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: Women in Engineering & IT Hands On Day
Thu 27th March - promotes engineering and IT as career options for young women through engagement with fun, educational & hands-on activities.

University of New South Wales: Engineering Student-Parent Information Evening
Wed 19th March, 5:30pm to 8:00pm Leighton Hall, UNSW Kensington Campus
This evening will include talks and a career market; students & parents will have the opportunity to talk to academics from each Engineering School.

University of Melbourne
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) – postgrad entry OR high achieving school leavers (ATAR>98.5 + prerequisites) → 6yr Bachelor of Science/DVM Open Day Sunday 16th March Werribbee VIC

UMAT Test
The UMAT test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs (Physiotherapy, Pharmacy). UMAT is offered once a year only.
Testing will occur on Wednesday 30th July, 2014.
Please let us know in Careers that you are intending to sit UMAT

Resources to assist students in preparation for the UMAT Test. NB: THESE INVOLVE A COST
UMAT – There are currently FOUR UMAT practice materials available online from the UMAT website for purchase. NB Practice Test 1 is included with your registration.
NIE (National Institute of Education): www.nie.edu.au
And www.umataustralia.com.au has a range of services and materials

My Day at CSU - opportunities on offer for term 1
MyDay is designed to offer secondary school students an opportunity to experience a day in the life of a university student. If you would like to attend any of the days in the table below, please see careers and also register at http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday. This can count as 1 day Work Experience.

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About ATARS
University of Sydney: ATAR Advice – Follow Your Passions
This article discusses how it’s better to study a degree at university in something that you’re passionate about, rather than basing your decision on an ATAR.

Hobsons Course Finder: Top 5 ATAR Questions Answered
This article aims to answer the 5 most commonly asked questions in regards to ATAR’s.

Turn a student’s passion for the water into a rewarding career with a degree from the Australian Maritime College!
Gain an insight into the various industries, career opportunities and read our student and graduate profiles by visiting our study areas online. www.amc.edu.au/future-students
- Coastal and international seafaring
- Maritime engineering and hydrodynamics
- Maritime business and international logistics
- Marine conservation, fisheries and aquaculture

CPA Australia Career Expo 2014
The Certified Public Accountants Career Expo is a chance for students to connect with industry experts and employers and get advice & 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
Contact: careerexpo@cpaaustralia.com.au

DEFENCE

If you are interested in:
- Women in Defence Careers Expo – Thursday 6th March
- RAAF Information Session – Tuesday 11th March
- Navy Q & A Information Session – Tuesday 18th March

All information sessions are held at Defence Force Recruiting Canberra – Level 2, 64 Northbourne Ave Canberra at 6:00 pm.

If you wish to attend one or more of these Info Sessions, please contact Isla Boocock specifying the NAME of the Information Session and the DATE you wish to attend. Email: iboocock@dfr.com.au

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.

TRAINEESHIPS

Printing Careers Australia
This website provides information about getting an apprenticeship, traineeship or employment in the Australian printing or publishing industry. http://www.printingcareers.com.au/
The Difference between a Traineeship & an Apprenticeship
This Victorian Government website explains the fundamental differences between Traineeships and Apprenticeships.

MAAP My Future Careers in Automotive
Find out information about pathways to careers in the automotive industry, different employment opportunities, industry news, and get in touch with an automotive career adviser or mentor.  http://maapmyfuture.com.au/

COMPETITIONS & AWARDS

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.

7th Annual Junior Authors Short Story Writing Contest 2014
Opens Sat 1 February 2014
The deadline for entries in 30th June 2014
This competition requires students to submit a 1000 word creative story about anything. The top six writers in any age category will receive Amazon gift cards and a certificate of achievement. This contest is an international writing contest open to students aged 9 – 21 with those split into 4 age categories. Winners and finalists receive recognition and prizes; including gift cards, signed books and certificates of achievement.
http://laurathomascommunications.com/juniorauthorscontest/

