

YEAR 10 CAREERS TRANSITION DAY - TUESDAY JULY 22nd

On Tuesday and with tremendous support and organisation from **Voula Jakubicki (Vocational Pathways Coordinator)**, Ashwood College ran a **Careers Speaker** day for all **Year 10** students. This was the culmination of several months of planning and searching for skilled people to speak on behalf of their specific fields. The event involved over 38 guest speakers visiting our school, to talk to the students about a variety of career options. Some of the careers that were represented on the day included **IT, Law, Medicine & other health sciences such as Pharmacy and Nursing, Building & the allied trades, Art & Design, Fashion, Automotive, Sport & Recreation, Drama, Dance, Music, Victoria Police, Science & Forensics, Engineering, Environmental and the Defence Force.** Many of the speakers were from industry and private business and very kindly donated their time for this event. We also had many representatives from tertiary organisations such as **TAFEs, universities** and **private providers.**

It is always exciting to bring outside guests into the school as they provide valuable first hand information to our students and Tuesday was no exception. All in all, the day was a great success and it provided the Year 10's with some very useful information prior to their subject selections for Year 11.

Aside from the excellent calibre of many of our visitors, I would like to especially thank the support received on the day from **the staff in the General Office**, who are always a major reason for the success of many of our school's events. Thanks also to **Gerry Slockwitch** and **Kuan Ng** for their invisible, but vital technology support throughout the day. Apart from setting up classrooms for data shows, they also ensured all ran well on the day. I would also like to thank **Peter Forbes** for organising staffing and making sure all sessions were well supported by staff. I would also like to recognise

the patience of all of Ashwood's staff and students as the speaker program can be very disruptive to classes.

To the Year 12 & 11 VCAL helpers on the day, **Jake Chapman, Tamarra Bramble, Matt Costin, Erin Sibley** and **Jess Raynor** thank you, you did a fantastic job and represented our school to the outside community admirably.

Kath Robinson - Careers Coordinator

Diary Dates:

Friday	1	August	State Cross Country
Tuesday	5	August	Year 10 Course Selection Interviews
Thursday	7	August	Opening of the PAC (5 - 7 pm)
Wednesday	13	August	Curriculum Day (Students not required at school)

Welcome Back Year 10

Once again, our Year 10 students have returned safe and sound from their two weeks on Work Experience, and hopefully refreshed from the mid-year break. It seems that they had an enjoyable and rewarding time in some interesting and varied placements. This year's list included some old favourites such as cooks and waiters, classroom assistants and child care workers, shop assistants and sales people, vet clinics and pet shops, mechanics and plumbers, hairdressers and architects, builders and carpenters, administrators and office workers. New employers this year included radio station Triple R, the Moorabbin Magistrate's Court, Masada Private Hospital, the Bureau of Meteorology, Monash University and Mr. Bob Stensholt, MLA. We thank all of our employers for their participation in our programme.

The theme this year appeared to be food. Teachers visiting students on Work Experience sampled the goodies at Haigh's Chocolates in the city, Mrs Fields Cookies at Knox and Suga at Chadstone, bought their meat from Ashburton Butchers and their bread from Baker's Delight, lunched at Café on Cleveland and dined at Tolarno's in Saint Kilda or Russian Accent in Caulfield.

The Evaluations are filtering back and, as usual, our Year 10 students have done us proud! We set high expectations for students on Work Experience and they very rarely let us down! The comments made by their employers are overwhelmingly positive, with many of the Evaluations having the comment "Not Applicable" next to the category, "Reaction to Criticism"! Our fine reputation continues to grow!

For many students, their Work Experience placement has confirmed their initial choice of career, which is just great. For others, it involves a re-thinking of career choices, which means they have learnt something about themselves – not a bad thing at all!

Those students who thought long and chose wisely in deciding the type of work they wanted to do for their Work Experience enjoyed their time more and had a much more rewarding placement.

