Below you will find information on a wide range of careers related topics. Please note that all dates should be checked on the relevant websites and all event/course related information is relayed from external sources and is not endorsed by Merewether High School.

For more information about any of the topics below students from Years 9-12 should refer to the weekly careers newsletter which students can access via their DEC portal email account or by contacting Mrs Abbo.

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EVENT CALENDAR

May
22nd  Newcastle & Lake Macquarie Careers Expo 2014, Newcastle Jockey Club (All Year 10 will attend)
22nd  Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia - Cadetship Evening for year 12 students seeking cadetships – Michael Bellemore – (02) 9290 5708
23rd  UNSW Co-op Scholarships info session at MHS (Yr 12)
30th  Singleton HSC Seminar Day
29th-31st  Sydney Herald Careers Expo – Moore Park, Sydney. Free tickets from Mrs Abbo

June
1st  Sydney Herald Careers Expo – Moore Park, Sydney. Free tickets from Mrs Abbo
5th  Biomedical Science Careers Day Powerhouse Museum (Binks Biology)
6th  UMAT Applications Close
19th-22nd  Western Sydney Careers Expo – Sydney University – Scholarship Info Evening

July
16th  Year 12 Visit Newcastle University Day 2014 – all year 12 attend this day
30th  UMAT – Testing date
31st  University Of Newcastle Info Session @ MHS BC1 Lunchtime

August
12th  Big Day In IT @ University of Newcastle (IT classes)
22nd  Greenlight Day – Newcastle Airport and RAFF Base visit (Year 9 Engineering)
23rd  University of Newcastle Open Day
30th  Sydney University Open Day 2014

General Information

2014 Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Careers Expo 22 May 2014
All of Year 10 will attend the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Careers Expo on the 22
nd May 2014. A permission note has been emailed to all students and is required back to Mrs Abbo by Monday 19
th May. No late notes will be accepted.
Parents are welcome to come along on the day also and if I have left over tickets I am happy to give you one. Just ask at the MHS front desk on the day of the expo. Our timeslot is from 12.45 – 3.00pm.
More information including links, maps and exhibitor details will be discussed in class so students have a clear idea of the exhibitors they intend to visit. Please start having conversations around the expo with your child to encourage them to approach a variety of institutions on the day and make the visit worthwhile.
I have purchased additional tickets for years 11 and 12 students interested in attending the expo in their free periods, lunchtime or immediately after school. You can collect a ticket from Mrs Abbo but you must sign out of school to attend.
The links for the expo is List of exhibitors is available at www.newcastlecareerrexpo.com.au
Facebook updates about exhibitors https://www.facebook.com/NewcastleCareerExpo
Career Expo guide will be available for download via www.newcastlecareerrexpo.com.au

Year 12

What you should be doing now.
1. Applications for UMAT are open now and close 6
th June. See below
2. Apply for accommodation if you are looking at moving away to university. Start research and calling the accommodations now!
3. Looking at scholarships – start looking at preliminary applications and drafting your applications. You can book an appointment with Mrs Abbo for help once you are ready for it to be looked over or if you are stuck with where to start.
4. Look at early entry schemes for courses you are interested. Look on the university websites for terms like Principals recommendation schemes, early entry schemes etc. Also look at UAC website as they have a lot of information about the early entry schemes there.

Singleton HSC Seminar Day May 30
th 2014 (Year 12)
I still have places on the bus for this fantastic HSC revision day. We are strongly encouraging MHS students to attend. All students in year 12 have been emailed details and a permission note in March.

University Visits
UNSW Coop scholarship information session @ MHS 12.45pm in BC1
UNSW are sending some speakers to MHS to address student questions about the coop scholarship program offered at UNSW. Please go online and take a look at this fantastic opportunity offered to students.

Newcastle University Year 12 Visit Day
16th July 2014
All year 12 will attend the Newcastle University Year 12 visit Day 2014. I strongly encourage parents to send their child as this day provides a very good insight into the courses offered at university, scholarships, leadership and social programs, support services, high achieving programs and can also provide information on career pathways. This is relevant for students even if they are not considering Newcastle University. More details will be given to students closer to the date including links to register and for students to plan their day. The day is free of charge.

UMAT Applications
Year 12 students finishing in 2014 and applying for a course requiring UMAT Must register by 6th June 2014, 5:00pm AEST.

