NEWS FROM THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT

YEAR 10 CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAM

This Semester, Year 10 students will work through a series of learning activities, including an online Career Assessment tool that will help them learn about themselves, discover what options are available to them after school and research three possible jobs that they may want to pursue. Information that they gather will benefit them in Term 3 when they must make their subject choices for Years 11 and 12. It is essential that students make informed decisions based on their interests, ability and levels of achievement. The Career Workbook will be available online, as students will not be allowed to bring home their workbooks until the end of the Semester.

YEAR 12 EXIT PLANS

By the end of Week 2, all Year 12 students should have completed a two page Exit Plan during Homeroom. This Plan will assist me in identifying any students who may need guidance or additional information concerning their options after Year 12. Please discuss your child's plans with him or her and encourage those who have vague plans to see me so that we can work together on developing clear goals and action steps. I expect that all Year 12 students will make an appointment with me to discuss their plans before the end of Term 3.

Students applying for Medicine/Health Sciences in 2015

Students who intend doing the Assured Pathway into Medicine at UWA will need to sit a UMAT exam in July. Registration is now open for students to register which must be done by 6 June. UWA will hold a UMAT Information Evening on the 8 May. For more information students must speak to the Careers Counsellor or go online at: http//umat.acer.edu.au

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN TAKING A GAP YEAR

Some students opt for a break from formal study after Year 12 and consider travelling overseas and volunteering with established organisations. If students want to find out what organisations offer volunteering they should speak to the Careers Counsellor.

Overseas Working Holidays Canada: Information Night

Wednesday 26th February, 6:30pm. The 43 Below Bar, Barrack St, Perth.
Find out all you need to know about working in Canada and get your questions answered at this information night. http://www.owh.com.au/

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange: Information Session

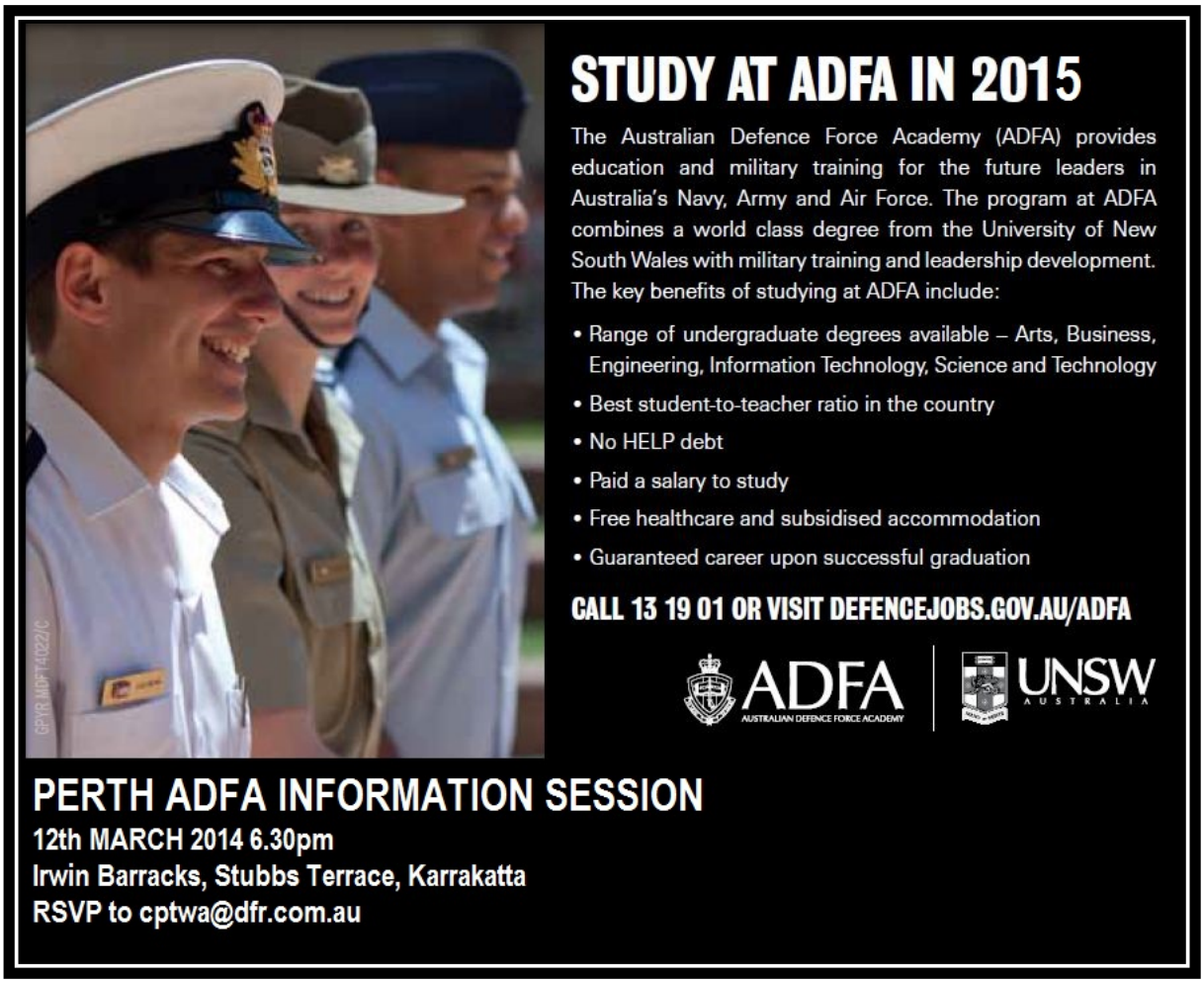
Tuesday 25th February, 7pm – 9pm. Goodearth Hotel, 195 Adelaide Terrace, Perth.
http://www.scce.com.au/programs/information-sessions/

