A New Year.
A warm welcome back to all students! The year promises to be a very busy one. 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 StudentNet and EXPLORE!

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 prerequisites. 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).

Choosing School Subjects
Charles Sturt University has a good site for year 10 students.
http://www.csu.edu.au/oncampus/getting-to-uni/year-10-information

New 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 another site to which we have subscribed. You will need a password to access the site and this was given to yrs 11 and 12 last year. I will email students with this password again (soon) 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.

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. All girls should have a resume but remember that it has to be well written! If students would like some help or even just have their resumes checked, please see me in the Careers Office. Note: a useful website is http://www.fairwork.gov.au/employment/young-workers/pages/default.aspx

Young People at Work
This website, run by the NSW Government, also offers a wide range of advice on getting a job, workers’ rights at work, how to leave jobs, and more. http://www.youngpeopleatwork.nsw.gov.au/

Tax File Numbers
All students should have a tax file number. Application forms are available from the Careers Office.

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

**University Open Days**
Go to these! 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. Open Days are held in term 3 and dates will be given at the beginning of that term.

**UMAT Exam**
For those year 12 students who wish to apply for undergraduate medicine and some other health related degrees, you must sit for the UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test). This will be held on 30th July, 2014. Registrations are open now. For more information about registration and preparation materials go to www.umatweb.acer.edu.au. **Remember that VERY FEW students get into Medicine directly from school so it is very important to have a back up plan.**

**Accounting Cadetships.**
A cadetship involves working full time (paid) and studying part time at university. Accounting cadets usually begin on an annual salary of around $30,000. Many accounting firms take on cadets. It is a very competitive process. There will be an Information Session in May (date still to be set). This is a free event for year 12 students to meet and network with about 30 firms that are offering cadetships in 2015. Students can find out more about cadetships at http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/Students/Whats-on/Event-listing/National-event-info/Cadetships.aspx

**Youth At The Zoo Program (YATZ)**
Do you love animals and would like to volunteer at the zoo? [http://taronga.org.au/yatz](http://taronga.org.au/yatz)
There is a cost associated with this program

**University Websites**
These websites are designed for you to explore so start to look around the websites and see what the universities have to offer you. Look at courses, scholarship information, upcoming events.

**Start off by looking at ‘Future Students’**
www.usyd.edu.au  
www.uws.edu.au  
www.acu.edu.au  
www.mq.edu.au  
www.uts.edu.au  
www.unsw.edu.au

**Interested in ICT?**
TAFE NSW - Western Sydney Institute (WSI) has launched their specialist training AcadeMY, the Information and Communication (ICT) AcadeMY to help meet the growing demand for skilled workers in the ICT sector.
To see a good illustration of pathways in ICT from TAFE through to University click [here](http://ict.wsi.tafensw.edu.au/courses-and-careers/career-planning/6114/)

**IT Excursion to UTS – 26th March**
Details have been emailed to year 11 students. I can only take 10 students so if you are interested in business and IT please see me ASAP.

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