CAREER NEWS

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1. Career News Items

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Universities

University of the Sunshine Coast: $5 Million Donation
The University of the Sunshine Coast has received a $5 million gift from Roy and Nola Thompson of Maroochydore. The funds will go towards supporting a number of scholarships for future students as well as an upgrade in Parking at the Sippy Downs Campus.

TAFE & Apprenticeships

AuSkills Smartphone App
The AuSkills App serves as a careers search resource for job seekers. It provides job matching support and comprehensive information to users interested in an Australian apprenticeship. The AuSkills App is now available through Google Play and the Apple App Store and can also be used online at: http://www.auskillsapp.com/

Skills One TV
Skills one is a video platform with over 1500 short video stories about getting a trade or skill. Videos are intended for parents and students. Check it out by visiting the website: http://www.skillsone.com.au/

Private Colleges

Academy of Design: Every Day is an Open Day
Every Day is an Open Day at the Academy of Design. This means that all potential students, family & friends can drop in and see the recruitment staff at any time. Visit the campus, discuss study options available and the courses available. Ph: (07) 5578 5558 or (07) 5578 5559, email: info@academyofdesign.com.au

Brisbane School of Theology Open Night
Wednesday 30th April, 6:15pm – 9pm. 1 Cross Street, Toowong, Qld, 4066
Get a taste of what it's like to study at a Bible College by joining BST for one of two open lectures. Either Bill Gilliver's, “How many popes does it take to change a lightbulb?” Or hear an inspiring teaching on Corinthians with John Coulson, BST's Acting Principal and Academic Dean.
http://bst.qld.edu.au/opennights
Other News

AFS Open Day 2014
Sunday 23rd February, 10am – 1pm. Location yet to be confirmed. Find out all the information you need and decide whether an exchange is what you want. Meet returned AFSers who can share their experience with you. http://www.afs.org.au/news-and-events/open-days/

Australian Volunteers International Information Session
Thursday 13th March, 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts, 420 Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. Attend an information session and hear from AVI Staff and returned volunteers. The free sessions are open to everyone and will cover the recruitment process, working overseas and the programs on offer. http://www.australianvolunteers.com/volunteer/information-sessions-.asp

Australian Superyacht Crew: Information Night Webinar
Tuesday 12th June 2014. University of Queensland, Brisbane. Have you got what it takes to work onboard a superyacht? This online Q&A session is an opportunity to get your questions answered and find out more about the programs on offer. Register on the website: https://www.superyachtcrew.com.au/info-night.php

Camp USA: Summer Camp Information Meeting
Monday 24th February, 6:30pm -7:30pm. Chermside Library. Find out about summer camps in the USA and how you could be working there. There will be videos from camp and past participants telling their stories. https://www.facebook.com/events/1457900621100331/

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange: Information Session
Tuesday 28th February, 7pm – 9pm. Brisbane Girls Grammar, 70 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane. Tuesday 18th March, 7pm – 9pm. Brisbane Girls Grammar, 70 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane. If you are considering applying for an exchange program, attendance at the information session is essential. It is an opportunity to gain a realistic overview of the process, the countries, the experience and the benefits of combining learning and friendship through student exchange. http://www.scce.com.au/programs/information-sessions/

ADFA Education Award
For current year 11 students: Award presented to year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential, and academic and sporting achievements exhibited during year 11. Award comprises of laptop and certificate along with plaque of recognition for your school. Applications close 28 February 2014. For eligibility and application: http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa/howToApply/educationAward.aspx

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. http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/cadets/

Careers Website for the Mining Sector
This is a useful website providing information on the opportunities, careers and pathways into the mining industry. http://www.peopleforthefuture.com.au/
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.  http://www.gooverseas.com/

Lattitude Global Volunteering: Online Webinars
Monday 24th March – Thursday 3rd April. Find out all the essential information about volunteering with Lattitude and the options available. During the online session, Lattitude 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.lattitude.org.au/index.php?nodeId=166

