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Applications for the May 2014 Semester will be open from Friday 14th March – Wednesday 30th April. Ambitious year 11 and 12 students can undertake this program to kick-start their university career. 


**GriffithBUSINESS: Professional Development For Teachers**
The GriffithBUSINESS program offers a series of Professional Development workshops to support you in providing a curriculum which is up-to-date with current practice. Coming up in April are workshops in:

- **Event Management** – Tuesday 1st April, Gold Coast
- **Finance** – Wednesday 2nd April, Logan
- **Hotel / Hospitality / Tourism** – Thursday 3rd April, Nathan

Find the dates for all 2014 programs and register by visiting the website:


**GriffithBUSINESS: Year 10 and 11 Ambassadors Program**
The GriffithBUSINESS Ambassadors Program offers an introduction to university life whilst providing students with a greater understanding of the business world. Ambassadors meet 3 times per year at Griffith University to participate in a series of activities that are designed to develop knowledge on the nominated topic and introduce students to the tertiary context.

The first meeting takes place in April. To nominate students for the program, email gbs-undergrad@griffith.edu.au


**SCU Access**
Registrations close Sunday 4th May.

SCU Access provides an opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students to gain direct entry and advanced standing into a variety of Associate degrees offered at Southern Cross University. There are no university fees and the program enables you to get a taste of university life.


**University of Southern Queensland: Education Engagement Workshop**
Saturday 5th April, USQ Springfield.

This workshop will entail a neuroscience seminar for teacher professional development.


**Queensland University of Technology: Match My Skills**
This is a quiz that can provide some inspiration if you are unsure of what to study. Answer the questions and a personalised list of course options will be generated for you.

Check it out now: [http://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/match-my-skills](http://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/match-my-skills)

**TAFE & Apprenticeship**

**Barrier Reef TAFE Information Sessions**
Wednesday 18th June, 4:30pm – 6:30pm.


**MIGAS School Based Traineeships**
A school based traineeship allows students to complete their senior schooling while also completing a Certificate II in a particular field or industry. MIGAS has two school based traineeships it is seeking to fill:

- Business Trainee (Maroochydore)
- Engineering Trainee (Nambour)

Applications for both positions close Wednesday 26th April.


**Australian Trade College North Brisbane Information Night**
Tuesday 25th March, 6:30pm. ATCNB, 294 Scarborough Rd, Scarborough Qld
Find out about how the Australian Trade College North Brisbane can help Year 11 and 12 students get a head start on their trade career. Take a tour of our amazing campus and talk to staff about the courses on offer.


**VET Reform Taskforce**
The Hon Ian MacFarlane MP, Ministry for Industry, has established a VET Reform Taskforce that aims to discover how the Australian Government can improve the quality of Vocational Education & Training. A website has been launched to allow career advisers to stay up to date on the taskforce, and the Department of Industry is also asking for any feedback and ideas for the future of the training section.
Contact: vettaskforce@industry.gov.au & 133 873 (ask for the VET Reform Taskforce).
http://www.vetreform.industry.gov.au

**Private Colleges**

**APM College of Business and Communication Open Day**
Saturday 3rd May, 10am – 2pm. Brisbane Campus, 10 Costin Street, Fortitude Valley, QLD.
Tour the facilities and find out about the courses APM has on offer through staff and current students.
http://www.apm.edu.au/about-apm/upcoming-events/apm-open-day-may-brisbane

**Endeavour College of Natural Health Open Day**
Saturday 3rd May, 9am – 12pm. All Endeavour Campuses.
Find out about careers in natural health, attend mini lectures to get a taste of the Bachelor of Health Science degrees, take a campus tour and get your questions answered by staff and students.

**Other News**

**AFS Open Day**
Wednesday 2nd April, 7:30pm – 9pm. St Patricks College, Gregory St, Mackay.
AFS hold regular open days across the country and online with local volunteers and staff.

**IEP Working Adventures Worldwide Information Sessions**
All Information Sessions take place on Wednesday 2nd April at the STA Travel Store, 243 Edward Street, Brisbane.
- Work USA: 6pm – 6:30pm.
- Work Canada and Work Canada Job Fair: 6:30pm – 7pm.
- Work Britain and Work Britain Visa Kick Start: 7pm – 7:30pm.
To register for the information session/s visit:

**World Education Program (WEP) Information Sessions**
Wednesday 19th March, 7pm – 8:30pm. Sunny Bank Hills Library, Cnr Compton & Calam Rds, Sunnybank Hills, QLD.
Wednesday 2nd April, 7pm – 8:30pm. Kenmore Library, 9 Brookfield Library, Kenmore, QLD.
Wednesday 30th April, 7pm – 8:30pm. Chermside Library, 375 Hamilton Road, Chermside, QLD.
These sessions are an opportunity to meet the WEP team as well as recently returned students and will help you make an informed decision about whether student exchange is right for you and your family.
http://www.wep.org.au/info/information-evenings

**Queensland Art Gallery: 2014 National Youth Week Artist Workshop**
Sunday 6th April, 1:30pm. Gallery of Modern Art.
During the April school holidays, young people aged 13 – 18 years are invited to spend an afternoon at a specially developed hands-on artist run workshop with Los Angeles-based contemporary artist Jemima Wyman. Bookings are essential, email teens@qagoma.qld.gov.au or call (07) 3840 7144 to make a booking.