NSW Minerals Council Careers in Mining Information
If you are interested in a career in the mining industry you should definitely attending this session. NSW Mining invites students, teachers and parents to attend a Pathways into the NSW Mining industry evening on Thursday 22 May 2014. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with representatives from the NSW Mining industry and hear about their pathways into the industry. There will also be a networking session where students can ask their questions in a one-on-one environment.
THURSDAY 22 MAY 2014
5:30pm - 7:30pm
TAFE Kurri Kurri, HV Hotel Academy, Kurri Kurri
Light catering will be provided
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DLfTIVpsUEiMhfZ1K66sChZNEsFZhdYu_HTZsEC1yc8/viewform?usp=send_form

Scholarships and Cadetships

While many of the scholarships for students entering university in 2015 open next term there are some already open so I encourage students to check the dates for the scholarships they are looking at applying for now and take note. The links below may help in the search for scholarships.

Links to popular scholarship pages
Good Uni Guide
Myfuture;
http://www.myfuture.edu.au/The%20Facts/Funding/Awards%20and%20
Scholarships.aspx
Newcastle University: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/scholarships/
UNSW: https://scholarships.online.unsw.edu.au/index.html
Sydney University: http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/
UTS: http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/scholarships
All universities have a scholarships page so just follow the links once you are on their homepage.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants
University scholarships for disadvantaged students.

Cadetships
Applications for the Engineering & Technology Cadetships (ETCAD) Program opened on 28 April. The 2014 Program provides Year 12 students with the opportunity to launch their career in ICT and business through a Technology Cadetship at Westpac. Information on the ETCAD Program may be found at www.etcad.com.au Applications close on Friday 13 June. By this date, both the student Application and School Assessment are due.

Additional places to search for cadetships for a range of career pathways include;
Blue Scope Steel
Ausgrid
Aurecon

Further tip; Try googling the topic e.g. “Business Cadetships” or “Engineering Cadetships” as this leads to many links that may be helpful.

Study Programs

HSC Study Intensive
7 – 11 July
104 Broadway, Broadway
Four-day workshop across 16 courses. Potential HSC questions and answer techniques.
Contact: 02 8204 4404 or sydney@nd.edu.au
www.nd.edu.au/events/sydney

University Course Information Sessions and Open Days

Your Path to Sydney Uni : an information evening for students and parents will be held at Revesby Workers’ Club on 21 May 2014. Find out about University of Sydney alternative entry schemes, scholarships, fees and university life, and meet with faculty staff who can answer all your course-related questions. Registration is essential as places are limited,
Monday 30 June
MyDay CSU Dentistry and Allied Health - Orange - Judy Walsh – (02) 6338 6010

Saturday 23 August
University of Newcastle Open Day, Newcastle Campus - Tim Hyde – (02) 4921 5070

Saturday 30 August
Canberra Tertiary Open Day (ANU, UC, CIT, ADFA and ACU)
ANU Open Day – Stephanie Stockdill - (02) 6125 1480
University of Canberra Open day - Frank Larkin (02) 6201 5857
University of Notre Dame Open Day – Damien Nedeljkovic – 02 8204 4377
University of Technology, Sydney Open Day - City Campus - Aziza Green – (02) 9514 1611
University of Sydney Open Day
St Andrews College, University of Sydney Open Day - Laurelle Daley, Registrar - (02) 9565 7301
The Women’s College, University of Sydney Open Day - Tiffanny Junee – (02) 9517 5000
Sancta Sophia College, University of Sydney - Michele Dunn – (02) 9577 2100

Sunday 31 August
UWS Open Day, Parramatta – Sophie Ramage - (02) 9678 7510 02

Saturday 6 September
UNSW Open Day – Sophie Burrows - 02 9385 1866
University of Technology, Sydney Open Day - Kuring-gai Campus - Aziza Green – (02) 9514 1611
Raffles College Open Day – Jamie Walker – (02) 9922 4278

Saturday 13 September
Macquarie University Open Day - Alisha Cousins – (02) 9850-7382

Thursday 2 October
Macquarie University Uni in a Day - Alisha Cousins – (02) 9850-7382

Gap Year Programs
GapForce Overseas Work Experience, courses and Volunteering - Open evening Monday 2nd June, Sydney Central YHA, 11 Rawson Place, Corner of Pitt St and Rawson Place 2000 6:00pm – 9:00pm (presentation on programs at 6:30pm, otherwise drop in anytime). This event will give senior school and University students and their parents the chance to meet with staff to discuss programs and how they develop personal growth. Programs are available to anyone, lasting from two weeks to three months+. GapForce will also be exhibiting at the Northern Beaches (15th & 16th May) and HSC and Careers (29th May- 1st June) Expos. For more information see www.gapforce.org. To organise a senior school talk

register now at http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/high-school-students/your-path-to-sydney/index.shtml
about the programs or to set up a meeting, contact Matt Dickens on mattdickens@gapforce.org.