My Resume Builder
This website contains informative articles, resume samples and templates to ensure that you create an impressive resume.  http://www.myresumebuilder.com.au/

One Week Without Borders
Young People Without Borders is giving two friends the opportunity to spend a week volunteering around Australia. If you are between the ages of 13 and 22 check out the website for more information.  http://oneweekwithoutborders.com/

Martin College: How to Improve Concentration
This article details some things that students can do to improve their concentration & remain focused.  http://blog.martincollege.edu.au/index.php/studying/improve-concentration

Youth Central: 6 Tips for Surviving Year 12
This article that aims to help students get through their challenging final year of secondary school by providing six helpful tips for ‘survival'  http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/Studying+%26+Training/Secondary+Study/6+Tips+for+%26+Surviving+Year+12/
2. **Careers In Social Media**

**On The Rise!**

According to research the number one skill in most demand in 2013 was Social Media Marketing. You can use social media to find a job but you can also find a job in social media. Social media careers are the new growth industry. Whilst social media started out as being personal social networks it’s now much more with most business and community organisations having a presence in this space with their own Blog, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts. All require skills to build, write, communicate, curate and monitor online content.

So far there aren’t hundreds of thousands of jobs available, but it’s an industry you should be aware is on the rise. For creative people, who are good at marketing, communications, PR and journalism social media offers career opportunities. It’s ideal for those who have a ‘Promoter style’ in their personality. Naturally it’s all computer based work so being interested in IT and having social media experience is essential.

Here are a few of the new career titles to appear and personality styles that match.

- Content Creator [Promoter Supporter]
- Content Manager [Driver Promoter]
- Content Marketer [Promoter Driver]
- Online community manager [Promoter Supporter]
- Search Engine Optimization (SEO) specialist [Analyser Driver]
- Social Media Copywriter/Blogger [Promoter Supporter]
- Social Media Marketing Coordinator [Promoter Driver]
- Social Media Marketing Manager [Driver Promoter]
- Social Media Specialist [Promoter Analyser]

**Related links**
- [Not sure what these mean, click to download Social Media Job Descriptions PDF](#)
- [What do social media jobs pay in Australia?](#)
- [Here are the top 5 social media jobs of 2014](#)
- [25 hottest skills that got people hired in 2013](#)

The program ‘My Career Mat’, is able to be taken at Good Shepherd Lutheran College. It will identify the student’s current strengths with the headings such as: Promoter; Driver; Analyser or Supporter. If interested, you may book a session at the Careers Office.
3. Defence Force Recruiting

Maroochydore Sessions

DFR Maroochydore holds regular Information Sessions, in our Maroochydore office. These sessions are designed to provide an in-depth look at the career opportunities available in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

Australian Defence Force Academy Careers Information Session
Date Time
Tuesday 25th Mar 14 1800hrs – 2000hrs

Women In The Army Information Session
Date Time
Wednesday 26th Mar 14 1800hrs – 2000hrs

Australian Defence Force Information Session
Date Time
Thursday 27th Mar 14 1800hrs – 2000hrs

Our Maroochydore office is located at: Level 1, 35 – 39 Primary School Crt, Maroochydore.

Please register your interest by calling (07) 5459 8700 or via email at DEFENCEJOBSMAROOCHYDORE@DFR.COM.AU

YOUTUBE and DFR video
The new DFR YouTube Channel will shortly become the organisation's sole video portal, taking over from the Flash-based Defence Jobs TV (which cannot be viewed on Apple devices).
This portal is a great place for future ADF candidates to research job roles, watch videos from current serving members and to get a feel for ADF life. To access visit http://www.youtube.com/defencejobsaustralia

Hot Job of the Month
General Service Officer - Royal Australian Army
An outstanding opportunity to make a direct impact on the nation's defence by working with some of the most sophisticated equipment in Australia, and leading the most dedicated and passionate workforce in the country.

