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Universities

Charles Sturt University Science Scholarships
Applications close Sun 23rd Feb, 10pm
Charles Sturt University has scholarships available to applicants starting study at CSU in 2014 with an ATAR of 80 or above. Scholarships target a range of courses, including the Bachelor of Medical Science, Computer Science, and more. The scholarships award successful applicants with $4,000 per year for up to four years.
HSC-to-University Pathways for Talented Students
The University of New England, the University of New South Wales, and Macquarie University have set up a program of first-year university courses that students can undertake while finishing their secondary schooling. This program is open to students who have accelerated in at least one HSC course and achieved high-level results, or who have otherwise demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. Applications will need the support of school principals, and applications are made via the universities. Courses begin in Semester 1 2014.

University of Wollongong: Options Day
Fri 3rd January, 9am to 2pm
University Hall, Wollongong
Hear from academic staff & representatives from UOW, UOW College & TAFE about how to choose the right courses at the University of Wollongong. This is the last chance for interested students to talk to UOW staff before preferences close on Sat 4th January.

University of Sydney: New Bachelor of Visual Arts Degree
This new part-time and full-time degree will allow students to pursue their passion in art while increasing their career prospects in the creative industries. The course is offered by the Sydney College of the Arts & will begin in 2014.

TAFE/Apprenticeships

Sydney TAFE: Course Information Sessions
Hospitality Degree Information Session: Tue 3rd December, 6:30pm at Ultimo College
Business Degree Information Session: Wed 4th December, 6:30pm at St George College

Sydney TAFE: Graduate Student Fashion Show
Thu 5th December, 1pm
Paddington Town Hall, 249 Oxford Street, Paddington
This end-of-year fashion show will showcase work from Sydney TAFE’s Diploma & Advanced Diploma of Fashion Design students.

Alink NSW
This website provides information about the building and construction industry in Australia. People interested in the industry can find out more information about how to get ahead in the industry.

Royal Botanic Garden’s Horticulture Apprenticeship
Applications close Thu 5th December.
Apprentice horticulturists are employed for up to four years and work a 38-hour week. Apprentices study Parks and Gardens Certificate III at TAFE one day per week, and receive their practical training at the Royal Botanic Garden, Sydney.

Pre-Apprenticeship Test
Thinking about a career as a tradesperson, health worker or in retail? This is a link to Maths and English aptitude tests which show you the entry levels expected for different industry areas.

Private Colleges
Sydney Film School Festival
Tue 10th – Thu 12th December,
Chauvel Cinema, Paddington
This festival will feature 80 short films, the majority were made by current and past Sydney Film School students.
Contact: festival@sydneyfilmschool.com

Australian Film Television & Radio School: Introduction to Animation Basics Online Course
Tue 28th Feb – Tue 22nd April, 7pm to 8pm every Tuesday.
This new course run via Google Hangout aims to teach students the basics of 2D animation. The course will require students to have access to a tablet for drawing and a free of charge, recent version of Adobe Flash.
Contact: 1300 065 281

QANTM College: Sydney Campus Open Day
Sat 7th December, 10am to 2pm
SAE Sydney Campus, 55-57 Wentworth Ave, Sydney & Level 2 74-78 Wentworth Ave, Surry Hills
Students can learn more about the courses, facilities & staff at QANTM College in Sydney. Their courses cover Audio Production, Film Production, Games Development, Animation, Design or Web & Mobile.
http://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/sydney-campus-open-day/?date=2013-12-07

Australian Pacific Travel & Tourism
100 Ebley Street, Bondi Junction
APTT is a Registered Training Organisation that offers courses, traineeships & work experience in the tourism industry.
Contact: (02) 9387 4230 or info@aptt.edu.au

Other News

2014 Class Clown Comedy Competition and Workshop Program
This national competition for school students from years 9-12 requires students to refine their skills in writing and performing comedy for a wider audience. The competition begins with a two hour workshop with a professional comedian to help polish a five minute act. Winners of heats go through to a national final with the opportunity to win $1000 for themselves and their school.

National Skills Week 2014
SkillsOne has just announced that National Skills Week will be held from Mon 25th to Sun 31st August in 2014. National Skills Week aims to highlight the talents, skills and value of apprentices and trainees across Australia through workshops, seminars, programs and other events.
Contact: Kelly Antico on 0404 877 982 or kelly.antico@skillsone.com.au

Sutherland Shire: Information Session for Parents about Career Transitions
Wed 22nd January, 12:30m to 3pm
Sutherland Public School Block G, 38 Eton Street, Sutherland
This information session aims to give parents information which they can use to help guide their teenage children into successful careers. Parents will learn about apprenticeships, tertiary education, the job market, the HSC program, VETiS programs and more.
To book contact: Karen Hook on 9521 0500 or k.hook@youthconect.com.au

Engadine District Youth Services: School Holiday Program
Bookings open Mon 2nd December.
Each school holidays EDYS offers a range of activities for people aged 11 to 18 years in the Sutherland Shire region. This program includes visits to Jamberoo, Luna Park & activities like laser tag, cooking, surfing and more. The program runs throughout January 2014.
AFL SportsReady: Financial Services Officer Traineeship  
Applications close Fri 6th December, 5pm.  
AFL SportsReady is looking for two Indigenous Australians to undertake a full time Certificate III Financial Services traineeship with ANZ Bank. The positions are available in Taree & Nambucca Heads.  
Contact: Toni Meyer-Gleaves on (07) 3217 350 or toni.meyer-gleaves@aflsportsready.com.au  