GAP YEAR

IEP Working Adventures Worldwide Online Information Sessions
Wed 19 March, 6:00pm – 6:30pm: Work Canada Job Fair & Work Canada
Wed 19 March, 6:30pm – 7:00pm: Work USA
Wed 19 March, 7:00pm – 7:30pm: Summer Camp USA
Wed 19 March, 7:30pm – 8:00pm: Work Britain & Work Britain Visa Kick Start

Australian Volunteers International Information Sessions
AVI runs a range of volunteer programs throughout both Australia and the rest of the world. Find out more about what they do & how you can get involved at one of their information sessions.
Canberra: Tue 18th March, 6:30pm – 7:30pm at ANU University House, Corner of Balmain Cr & Liverside St, Acton
http://www.australianvolunteers.com/volunteer/information-sessions.aspx

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.

Lions Australia Youth Exchange
Lions Australia Youth Exchange provides the opportunity for 17 – 21 years old to experience life overseas as part of a program that does not involve tourism, academic studies or employment. All Lions Youth Exchanges Programs depart in early December and return in mid-January. Applications close Sun June 30.
**Tutors Worldwide**
Tutors Worldwide provides the opportunity for students to undertake a gap year at either a junior or secondary school overseas. Applications close Thu 10th April. [http://www.tutorsworldwide.org/](http://www.tutorsworldwide.org/)

**Go Overseas**
Go Overseas is a website that allows you to find and compare overseas programs. Every organization and program has been reviewed by students who have participated in that program. There are also over 300 articles on travel available as well as customized country guides. [http://www.gooverseas.com/](http://www.gooverseas.com/)

**Latitude Global Volunteering: Online Webinars – Applications now open for 2015 – new brochure outside Careers**
Monday 24th March – Thursday 3rd April.
Find out all the essential information about volunteering with Latitude and the options available. During the online session, Latitude staff run through a tailored presentation, returned volunteers speak about their experiences and you’ll have the chance to ask questions you have. The first webinar is a general overview and then a different program is the topic of the webinar each subsequent day. [http://www.latitude.org.au/index.php?nodeId=166](http://www.latitude.org.au/index.php?nodeId=166)

**Camp America**
Find out more about the summer programs offered by Camp America. [https://www.facebook.com/events/208543902675468/?ref=5/](https://www.facebook.com/events/208543902675468/?ref=5/)

**UK Private Schools**
UK Private Schools lists over 200 schools & colleges around the United Kingdom and can be of use for students looking for a school to work in during their gap year. [http://www.ukprivateschools.com/](http://www.ukprivateschools.com/)

**Gap Year Medical Placements**
Hospital work experience for students who are applying to medical or nursing school. Placements for students from age 16 upwards in Africa, India and the Caribbean. [http://www.gapmedics.com/](http://www.gapmedics.com/)

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**OTHER**

**Coco Republic Design School: 24 O’Riordan Street, Alexandria - Drawing & Illustration: Sat 12th April and The Outdoor Space: Sat 10th May**  
Contact: designschool@cocorepublic.com.au or 1300 323 171.  

**Raffles College of Design and Commerce: July School Holiday Workshops**
Mon 7th to Thu 10th July, Contact: contact@raffles.edu.au or 9922 4278 or [http://www.raffles.edu.au/workshops](http://www.raffles.edu.au/workshops)

**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): Fri 11th April, 12:30pm at Canberra Theatre Centre  
Contact education@sydneydancecompany.com or (02) 9258 4800 for info about Sydney Theatre  

**2014 Questacon Student Training Programme** - offers students the opportunity to gain valuable experience in science communication, making public presentations, developing science activities, working in teams and customer service. Students utilize their newly developed skills in the galleries through 40 hours of volunteering during the July school holidays. Students who successfully complete the program can count it as an ‘R’ unit and are eligible to be a Volunteer Explainer at Questacon.  
⇒ If you are interested in registering for this program, call into Careers to collect the application form to fill in.  
APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 6th March 2014

**My Resume Builder**
This website contains informative articles, resume samples and templates to ensure that you create an impressive resume.  
Emirates Airline Cabin Crew Recruiting
Emirates Airline is currently recruiting Cabin Crew to work across 120 destinations over 6 continents. Applicants must be 21, and crew will receive a tax-free salary, fully-furnished accommodation, and more. If interested, don't forget to let Emirates know that you found out via MHSCAREERS.COM.

