Career News
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A NEW YEAR.

A warm welcome back to all students! The year promises to be a very busy one and the time passes very quickly! This Career News is published online every fortnight and it is essential that students and parents get into the habit of reading it. There is a lot of information that will help students in what is often a difficult job of deciding what to do after leaving school. The earlier you start to think and research, the better! Also go onto the Careers site in the LIBRARY section of the school intranet and EXPLORE! This newsletter will cover some very general information whereas there will be events and more specific info coming through as the year proceeds.

The Careers Office is on the middle floor of the BM building and girls can come along and arrange an appointment either in a free period, at lunch, or before or after school. If parents would like an appointment, phone me (Judy Green) directly on 9849 9113.

Careers Websites.
www.mcauleycareers.com
Go onto this site and register to receive the fortnightly Career News. I will be regularly uploading information as it comes through so keep an eye on this website. If, for instance, I receive news of part time employment opportunities, this is where I will put this.

www.careersworks.com
This is a site to which the school has subscribed. Access to the site at the moment is free but shortly access will only be by password. When we are issued with a password I will email it to all students and both students and parents can explore the site. A particularly good area is the JOBS section which has valuable information about different occupations/careers.

Year 10 Students.
At the beginning of third term you will be choosing your subjects for years 11 and 12. You will receive a good deal of help from teachers at this time but some girls become very anxious and concerned about the whole process. Certain courses at university require you to study particular subjects at school as pre requisites. If students are concerned they should come and see me and I can perhaps answer some early questions for them. If you are well informed the whole process becomes easier. Some students worry that they do not know what they want to do when they leave school. This need not be a problem. In term 2, prior to subject selection, all year 10 students will do a computer based Careers program and sometimes this process helps to clarify things for students. However, if in the meantime you are worried, make your way to the Careers Office (BM building- first floor)

READ YOUR EMAILS!
I regularly email students with careers information and it is ESSENTIAL that you read this. Otherwise you may be missing out on a great job, scholarship or other important information.

Lunch time Presentations
Throughout this term and term 2 there will be a number of presentations by representatives from the various universities, private colleges and TAFEs. Yr 10, 11 and 12 students are welcome to attend as this is a good opportunity to start gathering information about post school options. From time to time we also have guest speakers (sometimes ex students) who talk about their pathways and jobs/careers.

Part Time Jobs/ Resumes.
I would encourage all girls to apply for part time jobs because the lessons learned will serve you well. Parents, you will find that your daughters will probably become more organized and confident. HOWEVER, girls, remember to keep a balance and to be sensible in the number of hours you undertake to work. Employers often contact the Careers Office to let us know they are looking for junior staff and the positions are advertised in this newsletter as well as the mcauleycareers site. All girls should have a resume but
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Suggestions for places to apply to:
- Local Pharmacies
- The local vet (important if you wish to do Vet Nursing at TAFE when you leave school)
- Pet shops (as for above)
- Hairdressing businesses (will help if you wish to find an apprenticeship)
- Newsagents
- Anywhere that does children’s parties (helps when it comes to doing Childcare at TAFE after leaving school)
- All food outlets… eg Subway, Michelle’s Patisserie, McDonalds, Baker’s Delight...
- Spotlight (useful if you wish to do Interior Design/Decoration after leaving school)

Tax File Numbers
All students should apply for a tax file number. The Australian Tax Office has attempted to make the application process for students easier and has advised you to apply online. After this has been done you present to an Australia Post retail outlet for an interview. For more information please visit https://www.ato.gov.au/Forms/TFN---application-for-individuals/

Uni Open Days
All the universities hold Open Days in term 3 and I strongly urge all students to attend as many of these as is possible. You will get to know the campuses (and where they are) and it is a fantastic opportunity to find out about the different courses on offer. Don’t leave it until you are in year 12 to attend! Start going in Year 10 and don’t think this is too early. These Open Days fall in the middle of exams when you are in year 11 and very close to the HSC when you are in year 12. Get together with some friends and make your way there. They are very much fun days. The dates will be given out at the beginning of term 3

Interested in attending UNSW?
UNSW Campus Tours are conducted by Student Ambassadors who can provide information about the ins and outs of studying at UNSW. Tours are conducted nearly every Friday throughout the year and also at 10am on the first Saturday of each month. http://infoday.unsw.edu.au/

Interested in Medicine?
UMAT is a test that is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and some health science degree programs at undergraduate level at the universities listed on the website. www.umat.acer.edu.au

Registrations are open now and the date for the 2015 exam is 29th July. Good information on website

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