Mrs Pisk's Message
Investigate your options

This career newsletter is your guarantee that you are well informed of all of the options that I have received in the mail. Yes…everything!

But the rest is up to you! Please read each issue carefully and make sure that you investigate these options. Look at the websites, attend Open Days and make sure that you come and talk to me for some further details.

Career Hotspot…Veterinarian

Veterinarians diagnose and treat sickness, disease and injuries in animals. They advise on preventative medicine and ways to improve the health and productivity of animals.

Personal Requirements:
- Interested in health and welfare of animals
- Observant
- Good at analysis and problem solving
- Good communication skills
- Aptitude for science
- An enquiring mind
- Organizational and supervisory skills

Education and Training:
NSW students must sit the STAT test, and complete an application form. The required ATAR score is around 98. Veterinarians abide by a code of practice set down by the Australian Veterinary Association and they must register annually with the Veterinary Surgeons Board or territory in which you intend to practice in.

Employment Opportunities:
Most veterinarians work in private practices with cats and dogs. Some specialise in horses and other unusual pets and domestic animals. Government departments often employ veterinary graduates to be involved in livestock disease control and eradication, diagnostic service work, research on animal disease, meat quality and hygiene inspection and livestock quarantine. For any additional information visit www.vpb.nsw.gov.au or www.ava.com.au

Year 10 work experience will be held from 5th – 9th December. All students will be participating in this worthwhile program, which complements their studies. Employer evaluation sheets are used by the school for the school reference, and also for inclusion in resumes.

UNSW has introduced a new Science Achievement Award exclusively for Network Schools’ students.

This new award is for an outstanding Year 12 student from Masada who wishes to undertake either a B. Science, B. Science (Advanced) or B. Science (Advanced Mathematics) at UNSW. The nominee will receive a guaranteed offer to their preferred program (from those listed above) and a payment of $6,000 as well as a Nomination Certificate.

Jobs of the Future
Computer Forensics Analyst

Crime takes many forms and evidence, if left is everywhere if you know where to look. Sometimes evidence is locked away within computers and that’s when computer forensics analysts are called in. With a solid education in computer science and a clever analytic mind you could be a hot commodity in computer forensics.

Careers in Electronic Security
Are you looking for a challenging and rewarding career? The security industry offers a strong long-term career option. The industry is driven by a high level of technological innovation, diversity and professionalism. The industry operates 24/7 with flexible working hours. They offer jobs in fields such as Technical, Challenging, Management and
Consultancy & Sales. If you are interested in pursuing a career with this industry please visit www.rcmdd.com/security

FINAL REMINDERS TO CLASS OF 2011 & PARENTS

Macquarie University Preferred Admission Scheme:
Through their School Partner Program Macquarie Uni is offering two HSC students from each Partner School a selection bonus of five points for enrolment into programs of study. This Preferred Admission Scheme aims to assist students whose ATAR score may not reflect their ability to succeed in their chosen field of study at uni in gaining access to their preferred tertiary education option. Successful applicants are not required to meet any specific criteria other than having an ATAR over 72.55. The College can nominate five students to be considered for the bonus points – each student must fill out an application form. The school ranks these students in order of priority – when UAC preferences close in January the university will assess the candidate pool from each partner school and award the points to the two highest candidates whose UAC application indicates a genuine desire to study at Macquarie University. If a student is planning to defer the studies they should still apply now. For more information contact Julia Watters (9850 7382). Closing date for applications is 7 December.

TAFE Application for 2012: For most courses you do not need to apply before enrolling. However, for 42 of TAFE NSW’s more popular courses, a student needs to submit an application before being able to enrol. Included are some design courses, fitness, graphic design, music, screen & media, visual merchandising and youth work.

Be sure to check if the course you are interested in requires early application. Applications opened on 8 August and close on 28 October. See www.tafensw.edu.au/courses/enrol/appcourses.htm.

I think it is a good idea for all Year 12 students to have a TAFE course as a Plan B – for those who want to take a Gap Year some courses are only 6 months and they can be a great qualification to help with a part-time job while you are at university. This year there is an additional way of enrolling at TAFE. Go to the website and see if the course in which you interested has direct online application – if so you have to pay upfront to ensure your enrolment for 2012.

