

YEAR 12 CAREERS NEWSLETTER

May 2012

Dear Parents/Students,

Outlined is information to help students to plan their futures. Please do not hesitate to contact me for help or advice.

Defence Force Technical Scholarships

Chatham High School has again done well by winning 3 prestigious Defence Technical Scholarships. Thomas Wood (Yr 12), Jacob Shelton (Yr 12) & Jeremy Miller (Yr 12) all deserve special praise for winning these \$3,000 scholarships. They don't have to join the Defence Forces and these scholarships are an excellent reward for displaying a good all round attitude at school. Two other good very students unfortunately narrowly missed out.

Happy
scholarship
winners



COMING EVENTS

May – Year 12 will have **Career Interviews starting 16th May** to assess their progress and help them with their future plans.

28 June – Newcastle University Excursion. The cost is \$25. This is an excellent trip for any student considering a tertiary education. Note available.

27 July – **Careers Expo** – This market is run at Chatham High School and is the most important career event of the year. Representatives from all NSW Universities will be present. Also present is TAFE, Private Colleges, Police, Defence Forces, HECS, Youth Allowances, Career Reference Centre and Australian Apprenticeship Centres. All Year 12 students should attend. Parents welcome.

A **TAFE** representative will talk to students on options at one of their Year 12 meeting and will be available to interview students for extra information and help.

Resumes can be done for free for keen students. Please see me to make a booking.

Emails – It is important for students to regularly check their emails every week as up to date careers information is regularly sent out

Career Newsletters -

- a) these will be given out at various times throughout the Year and available online at <http://www.chatham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/careers>
- b) Special newsletters from mhscareers are sent out to Year 12 every week. These are a commercial newsletter that cover all the latest events. Parents and students can login at any stage to check these newsletters at mhscareers.com. Login as “student” or “Parent”, the password is “outlook”.

OPTIONS

1. Distance Education

It is possible and desirable for many students to undertake Tertiary Courses at TAFE and University through Open Learning Australia. You don't necessarily have to have certain marks to get into a course through Open Learning Australia. The UAC book has a listing for Distance Education Courses. Also go on line at www.ola.edu.au for details. Eve Byers at the UNE Office in Taree is very helpful. Phone 6557 7190.

2. Early Entry

The following Early Entry or Principal's Recommendation Scheme entry forms are available later in the year:

- University of New England
- Southern Cross University
- Charles Sturt University
- University of Canberra
- Uni of Wollongong(?)

- 3. TAFE** – TAFE has many great courses going and you can get into university after completing an advanced TAFE Course. By doing a Diploma Course at TAFE you can even get credit towards some university degrees. Ask for details at the Careers Expo on 27 July.
There is an extensive list of Newcastle TAFE opportunities in the last newsletter.

For TAFE details click on the TAFE link on our Careers Website
<http://www.chatham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/careers>

- 4. Special Entry** – there are also special entry schemes into Universities if in some way you have been disadvantaged during your HSC. Booklets regarding this will arrive later in the year.
- 5. Newcastle University** allows students in their drawing area (that includes us) to get in on 4 less UAI scores. (Check the Uni for exact details). Charles Sturt University gives us a bonus of 5 ATAR scores. Students may also get additional bonuses up to 5 ATARs as we are a psp school. Please ask at the Careers Expo on 27 July.
- 6. Wollongong University** gives our students an extra 3 ATARs for their courses.
- 7. Medical and Health Science Careers – UMAT Test**
Students entering many medical careers must sit for the **UMAT** test on 25th July. You must enroll by 1st June. Go to <http://umat.acer.edu.au> to register

8. Nursing Scholarship Information – Go to www.rcna.org.au and click on [scholarships](#) or Phone 1800 061660.

9. Hospitality Careers

A very good organisation is the Hospitality Training Network. The good thing about them is that they deal in many apprenticeships in the hospitality industry. They are keen to get good students on their books re hospitality careers. They also deal in traineeships. They are based in Coffs Harbour and cover the area from Newcastle to Coffs Harbour. Please contact them on 1300 139108 for details. Also try the new website www.hotelcareersaustralia.com.au

10. Accommodation

If you are going away to study then you need to get yourself organised. Ask the representatives at the Careers Expo. Talk to your parents about this. This is a vital aspect.