John Bullen - Work Experience Coordinator

<p>Curriculum Day 13 August Students not required at school</p>
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Dual Stream Report

English Week coincides with our Main Lesson on the Power of Words. Through a study of the power and beauty contained in the song-like speech of ancient times to the poetry in Old English, Middle English and Modern English and the power of persuasive speeches like Paul Keating's 'Redfern Address' and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 'I Have a Dream, we are becoming aware of the developments that have brought the English language to become the lingua franca of the world.

Congratulations to our Class Captains for Semester 2:

Conorae Wylie	Danielle Hamilton
Harry Tanner	Miles Temple

We also congratulate class mates who have participated in Interhouse and Interschool Sports. A special mention goes to Joe Cox for braving the weather in the Zone Cross country. Congratulations to Stuart Brennan – Smith too for being selected to play the cello at the opening ceremony of the Performing Arts Centre. Well Done everyone!

John Wright - Dual Stream Coordinator

Ashwood College Young Ambassador Representative

Jenna Guffogg from Year 12 was chosen to participate at The Education Opportunities Expo on 23rd July as a Young Ambassador where she spoke to students and parents about her experience with undertaking a VET program and a School Based Apprenticeship program in Printing & Graphic Arts (Multimedia). Jenna's employer recommended her for this role because of her talent, confidence and highly developed communication skills. Well Done Jenna!

Voula Jakubicki - Vocational Pathways Coordinator


Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance provides assistance to low income families by helping with the costs associated with the education of their children. Lodgement for the second instalments is now due. If you have lodged an application for the first instalment you will not need to lodge a second application. You will require a centrelink card with an eligibility date of 14 July 2008.

EMA is only for students who are under 16.

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From the Careers Room:

Interested in a Career in:

DRAMA

The National Theatre Drama School is running 2 course information sessions (incorporating free acting workshops) for those who want to know more about 2 of the courses offered by the school.

Certificate III in Theatre & Screen Performance (Full time) and Diploma of Arts (Acting)

Sessions will run at the National Theatre (cnr Carlyle & Barkly Streets St Kilda) on Saturday 6th September from 2- 4 pm and again on Sunday 21 September (also 2-4).

To enquire or register please contact 9534 0223 or send an email to drama@nationaltheatre.org.au

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Holmesglen TAFE are running an information session at their Waverley campus to promote their Diploma course in Outdoor Recreation beginning in 2009. The session will involve demonstrations from current students and people from the industry will be in attendance to speak with you regarding career opportunities.

Holmesglen's course also provides an excellent pathway to this area at university, with students getting into courses at Monash and Latrobe Bendigo and obtaining credits of 18 months to 2 years.

The Diploma offers a great practical course which can be followed with teaching qualifications. But, you can also work in the industry after finishing your Diploma.

16th August (Building 1, Rooms 213 & 214) at 10am - 11am, 11am - 12pm or 1pm - 2pm

For further information, visit www.or.holmesglen.vic.edu.au or contact Mike Grimmer or Amanda Glass on 9564 6296 or email erica.ray@gmail.com

Free Building & Construction Careers Night

The City of Kingston is hosting a jobs expo for the Building and Construction sector on **Wednesday 20th August** at the **Kingston City Hall – 985 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin** between **6-9pm**.

Hear from experts, improve your job seeking skills and check out the 'try a trade' area. Representatives will be there from across the entire building and construction sector including domestic, commercial, industrial and civil construction. The expo will also include the attendance of professional associations, along with apprenticeship centres, educational institutions and even employers looking to hire staff. A private area will be made available for employer interviews on the night.

For more information or to register your interest in an interview please contact **Steve Waugh** on **9581 4787** or steve.waugh@kingston.vic.gov.au

THIS WEEKEND UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

Sat Aug 2	Monash (Gippsland, Berwick, Parkville and Peninsula campuses)
Sun 3 Aug	Monash (Clayton and Caulfield); La Trobe (Bendigo)

Ashwood College Performing Arts presents:

battle OF THE bands

Monday 18th-Thursdays 21st August @ 7:00pm
Ashwood College PAC, Vannam Drive, Ashwood
Adults \$15, Concession \$10, Family (2 Adults 2 Kids) \$40 (Additional kids \$5)
Tickets available at the Front Office from 4th August