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- Flinders University for Clinical science/BMBS and Vision Science.
- La Trobe University for Health Sciences (Dentistry) and Oral Health.
- The University of Adelaide for Medicine, Dental Surgery, Oral Health.
- Bond University for medicine
- Monash University for Medicine,
- The University of Newcastle/University of New England for Joint Medical Program.
- The University of New South Wales for Medicine and Optometry.
- The University of Western Sydney for Medicine.
- The University of Queensland for Medicine (provisional entry), Dental Science.
- The University of Auckland (New Zealand) for Medicine.
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- The University of Tasmania for Medicine.
- The University of Western Australia for Medicine (assured entry), Dental Medicine (assured entry)
- Charles Darwin University for Clinical Sciences
- Bonds University for Medicine.

The new UMAT 2016 Information booklet is available online at http://umat.acer.edu.au. For more information phone 03-92775555 or email umat@acer.edu.au or visit http://umat.acer.edu.au.

A number of organizations have organized courses for UMAT applicants. Those organizations websites and telephone numbers are as follows:

- MedEntry www.medentry.edu.au 03-9359 9960
- The National Institute of Education (NIE) www.nie.edu.au 03-8300 0277 or 0414 595 117
- The Australian Medical Entry Preparation Program (AMEPP) www.amepp.com.au
- Medstart www.medstart.com.au or 1300998628

The Australian National University Scholarship Roadshow 2016:

ANU is delighted to invite you and your parents to the national ANU Scholarship Roadshow, touring Sydney on Tuesday 23 February. Learn about the Tuckwell Scholarship program and the opportunities it presents from Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience) Professor Richard Baker and a current Tuckwell Scholar. For further information and to register http://www.anu.edu.au/study/events

Key dates to apply for the ANU 2017 Scholarships:

- Stage 1 Applications open: 29 February 2016
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- Teacher Referee form due: 3pm (AEDT) 23 March 2016
- Shortlisted applicants will be notified on 19 April 2016 and invited to apply for Stage 2
- Stage 2 Applications open: 19 April 2016
- Stage 2 Applications due: 3pm (AEDT) 11 May 2016
- Principal Referee form due: 3pm (AEDT) 11 May 2016
- Candidates notified of interview shortlist decision from 8 June 16
- Interview weekend: 8-10 July 2016
- Scholarships offered from 11 July 2016

STUDENTS CONSIDERING A CAREER IN MEDICINE

Do you know how long it takes to become a doctor and what steps are involved in this pathway? My Health Career has published an article so that students can see https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/medicine/how-long-does-it-take-to-become-a-doctor

Young People at Work:

This website, run by the NSW Government, offers a range of advice on getting a job, workers’ rights at work, how to leave jobs, and other resources to help young people learn about work. http://www.youngpeopleatwork.nsw.gov.au/

Discover Your Career:

An online career resource developed by the National Tourism Alliance with the support of the Federal Government to promote tourism and hospitality career pathways. http://www.discoveryourcareer.com.au/

Hobsons Course Finder: Online and Distance Education


NSW HSC Online

HSC Online provides helpful resources for year 12 students, with notes sorted by subject and then by syllabus to help students understand where the resources fit within their courses. http://www.hsc.csu.edu.au/
The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program:
School TFN forms are no longer processed beyond 31 December 2014. From 1 January 2015 The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN. Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office. Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’. 
Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC22604’.

America: Prophecy, Power, Politics:
Taught by the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney; America: Prophecy, Power, Politics offers Year 11 and Year 12 students the opportunity to develop university-standard writing and critical thinking skills while earning credit towards a tertiary degree. The course provides a conceptual overview of major issues in contemporary and historical American society, politics, and culture. It is designed to give students the conceptual tools, research skills, and critical methodologies they can apply to understanding contemporary social issues and policy debates. It will complement other HSC subjects in the humanities and will provide excellent preparation for humanities and political science at the university level. The United States Studies Centre offers two scholarships: one merit scholarship to a student with an outstanding academic record and one equity scholarship to a student who can demonstrate financial hardship or educational disadvantage.
Places still available for Semester 1, 2016.
For more information visit: ussc.edu.au/highschool

Cochlear Autumn School of Engineering:
CASE brings together 50 Year 11 and 12 Sydney Metro students interested in pursuing engineering as a career. The program gives students an insight and maximum exposure to the diverse range of available engineering careers. AASE will run this year from Monday 11th April to Friday 15 April, 2015. The cost to attend is $270. Applications are now open and will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Contact: Katrina Meggitt on 02 9410 5613 or syd-school@engineersaustralia.org.au

Applying to the Australian Defence Force Academy:
It is advised that students wishing to study at ADFA apply in year 11 as it is a competitive selection process which may take up to 12 months to complete. Gaining entry to ADFA is a dual process which requires students to apply directly to the Australian Defence Force while also applying concurrently to UNSW ADFA through UAC. An offer to study at ADFA is conditional to meeting the academic requirements of UNSW as well as the mental and physical requirements of the Australian Defence Force.

Cultural Care Au Pair Online Information Sessions:
Canberra: 11am 20th February 2016
Sydney: 10am 20th February 2016
Newcastle: 10am 28th February 2016
Offers work placements as au pairs/nannies in the US. Past au pairs will share their experiences and advice.