11. Security Work

This is a huge field of employment and varies from shopping centres, event venues to armed truck security. Approved training courses include: Strategic Training Solution (4957 4111) in Newcastle.

12. Motor Trades

Contact Alex Vergis on (02 4732 2200) at Motor Traders Association regarding opportunities/apprenticeships in the motor vehicle industry, or go to www.mtaplus.com.au

13. Lots of Jobs/Traineeships – Nursing/Aged Care

There are big shortages of workers in the aged care industry. With the population aging, employment opportunities will get better and better. Beaumont Terrace in Tuncurry (and new facilities in Taree) is a good place to seek traineeships in aged care and to look at other employment opportunities (besides nursing) such as cooking, cleaning, diversional therapy, recreation officers etc. ph 65547522. Don't forget all the other facilities in the area as well e.g. Storm Village, Bushland Place Nursing Home ,Bishop Tyrell etc.

14. Scholarships

Go to our Careers Website – <http://www.chatham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/careers> and click on scholarship links.

15. Going to University

Please use the website <http://www.goingtouni.gov.au/> . Applications are due by end September. UAC books should arrive the week before the Expo.

16. STAT Test

This is another form of Tertiary Admission. For details go to www.uac.edu.au/stat/

17. Uni Test – this is a fairly new way to enter University. Go to <http://unitest.acer.edu.au> for details.

18. International Students Test – ISAT

This is a test for International Student who may wish to gain entry into many Medical and Health Science careers. Go to <http://isat.acer.edu.au> for details.

19. ADF GAP Year

Applications are now open. For details go to <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/gapyear/> - Alvin Forrest from 2009 Year 12 was accepted into this program. You'll earn more than \$40 000 per year.

20. Medicine and Aviation – if you wish to do Medicine or Aviation Studies at Newcastle University you must complete an application in June. Please contact me for details.

21. Local Universities – go to www.midcoastuniportal.com for details on our local university options

22. Careers in Health sciences – Joanne Mountjoy(65151910) at the University Dep't of Rural Health & Rural Clinical School in Taree is keen to help and advise local students

SPECIAL NOTE

Two of the new exhibitors to look for at the Careers Expo on 27 July are Midcoast Uni Portal and University Dep't of Rural & Health Sciences(covers all the health sciences)

Lots of information will be sent to schools during the year which I will pass onto students and parents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any Career related matter. I am keen to help.

Neil Locker
Careers Adviser

Year twelve making the most of the three uni talk.



CONTACTS THAT MAY HELP YOU IN SEEKING JOBS.

- **Wesley Uniting Employment** – Level 1, 1 Pulteney St Taree 6552 0200 (Job Network Member)
- **Job Find** – 57-61 Albert Street Taree 6551 1700/1300 360 562 (Job Network Member)
- **Mid Coast Group Training** – 44 Lord Street Port Macquarie 6583 5355 (Sarsha Woolnough 0439472230)
- **Australian Apprenticeship Centres**

CWCC 1. New Apprenticeships Centre in Taree Community College

5 Macquarie Street Taree Phone 6550 1804 or 0429 907 812

MEGT 2. The Australian Apprentice Centre – 136 348 or Heather Hands 0428 882 672

- **Australian Apprenticeships** – 1800 639 629 or website www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au
- **Complete Staff Solutions** – Albert Street Taree 'Labour Hire' 6552 7522
- **Men at Work** – Labour Hire Port Macquarie 6581 4600 (work on roads, maintenance & repairs)
- **Workplace Services** – 30 Pulteney St Taree 6551 2566 (Construction Industry & general jobs)
- **Nova** – 80 Albert Street Taree 6551 4288 – they provide lots of job support and help for students with special issues e.g depression etc

Koori Help

- **Taree Indigenous Development & Employment** - 82 Victoria St Taree
Contact: Chris Try or Chris Sheed 6552 3652

- **Hospitality Training Network** – 1300 139 108
- **MTA Plus** – for all Automotive Apprenticeships www.mtaplus.com.au or phone 4732 2200 (Alex Vergis)
- **Employment Search** - go to our website www.chathamcareers.net and go to employment sites



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