Information especially for current Year 11 students: Please purchase a copy of the UAC 2012 Guide at $19.95 from a newsagent. It is very helpful to have it for reference and to check on the range of options. It is useful to bring it with you when you have a careers interview.

Some advice as you begin your HSC year on the application of effective Study Habits. Effective study is an important part of good scholarship. Being organised, planning ahead and being sure of what is required will help you to avoid rushing your work and not doing your best. Here are some things that can really help you produce your best work:

Keep a diary and make sure you know when your work is due to be handed in.

Note the dates and times when you will gather information for research tasks and when you might do a first draft of your work.

Be well organised – keep your notes and folders in order and reorganise them regularly (use dividers or coloured paper or properly named digital files to separate each topic).

Make sure you understand what is required for each task, project or assignment. If you are not sure, ask your teacher for further explanation.

Visit the HSC Online website and read what they say about time management and good study habits.

INFORMATION RECEIVED THIS WEEK

21 November, 7.00-9.00pm: Gene Therapy – Disease Discovery

Evening at UNSW Museum of Human Disease. These sessions are designed to offer students an insight into life as a doctor or medical scientist. There will be a presentation of approximately 40 minutes followed by time to visit the Museum of Human Disease and view related specimens and displays. Numbers are strictly limited. Register (www.network.unsw.edu.au). (Search keyword “Gene Therapy”)

9 December: “A Day @ UNSW” – full day of activities to give a student a first taste of university life. Activities and lectures will be given by all nine faculties. Register at www.network.unsw.edu.au (click on “A Day @ UNSW” box at the bottom of the home page).


TVET OTEN 2012 Course Guide has arrived – ‘Study @ your own pace @ your own place’ (study by distance) can be a part of an HSC. (OTEN: Open Training & Education Network). ATAR courses on offer are Accounting, Aged Care, Business Services, Electrotechnology, Financial Services, Information Technology, Retail & Tourism. There are many non-ATAR courses including Marketing and Media Journalism. A TVET teacher at OTEN helps a student by phone, email, written feedback, workshops and visits. A student is able to enrol in a course as early as December prior to the year...
of study. This is particularly useful to get a head start during the Christmas holidays.

Year 12 students may access learning material from the beginning of Term 4 once enrolment is received. The benefits of studying a TVET course with OTEN are more course choices, no classes, may finish with a TAFE Certificate II and developing skills that are valuable in helping find employment later. For more information contact 1300 554 014 or 9715 8153 oten.tvet@tafense.edu.au.

9 November, 6.30-8.30pm: Macquarie University will be holding an Information Evening for Non-Current School Leavers and Mature Age Students. Please contact Raewyn Burden (futurestudent@mq.edu.au) to register your interest.

Charles Hawker Scholarships 2012: Applications accepted from 9 December to 6 January. Value: $60,000 over four years (http://www.hawkerscholarship.org/application.html).

Year 12 Careers Advisory Service – offers professional and impartial advice during the summer holidays starting 15 December until 6 January. Phone 1300 300 687 or go to www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au for helpful information which may assist students in clarifying course choices, employment opportunities, career pathways and training options.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Living with Teenagers: Free Parent/Carer Information talks by psychologists at Hornsby. Venue: Mission Australia, Level 1, 1 Coronation Street (enter via Pacific highway) 7.30-8.30pm. Booking is essential on 9482 1366.

30 November: - Closing date for Undergraduate Scholarships at Macquarie University. Booklets available from the Careers Room.

10 December: Registrations close for Otago University in Dunedin, New Zealand for Semester 1 in 2012. Their 2012 Undergraduate Prospectus has arrived – it is also online www.otago.ac.nz/prospectivestudents/otago010559.pdf. They also have a website for students from Australia www.otago.ac.nz/prospectivestudents/australia/index.html. Preferential Entry guarantees high-calibre students a place at Otago when they meet University Entrance requirements ATAR 80.00.

19 December: University of Melbourne Course Information Day. This is a final opportunity for current HSC students to speak with course representatives and undergraduates and to hear about the selection and enrolment process. For registration and program details go to www.pathways.unimelb.edu.au. They also have a useful website to find pathways to various careers www.pathways.unimelb.edu.au. U Melb has leapfrogged the Australian National University to No 1 place in Australia and No 60 worldwide in the prestigious Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) in 2011.