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year will be opening in June 2014. The ADF Gap Year is a competitive process with a limited number of places available and applications will only be open for a short time.

The Gap Year challenge

The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished year 12 (or equivalent) and are aged between 17 and 24*, to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year.

Gap Year opportunities are available in the Army and Air Force only. The Gap Year program is not available in the Navy in 2015.

Successful applicants will earn more than $45,000, have subsidised accommodation and full medical and dental coverage.

When would I start?
The Gap Year program will commence in January/February 2015.

2015 applications now open!

Applications are now open for students interested in embarking on a volunteering placement in a new culture and community during their gap year next year. Lattitude is the original gap year organisation, having supporting young Australians on worthwhile and challenging placements for over 40 years.

Placements are available within our region in Asia/Pacific, or further afield in the UK, Europe, the Americas and Africa.

An information pack with the latest updates should arrive to you shortly in the post. In the meantime, our website runs through all the details and includes an Application Form for students to download here.


Our application deadline for all placement options this year is Friday 27 June.

Gap Medics Australian Summer Special in Thailand and Tanzania:

Aspiring medics, dentists, nurses and midwifes between the ages of 16 - 25 can join us this summer in Thailand or Tanzania from 5th January 2014! Here they will shadow healthcare professionals in a variety of departments, getting a real-life insight

Volunteering

Projects Abroad - Summer Volunteer Programmes for Year 10 & 11 Students

These programmes are quite different from our broader volunteer programmes which many school leavers would take part in. These programmes are tightly scheduled and chaperoned to ensure a well-
structured, safe and supported short stay for younger students which packs a lot of experience and volunteer work into a short period of time. There are programmes in

- Cambodia - Childcare and renovations
- Nepal - Childcare and renovations
- Nepal - Medicine experience and observation
- Sri Lanka - Childcare and renovations
- Fiji - Childcare and renovations

A leaflet detailing these projects is attached. You can also download it here: http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/_downloads/about-us/get-a-brochure/leaflets/projects-abroad-high-school-projects.pdf

The newsletter will also be available here: http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/more-info/join-the-newsletter/newsletters-archive/

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info@projects-abroad.com.au

Volunteer Opportunity in Cambodia for students who want to spend 2 or 4 weeks during January 2015. Volunteers will be working on teaching projects in rural schools. This project is intended for school leavers who want to experience volunteering before starting university. For a school visit to speak with your students or more details about information evenings contact Jean White at Jean@octours.com.au or visit www.octours.com.au

Work Experience

Year 10 and 11 students are encouraged to attend work experience this year. They can go through the school year but not during holiday periods. Pupil free days and end of term are good times to go. The work experience can go from a single day to a full week depending on the student, the employer and the school calendar. Students have full details and step by step instructions in their email and are encouraged to complete the process themselves rather than the parents doing it for them. Parents are encouraged to assist their child by reading employer contact emails prior to them being sent and assisting with the script for a phone conversation.

Employment


Information Sessions, Courses and Opportunities

Accounting
Institute of Chartered Accountants
Being an accountant may not be what you thought it was! Come meet a forensic accountant, a financial controller, an entrepreneur, a sustainability accountant and a senior commercial manager! There really is a role for everyone in accounting – what’s yours? Check out the links below

Creative Arts and Dance

National Art School
Please click here to download the National Art School’s prospectus http://issuu.com/nationalartschool/docs/nas-propectus-v3d_final
which contains detailed information about our courses, how to apply and testimonials from our alumni. I trust you will appreciate the importance of quality fine art education, and I hope you will forward this information to relevant staff at your school.
For more information, please visit www.nas.edu.au or call 9339 8651.

