CAREER NEWS

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1. University of the Sunshine Coast
   Headstart Information Evening

   USC Headstart Information Evening - Wednesday 14 March
   Can’t wait to start uni? Year 11 and 12 students can study USC courses while still completing high school.

   Find out more by speaking with staff and current Headstart students at the Headstart Information Evening at USC on Wednesday 14 March.

   At 5:15pm, students and parents can take a tour of the campus with a current USC student and get an insight into university life. At 6pm, attend the information session to learn more about Headstart and hear Headstart students share their study experience.

   To register your attendance, visit www.usc.edu.au/info or phone 5456 5000.

   Applications for Semester 2 study (starting in July) close on Friday 11 May.

2. Career FAQ’s Newsletter
   February 2012

   Career FAQs Newsletter
   Issue 39, February 2012
   University degrees pay off
   Studies show that having a university degree really does pay off, offering an impressive return on investment. That’s great news for uni students and graduates! If you haven’t already gone to uni, there’s no better time to get a degree – and increase your lifetime earnings!
   Read more

   Stoopid resume mistakes and how to avoid them
   There’s no better way to sink your chances of getting an interview than to submit a resume and cover letter riddled with unforgivable typos and spelling errors. With a little care and attention, you can submit a flawless application – find out how.
   Read more

   Eight essential body language tips for job interviews
   When you walk into a job interview you want to exude confidence, ability and professionalism. Check out our essential body language tips – make all the right moves and get the job!
   Read more

   Job interview question: what’s your biggest weakness?
   It’s the question every job interviewee dreads. But it doesn’t have to be scary – learn how to answer this question skillfully and turn it to your advantage.
   Read more
3. Griffith University

A Motivating Success Story for Students in Health

AFTER finishing Year 12 with an OP 13, Jessica Forbes was an unlikely candidate for medicine.

But nine years after leaving Wavell Heights State High, she has not only graduated in medicine, she’s done so in the best possible way by winning a university medal for academic excellence.

The 26-year-old recorded a Grade Point Average of 7 in the final two years of her Griffith University medical degree to receive the medal.

She was also awarded the Dean’s Medallion for achieving the highest marks in the clinical skills exam and won prizes in surgery and women's health.

“I couldn't believe it. I was stoked,” said Dr Forbes, who started this week as one of 95 interns at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

“I did so much better than what I ever expected or hoped.”

Ms Forbes spent a year working full-time in retail after leaving school, earning $6 an hour.

“It wasn’t much,” she said. “That sort of reinforced the idea of me going to university.”

At the time, her OP score was too low to get her into nursing so she completed a year of a social science degree at the Australian Catholic University before switching courses.

In her final year of nursing, Dr Forbes successfully applied for medicine, encouraged by her fiance Ryan Murray and grandparents Kevin and Helen Forbes.

“I would never have thought that I could go through medicine or would never have gone for it if it wasn’t for them,” she said.

Dr Forbes worked up to three nursing shifts a week at the Mater Private Hospital to pay her way through the four-year combined Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery.

Her advice to Year 12 students who miss out on their desired university courses is to keep trying. “It seems like there’s only that one door and that one approach to get into the course that you want but there’s always some other way,” she said.

“If you decide there’s something that you really want to do, you can always find a way to do it.”

For more information about pathways into Griffith University’s Bachelor of Nursing or other Health programs, please visit www.qibt.qld.edu.au

4. **World Education Program**

*Information Sessions & Open Day*

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**WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**2012 STUDENT EXCHANGE INFO SESSIONS AND OPEN DAY**

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**TERM ONE**

**MELBOURNE**

**TIME:** 7:30–9:00PM

Northcote Town Hall
15 February

Kew Court House
27 February

Kingston Arts Centre
6 March
20 March

Geelong Football Club
8 March

**SYDNEY**

**TIME:** 7:30–9:00PM

Bowlers Club of NSW
22 February
14 March

**BRISBANE**

**TIME:** 7:30–9:00PM

Metropolitan Motor Inn
22 February
14 March

**OPEN DAY MELBOURNE**

**TIME:** 12:00–4:00PM

WEP Office, Hampton
25 February

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**BEYOND THE CLASSROOM**

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A non-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Department.
5. **Projects Abroad**

**Volunteer Overseas**

Students and parents will have an opportunity to meet staff and volunteers, to learn about the programmes and what life is really like overseas.

**Date:** Thursday 8 March, 6.30 to 7.30pm

**Venue:** Bleeding Heart Event Space, 166 Ann Street, Brisbane

Places can be reserved via the link on the home page [www.projects-abroad.com.au](http://www.projects-abroad.com.au)
6. **Education First**
High School Year Overseas

![High School Year Overseas](image)

An exchange program for students aged 14 to 18

**Short-term Options!**
Two and three month exchanges available for France, Germany and Costa Rica

**2012/2013**
USA
France
Germany
Costa Rica
Canada
Japan
Hong Kong
Great Britain
Ireland

The best year of your life
### Dates For Your Diary

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