9-12 January: Important opportunity for current Year 10 or 11 students – 2012 UNSW Minerals Summer School (UMSS). Cost: $200.00. Closing date 30 September. Don’t delay in applying as it fills up quickly. Students will begin at UNSW campus for introductory lectures and lab sessions then travel to Hunter Valley and visit surface and underground mining operations and important environmental rehabilitation sites. This is both intensive and exciting and will show career options students didn’t know existed. Applications on the website www.mining.unsw.edu.au/node/510.
UTS School of Architecture will be running a summer school program for students interested in architecture, from 9-20 January. This is for current Year 10 & 11 students. Cost: $599 for a two-week intensive course and includes cost of most materials. Contact Gavin Perin (9514 1177). Venue: Building 6, 702-730 Harris Street, Ultimo.

Information for Year 11 students with a yen and passion for Science or Engineering – Youth Science Forum, 18-20 January: To be held at the Uni of Western Sydney (Hawkesbury Campus). This will assist keen science students to hit the ground running in their Year 12 studies – this state-of-the-art 3-day live-in program is run in conjunction with Rotary International and the National Youth Science Forum. It will blend scintillating science with cross-cultural awareness and hone personal skills and perspectives – this program offers team building exercises, forensic science, bringing chemistry to life, climate change, sharpening communication skills, meeting modern medicine, understanding anatomy, exploring the world of nano-materials and working through the electron microscope. Cost: $440.00 including GST. For more information contact Lindy Pearson (02 4570 1307 or l.pearson@uws.edu.au). For students who plan later to gain a scholarship at university and dynamic careers, this is a great opportunity to be applied for immediately – places are strictly limited.

25 January, 9.00am: Information session and selection screening for students interested in Electrical Trades at Meadowbank TAFE, Room H-4-17. Phone Bob Kefford (9942 3641).

University of Tasmania is offering a Relocation Scholarship to all eligible students in 2012 – it is designed to encourage interstate students to study Law at UTAS by assisting with the financial costs of moving to Tasmania. This consists of a one-off reimbursement payment of $5,000 (half to be paid after the semester one census date (23 March) and second half after semester two census date (10 August). This scholarship is awarded on an automatic basis to eligible students who accept an offer and enrol to study Law at UTAS. Students do not need to complete a separate application form. Students need to achieve an ATAR of 90 or above. For more information, contact Kira White (03 6226 7510 or Kira.White@utas.edu.au).

A free website which may be useful for senior students was launched in July 2010 by Uni Australia – www.uniaustralia.com.au. It provides student reviews, ratings and rankings and comparisons plus articles and guides giving tips for bridging the gap between high school and university. For more information contact Rowan Kunz (rowan.kunz@uniaustralia.com.au or 0422 160 488). They report that a recent University of New England study revealed that a staggering one in five university students quit in their first year, either due to dissatisfaction or unhappiness with their course.

First Aid Volunteers: Experience with St John Cadets is useful if you are thinking of careers such as ambulance officer, nurse or medicine. For more information phone 1300 360 455 or go to operations@stjohnnsw.com.au.

New website to assist students in the selection of a university (http://whatdegreewhichuniversity.com).

Travel & Work in Canada: A bilateral agreement between the Australian and Canadian governments allows 18-30 year old Australian passport holders to travel and work in Canada for up to two years. No job offer is required. If you are thinking about a Gap Year or university break participating in the International Exchange Canada (IEC) could be a great option. See www.australia.gc.ca and go to “Travel and Work in Canada”.

TAFE Northern Sydney Institute at St Leonards is offering ICT programs in networking and support, web design, database administration, interactive digital media, IT security, software programming and applications. They also offer CISCO programs. Contact Melissa Power (9942 0077). Accredited Barista courses at CBD College, 428 George Street, Sydney. Phone 1300 366 218. Three-hour course cost: $120.

Visits to Charles Sturt University: Open Day Every Day. (Monday to Friday). Contact 1800 334 733 – go and have a personalised tour of the campus that suits you (Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Orange or Wagga Wagga). You will have the chance to talk to professional staff, see their state-of-the-art facilities and equipment ad see campus accommodation. Please note three working days’ notice is required for this booking. See http://www.csu.edu.au/oncampus/campustour/tour.