National Parks & Wildlife Service: Field Officer Traineeships  
Following the recent announcement that 100 traineeships would be created for field officers on the front line in national parks across NSW, expressions of interest are being sought for people interested in undertaking a traineeship. Field officers ensure that the public have access to high-quality, safe recreational facilities throughout NSW’s national parks.  
Contact: Lisa May on (02) 9585 6900 or lisa.may@environment.nsw.gov.au  

F1 in Schools Program  
The F1 in Schools Technology Challenge is a program which tasks students with designing, testing and creating miniature F1 cars. Students learn leadership, team building, project management, public speaking skills and more as part of the program. In 2013 the team from Phoenix Community School & Pine Rivers State High School from Victoria & Queensland were crowned the world champions at the world finals in Texas, USA. Registrations for teams will open in 2014 & interested schools are encouraged to prepare & apply early.  

Department of Defence: youthHQ  
youthHQ is a newly launched online resource that provides a centralized place for information about Defence youth programs. It includes information about the Australian Defence Force Cadets, the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Awards and the variety of cadetships and scholarships that Defence offers.  

The Stringybark Short Story Award 2013  
This is a writing competition where you have 1500 words to produce a short story. The only restriction is that the story must have some link to Australia. Closing date for entries is Sunday 19th January 2014.  
http://www.stringybarkstories.net/The_Stringybark_Short_Story_Award/Home.html

MHSCareers on Facebook  
You can get regular updates on some of the news & opportunities by liking our Facebook page!  
https://www.facebook.com/mhscareers

University of Canberra Career Finder App  
The UC Career Finder App for iPhone and Android helps students find a career aligned with their interests and shows them how to get there. The application includes quizzes to find out about careers and courses at University of Canberra, a social network based around University of Canberra, and the ability to book a tour of the campus at any time.  
http://www.canberra.edu.au/careerfinderapp

Catherine Bonnes AM Scholarship  
Applications close Fri 6th December.  
This scholarship offers $1,000 to deaf and hearing impaired people who are entering tertiary education. The money must be spent on items such as textbooks, tuition, technology or course materials. Preference may be given to applicants from rural/remote areas, non-english speaking backgrounds, indigenous backgrounds or from the Signing Deaf community.  
Contact: Anne Woods on (08) 8088 2228 or hearthis@australiaonline.net.au  

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank 2014 Scholarship
There are two streams to this scholarship program – a national scholarship for rural and regional students and a number of ‘local’ scholarships for local students. The national scholarship will be valued at $5,000 (per annum). The Local scholarships are run by Community Bank branches around the country and are only available for students in that area. Applications are now open and close Friday 24th January 2014.


LeavingSchool.com.au

LeavingSchool.com.au is an online magazine that aims to provide secondary school leavers with advice, information and resources that will help them with the transition from secondary school. The first edition of the magazine includes information on finances, resumes & advice for parents about how to support their students through end-of-year exams.

http://www.leavingschool.com.au

YHA Australia’s Tips for Travelling Overseas

These tips for travelling overseas would be of value to students who will be undertaking a gap year after graduating this year.


Student Exchange Australia New Zealand: Online Information Session

If you live remotely from the major cities or cannot get along in person you can now attend an info session online. The session is conducted by a senior member of staff and enables you to meet online and over the phone. Thursday 16th January 2014, 7:30pm (AEDT).

http://studentexchange.org.au/

Latitude Global Volunteering: Last Minute Availability for 2014

There are still a small number of placements available for programs departing 2014. You can be a teacher in China or Fiji, a medical assistant in Japan, an Outdoor Activities Instructor in the UK and many more. For these placements applications must be submitted by Tuesday 10th December 2013.


Art 4 Agriculture Archibull Prize

Expressions of interest are being sought from schools around Australia for the Archibull Prize. This competition sees schools provided with a blank, life-sized fiberglass cow and invites them to create an artwork on or with the cow which focuses on the theme ‘What does it take to sustainably feed and clothe my community for a day?’ The program also includes an educational portion which uses art & multimedia to educate students about the challenges of feeding, clothing and housing the world with a declining natural resource base.

Contact: Lynne Strong on (02) 4236 0309 or lynnestrong@art4agriculture.com.au


Career Development Association of Australia 2014 Conference

Wed 14th – Fri 16th May 2014,
Hilton Hotel, Adelaide
This conference for careers advisers will focus on the changes, the expansion of services and the policy context across diverse industry services.


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

Wed 4th December: University of Technology Sydney: Information Evening for Year 12 Students and Parents - Ultimo Campus
Thu 5th December: Canberra Volunteering Expo
Fri 6th December: Australian International Conservatorium of Music: Audition Day
Sat 7th December: Kenvale College Open Day
Sun 8th December: University of Newcastle 2013 Girls’ Choices Summer School
Mon 9th December: University of Sydney: The Scots College International Summer School (9th - 13th Dec)
Tue 10th December: Canberra Institute of Technology: Certificate II in Hairdressing Information Session

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