Service: Royal Australian Army
Period of Service: 3 - 13 years
Min Education: Passes in Yr 12 English and 3 other subjects
Age to Apply: 17 years
Military Training: 18mths at Royal Military College
Employment Training: * Dependent on job role
Employment Location: Throughout Australia
Program news
New degrees for 2014
Griffith has a long history of offering new and innovative degrees that meet the ever-changing needs of students, industry and the community. Here’s a snapshot of some of the new offerings for 2014:
- Bachelor of Industrial Design, Gold Coast
- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, Gold Coast
- Bachelor of Science, Gold Coast and Nathan
- Bachelor of Psychological Science/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Gold Coast
» Search our Degree Finder

Relevant websites
» Future Students information
» Griffith Degree Finder

Upcoming events
Mark your calendar with the below upcoming key dates for the next couple of months. For a full list of key dates please visit our website.

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5. Projects Abroad

Gap Year

To take a Gap Year or not – that is the question

Projects Abroad has been arranging constructive and worthwhile opportunities for school leavers for nearly twenty years. In all this time the value of gap years has been hotly debated, a debate which still goes on. When we are asked our opinion, our answer is always the same; gap years can be a great idea, but they are not necessarily for everyone.

We believe that for a gap year to be successful it needs to be well planned and also to expose the student to a variety of experiences. For example, many students work for several months, and then undertake a volunteering project before heading off to Europe or the USA to try their luck. They understand the value of money and feel they have earned their adventures. Through volunteering and travelling with a purpose, they can also learn a lot about themselves and the world around them. Many students have changed their choice of course at university after reflecting during this time; meeting new people and facing new challenges.

The Sydney Morning Herald highlighted some research which showed the potential value of a well-planned gap year in this article. However, even well planned gap years aren’t for everyone. In this newsletter there are stories from a student who did take a gap year, from one who chose not to but still managed to spend her break before Uni doing a volunteer project, and the other student who loved his first project so much he went back to do another. Because we have full time staff in every destination and support placements all year round, students can choose exactly when they want to start their volunteer project; at any time during their gap year, during the summer holidays or as an alternative to schoolies. The choice is yours!
Katy from Auckland in New Zealand knew that she wanted to take a Gap Year, but she didn’t know where. Eventually she decided on Senegal as she wanted to live by the sea and improve her French. Working at a centre for street children who come in to have any wounds cleaned and to be educated, she admits it wasn’t always easy.

"Looking back on my time in Senegal, although it was incredibly difficult to begin with, I realise now that it was definitely the best two months of my life. I have a new opinion on many things and have seriously had to re-address what I now consider first world problems! Africa will always have a place in my heart and I thoroughly recommend Projects Abroad to anyone considering a gap year as I always felt safe and happy.”

Read all about Katy’s Senegalese experience here. If you’d like to read more about the project she took part in, you can find it here.

All of our projects are completely flexible – there are no set start or end dates. Karen, like many students, was torn between taking a Gap Year or going to Uni – luckily, you can do both!

"It was that kind of flexibility that I was looking for...especially because I didn’t know when my final exams were going to be and how long I would want/need to recuperate after year 12. It was then that the idea clicked into place. I decided to volunteer overseas and still go to Uni – I would just fit my volunteering project in between finishing school and starting Uni – perfect!"

Karen spent two months in Argentina helping at a care centre for underprivileged children, whilst soaking up the rich culture and sampling the delicious food! She was even able to squeeze in some travel to the beautiful city of Buenos Aires and the world heritage listed Iguazu Falls.

Take a look at Karen’s Argentinian Adventures here or find out more about our care projects on the website.
Chris spent 4 weeks on a teaching project in Vietnam as he wanted to experience the world and do something different for his Gap Year. For Chris, his teaching experience helped reaffirm to him what he wanted to study. "I loved being in the classroom, knowing that a child has learnt something, especially from a foreigner who does not speak their native language. The satisfaction from teaching can't be found anywhere else in the world. My experiences in Vietnam reaffirmed my desire to become a teacher."

The experience made such an impression on Chris he is finishing off his gap year with another teaching project, but this time in Mexico!