EVENING CLASSES IN CERT IV BUSINESS FOR YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS

If you're a high school student looking for a pathway to university, employment or further study then Polytechnic West's new evening study option is for you.
Run one night per week from Tuesday 4 March. The total cost of the course is $500. Expressions of Interest for the course close Monday 24 February at 4pm.
For more information contact the Career Counsellor or to apply contact Polytechnic West on 9267 7500.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE NEWS
ADF Education Awards
The closing date for the Year 12 awards is **28 February.**
The Australian Defence Force Academy Education Awards are presented annually to Year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential, and academic and sporting achievements exhibited during Year 11. The award comprises a laptop computer and certificate for the student, along with a plaque of recognition for their school. There are up to 100 awards available on behalf of the Navy, Army and Air Force which will be presented to suitable applicants who intend to apply for entry to ADFA. See the ADF website for more details.
http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa/howToApply/educationAward.aspx

Study at Australian Defence Force Academy



SURVEYING IS OUR MOST UNDERRATED DEGREE

According to a study by McCrindle Research, surveying is the smartest choice for students, ranking as Australia's most underrated degree.

The most over- and under rated degrees are as follows:

MOST OVERRATED DEGREES

- 1. Psychology: Full-time employees working in this field: 63%, Median starting salary: $47,500
- 2. Architecture: Full-time employees working in this field: 72%, Median starting salary: $32,500
- 3. Visual and Performing Arts: Full-time employees working in this field: 52%, Median starting salary: $38,000
- 4. Social Sciences: Full-time employees working in this field: 60%, Median starting salary: $45,000

MOST UNDERRATED DEGREES

- 1. Surveying: Full-time employees working in this field: 90%, Median starting salary: $52,000
- 2. Urban/Regional Planning: Full-time employees working in this field: 81%, Median starting salary: $50,000
- 3. Rehabilitation: Full-time employees working in this field: 89%, Median starting salary: $50,200
- 4. Electrical Engineering: Full-time employees working in this field: 76%, Median starting salary: $60,000

Read more

http://www.heraldsun.com.au/business/work/mccrindle-research-finds-psychology-is-australias-most-overrated-degree-surveying-is-our-most-underrated/story-fnkjjdf8-1226806196275

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE 2014

1. 2014 University courses with a cut off rank of *5 or more* above the indicative

The **Cut-off ATAR** is defined as the ATAR of the last applicant to be offered a place in the course.

		INDICATIVE	CUT OFF ATAR
Curtin	Electronic and Communication Engineering/Computer sci	80.00	90.50
	Food Sci and Technology	70.00	77.50
	Visualisation Technologies	70.00	75.10
	Primary Education (Albany)	70.00	77.50
	Early Childhood Ed (Kalgoorlie)	70.00	82.80
ECU	Arts/Science	55.00	68.25
	Engineering/Laws	80.00	97.80
	Engineering Computer Systems	70.00	79.10
	Engineering Computer Systems /Computer Science	75.00	85.25
	Engineering Marine & Offshore Sys	70.00	81.65
	Engineering Ocean	70.00	78.80
	Exercise Science and Rehabilitation	75.00	81.85
	Hospitality and Tourism Management	55.00	69.50
	Nursing/ Midwifery	65.00	80.45
	Psychology (BSc)	55.00	61.80
	Security and Justice	55.00	65.35
	Youth Work	55.00	63.10
	Education (Secondary) – Design and Technology	65.00	81.60
	Art (Bunbury)	55.00	65.80
	Science (Bunbury)	55.00	61.30
Murdoch	Banking	70.00	80.00
	Biotechnology	70.00	89.55
	Business Information Systems	70.00	80.00
	Chemistry	70.00	75.00
	Community Development	70.00	75.00
	Computer Science	70.00	75.00
	Finance	70.00	75.00
	Indonesian	70.00	98.45
	Internetworking and Security	70.00	75.00
	Japanese	70.00	75.00
	Molecular Biology	70.00	80.85
	Movement Science	70.00	75.00
	Philosophy	70.00	75.00
	Physics and Nanotechnology	70.00	79.65
	Secondary Education/Arts	70.00	75.00
	Security; Terrorism and Counterterrorism Studies	70.00	75.00
	Early Childhood and Primary Teaching (Rockingham)	70.00	75.00
	Primary (Rockingham)	70.00	75.00

Red - Indicates a course that was in the same situation in 2013

Information obtained from the TISC website under the tab - Statistics.

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