

February – First Careers Newsletter for 2009

New face in Careers

Hi, my name is Pheona Donohoe and I am the new Careers/Pathways Advisor at SSSC. I also work in the Humanities department. Thanks to Meredith Reeve and Liz Trembath for the great work they did in Careers in 2008 and the help they offered last years students with their VTAC applications. And congratulations to everyone who received a Round 1 or 2 offer. Round 3 offers are released on Tuesday February 17, and remember there are always other options for those who don't get an offer such as mid-year enrolments, TAFE courses and courses at Monash College or MIBT.

All students should be aware that they are welcome to make an appointment to see me in the Careers office located in the library. I am available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday during periods 3&4. I am available to discuss anything from casual job searching, applications, resume writing and interview preparedness through to VET, VCAL, apprenticeship training, applications for TAFE, university and private training courses, deferment, subject selection, using the VTAC guide, work experience and gap year activities. Please come and introduce yourself to me. I'm here to help! Simply schedule your appointment by visiting me in the Careers office, using the Appointment Schedule sheets outside of the Careers office, calling me on 8862 4411, or emailing me via donohoe.pheona.m@edumail.vic.gov.au.

A considerable amount of information about Careers will also be distributed during Thursday morning mentor sessions and/or posted on the Careers noticeboards such as any relevant information about jobs, apprenticeships, training courses, assistance for students etc.

MIPs (Managed Individual Pathways)

Term 1 is a great opportunity for all Year 11, VCAL and VET students to begin their Managed Individual Pathways plan, or MIPs. MIPS aims to provide you with a framework for setting goals for your VCE studies and to plan towards possible options for further study, training or employment in the future. Initial questionnaires will be distributed and completed during English classes and will be followed up with a one-on-one interview. Follow up interviews will also be held with Year 12 students during Term 2. Please schedule your appointment by visiting me in the Careers office, using the Appointment Schedule sheets outside of the Careers office, calling me on 8862 4411, or emailing me via donohoe.pheona.m@edumail.vic.gov.au. It is very important that you keep the interview times made.

The Age on Monday

The Age newspaper includes an Education section each Monday. This used to be a stand-alone supplement but will be incorporated in the main news section of the paper this year. These pages will continue to provide in-depth reporting on the big issues, together with incisive comment and practical advice for students, parents and teachers. But what appears in print will now be augmented by expanded coverage online at www.theage.com.au/education.

The VCE resource material, an invaluable aid to senior students, will be available online -- everything from Maths Masters, to Text Talk and a wide-ranging science articles. Research articles will look at what's going on inside Australia's finest institutions, while the Course Road Test will profile tertiary courses to help light the way for prospective students. Issues in the News will analyse all sides of a topic taken from the headlines.

Scholarships

Are you interested in applying for a Commonwealth Scholarship? If so, come and collect a brochure from the Careers office that outlines the range of scholarships you may be eligible for. Information is also available from www.goingtouni.gov.au.

Students with disabilities

The Careers office has information regarding post school options for young people with a disability. If this applies to you please come and collect some pamphlets.

Other

If you are interested in becoming a pilot please collect A Guide to Aptitude Testing for Joining The ADF from the careers office.

June examination timetable

Accounting: Tuesday June 9 @ 2.45pm – 4.30pm

Biology: Tuesday June 9 @ 9am – 10.45am

Chemistry: Wednesday June 10 @ 11.45am – 1.30pm

Environmental Science: Wednesday June 10 @ 2.45pm – 4.30pm

General Achievement Test (GAT): Thursday June 11 @ 10am – 1.15pm

Physics: Tuesday June 9 @ 11.45am – 1.30pm

Psychology: Wednesday June 10 @ 9am – 10.45am

Upcoming events for the diary

What: VCE Psychology Unit 3: The Role of the Nervous System in Determining Behaviour Workshop

When: Monday February 16 – Friday February 20 (10.00am–12.00pm or 1.30pm–3.30pm)

Where: Swinburne University (Hawthorn campus)

How much: \$16.50

Other: Register interest with your classroom teacher. Booking subject to interest.

Web: <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/lss/events/2009/school2009.html>

What: ACE 2009 Careers Forum for the Civil Construction Industry

When: Friday February 27

Where: Sandown Racecourse

How much: Free expo admittance after the Careers Forum on Friday December 27

Other: Trade show between February 26-28 with a Careers Forum featuring presentations on careers in the civil construction industry, such as working as a service technician or operator.

Web: www.aceexpo.com.au

What: Hot Property @ Deakin

When: Friday March 6 (9.45am-2.30pm)

Where: Deakin University, Burwood Campus, 221 Burwood Hwy, Burwood

How much: free

Other: For those interested in studying Property and Real Estate at Deakin University. Three interactive hands-on workshops and chat with current second year students. Registration has closed.

