MEET YOUR CAREERS COUNSELLOR
Every Thursday in Terms 1 & 4, and on Thursdays and Fridays in Terms 2 & 3, Students have access to a qualified and experienced “Career Development Practitioner” or Careers Counsellor. My role is to assist senior students with all aspects of their Career Development. I am available to students in the Careers & Counselling Office at lunchtimes and by appointment. There is also a Careers Library in the Study Centre, which has all the resources that students might need. Students and/or parents can make appointments to see me at other times. I provide information and assistance on all career-related topics in order to assist students in their ongoing Career Development. It is not a matter of simply matching a person to a career, but rather assisting students to sort out issues such as career choice, subject selection and tertiary selection.

CONTACT: email is best – mellwood@sscmelb.catholic.edu.au any day or phone direct 9403 6851 Thursdays.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT IN A NUTSHELL:
WHY READ CAREERS NEWS?
Careers News will keep you – both Students and Parents - informed about career events like Open Days and Career Expo, courses, education and training institutions, applying for courses, career seminars, and the like. It is then up to you to attend the events that will help you to make decisions.

HOW WILL YOU CHOOSE A CAREER?
Choosing a career can be challenging, however, students who start early, do the research and check out courses and careers, almost invariably find it easier to make decisions. Try not to think too far ahead. We don’t know what new careers will be available in 20 years’ time; looking five years ahead is a more realistic time period to consider.

- Will you do what your parent does?
- Will you do what your parent wants you to do?
- Will you do what your friend does?
- Will you do what ‘falls into your lap’?
- Will you choose something without really checking out what it involves?
- Will you choose something that you think will make you lots of money?
- Or, perhaps, you will try to put off thinking about it at all.

None of the above methods makes for a wise decision. You may be different from your parents. You are probably different from your friend. You need to find out what suits you because it is your life and you should aim to be fulfilled and happy in your career. So….

THINK ABOUT THE FOLLOWING:
- What subjects do you like most at school?
- Do you enjoy sport and being active?
- Are you a ‘hands-on’ person?
- Do you enjoy reading?
- How do you spend your spare time?
- What are you good at?
- What is important to you?
- Do you like the outdoors?
- Do you find science interesting?
- Do you like helping people?
- Are you creative?
- Do you like to design things and find out how they work?
- Do you like to work with others or do you prefer to work on your own?

Your answers to these questions will give clues to help you decide.

WHERE CAN YOU STUDY AFTER FINISHING SCHOOL?
UNIVERSITY: If you hope to study at university, you will study for a degree. While studying your first degree you will be an undergraduate; if you do further study later on you will be doing post-graduate study. So look out for undergraduate courses for now. There are several universities in Victoria –

- Australian Catholic University (known as ACU) with campuses in Melbourne and Ballarat
- Ballarat Uni - Camp St, Mt Helen & Melbourne Institute of Technology
- Charles Sturt Uni (CSU) - actually a NSW uni but with a campus at Albury-Wodonga
- Deakin Uni - Burwood, Geelong, Geelong Waterfront, Warrnambool
- La Trobe Uni - Albury-Wodonga, Bendigo, Bundoora, Mildura, Shepparton
- Monash Uni - Berwick, Caulfield, Clayton, Gippsland, Parkville, Peninsula,
- Melbourne Uni - Parkville, Southbank (VCA)
- RMIT Uni – Brunswick, Bundoora, City,
- Swinburne Uni - Hawthorn, Lilydale, Prahran
- Victoria Uni - often known as VU; City (Flinders St & Queen St), Footscray, St Albans, Werribee.

University study is required to fully qualify for many careers such as engineering, medicine, physiotherapy, teaching and accounting.

TAFE INSTITUTES: If you study at TAFE you will obtain a certificate, a diploma, an advanced diploma (or in a small number of cases), a degree). You can complete pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeship training at TAFE as well. TAFE Institutes are located throughout Victoria. Many students start their tertiary studies at TAFE and then articulate (with credits) to university. Conversely, many students with a university degree subsequently complete TAFE qualification (Note: this now has implications for TAFE fees as students who have a qualification and wish to complete a lower level qualification are charged full fees). TAFE courses cover a huge range of areas like childcare, hospitality, design, building, and medical administration. Some universities have a TAFE as well (eg RMIT); some TAFEs are stand-alone (eg Box Hill and Holmesglen)

INDEPENDENT TERTIARY COLLEGES: There are also many independent colleges. These cover a range of areas such as photography, naturopathy, design and sports therapy. Fees are often quite high at these colleges as they are often not government funded.

A useful website to look at when considering tertiary fees is www.goingtouni.gov.au.

Some other ways of gaining qualifications are through the Defence and Police Forces.