Chris tells us more about his experience in Vietnam – both in and out of the classroom – read it here. Or to take a look at our teaching projects, head to the website.

Come along to one of our Information Events to find out more about volunteering with Projects Abroad and start planning your Gap Year or summer break adventure!

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For the details and to register your free place or places, head to our website!
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Universities

Queensland University of Technology: Parent Information Seminar
Wednesday 7th May, 6pm – 7:30pm. QUT Gardens Point Campus.
QUT invites current senior high-school students and their parents to find out all about studying at QUT. There will be information on courses, uni life, transition from school to uni, scholarships and resources for parents & schools.
http://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/parent-information-seminar

Charles Sturt University Year 10 Information Page
This webpage is designed for year 10 students possibly considering university study once they have finished year 12. The page features advice regarding year 11 and 12 subject selection, what to do if they are unsure about what they want to do as well as career planning advice.
http://www.csu.edu.au/oncampus/getting-to-uni/year-10-information

Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships
These Scholarships are administered by a number of universities throughout Australia and are designed to assist Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students to enter University studies with greater ease. Students must apply directly to the University where they are intending to study.
Application due dates for Indigenous Scholarships depend on the University where you are applying to study. To find out if your local University administers the Scholarship, type into a Google search “Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships” and then the acronym of the university – “UQ” “UNSW” “UWS” “UWA” etc. Alternatively, contact the university directly.

Private Colleges

CATC Design School Open Day
Opportunity for potential students to find out about enrolment and career pathways while exploring the facilities and meeting current students and lecturers.
Brisbane: Saturday 3rd May, 10am – 1pm. CATC Design School - Brisbane Campus 10 Costin Street, Fortitude Valley

Shillington College Information Session
Fri 28th March, 6pm. Shillington College, Level 7, 167 Ann Street, Brisbane.
Find out about studying a course in graphic design at Shillington College.

Other News

Antipodeans Abroad: Gapbreak Information Night
Wednesday 12th March. Location is yet to be confirmed. This is an informal night where you can find out specific information about destinations and projects that you are interested in.
YFU Student Exchange Information Session
ONLINE: Tuesday 25th March, 6:30pm (AEST).
Email yfuaus@yfu.com.au or phone 1800 654 947 to register.

Queensland Youth Parliament
Applications will close Friday 21st February.
As a member of the YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament you'll learn about government, politics and the political process and find out how you can have a say on issues affecting young people. You must be between 15 and 25 years old. One place is offered for each of the 89 electorates across the state.
Find out more and apply here: http://www.ymcaqyp.org/

Cambridge Immerse 2014
Cambridge Immerse is a two week residential educational experience that's open to students aged 16 and above. The program places students at one of Cambridge’s residential colleges, while they undertake Oxbridge-style tutorials with other students. Enrolment in the program is ongoing and the program runs in July & August. Contact: enquiries@cambridgeimmerse.com
https://www.cambridgeimmerse.com/

Careers Website for the Mining Sector
This is a useful website providing information on the opportunities, careers and pathways into the mining industry. http://www.peopleforthefuture.com.au/

Defence Jobs Australia: Air Force Tech Trades Facebook Chat
Thursday 20th February, 6:30pm – 8pm (AEST). Find out about what a trades career is like in the Air Force. Chat live to tradies in the Air Force. Learn about their career, lifestyle and ask any question you like. https://www.facebook.com/events/669468769761885/

Employability Skills Framework
Outlines the skills and attributes employers are looking for when hiring. These skills can include communication, self-management, problem solving and teamwork.

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

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

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

Smaller Earth Australia
Small Earth Australia provides numerous work and travel opportunities to Australian students. Their programs include gap year opportunities, summer and winter season roles abroad, internships and volunteering. All programs include sponsored VISA’s, medical insurance and continued support whilst overseas. These work and travel programs are available in various lengths of time, ranging from one week to 18 months duration. To find out more visit: http://www.smallerearth.com.au/
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