Web: www.imvc.com.au

What: Trial-a-Trade

When: Saturday March 14

Where: William Angliss Institute, 555 LaTrobe St, Melbourne

How much: \$35

Other: For those interested in a career in the foods or hospitality industries. Try out cookery, patisserie, baking, hospitality and confectionery.

Web: www.angliss.edu.au

What: Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition

When: Saturday March 14 and Sunday March 15 (10.30am-11.30am)

Where: Avalon Auditorium, Exhibition Hall A, Geelong

How much: free (with your purchase of any General Admission or Gold Pass Ticket)

Other: For those interested in a career in the aviation, aerospace and defence industries as well as Australian Defence Force.

Web: www.airshow.com.au

What: Annual Schools Cook-off Championship

When: Thursday March 19

Where: William Angliss Institute Building A, Level 5 Theatrette, 555 LaTrobe St, Melbourne

How much: free

Other: Baking and cupcake decorating competition as well as cookery demonstrations, apprentice/foods information sessions, tours, etc.

Web: www.angliss.edu.au

What: Vet-Day 09

When: Sunday March 22 (10am-4pm)

Where: The University of Melbourne Veterinary Clinic and Hospital, 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee

How much: free

Other: Lecture and individual counselling about studying veterinary science at the University of Melbourne.

Web: www.vet.unimelb.edu.au

What: Art and Design Expo

When: Tuesday April 7

Where: Swinburne University (Prahran Campus)

How much: tbc

Other: tbc

Web: www.swinburne.edu.au

What: The Age VCE and Careers Expo 2009

When: Friday April 24 - Sunday April 26 (10am-5pm)

Where: Caulfield Racecourse, opposite Caulfield Station

How much: \$10 for 3 days (\$5 for groups of 5+)

Other: Over 165 exhibitors, seminars on VCE subjects, tertiary courses, career and study advice. An Expo Visitor Guide will be published in The Age on Monday April 20.

Web: www.education.theage.com.au

What: VCE Psychology Unit 3: Imaging the Brain Lecture

When: Wednesday May 6 (2-3pm)

Where: Swinburne University (Hawthorn campus)

How much: free

Other: Register interest with your classroom teacher. Booking subject to interest.

Web: www.swinburne.edu.au/lss/events/2009/school2009.html

What: VCE Psychology Unit 3: States of Consciousness: Sleep Lecture

When: Wednesday May 6 (3.30-4.30pm)

Where: Swinburne University (Hawthorn campus)

How much: free

Other: Register interest with your classroom teacher. Booking subject to interest.

Web: www.swinburne.edu.au/lss/events/2009/school2009.html

What: VCE Physics Unit 1: Medical Physics workshop

When: Monday June 1 – Friday June 5 (9am-12pm & 1pm – 4pm)

Where: Swinburne University (Hawthorn campus)

How much: \$16.50

Other: Register interest with your classroom teacher. Booking subject to interest.

Web: www.swinburne.edu.au/lss/events/2009/school2009.html

What: Apprenticeship & Trainee Expo

When: Thursday June 18

Where: Swinburne University (Wantirna campus)

How much: tbc

Other: tbc

Web: www.swinburne.edu.au

What: VCE Psychology Unit 3: Psychology Awards Day - Lectures & Workshops (All Day)

When: Early July

Where: Swinburne University (Hawthorn campus)

How much: free

Other: Swinburne offers an awards day program for high-achieving psychology students during the mid-year break. Students are selected by their VCE Psychology teachers to take part in this one day program which is designed to enrich the study of Psychology in Year 12 and expose students to aspects of tertiary studies in Psychology. This hand-on program is delivered by academic staff and students currently studying in the Faculty of Life and Social Sciences.

Web: www.swinburne.edu.au/lss/events/2009/school2009.html

What: Eastern TIS (Tertiary Information Service)

When: Tuesday July 14 – Wednesday July 17

Where: Deakin University (Burwood Campus)

How much: free

Other: tbc

Web: www.tis.org.au

What: Herald Sun Melbourne Career Expo 2009

When: Friday July 24 - Sunday July 26 (10am-3/4pm)

Where: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Clarendon St, Southbank

How much: free

Other: View courses and job opportunities from over 100 exhibitors, and stage performances including celebrities, music and fashion parades. Free information and seminars, resume checking and career counselling workshops. Apprenticeship and traineeship options.

Web: www.careerexpo.com.au

What: VCE Biology Unit 4: Continuity and change workshop

When: Monday July 27 - Friday July 31

Where: Swinburne University (Hawthorn campus)

How much: \$19.80

Other: Register interest with your classroom teacher. Booking subject to interest.

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What: Swinburne University Open Day

When: Sunday August 16

Where: Swinburne University (Hawthorn, Lilydale & Prahran campus)

How much: free

Other: tbc

Web: www.swinburne.edu.au

What: IELLEN Youth Pathways Forum

When: Tuesday September 15

Where: tbc

How much: tbc

Other: tbc

Web: tbc