DEFENCE TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS
Year 11 & 12 students can receive $2000 or $3000 just for staying at school! If you are studying MATHS and a VET subject and you are interested in technology, you should apply for this scholarship! Application packs are available from the Careers Room.

TAX FILE NUMBERS
Students and parents are reminded that CBC participates in the ATO Schools Tax File Education Program. The main aim of this program is to provide the students from years 9 to 12 with an efficient and convenient service for them to apply for their tax file numbers. Why apply for a tax file number whilst at school? Any student will need at tax file number when he starts work (part-time and full-time) and all students planning on a tertiary education MUST have one when they start Uni or TAFE in order to get HECS. Year 12 students should know that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Support Place) course without a Tax File Number,
so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early! Application Forms are available from the Careers Room and on the wall at Student Reception.

**YOUTH CENTRAL WEBSITE**

**Youth Central** has a huge range of tools and information for students about **apprenticeships, traineeships, finding a job, and more!** Topics and tools include:

- Animated interactive guides about things like getting an apprenticeship
- Video interviews with employment experts
- Printable job search checklists
- Downloadable résumé templates
- Career profiles
- Information about your rights at work

For more information, browse [www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au](http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au)

**YOUNG WORKER TOOLKIT**

The Young Worker Toolkit helps students find information about their responsibilities and where they stand at workforce! Visit [http://youngworkertoolkit.youth.gov.au](http://youngworkertoolkit.youth.gov.au) to find out more!

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**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 - 4:30pm  
**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:

- Name as it appears on photo ID – current school ID card, or a valid passport, driver’s licence or concession card (if that has a photo on it)
- Mobile phone number(s)
- 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/Melbourne)  
[http://www.educationusa.info/](http://www.educationusa.info/)

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**UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS** — The University of Melbourne has reported that it has the most popular degrees offered by Victorian universities, as measured by the latest first preference applications through VTAC. The Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees were the first and second most popular degrees in Victoria respectively, totalling 4898 applications. Clearly-in Ranks rose, with Science making 80 more offers than last year and recording an ATAR rise from 85.05 to 90.15. The B. Arts rose to 90.90.

**SO YOU WANT TO BE A VET?** The University of Melbourne is the only university in Victoria to offer a veterinarian qualification. The university is holding an Open Day at the Veterinary Hospital to which all are invited. Attend lectures, pet demonstration, tours and get course advice. **When:** 10am-3pm, Sun 25 March; **Where:** 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee; **See:** [www.vet.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au).

**NEWS FROM RMIT UNIVERSITY**

- **Folio Preparation Courses**
  Many design courses at university and TAFE require applicants to present a folio of their work as part of the application process for their courses. They want to find out about your ability and creativity. 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. Courses include AutoCAD - QuickStart, drawing techniques, folio preparation in fashion drawing, textile design, graphic design, digital art, multimedia, interior decoration and visual/fine art. There is also a career discovery course in building design. For more information 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/experioencedays](http://www.rmit.edu.au/experioencedays)

**MONASH NEWS**

The popular and informative “AT MONASH” events begin soon. Students who are considering Monash courses should definitely attend! The first events, starting at 6.30pm, are:

- **Architecture & Interior Architecture – Wed 7 March Caulfield**
- **Nursing, Midwifery & Paramedics – Thurs 8 March Peninsula**
- **Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sci – Tues 13 March Parkville**
- **Business & Economics – Wed 14 March Caulfield**

**REGISTER** at [www.monash.edu/seminars](http://www.monash.edu/seminars)

**DO YOU WANT TO STUDY A MONASH UNIVERSITY MEDICINE OR HEALTH SCIENCE DEGREE?** If so, you may need to complete the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) as part of the application process. The test is required for Monash University medicine, pharmacy, pharmacy/commerce and physiotherapy degrees. UMAT is also used by a number of other medicine courses around the country, so make sure you check ALL THE OPTIONS! Selection for medicine uses the UMAT result, an interview and ATAR. Pharmacy uses the UMAT and the ATAR. Selection for physiotherapy uses the UMAT result, an interview (some applicants only) and the ATAR. The UMAT will be held on **Wednesday 25 July, 2012.** Applicants for the test will need to register on line from a date in APRIL.

The test is administered by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). The UMAT is a multiple choice test. There are practice tests available for purchase online; courses are also available that may assist you in preparing for the test, though these are not approved by ACER and vary widely in quality.


**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
- Risk services: Identify & advise on technological risks for clients
- Online consulting: Use technology to deliver sustained business improvements for clients


**GUARANTEED PATHWAYS AT SWINBURNE UNI**

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 Guarranteed Entry Scheme (GES). Students receive credit for their TAFE studies and this fast-tracks them into the later stages of a degree. Visit http://www.future.swinburne.edu.au/pathways/ges/ for more.

