

# CAREER NEWS

Wednesday 15 February

Welcome to the first edition of Careers News for 2012. Careers News will appear each fortnight on **Learning Point** (go to **Our Community** and then **Careers** then **Careers Newsletters**) and is emailed to all Years 10 -12 students school email.

We encourage all **Facebook** users to make **SC Careers** a “like” so that they receive regular reminder posts about applying for tertiary courses and other course and careers related events.

Meet the Careers staff – listed below are the Houses that each staff member will be looking after.



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## UMAT 2012

Year 12 students might like to diarise that the **Undergraduate Medicine & Health Sciences Test (UMAT)** will be held on **Wednesday 25 July 2012**. Registrations for UMAT2012 will open in early April 2012. Visit <http://umat.acer.edu.au/index.php>.



## **Studying in the USA**

**Education USA Melbourne** is holding an **Undergraduate Information Session** for students who wish to find out more about going to university in the USA.

**Date:** Wednesday 29 February 2012  
**Time:** 3:30pm - 4:30 pm  
**Location:** U.S. Consulate, 553 St Kilda Road in Melbourne

**Other Information:** To attend as session, students must email the following to [melbourne@educationusa.info](mailto:melbourne@educationusa.info) at least **2 days** prior to the session date:

- 1) Name as it appears on photo ID – current school ID card, or a valid passport, driver's license or concession card (if that has a photo on it)
- 2) Mobile phone number(s)
- 3) Date of the session you are attending

**You must receive a confirming email before your name is put on the security list and please remember to take your photo ID along with you.**

Students might also like to consider browsing the following two websites to familiarise yourselves with what are on offer in the USA, and the application process, etc.

- <http://www.educationusa.info/Melbourne>
- <http://www.educationusa.info/>



## **Career as a Project Manager**

***A project manager is a professional in the field of project management - project management being the discipline of planning, organizing, securing, and managing resources to achieve specific goals.*** So, the main challenge of project management is to achieve all of the project goals and objectives within the agreed scope, time and budget! Project managers can have the responsibility of the planning, executing and closing of any project, most typically relating to the *construction industry, architecture, Aerospace and Defence, and the computer industry.* A project manager is often a client representative and has to determine the exact needs of the client, based on knowledge of the company they are representing.

Project management is taught as a major study at numerous universities and TAFE institutions. Depending on which industry as student wishes to supervise projects - *construction industry, architecture, Aerospace and Defence, and the computer industry,* will determine which course would be best suited to apply for.

Students keen on a course in Project Management that will lead to working in the *property and construction industry* might consider the **Bachelor of Applied Science (Project Management)** offered at **RMIT University**. The pre-requisite VCE subjects to this 4-year

degree are: a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or at least 25 in any other English and Units 1 and 2—two units (any combination) mathematics OR Units 3 and 4—mathematics (any). Visit <http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=undzgjdixma> to find out more!



### **What is an Orthoptist?**

***An orthoptist has a career in eyes! An orthoptist diagnoses eye movement disorders and associated vision defects, and provides non-surgical management to people with these problems.*** Orthoptists perform specialised tests of visual function to diagnose the disorder and/or eye disease, e.g. glaucoma, diabetes and neurological disease (e.g. MS). An orthoptist will then aid their patients by providing vision rehabilitation - teaching them effective muscle exercises, use of prisms and lenses, and also occlusion therapy. **To find out more, visit <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/courses/orthoptics> and/or [www.orthoptics.org.au](http://www.orthoptics.org.au).**

## **Box Hill Institute now offers courses in Melbourne's CBD!**

**Wanting greater study flexibility?**

**Commencing semester one 2012, Box Hill Institute now offers a convenient CBD location for the following courses:**

- **Advanced Diploma of Accounting: FNS60204**
- Advanced Diploma of Hospitality (specialising in Management): SIT60307**
- Advanced Diploma of Management (specialising in International Business): BSB60407**
- Advanced Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Technology: LMT60307**
- Diploma of Information Technology (Networking): ICA50405**
- Diploma of Training and Assessment (Blended Learning)**
- Diploma of Library/Information Services: CUL50104**

### **Q&A**

**Are these courses still available at Box Hill?**

Yes. Students have the option of studying the above courses at Box Hill.