Check this website for more information about courses you might be interested in attending at the National Art School in 2014!
http://www.nas.edu.au/shortcourses/Weekend%20Workshops

Defence Force
Please see below for up-coming information session

- ADFA Information Session – Monday 26th May, 6pm
- 1 year of Adventure (RAAF & ARMY) – Wednesday 7th May, 6pm
- Air Force – Thursday 8th May, 6pm
- Royal Military College Duntroon (Army Officer) – Tuesday 27th May, 6pm
- Women in Defence – Saturday 17th May, 11am

All Information Sessions will be held at Defence Force Recruiting 528 Hunter St Newcastle
Bookings:
Please email cptnewcastle@dfr.com.au or call (02) 4974 5427

Design
Sydney Design School Information Sessions and Open Day
Information Sessions 8 May, 6.00pm
Open Day: 28 June, 12.00pm – 2.00pm
Level 2, 40 Oxley Street, St Leonards
VET FEE-HELP available for the Diploma and Advanced Diploma. For more information go to: email: mailto:info@sydneydesignschool.com.au /

Drama

Acting at Sydney Theatre School - Offering fully-accredited full time and part time study opportunities, Sydney Theatre School is a Registered Training Organisation that establishes skills in performance on stage and screen through its dedicated Chippendale facilities. Now offering VET Fee-Help to eligible students, Sydney Theatre School provides production-based training from industry professionals and qualified educators in an industry-oriented environment. For further information please phone 1300 551 432, email info@sydneytheatreschool.com or visit www.sydneytheatreschool.com.

Film and Media

Free Screen and Media Careers Info Night. Find out how to get a start in the growing Screen and Media industries at the career information and networking night hosted by Metro Screen. A special panel of screen industry practitioners will share their journeys and advice for new starters. Staff can also answer any questions about the Diploma in Multiplatform and Diploma of Screen and Media. Wednesday 26 March, 6.00pm - 7.00pm at Metro Screen Studios. RSVP at metroscreen.org.au

Shortcuts Film Festival – See competitions for information on how to enter

Fashion

Whitehouse Institute of Design Australia: Kickstart Workshops
Illustration skill workshops in fashion, interior design and creative fields. Contact: enquiry@whitehouse-design.edu.au
http://whitehouse-design.edu.au/courses/kickstart.html

Whitehouse, A day in the life of a student, Workshop (Mini Open Day) - Sarah Millar – (02) 9267 8799  - 20th September 2014

Leadership
Applications are open for the 2014 Big Picture Program - Final Application deadline is May 27.
Follow the link below the picture to apply. Before you submit you need to copy your application to a word document and bring it in person to Mrs Abbo to look over.

This year we are lucky to have the Hon. Bob Carr, former Premier and Foreign Minister, as our keynote speaker. The 2014 brochure and website can be found here: [http://thebigpictureprogram.org/wpcontent/uploads/2014/04/BPP2014.pdf](http://thebigpictureprogram.org/wpcontent/uploads/2014/04/BPP2014.pdf)

Global Development Summit: Your G20 on Saturday 24 May. On May 24 hundreds of students and volunteers will be gathering in every capital city to talk about how we can make the world better through economic development. We will be preparing a submission to send to Y20, the youth forum of the G20 summit being held in Brisbane this year. It’ll help shape global economic policy, and make sure that young people are participating in these important conversations. We would love to have you come to the summit in your capital city. Your input would be invaluable.

http://www.unyouth.org.au/global-development-summit/The day will go from 9am - 3pm. Registration costs $20, which covers the venue and some lunch.

Maths
Girls Do the Maths
The UNSW School of Mathematics and Statistics runs an annual series of free, one-day workshops for female students in years 11 and 12, with the
aim to encourage female students to consider mathematics as a career. Learn more: http://www.maths.unsw.edu.au/highschool/girls-do-maths

Medical/ Health/ Nursing
The Graduate School of Biomedical Engineering at UNSW invites all biomedical engineering organisation reps to attend the annual students meet industry night at ATP Innovations, Thursday 29th May, from 5pm. It is an opportunity to meet the pre-eminent biomedical engineering students in Australia. For more information please contact Lisa Harricks on l.harricks@unsw.edu.au or 02 9385 0570, or visit our website http://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/biomedical-engineering/students-meet-industry-night. All welcome.


This is a guide where to start being a General Practitioner A great summary of the key points towards a successful career as a G.P. https://careers.ama.com.au/where-start

New Bachelor of Biomedical Science

A must read for everyone interested in these fields... http://web.med.unsw.edu.au/rcshealthcareers2013/

Some advice I picked up from my visit to UNSW regarding the interview. They are looking to see that you have a clear plan B e.g. Physiotherapy, Engineering etc. Not just an alternative pathway into medicine. They like to see that you have had some life experiences already and that you relate well to people and a variety of situations. Get involved in your community as this is the best way to demonstrate you can relate to many different types of people.