MARINE CAREERS DISCOVERY DAYS 2012
On July 5th and 6th the Marine & Freshwater Discovery Centre, Queenscliff, will be running a marine career focussed day. Day 1 Presenters include biologists and fisheries officers. Participate in a fish dissection. Day 2 marine activities include a rock-pool ramble and a marine biology cruise or canoe. For more information visit: www.dpi.vic.gov.au/mdc or contact: Office: 52583344 or Pam Haebich: 52580238. Marine & Freshwater Discoveries Centre PO Box114, Queenscliff, 3225

CAREER AS AN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER
Air traffic controllers manage the safe and orderly flow of aircraft into, out of and between airports in Australia and with overseas regions adjoining Australian airspace.

Air traffic controllers may perform the following tasks:
- maintain radio contact with pilots to keep aircraft separated in ‘corridors’ of controlled airspace, on air routes and near major airports
- make sure that aircraft operate only on pre-arranged routes and altitudes
- use radar to monitor and control aircraft movements
- provide information and assistance to pilots and emergency services during in-flight emergencies.

Air traffic controllers must –
- be able to make quick and accurate decisions
- have an aptitude for working with computers
- be confident, highly responsible, self-motivated, and independent, but also be able to work in a team

To become an air traffic controller, students should gain their Year 12 with passes in English, mathematics and a science subject (preferably physics). To find out more, visit http://www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au/occupation/Air-Traffic-Controller

VIRTUAL PHARMACY – PHARMATOPIA
Major changes are underway in the way universities are teaching pharmacy to undergraduate students. By way of a virtual pharmacy or “virtual practice environment” students get experience a variety of health care settings, such as a community pharmacy, hospital ward or dispensary, home setting, rural pharmacy depot and remote community health service, where they can interact with virtual ‘patients’, health professionals and others through role playing, video conferencing, online software and avatars. Developed by Monash University, and used by a number of universities worldwide, students get to practice pharmaceutical calculations required for the compounding process. These calculations are presented as prescriptions from virtual patients, phone enquiries or ‘chats’ with virtual nurses, doctors and patients. Students select the required ingredients from an extensive selection of drugs and raw materials and measure out the correct amount or provide other dosage related data as prompted. For more information visit http://www.pharm.monash.edu.au/education/epharm/pharmatopia.html and/or http://www.uq.edu.au/pharmacy/uq-pharmacy-launches-virtual-learning

STUDY SKILLS PROGRAMS
Whilst all Year 12 students will undertakes general Study Skills programs at school with the excellent Elevate organisation, as well as receiving subject-specific study skills in their classes, there are times when students can benefit from some extra revision or skills training in their subject, or even a confidence boost. A number of companies offer these programs, as appropriate to the time of year. These are advertised at the College and in Careers News, but with no particular endorsement. Students should look out for the special group deals, or, even better, the free Revision Lectures offered by Victoria University as exams approach.

Current programs are:

Neap VCE Programs - Intensive Programs and Masterclasses
Neap has developed intensive programs to assist students in developing and consolidating concepts over a few weeks. The focus is on developing exam techniques and problem-solving skills that students can apply throughout the semester and which allows them to best tackle their exams. At the same time, areas of weakness or difficulty are addressed as they occur. Students will also benefit from confidence gained through interaction with their peers. Practice exams are provided in each subject.

Preparation for mid-year exams for the following subjects:
- Biology Unit 3
- Chemistry Unit 3
- Physics Unit 3
- Maths Methods CAS Unit 3 & 4
- Specialist Maths Unit 3 & 4

A Masterclass program:
- Physics Unit 3

First sessions commence in March 2012. Visit www.neap.com.au or call (03) 8341 8341 to find out more and/or to register.

TSFX Masterclass Programs
The School for Excellence (TSFX) offers Masterclass Programs that are highly specialised tuition classes designed to prepare students for the elite A+ scores. These programs are based on a unique 10 step system that ensures students receive the best opportunities to optimise their VCE scores. Unit 3 & 4 subjects offered are Biology, Chemistry, English, ESL, Physics, Psychology, Mathematical Methods (CAS) and Specialist Mathematics. Classes commence early in March 2012! Visit www.tsfx.com.au to register!
CAREERS NEWS EXTRA

STUDENT EXCHANGE and GAP YEAR PROGRAMS

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

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/

LATITUDE. LATITUDE GLOBAL VOLUNTEERING
Latitude 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.

Latitude 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.latitude.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 or call 1300 884 733.

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

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!

AIFS - Au Pair, Volunteer, Exchange Programs
AIFS and its family of companies organizes 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!