**HYPERCLAY: Contemporary Ceramics Exhibition**
Fri 28th March – Sun 11th May. Noosa Regional Art Gallery.
Fri 23rd May – Sun 22nd June. Cairns Regional Art Gallery.
HYPERCLAY profiles eight artists at various stages in their careers whose current practice is taking ceramics into bold new territories. The artists involved in HYPERCLAY are forging new pathways in Australian Ceramics.

Queensland Government: Life Skills and Turning 18
This government website provides information on life skills and your obligations when you turn 18 including enrolling to vote, Identification, money management and becoming independent.

2014 Peter Cowan 600 Word Short Story Competition
Competition closes 11th April 2014.
In addition to the Open Award Category and major prizes/certificate, Peter Cowan Writers' Centre Inc has introduced a new award category for youth aged 12 to 17 years: The Julian Cowan Youth Award of $100.
There is a $10 fee for first entries, or $20 for three entries, or $30 for five entries.

Antipodeans Abroad: Gapbreak Webinar
Wednesday 19th March, 5:30pm – 6pm. Online Webinar.
Opportunity to find out specific information about destinations and projects that you are interested in.

MyFuture: Information for Parents
Your child may have a career path in mind, or have no idea where to start. Explore more to learn about careers and occupations, and how to help them find the right job. Visit the website:

UNSW: Health Careers Kit 2013
This document, 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.
http://web.med.unsw.edu.au/rcshealthcareers2013/

Open Colleges
Open Colleges is one of Australia’s leading providers of distance learning and it offers courses across the country in a range of areas.
http://www.opencolleges.edu.au/

The School for Excellence: Getting the Most Out of the Time Spent at School
This article discusses some ways for students to make the most of their time at school so that they can spend less time after school working.

OC Tours
OC Tours runs school tours, small group & personalized tours, and volunteer programs in rural Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar. Their volunteer program places students in teaching projects in rural schools, and is intended for school leavers interested in volunteering during their gap year.
www.octours.com.au

Careers in the Sign and Graphic Design Industry
This website focuses on the range of careers in the Sign and Graphic Design Industry. It includes a list of available apprenticeships by state, career guidance & more detail about the Sign and Graphic Design Industry.
Contact: peterh@visa.org.au or (02) 9868 1577

CSIRO Work Experience Placements
Work experience placements are available for high schools students around Australia interested in science in years 10, 11 and 12.
Applications open Sat 1st March and close Mon 31st March
http://www.csiro.au/org/Work-Experience-Overview

Career Development Association of Australia 2014 National Conference
Wed 14th to Fri 16th May
Hilton Hotel, Adelaide
The conference will focus on how new technologies, jobs and a changing workplace are impacting career transitions, as well as the use of social media and technology in career development.
Early Bird registration closes Fri 28th March and costs $760 for non-members.

Career Development Association of Australia
CDAA is a national organisation of career developers working in industry, government, education, employment programs and community organisations. Members receive a fortnightly e-bulletin, the Australian Career Practitioner Magazine and more.
Contact: info@cdaa.org.au
http://www.cdaa.org.au/

AVETRA 17th Annual Conference
Tue 22nd to Thu 24th April
Outrigger, Surfers Paradise, QLD
The theme of the conference this year is “Informing Changes in VET Policy and Practice: The Central Role of Research.”

College Week Live
College Week Live is a free online college fair which features several hundred colleges and universities worldwide. Visitors of the website can watch presentations, participate in live videos and chats without having to physically attend the university or college.
http://www.collegeweeklive.com/

Google Science Fair 2014
The Google Science Fair is an online science competition that invites people aged 13-18 to submit and conduct their own experiments. Prizes include overseas trips, scholarships and more.
Submissions close Mon 12th May 2014
https://www.googlesciencefair.com/en/

Scouts International Student Exchange Program
Applications are currently being accepted for this program that sends Scouts and Venturers overseas during the Australian summer holidays.
Download the application form from the website.

Work Experience Directory
Resource connecting students and businesses for work experience.

Careers That Matter
Career and job website for the community services and health industries.

Australian Disability and Indigenous Peoples’ Education Fund
This fund distributes small quarterly grants of up to $2,500 to help people with disabilities to continue their learning.
The next deadline for application is Mon 31st March 2014
Contact: fhallbentick@optusnet.com.au
thedesk Online Support for Students
thedesk is a website aimed at improving the mental and physical health and wellbeing of Australian school students. It contains quizzes, information, advice and forums for students. Note: this site requires student registration to enter.
https://www.thedesk.org.au

Coming Soon (See http://www.calendarwiz.com/mhscareers for all events)

Thursday 13th March:
Australian Volunteers International Information Session: Fortitude Valley

Friday 14th March:
AFS Intercultural Programs Australia: Mid-2014 Application Deadline
University of Southern Queensland: Indigenous Connections
University of Southern Queensland: Head Start Information Evening
Palms Australia: Information Session

Saturday 15th March:
Bundaberg Writers Club Short Story Competition Entries Due

Tuesday 18th March:
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Information Session

Wednesday 19th March:
Australian College of Applied Psychology: Information Session
Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Information Session – Cairns

Thursday 20th March:
USQ Maths Enrichment Program

If you know of news and events which could go into our Newsletters please email mhscareers@internode.on.net

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