Latitude 2017 Applications Now Open:
Applications are now open for volunteer placements in the UK, Europe, Canada, Africa and Asia/Pacific. Applications close Friday 17 June, 2016. Interviews will be held in July. Funding is available for placements in China, Vietnam, India and Vanuatu. For more info and to attend information Nights visit: http://www.latitude.org.au/

St John Ambulance First Aid Online Course:
The online course offered includes training on an introduction to first aid, defibrillation awareness and workplace infection control. St John Ambulance’s courses are internationally recognised first aid courses. http://stjohn.org.au/first-aid-training

Biennale of Sydney 2016 Volunteers:
For students who are 18 years. Numerous volunteer roles for the Biennale, held from 15th March – 5th June 2016. These roles include exhibition aide, artist project assistant, biennale envoy, interpreter, public programs and education assistant and audience survey and the Biennale information hub assistant. https://www.biennaleofsydney.com.au/2016/volunteer/

Big Science Competition:
The competition can be entered by either completing a pen and paper test or online and is for students years 7 to 12. It challenges students to think critically and solve scientific problems. The competition is split into three age groups based on year level.

Evatt NSW:
Expression of interest and enquiries now online for Evatt 2016. The debating and diplomacy competition is aimed at students in years 9 – 12 to compete in teams of two as a simulation of the UN Security Council.

National Disability Coordination Officer Program – Get Ready for Study and Work:
The workbook is based on ten top tips for young people with disability and contains information, contacts and activities to help students make a successful transition from school into tertiary study, work or post school programs. It is relevant for students with disability across Australia and contains specific information and links for each state and territory.
GHS CAREERS

Year 10 Work Experience—Term 4—Week 7:
The year 10 work experience will run this year. Term 4—Week 7 from Monday 21st November, 2016 till Friday 25th November, 2016. The paper work will be distributed to year 10 in March. However, I encourage year 10 students to start looking for employers from now as week 7— Term 4 is very popular and good places don’t last. It is very important that students look for jobs in the profession they think they want to pursue later in their life. I discourage any students to do work experience in their parents’ business. It is highly recommended that you experience the outside world away from family and friends.

There will be a couple of booklets that year 10 students will need to complete before commencing the work experience. Please fill in and return as soon as possible or by the given due date.

CSIRO Work Experience Program:
CSIRO offers work experience placements to students in Years 10 who are interested in Science.

Applications for work experience are open from early March and close 30th March, 2016. The application process is a simple online form, where they require you to provide them with some basic information about yourself, your school and your Mathematics and/or Science studies. To apply, fill in the 2016 Application form for work experience at CSIRO www.csiro.com.au—Enquiries 1300 363 400 Email: Enquiries@csiro.au. Students will be notified in mid May about placements.

Tata Consultancy Services work experience program:
Tata Consultancy Services has opened registrations for the 2016 Go4IT work experience program. The week long program is designed to give girls who are interested in IT exposure to our CEO Deborah Hadwen, senior leadership team, clients (eg. Westpac), soft skills including an interview skills workshop and hands on IT experience in coding computer software.
- 7-11 March
- 20-24 June
- 5-9 September

For more information and for students to apply please visit www.tcs.com/go4itanz

USYD Engineering Work Experience Program: The faculty of Engineering and IT at the University of Sydney offers a limited number of work experience placements for Year 10 students in the following areas:
- Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronic engineering
- Electrical and Information Engineering
- Information technologies.

Students are teamed up with either an academic or PHD student to work on a suitable project. This program is popular so you will need to apply for a place as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Applications close end of February, 2016.

Interested students need to complete a form from http://sydney.edu.au/engineering/high-school/work-experience.php and submit it with the Student Placement Record to the Faculty of Engineering at Sydney University.

University of Sydney: Museum Work Experience Program:
Applications are now open for University of Sydney’s 2016 Work Experience Program. This program places students with the Public Programs team where they receive experience working in the fields of research, administration, events and collection management. Placements are open to secondary school students in Year 10 and run for three days. To apply, send a resume and short cover letter to the Public Programs Assistant.

Contact: (02) 9351 8746 or museums.education@sydney.edu.au

Meet A Keeper Days at Taronga:
MAK is a one-day program for students 14 years and over who have expressed a keen interest in a career at the Zoo. The day includes a seminar presented by a panel of Zookeepers and other Zoo staff.

Students will learn about aspects of zoo-keeping, including: qualifications, career opportunities, core responsibilities, careers structures and wages. Afterwards students will explore the Zoo and enjoy a mystery behind-the-scenes animal tour. Please note all Meet a Keeper days are being run in the first term in 2016, to assist students with subject choices for 2017. For booking forms and information visit https://taronga.org.au/education/sydney/meet-keeper

Career Focus Day - April 2016
Registrations open in April 2016 for the BMIHMS Career Focus Day program. Students are able to spend 3 days experiencing life as a student at BMIHMS, with practical workshops across all departments of the hotel industry! Students will tour some 5-star properties in Sydney and get a great idea about career opportunities within the industry! Contact Josh Wood at josh.wood@bluemountains.edu.au

HIMAA Education Services: Comprehensive Medical Terminology and Clinical Coding on-line courses available from Health Information Management Association of Australia RTO ID: 91660. Wide range of careers available in public and private health industry to students and graduates in NSW/ACT. Phone: 02 9887 5898 www.himaa2.org.au/education

Football Federation Australia Referee Course:
A Level 4 Referee Course will provide a qualification to referee local junior and youth matches.

Waratah: 15th February 2016
Bankstown: 15th February 2016

Barista4Schools Training TAFE NSW:
Only $110.00 per person at the Sydney Coffee Academy, TAFE NSW. Conducting discounted school groups up to 14 students (Year 9 – Year 12) in our state of the art facility at Ryde Campus. Contact Mark Hastings, Business Development Manager on 9448 6126 to reserve your session for 2016.
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