**Where will these courses be located in the CBD?**

The above courses will be located at the Centre for Adult Education (CAE).

**Will the content be the same at both locations?**

Yes. Students will study the same content regardless of the location.



### **Student Exchange Australia**

LOTE students often express an interest in finding out more about short-term exchange programs to countries like Japan, France, Germany, Canada, Spain and many more!

To find out more call 1300 135 331 or visit [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au)



### **GAP Year through Tutors Worldwide**

There are many different ways in which a GAP Year can be organised. **Tutors Worldwide** offers students the opportunity to work in an *overseas school environment at either prep or secondary (high) school*. Currently **Tutors Worldwide** recruits for (both senior and junior) schools in the UK, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, and from among students in the same countries, incorporating personal visits to all countries.

For more information, visit <http://www.tutorsworldwide.org/>

### **LATTITUDE. Lattitude Global Volunteering**

**Lattitude Global Volunteering (formerly Gap Activity Projects)** has been offering international volunteering and gap year projects for 17-25 year olds, for over 35 years. A diverse range of projects across 16 countries are on offer.

#### **Lattitude Volunteers...**

- are not tourists. They immerse themselves in the local culture and become members of that community. They learn about a country from within
- step outside their comfort zone and achieve something unique

- experience life, living and new horizons

Visit <http://www.lattitude.org.au> to find out more!



### **World Education Program**

**World Education Program (WEP) Australia** is now offering a range of new GAP year international programs for people over the age of 18! Programs include volunteer and conservation projects, work & travel and internships, teaching English overseas, international language study and language & volunteer packages.

**WEP's GAP programs** bring together volunteers from all over the world to help communities in need. GAP volunteers learn:

- to work through the various challenges of adapting to a new culture
- mature, gain more confidence and develop greater self-awareness
- gain a better understanding of the world and international relations
- develop a much more worldly, focused and determined approach to life once back in Australia

Find out more by visiting [www.volunteerabroad.com.au](http://www.volunteerabroad.com.au) or call 1300 884 733.

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

### **Southern Cross Cultural Exchange**

**Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (SCCE)** is organisation running that has been running exchange programs since 1983. **SCCE** is hosting a FREE information evening -

**When:** Tuesday 21 February 2012

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Conochie Hall, 2 Rochester Road in Canterbury

For more information call 1800 500 501 or visit [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au)



### **Projects Abroad**

For any students keen to learn more about the volunteer and work experience programs offered through **Projects Abroad**, there is an upcoming **Open Day** whereby student can chat to volunteers and staff or listen to one of a series of talks that will be running. Students can drop in at any time during the day!

**Date:** Saturday 25 February 2012

**Time:** 1.00pm – 5.00pm (arrive anytime)

**Venue:** Northcote Town Hall, 189 High Street, Northcote 3070

Bookings can be made at <http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/more-info/meet-us/>



## **Antipodeans Abroad**

Are you unsure what to do once you finish Year 12? Perhaps you are unsure what you want to study at university or TAFE? Perhaps you want to consider taking a **GapBreak**.

**Antipodeans Abroad** invites students to join their **GapBreak** program, a 3-6 month volunteer placement in a developing country. There will be an **Information Night** that interested students might like to attend!

**When:** Monday 27 February 2012  
**Time:** 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
**Venue:** The Atlantis Hotel, 300 Spencer Street in the city

To find out more and/or to register for the *free* Information Night, visit <http://www.antipodeans.com.au/info-nights.htm>. Alternatively visit <http://www.antipodeans.com.au/gap-break/gap-break.htm>



## **Gap Medics**

**Gap Medics** are offering an exciting project for students that are looking to apply for university courses in medicine, *nursing, dentistry or midwifery*. **Gap Medics** is a provider of *short-term healthcare work experience placements* abroad. Although based in the UK, its programs are open to students from all around the world. This organisation is dedicated to arranging hospital work experience placements for students who are applying to medical or nursing school in particular.

