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Universities

University of New South Wales: Science Parent and Student Information Session
Wed 26th March, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Leighton Hall, UNSW Kensington Campus
This information night for Year 11 & 12 students and their parents will introduce the Faculty of Science, give an overview of the science programs on offer, and provide information about student life at UNSW.
http://science.unsw.edu.au/events/infonight

Five Star Rating for Macquarie University
Macquarie University has been awarded a 5 star rating by the QS Stars rating system. The only other Australian universities to receive a 5 star rating are the ANU, UNSW, University of Queensland and Monash University.
http://www.mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate/parent_information/connect_with_macquarie_newsletter/all_connect_articles/five-star_rating_for_macquarie/

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.

University of Technology Sydney: New Degrees on Offer in 2014
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.

University of Technology Sydney: Science Work Experience for Year 10 & 11 Students
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.
Contact: Mrs Debbie Massey on Debbie.massey@uts.edu.au or (02) 9514 2227

University of Sydney: Museum Work Experience Program
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, send a resume & short cover letter to the Public Programs Assistant.
Contact: museums.education@sydney.edu.au or (02) 9351 8746. 

University of New South Wales: Year 12 Medicine Information Evening for Network Schools
Thu 13th March, 6:30pm to 7:30pm
This evening provides a general overview of the Medicine degree offered by UNSW, as well as information about applications, admissions and more.
https://www.network.unsw.edu.au/egateway/students.splash

University of New South Wales: Debating Day
Mon 24th February, 8:30am to 5:30pm
UNSW Kensington Campus.
This day for students in Year 10, 11 or 12 gives them a chance to develop their debating skills in this debating competition. Prizes include cash prizes & iTunes gift cards.
Contact: Jonathon Strauss on (02) 9385 8379 or j.strauss@unsw.edu.au
https://www.network.unsw.edu.au/egateway/students.splash
Save the Date: University of New England Open Day
Fri 2nd May, Sydney
More details available closer to the date.

TAFE & Apprenticeships/Traineeships

North Coast TAFE: Most Satisfied TAFE Graduates in Australia
North Coast TAFE has recorded some of its best ever results for 2013, with it having the most satisfied TAFE graduates in Australia, a trebling of online enrolments, and being recognized by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research. TAFE student Kieran Foster was also awarded the Australian Vocational Student Prize, Tom Rann was chosen to join Ford’s national Supercar V8 Team, and design teacher Harry Williamson was inducted into the Design Institute of Australia Hall of Fame.
http://northcoast.tafensw.edu.au/aboutUs/News/Pages/NorthCoastTAFEChampionTrainingProviderFor2013.aspx

Private Colleges

Academy of Interactive Entertainment: Industry Experience Days 2014
Wed 16th April, Wed 9th July & Wed 1st October, 10am to 3pm
Canberra & Sydney Campuses
These days are a great opportunity for students to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries. Registration is free for students in years 11 & 12.
http://www.aie.edu.au/ied

Academy of Interactive Entertainment: Work Experience Program
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.
http://www.aie.edu.au/StudentInformation/workexp

Tractor Design School: New Advanced Diploma of Graphic Design
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.

Other News

National Youth Week 2014
Fri 4th to Sun 13th April.
National Youth Week is Australia’s largest celebration of young people aged 12-25. There are events to be held around the country, with a variety of opportunities to get involved available for young people. Event details will be released closer to the week.
http://youthweek.com/

ICE Open Access 2014 Program
Runs weekly on Wednesdays, 3:30pm to 5:30pm
Information and Cultural Exchange, 8 Victoria Road, Parramatta
The ICE Open Access 2014 Program will be focusing on digital music production. People interested in producing music of any genre and who are of any skill level are invited to attend. The workshops will look at lyric writing, song structure, digital recording, digital instrument and beat production, and general use of technology and software.
Register by calling Christian on 8821 9150 or Mayor on 9687 9901.