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand: Information Sessions
At these information sessions, students & parents can find out about the exchange, gap year and other programs on offer.
Canberra - Belconnen Arts Centre, 118 Emu Bank, Belconnen:
Wed 19th March, 7:30pm
Thu 11th September, 7:30pm

Actors College of Theatre & Television: Open Day
Sat 14th June, 10am to 3pm
41 Holt Street, Surry Hills
Come along to the ACTT Open Day and learn what a career in acting, stage management, technical production or music theatre would look like & how ACTT can help you get there. Registrations are required & attendees will be sent an event schedule closer to the day.
http://www.actt.edu.au/events/open-days/

Belconnen Arts Centre Classes & Workshops
118 Emu Bank, Belconnen, Canberra
Belconnen Arts Centre is holding a variety of visual arts, music, dance and youth workshops in the coming months.
Contact: info@belconnenartscentre.com.au

WORK EXPERIENCE

Are you asking yourself these questions?
1. What will I do after Year 12???
2. Am I doing the subjects that I need for the course/career that I am interested in?
3. I haven't done any work experience yet – I should organise this soon!
4. How do I organise work experience?

NB: You have two opportunities to undertake work experience this year – at the end of semester 1 in week 20 and at the end of semester 2 in week 18. Year 11s also have the possibility of doing work experience in week 19.

ESSENTIAL: Organise your work experience EARLY as many popular places fill up quickly.

AIE Work Experience Program - The AIE Work Experience Program is in place to give students who are interested in a career in the video games, 3D animation and visual effects industries a chance to get some hands on experience. Students use industry standard software in a studio environment as they learn what it is like to be an independent developer in the digital creative industries. The program catered to over 200 students in 2013.
Places fill up fast, students need to apply early to ensure they don’t miss out. www.aie.edu.au/workexperience
- ONLY Semester 2 placements left!

-> ALSO

Academy of Interactive Entertainment: Industry Experience Days 2014 – Canberra & Sydney Campuses
Wed 16th April, Wed 9th July & Wed 1st October, 10am to 3pm
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

Please see Carmel Lacey for all work experience enquiries.
TAX FILE NUMBER

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. It is not compulsory to have a TFN but it is to your advantage to have one. If you do not have one, you may pay more tax than necessary or you may not be able to get government benefits that you would otherwise be entitled to receive, such as Youth Allowance, or the choice of deferring HECS debt. It takes at least a month for your TFN to arrive.

RESOURCES

Youth Central: 6 Tips for Surviving Year 12
This article aims to help students get through their challenging final year of secondary school by providing six helpful tips for ‘survival’

Graduate Opportunities 2014 E-Book
Graduate Opportunities E-Book is a Jobs Directory that contains Graduate and Undergraduate Programs from employers and other organisations for students and graduates. The online copy is free and can be downloaded from: http://www.graduateopportunities.com/free-downloads/ebooks/

One Shift Jobs
Website containing a job search specialising in casual or part-time jobs.

The First Steps
This website provides an in depth step by step guide to gaining a job. The website outlines how to write an attractive resume or cover letter and provides strategies to ensure a successful job interview.
http://www.job-first-steps.net/index.html

Young People at Work
This website, run by the NSW Government, offers a wide range of advice on getting a job, workers’ rights at work, how to leave jobs, and more.

NSW Rural Doctors Network University Health Careers Kit
This was developed by the University of New South Wales, contains information about going to university, allied health/medicine/nursing programs at a range of universities and more.

ONLINE DIRECTORIES AUSTRALIA
A website that has been designed to help students explore their options for further study which might be a useful resource is www.coursesdirectory.com.au

What Degree? Which University? is a website designed ‘for school students, by university students. What Degree? Which University? explores the many and varied degree options available across 27 Australian Universities, as well as providing info on student accommodation, sport, lifestyle and career opportunities. For more information please visit www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com

10 Step plan to your First job
The ACTU website offers a good reference list to help students organize themselves for their first job.

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