Nursing
My Health Career has just released 5 new videos where a nursing tutor shows how nursing students learn the hands-on skills: https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/nursing/. For the latest news on

Teaching
New range of opportunities for students considering careers in teaching - Are your students aware of the growing range of programs offered by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for specified teacher education programs? Along with our well-known Teacher Education Scholarship program www.teach.nsw.edu.au/scholarships, new Great Teaching, Inspired Learning cadetships and internships and teach.Rural Scholarships were added in late 2013. For more information visit www.teach.nsw.edu.au and www.teach.nsw.edu.au/teachrural. Next rounds of the scholarship programs will open in May 2014.

Veterinary/ Animal Care
Meet a Keeper Day - Taronga Zoo, Meet a Keeper Program! The Meet a Keeper Program is a presentation style program for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who have expressed a genuine interest in pursuing a career within the Zoo Industry. Students will have the opportunity to learn about all aspects of zoo keeping, including required qualifications, career opportunities, core responsibilities, career structures and wages. Following the morning presentation, students are invited to explore the zoo as they make their own way to a mystery ‘Behind the Scenes’ tour. Dates for 2014 are the 20 of August, 11th of September and the 29rd of October. To book or to find out more visit http://taronga.org.au/education/education-sydney/school-work-experience/meet-keeper If you would like your students to attend or to find out more information then contact Catherine Judd via cjudd@zoo.nsw.gov.au

Competitions and Awards
The 2014 Charles Sturt University Creative Writing Competition
The competition is open to Year 10, 11 and 12 students and TAFE students* who would like to show they’ve got the write stuff. There are four $250 cash prizes to WIN and one People Choice Award! Students need to submit a fictional creative writing piece, (story, poem, script, blog, etc) of no more than 1,000 words exploring one or more of the competition themes; family values, cultural experiences or social challenges. The competition closes June 10, and winners will be announced on July 21.
Entries can be emailed to csuhum@csu.edu.au. Visit www.csu.edu.au/cwc for more details.

If you feel that you are a suitable candidate for the award below please see Mrs Abbo
UNSW COMPUTING Programming Competition

Compete with teams from across Australia for cash prize money and scholarships to UNSW! Free Entry. Entries close June 6th. The Competition has two rounds • Main Round held in schools on Friday 20th June from 2:00-4:00pm EST • Grand Final held at UNSW on Saturday 6th September from 10:00am-12:30pm EST.
www.cse.unsw.edu.au/studying-at-unsw/school-programs/progcomp/

#2030 – A Writing Competition
Closes 16 May
$1000 for best “idea” created on Ideapod in under 200 words based on theme - the world in “2030”.
Win $1000 with The Expert Editor 2030 Writing Competition

We're offering $1000 in prize money to the best "idea" created on Ideapod. In 200 words or less you must outline your vision for the world in the year 2030. Enter Now.

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STUDENT SUBMISSION SHEET

This competition is about building on the aspirations of today's students for tomorrow; elevating and focusing their aspirations towards achieving a seat of influence tomorrow.

Competition Submission Requirements:

Competition submissions consist of:

1. Competition application form (Part A)
2. 500-750 word article about one area of community leadership and influence (Part B)

Word Doc. Versions of both (Part A) & (Part B) can be downloaded www.rushmentoring.org.au

Select from the following 3 categories:
- Local Government
- NSW Police Force
- Business

3. Students can place a submission for each category but this must be done on a separate (Part B) form for each category submission area.

Entries Close: 28 June
Finalists will be announced: 14 August
Award Ceremony: 12th August

Competition Submissions can be submitted by email mentor@rush.org.au or posting to RUSH ASPIRE Today Competition PO Box 928, Charlestown 2290.
For more information please see Mrs Abbo or email me and I will send you an application form.

Heywire Competition
Closes 16 September.
Aged 16 - 22 living in regional Australia. Write about yourself and community in text, video, photography or song. 40 winners. Great prizes.
Contact: 1800262646 or abcheywire@abc.net.au
http://www.abc.net.au/heywire/community/about.htm

2014 Class Clown Comedy Competition and Workshop Program
Years 9 - 12. Includes a two hour workshop with professional comedian. Prepare a five minute act.
Chance to win $1000.

7th Annual Junior Authors Short Story Writing Contest
Closes 30 June Aged 9 – 21.
http://laurathomascommunications.com/juniorauthorscontest/