25 Hottest Skills That Got People Hired in 2013
LinkedIn, a social network for people in professional occupations, have released their 25 top skills that got people hired in 2013. The top 3 are Social Media Marketing, Mobile Development and Cloud & Distributed Computing.
Sydney Dance Company Resources for Students
The Sydney Dance Company has a variety of resources for students on their website. They also include details about their school holiday workshops & matinee performances for secondary and primary school students.
Upcoming Matinees for Secondary Students:
Interplay (Years 7-12):
Tue 25th March, 12pm at Sydney Theatre
Fri 11th April, 12:30pm at Canberra Theatre Centre
Louder Than Words (Years 7-12):
Tue 14th October, 12pm at Sydney Theatre
Contact: education@sydneydancecompany.com or (02) 9258 4800.
http://www.sydneydancecompany.com/danced/for-students/

CPA Australia Career Expo 2014
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: careerexpo@cpaaustralia.com.au

2014 National NAIDOC Poster Competition
Entries close Fri 28th March
The winner of the competition will receive $5,000 and their poster will be used nationally across schools, work places and community organisations.
The theme for the 2014 National NAIDOC Poster Competition is “Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond” and submitted posters should reflect this theme. Entrants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and must be 13 years or older.
For more information email info@naidoc.org.au

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

Australian Defence Force Cadets
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.

HSC Practical Examination Calendar Now Available
The calendar for 2014 HSC Practical Examinations has been released, and some dates have changed from 2013. Changes of note include the hand-in date for IT major projects (3pm on Thu 7th August), and the hand-in date for Design and Technology major projects (3pm on Thu 21st August).
The HSC Languages Oral Examination Timetable will be available on Wed 5th March.
Contact: examsupport@bos.nsw.edu.au or (02) 9367 8105.

10 Ways an Arts Degree can Change the World
This article by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Sydney, Duncan Ivison, highlights 10 ways that studying arts and social sciences can change the world.
Smaller Earth Australia

Small Earth Australia provides numerous work and travel opportunities to Australian students. Their programs include gap year opportunities, summer and winter season roles abroad, internships and volunteering. All programs include sponsored VISA’s, medical insurance and continued support whilst overseas. These work and travel programs are available in various lengths of time, ranging from one week to 18 months duration.

To find out more about the opportunities available and to apply for a program, visit:
http://www.smallerearth.com/au/

The School for Excellence: Mid-Year Exam Revision Lectures
Sat 8th to Sun 16th March
University of Sydney Camperdown Campus
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

ISV Webinars
Interested in volunteering overseas? Check out these webinars that give overviews of the programs ISV have on offer, including Thailand, Costa Rica and South Africa.
http://www.isvolunteers.org/au/webinars

YFU Student Exchange Information Session
ONLINE: Tuesday 25th March, 6:30pm (AEST).
Email yfuaus@yfu.com.au or phone 1800 654 947 to register.

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.

13th Conference on Educational Leadership
Fri 21st February,
University of Wollongong.
Teachers, school administrators and aspiring school leaders are invited to attend this conference hosted by the Australian Centre for Educational Leadership and the University Of Wollongong Faculty Of Education. The conference will explore a range of topics relating to leading sustainable and positive change.
Registration closes Wed 19th February and costs $160.
Contact: Julie Jerbic on (07) 5580 8677 or Julie@conferenceonline.com.au

Careers Advisers Association of NSW & ACT: New Careers Advisers Information Day
Fri 23rd May, 9am to 5pm
Dockside, Darling Harbour, Sydney
This day is aimed at Careers Advisers who are new to their role and aims to give them useful advice about how to succeed in their positions. Topics to be covered include their role & responsibilities, other events to be held during the year, understanding the ATAR system, setting up work experience, and more.
This course costs $80 and is only open to members of the Careers Advisers Association.

Australian Careers Service Career Adviser Seminars
These seminars aim to promote national awareness about current industry information, which career advisers can then use to support their students.
Canberra: Wed 30th July
Sydney: Thu 31st July & Fri 1st August
Career Assessment & Coaching Workshop with Career Life College
Mon 7th to Fri 9th April
SMC Conference Centre, 66 Goulbourn Street, Sydney
Teachers and careers advisers can gain a hands-on toolkit of career counselling skills that aim to help improve the career-life transition, career-life engagement and post education success of their students. The course costs $1,400, but pay before the 7th March & pay only $950. For more info contact Nadine on (03) 8844 9444 or nadine@careersfasttrack.com.au

Coming Soon (See http://www.mhscareers.com/Calendar.html for all events)
Wednesday 19th February: Australian Defence Force: Navy Information Session – Newcastle
Thursday 20th February: FIAFitnation: Open Night
Friday 21st February: Y2O Delegation Applications Close
Sat 22nd February: Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School Australia: Multicultural Open Day
Sun 23rd February: AFS Open Day 2014
Mon 24th February: DesignTECH: HSC Design & Technology Year 12 Seminars (24th - 28th Feb)

If you know of news and events which could go into our Newsletters please email mhscareers@internode.on.net

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