 and includes a range of activities, including 3D animation, programming, product testing, and much more. Applications for 2014 are now being accepted.
http://www.aie.edu.au/StudentInformation/workexp

**Academy of Interactive Entertainment: VET in Schools Program - NSW**
AIE offers Vocational Education and Training in Schools in the industry areas of game development, 3D animation and visual effects. The Certificate II in Creative Industries (3d Animation Foundations), Certificate II in Information, Digital Media & Technology (Game Programming Foundations) & Certificate III in Media (Game Design Foundations) are all on offer. These courses are nationally accredited and contribute to student’s School Certificate or HSC (but not to the ATAR).

**Whitehouse Institute of Design Australia: 25th Anniversary Parade & Exhibition**
2 Short Street, Surry Hills.
Whitehouse is celebrating their 25th anniversary by showcasing the graduating student work from their Creative Direction, Fashion and Interior Design. This would be a great opportunity for students interested in studying at Whitehouse to see the work created by Whitehouse’s students.
Mon 2nd December: 6:30pm
Tue 3rd December: 12:30pm & 6:30pm

**Metro Screen: 2014 Breaks Funding**
Applications due on Mon 2nd December.
This funding project offers eight places for teams (producer, director, writer) to develop and produce a narrative project, with cash funding, equipment and facilities, and an intensive development program to be provided. Applications must include a script (unfinished scripts are allowed) and a CV for each key member of the team.
http://metroscreen.org.au/breaks/

**Other News**

**Bankstown Change Makers Program 2014**
Applications are due by Mon 2nd December.
This program provides a unique opportunity for up to 20 individuals to gain the skills, confidence and networks to bring an idea for a social or environmental venture to life, which will benefit the Bankstown community. Applicants must be aged 18 years or older.
Information Sessions: Mon 18th November, 12:30pm to 2:30pm & 5:45pm to 7:45pm.
Contact: Jessie Williams on Jessie@sse.org.au or 0449 117 824.
http://www.the-sse.org/schools/24/australia/256/bankstown-change-makers

**General Assembly Summer Down Under Competition**
Entries close Tue 12th November, 10:59am (AEDST)
Summer Down Under is running a competition where entrants can win a flight to Sydney & a scholarship to their three-month Web Development Immersive course this December. The course will cover HTML, CSS, Javascript, Ruby on Rails and more. Students will get real-world lessons from experienced lecturers and work on a range of hands-on projects.
https://generalassemb.ly/win/summer-down-under

The School for Excellence: Mastering the HSC Program
Sat 16th November (University of Sydney) & Sun 24th November (University of NSW), 9am to 5pm.
This program is designed to teach students the skills and information needed to maximize their HSC marks. This program is for students studying Year 11 or 12 in 2014 and is available at the cost of a $10 donation to charity on the day. The special guest speakers are Dr Boyapati & Irena Jaskula.
Contact: 1300 364 173

Accessing 2013 HSC Results
Results are released online and by SMS from 6am on Wed 18th December. HSC Credentials should arrive in the mail on Tue 14th January 2014. Students should ensure their contact details are correct in the My Details section of Students Online.

Sutherland-Lakewood 2014/2015 Exchange Program
Online applications close Fri 14th February.
Students in Year 9 in 2013 are invited to take part in this exchange program. During this exchange students will spend 6 months living with an exchange partner in Lakewood, Colorado USA between July 2014 & January 2015. Student’s families will then host their American partner in Australia between January & July 2015.
Information Nights are scheduled for Tue 26th November & Tue 4th February at the Sutherland Council Chambers (4-20 Eton Street) from 7pm.
http://www.suthlak.com

Sydney Festival Instagram Competition
Sydney Festival, in partnership with Sydney University, is holding an Instagram Competition. Sydneysiders are asked to take a photo or video on Instagram which responds to the question ‘How does Sydney inspire you?’ Winning entries will receive $500 worth of Sydney Festival Tickets. Entrants must be at least 18 years old.
http://sydney.edu.au/about/culture/sydney-festival-competition.shtml

Project Abroad Online Information Session
Tuesday 19th November, 6:30pm (AEST).
Free interactive session providing general information on the opportunities offered by Project Abroad. This live event is hosted by the team in Adelaide and available over the internet.

IEP Online Information Sessions
Online information sessions enable students in regional areas to gain the information they need within the comfort of their own home.
Summer Camp USA - Wednesday 13th November, 6:00pm - 6:30pm.
Work USA - Wednesday 13th November, 6:30pm - 7:30pm.
Work Canada - Wednesday 13th November, 7:00pm - 7:30pm.

The Pros and Cons of Taking a Gap Year
This article covers the pros and cons of taking a gap year.

The Sorter Smartphone App
This free app is designed to give bite-sized advice to young men about work, study, drugs, and more. The app is also a pathway through to the mental health service ReachOut.com for those who need it.
Who’s the Man! Senior Program Kit
Who’s the Man is a presentation program for boys in Years 8 to 11 which explores issues confronting young men today. In 2014 Who’s the Man! will be relaunching as a national not-for-profit organisation and will be no longer offering the sale of their program content. Schools interested in purchasing a program kit in order to run Who’s the Man!’s projects themselves should do so before this relaunch occurs. They are also taking bookings for the first half of 2014.
Contact: 0431 817 130
http://www.whostheman.net.au/

Wesley Youth Outreach Program in Rouse Hill
The Streetsmart Outreach Program run by Wesley Mission, The GPT Group & 2realise.org.au aims to link young people aged 12-17 with services that can help them succeed in life. This includes housing, health, re-engagement with school, and assisting young people to find suitable work. For more information or to find out where/when the Streetsmart Van will be in Rouse Hill contact Lizzy on 8805 7288 on Fridays 9am to 5pm.

National Youth Week 2014: ACT School Grants
Applications due Mon 11th November.
National Youth Week is an annual, week-long event that celebrates both young people and the contribution they make to the community. ACT School Grants are available to fund an event or activity created by students in ACT High Schools or Colleges. $350 will be automatically granted to eligible applications. These grants support events and activities that are planned and organized by and for young people.
Contact Jacob Ray at youthweek@youthcoalition.net or on (02) 6247 3540.

Coming Soon (See http://www.mhscareers.com/Calendar.html for all events)

Wed 6th November: Australian College of Applied Psychology: Information Evening
Thu 7th November: University of New South Wales: Science Info Day
Fri 8th November: University of Tasmania: Online Bachelor of Education (Applied Learning) Information Session
Sat 9th November: AFTRS Open: Screen Acting Intensive with Martin Sacks (9th & 10th November)
Sun 10th November: Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre: Oil Painting Masterclass
Mon 11th November: UTS Information Evening for Year 12 Students and Parents

If you know of news and events which could go into our Newsletters please email ron@mhscareers.com

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