**So, what does the project involve?** During weekdays, students shadow highly skilled doctors in their day-to-day work on a fully-supervised hospital placement. Students will also have the benefit of clinical teaching, safe and secure accommodation, food, transfers in Tanzania or Thailand, local orientations, 24/7 support from **Gap Medics** support teams overseas and in the UK and lots of help with preparations for their trip too.

Visit <http://www.gapmedics.com/> to find out more!



## **Au Pair, Volunteer, Exchange Programs**

**AIFS** and its family of companies organises cultural exchange programs throughout the world! Whether students are looking for *cultural exchange program, an Au Pair placement,*

to volunteer or a stint with Camp America, AIFS has a range of opportunities and programs to offer! Visit <http://www.aifsaustralia.com/> to find out more!



## **Deloitte.** Careers in Information Technology

*At any given time Deloitte is working closely with a range of local and global organisations to develop major enterprise architecture strategies, investigate complex online fraud issues, assess and mitigate organisational risk and develop innovative concepts for improving business efficiency.*

Employees working for a company like Deloitte will often mean working with technology-related services all the time! Areas including –

- ✓ **Forensics**

Using technical expertise to solve fraud and other financial crime

- ✓ **IT services**

Deliver innovative IT strategy and services across Deloitte

- ✓ **Risk services**

Identify and advise on technological risks for clients

- ✓ **Online consulting**

Use technology to deliver sustained business improvements for clients

**For more information about the *new* wave of careers in Information Technology visit [www.deloitte.com/au/techcareer](http://www.deloitte.com/au/techcareer).**

➤ **Folio Preparation Courses**

**RMIT University** offers a range of ***Folio Preparation courses*** aimed at assisting senior students gain an insight into a particular design industry, the various study options available, and selection procedures to gain entry. Some of the ***Folio Preparation courses*** include *Graphic Design, Graphic Art, Digital Media, Multimedia and Visual merchandising, to name but a few!* **For more information regarding dates, times, costs and/or to apply, visit [www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au](http://www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au) or call (03) 9925 8111.**

➤ **Experience Environmental Science & Engineering Day**

Students in Years 10 – 12 will have the opportunity to undertake interactive workshops in *environmental engineering, environmental science, geospatial sciences and environmental planning* at this one-day event.

**Date:** Thursday 5 April 2012

**Venue:** City Campus, RMIT University

**Cost:** Free (lunch provided)

**Places are limited and registrations have already opened. To register visit [www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays](http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays)**

➤ **Quick Facts**

Students often ask which courses are most popular at RMIT. Below are two interesting tables:

<b>Most popular degree programs by first preference</b>	
1	Bachelor of Architectural Design
2	Bachelor of Applied Science (Construction Management)
3	Bachelor of Arts (Fine Arts)
4	Associate Degree in Fashion Textile Merchandising
5	Bachelor of Arts (Criminal Justice Administration)
6	Bachelor of Design (Fashion)
7	Bachelor of Nursing
9	Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations)
10	Bachelor of Communication (Journalism)
11	Bachelor of Arts (Photography)
<b>Most popular TAFE programs by first preference</b>	
1	Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architecture)
2	Advanced Diploma of Justice
3	Diploma of Building & Construction (Building)
4	Certificate IV in Sound Production
5	Certificate IV in Photoimaging
6	Advanced Diploma of Engineering Design
7	Diploma of Interior Design and Decoration
9	Diploma of Graphic Design
10	Diploma of Screen and Media
11	Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled/Division 2)



## **Guaranteed Pathways at Swinburne University**

Swinburne University offers **guaranteed pathways** across its TAFE and university courses. This provides an opportunity for students to progress further through certificates, diplomas or university. For students interested in a direct pathway to university, they will receive guaranteed entry into one of the university courses when they enrol into a TAFE diploma or advanced diploma at Swinburne.

This program is known as the ***Guaranteed Entry Scheme (GES)*** and is an excellent option for students. Students receive credit for their TAFE studies and this fast-tracks them into the later stages of a degree.

Find out more by visiting <http://www.future.swinburne.edu.au/pathways/ges/>