Welcome back to school. I hope you had a restful break and are feeling energized and motivated for the year ahead.

If you haven’t read the Weekly Career News before, I encourage you to take 5 minutes every Tuesday to read it. The ‘News’ contains information about:

- Tertiary (e.g., university) and vocational (e.g., TAFE) courses and institutions
- Apprenticeships and traineeships
- Focus articles on occupations, and
- Upcoming career events.

I also encourage you to focus on your career development this year. This will assist you to develop post school plans in terms of courses you may like to study or occupations you may like to pursue. Career development activities may include:

- Attending tertiary and vocational institution open days
- Undertaking work experience
- Volunteering for a leadership position at school or in the community
- Undertaking community service
- Playing sport or engaging in hobbies that you love
- Reading through the Job Guide, university and TAFE course guides, and exploring the myfuture website
- Completing a vocational assessment
- Speaking to past students of the College who are studying, training or working in an area you are interested in (e.g., building, law).
- Meeting with me for a career counselling interview.

You develop career ideas through exposure to things like the media, speaking to people, engaging in any of the above and often you come up with career ideas through chance encounters. Reading the Weekly Career News will also assist you to develop career ideas. I hope you enjoy reading the weekly updates.

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Applying for Medicine/ Dentistry/ Oral Health/ Optometry/ Physiotherapy?

If are applying for any of these health science courses, you may need to sit the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test (UMAT).

This is a three-part test that you sit in July and selected universities use your UMAT score as part of the selection process, in conjunction with your ATAR and in some cases an interview.

You will be tested on the following- logical reasoning and problem solving, understanding people and non verbal reasoning.

You will only have one chance to sit the UMAT this year- the test will be held Wednesday 29 July. You must be in Year 12 and you must register online to sit the test by 5pm 5 June.

It is important that you start to prepare for the test early. There are several private companies who offer commercial preparation programs – www.nie.edu.au/ and www.medentry.edu.au/ are examples.

It is important to note that the universities who use the UMAT do not endorse any of these companies and you will receive free preparation materials once you register for the test (registration is now open).

Please go to http://umat.acer.edu.au/ for more information about the UMAT and to see if you have to sit the test.

You can also join the ACER UMAT Facebook page to keep up to date with key information.
Did you know? Based on Victorian Tertiary Administration Centre (VTAC) data, the University of Melbourne’s Bachelor of Science was again the most popular undergraduate course choice for students. The University was the only tertiary institution in Victoria to make more offers for their courses than the previous year.

Interested in Fashion Merchandising and Business? Do you want to travel the world as a fashion buyer, create exciting merchandise displays, develop a fashion website or market a fashion brand using social media? Are you creative, enjoy using social media and technology and are business minded?

Box Hill Institute and RMIT offer courses that suit students who are seeking a career in the world of fashion merchandising, retailing, or marketing. Please explore the following links for more information.

- **Box Hill Institute**: Bachelor of Fashion Merchandising: [http://www.bhtafe.edu.au/courses/study-areas/Pages/fashion.aspx](http://www.bhtafe.edu.au/courses/study-areas/Pages/fashion.aspx)

Are you interested in Journalism? Twelve secondary school students run the ‘Under Age’ website which is a collaboration between The Age Newspaper and Express Media. You can visit the website regularly to read topical articles and there may be an opportunity in the future to contribute. [www.theunderage.com.au](http://www.theunderage.com.au)

Interested in Design? The NSW Billy Blue College of Design and CATC Design School are now located at the one new campus in Ultimo, NSW. The campus recently won the NSW Master Builder Award for ‘Best Interior Fit Out’. Check out the campus in this YouTube video- [http://y2u.be/XTSdYQ82tW4](http://y2u.be/XTSdYQ82tW4)

**Victoria Police Internship**: Law students at Victoria University now have access to a 10-week internship with the Legal Services Department and Prosecutions Division of Victoria Police. A small number of students will be selected each year to undertake placements in a variety of police specialist areas including:

- Melbourne Prosecutions Unit
- Research and Training Unit
- Civil Advocacy Unit
- Commissions and Inquiries Division, and
- Police Coronial Support Unit

High achieving Year 12 students who receive a place to study at the University, are eligible for the Chancellor’s Scholarship which is $20 000 over four years.


**Charles Sturt University (CSU) - ‘MyDay’**: Each year, CSU showcases their courses via a series of hands-on events. You can find out about the courses you are interested in by attending workshops run by lecturers in that field. A MyDay will be held Friday 27 February at the Wagga Wagga campus showcasing courses in:

- Nursing
- Biomedical sciences, and
- Medical radiation sciences (Medical Imaging, Radiation Therapy, and Nuclear Medicine)

For information and to register, go to [www.csu.edu.au/go/myday](http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday)

**Environmental and Marine Careers Expo 2015**: SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium is running this exciting expo on Wednesday 24 June for students in years 9 - 12. Join industry experts, employers and current environmental and marine science students to learn about the many career and volunteer opportunities in Australia and overseas. You will also be able to speak to education institutions about your post school study options. For further information and to book your place, go to [www.melbourneaquarium.com.au/schools/](http://www.melbourneaquarium.com.au/schools/)