



## ***Future Career Opportunities***

**1. WANTING TO BE A FIREFIGHTER?** This is a career where demand for available positions is very strong. The two main employers are the MFESB and the CFA. To increase your chances of gaining a position with the CFA you are advised to become a volunteer firefighter. Quite a number of recruits already have trade qualifications. Common questions of the CFA:

What qualifications are required to become a firefighter? There are no current minimum educational requirements to become a firefighter. However, applicants must be able to meet the minimum benchmark for aptitude tests. What subjects should I study at school? There are no specific subjects, but you should ensure that you have a broad education including literacy and numeracy. You should ensure that you have opportunities to practice teamwork, deal with people from a diverse range of backgrounds and develop a high customer service ethic. You should also have a good aptitude for mechanical reasoning.

## ***Summer School and Gap Year Information***

**2. DO YOU WANT TO STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES?** Australia-US International Education Centre (AUSIEC) assists those students who want to explore and pursue the option of a tertiary education at a college or university in the USA. AUSIEC can assist with application processes, sourcing financial assistance and admission test preparation. Students who excel academically or are elite sports people are ideal candidates for the scholarship programs. Info: ph (02) 9389 9699, [educate@ausiec.com](mailto:educate@ausiec.com), mail PO Box 1963, Bondi Junction, NSW 1355, <http://www.ausiec.com.au/> :

**3. Cultural Care Au Pair: *Do you want to work in the US?***

Cultural Care Au Pair offers 18-26 year olds the opportunity to have a fantastic year in the US working as an au pair whilst studying accredited subjects of their choice. American Colleges/Universities provide subjects for study ranging from Architecture to Zoology. Students who return from successful work and travel experiences possess skills that are valued in today's competitive workplace. For further information contact [www.culturalcare.com](http://www.culturalcare.com)

#### 4. Rotary Youth Exchange

Each year Rotary Youth Exchange provides thousands of young people worldwide with an opportunity to experience the cultures and accomplishments of people in other countries.

The ambassadorial nature of the exchange promotes world understanding and peace. Youth Exchange is an official program of Rotary International and allows around 8000 students to exchange annually to around 60 different countries.

*The closing date for Youth Exchange applications is during March of the year prior to departure.*

Website: <http://www.rotarnet.com.au>

### *Miscellaneous*

#### 5. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRAMATIC ARTS

If you are looking for something different to do during your school holidays, then try a short course with the National Institute of Dramatic Art. Autumn Holiday program runs from 12 - 27 April.

Book before 14 March & receive an Earlybird Discount!

<http://www.nida.edu.au>

#### 6. CANBERRA REPERTORY SCHOLARSHIP

Canberra Repertory offers the Theatre Players Scholarship for students who wish to undertake fulltime tertiary training in drama or a theatre related course.

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The Theatre Players Scholarship is administered by Canberra Repertory and is open to all residents, or former residents, of the ACT who are undertaking full time tertiary training in drama or a theatre related course at a recognised institution.

**The Scholarship value is \$4 500.**

#### 7. ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

This year's Youth InterACT Conference is being held on Friday 4 April 2008 at the Ainslie Art Centre, Ainslie from 8.45am to 3pm. and will include forums and workshops and loads of fun and entertainment!

The conference, aims to inform and engage young people in a variety of topical issues and exciting activities, whilst providing them with an opportunity to give feedback to the ACT Government. It provides young people with opportunities to engage in activities, decision-making and informative forums as well as community and government events.

**Annual Youth Conference Generate 2008 is on its Way!**

The Youth InterACT Conference 2008 aligns with the opening of National Youth Week (NYW) 2008 theme for NYW 2008 is **Shout / Share / Live / Unite!** To register go to the website - <http://youth.act.gov.au>

## ***Information and Help***

### **8. Virtual Careers Fair 2007 - 13th to 23rd March**

Check out this online Careers Fair: [www.vcf.gradlink.edu.au](http://www.vcf.gradlink.edu.au)

## ***CIT/TAFE***

### **9. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN UNIVERSITY AND CIT?**

Students often ask this question. Some of the differences are:

- Universities offer degrees (Bachelors, Masters, Doctorates) while CIT mainly offers Certificates and Diplomas. Cit does offer three degree programs: Bachelor of Design (Photography), Bachelor of Design (Fashion Design) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Forensic Investigation)
- CIT in association with ANU offer Associate Degrees in Engineering, Science and Associate Degree in Music. Both of these two year programs are held at both ANU and CIT campuses. Upon completion of the Associate Degree 18 months credit is awarded towards a Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts (Music). See your careers advisers for more information.
- CIT courses often take a shorter time to complete such as a year or two, while university courses take three or more years.
- CIT courses are usually easier to access than university courses.
- CIT fees are lower (CIT costs vary depending on the number of hours per week with a maximum fee of \$750 per semester while university fees are several thousand dollars pa).
- University qualifications are essential for certain careers (eg architect, registered nurse, engineer), while CIT offers qualifications at a lower level (eg building draftsman, enrolled nurse, engineering assistant).
- CIT courses are often more job-oriented than university courses
- Some university graduates complete CIT qualifications as well; in addition, many CIT graduates 'articulate' on to university. Currently, CIT has Credit Transfer arrangements with 14 Australian universities and great arrangements with the University of Canberra.
- Currently, 20% of students enrolled at CIT already have degrees and are enrolling at CIT to gain practical skills and qualifications in their chosen area.

## ***Private Providers***

### **10. School of Audio Engineering (SAE): Free Audio Workshop**

SAE offers Certificate, Diploma and Degree Courses in Audio, Animation, Film Making, Multi Media and Graphic Design.

Please telephone (02) 9211 3711 or log on to <http://www.sae.edu>

**11. The Australian College of Physical Education:** This College is a provider of tertiary education to Australian students interested in a career in Physical Education. They are now offering four fully accredited degrees; these are the four year Bachelor of Education (Physical and Health Education) and Bachelor of Dance Education along with the 3 year Bachelor of Sports Business and the newly introduced Bachelor of Sports Coaching and administration. For further information please contact [admin@acpe.edu.au](mailto:admin@acpe.edu.au)

## **12. BLUE MOUNTAINS HOTEL SCHOOL CAREER FOCUS DAYS 2008**

Several times a year BMHS, one of Australia's leading private hotel schools, holds Career Focus Days on its campus in Leura. The Career Focus Days program provides you with an introduction to hospitality and tourism management with a view to entering this rapidly growing industry..

Dates and program costs are as follows:

- April 2 to 4 - \$325.00
- October 7 to 10 - \$425.00

Find out more at

<http://www.hotelschool.com.au/careerweek/careerweekindex.html>

**13. ACTT Actors College of Theatre & Television** has courses in Acting, Music Theatre, Technical Production, Youth Acting and a variety of other courses. The college offers flexible choices with industry recognised and accredited courses. For further information please contact [www.actt.edu.au](http://www.actt.edu.au)

**14. Bedford College:** This College offers Diploma and Certificate courses in Business and Child Care, they include courses such as Administration, Legal Services, Marketing, Management, Special Needs Worker, Nanny and many others. For further information contact [www.bedford.edu.au](http://www.bedford.edu.au)

### ***Positions Vacant***

The YMCA is hiring staff to work in their school age care programs. Vacancies exist in local schools such as Hawker Primary. For more information call 6230 0165

### ***ASBAS***

Optimum Training and Development will run an information Session for students who are interested in a **Make-up Certificate II**. Put your name down with Beth/Ali/Geraldine in the Work Experience Office by Week 8 and we will let you know when the session is to be held.

### ***Stop Press***

**TAX FILE NUMBER (TFN):** *You can apply for a TFN at the Careers Office.* We will give you a form that you fill out and return to us. The Tax Office will send your TFN directly to your home address.

**CAREERS APPOINTMENT:** Have you made an appointment to see us in Careers yet? Simply make an appointment on the booking sheet outside the Careers Office and then come along and discuss your future with us. We can help with course advice, career options.

***\*ATTENTION- CAREERS FOCUS TALKS START TOMORROW  
THE AFP WILL BE SPEAKING IN THE SCIENCE THEATRE AT  
LUNCH-TIME***