VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Science news: Be inspired by the latest stories featured on RiAUS – Australia’s Science Channel. Some of the topics covered this week include:

- Did astronauts really hear creepy space music?
- The X-Files - episode 5 recap
- In class with environmentalist David Suzuki
- Science versus the community: how do you relocate 9000 people?

Access the stories at this link - http://bit.ly/24wn7n6

Interested in journalism, advertising or business? Macleay College is a private education institution in Melbourne offering vocational and higher education courses in:

- Journalism
- Business
- Event Management
- Public Relations
- Entrepreneurship
- Advertising & Media
- Sports Business
- Travel & Tourism
- Marketing
- Business Management

The College has developed a series of videos showcasing their Journalism, Advertising and Entrepreneurship courses. You can access the videos and information about the College at the following link - http://bit.ly/1Qnyq7r

Are you interested in an apprenticeship pathway? The Australian Industry Group Apprenticeship Adviser Program has a Facebook page called ApprenticeNET, which is a tool to interact with students seeking information on apprenticeships. The page has tips for finding apprenticeships, handling interviews, and keeping motivated on the job. You can sign up to the page at www.facebook.com/ApprenticeNet

Considering an electrical apprenticeship? The National Electrical and Communications Association (NECA) provide a national pre selection test for young people interested in applying for electrical apprenticeships. The test measures literacy, numeracy and comprehension. For more information on test dates and locations, go to www.neca.asn.au

Have you considered bricklaying as a career? Bricklayers lay clay bricks and concrete blocks using mortar. They are masters of their profession and create beautiful brick and blockwork in domestic homes and commercial buildings working to specific plans and as part of a team. The work of bricklayers can be seen all around you. There is a shortage of qualified builders in Australia. For information about this exciting industry, go to http://bit.ly/1XUkPcJ

Plumbing: There are several types of plumbing including- draining, gas fitting, mechanical services plumbing, roof plumbing, sanitary plumbing, and water plumbing. Plumbers of the future will need to work to protect the environment (i.e., air, water and soil quality) and be able to understand
increasingly complex technologies as they are introduced to the industry. For detailed information about careers in plumbing, go to www.plumbingcareer.com.au

**World Plumbing Day**: If you have an interest in trades, you should consider attending the World Plumbing Day at the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC), Melbourne on Friday 11 March. The day aims to promote the vital role that plumbing plays in societal health and wellbeing. You will be able to watch an apprentice skills competition, attend an industry forum and attend a plumbing trades expo. For more information and to register your place, go to http://bit.ly/21CKk4x

**Create your own personalised RMIT course brochure**: RMIT is an education institution offering vocational and higher education courses across three campuses in the Melbourne area. Prospective students can develop their own online personalised course brochure and email it to themselves at http://bit.ly/1QnAaQ2

**Passionate about science?** You may consider studying laboratory medicine in the future. RMIT offers the Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Laboratory Medicine) at the Bundoora campus. In the final year of the course students undertake a 10-month work experience placement and they can elect to undertake 3 months of their placement overseas. Jaelyn Birrell undertook her 3-month placement at the University of Gothenburg, undertaking her training at Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Sweden. To read her story, go to http://bit.ly/1T3RqxJ

**Work experience placements at VicRoads** give students the opportunity to experience the relationship between school studies and the world of work, develop a greater awareness of their abilities and help them make appropriate career choices. Work experience is offered in the following areas:

- Engineering
- Finance/Accounting
- Human Resources
- Legal
- Media / Communications
- Information Technology


**Free careers test!** Find out what occupations suit your personality type by completing the free Australian Catholic University career test. Based on the My Career Match program, you will receive a report outlining your personality type and a list of occupations to consider. Discuss your test results with your Career Adviser at school to further explore your post school options, http://bit.ly/1NrdYnB

**Zookeeper for a Day at Healesville and Werribee**: Follow the link below regarding these special school holiday programs. http://www.zoo.org.au/education/careers-programs
VCE AND CAREERS EXPO 2016

This major event is scheduled again this year at Caulfield Racecourse, from May 5-8 (9am-3pm on Thursday and Friday, 10am-4pm on Saturday and Sunday).

Over 170 exhibitors, 150 seminars, and a wide range of Careers, Course and Industry providers, will be at the Expo.

More information to follow, with a limited number of free admission tickets available from the Careers Centre. Admission price is $10 and that covers entry for all four days of the expo as well as entry to all seminars.

Meanwhile follow the website: www.vceandcareers.com.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH


- **Meet Melbourne University**, Bendigo (17), Sale (22), Geelong (23) and Warragul (23), [http://bit.ly/1SqQwu](http://bit.ly/1SqQwu)


- **21: Careers in Medicine Information Session**, UNSW Clinical School, Albury Wodonga campus, Email Prue Barclay at p.barclay@unsw.edu.au


APRIL

- **8: UMAT Simulation Day**, St Vincent’s Hospital, Melbourne, [www.nie.edu.au](http://www.nie.edu.au)