

### Dates for Your Diary

14 March: Trial-a-  
Trade @ William  
Angliss

22 March: Veterinary  
Science Open Day,  
Melbourne University

27-28 March: The  
National Careers &  
Employment Expo

21/22 May: Tertiary  
Information Service  
(TIS) for Year 12s

April: UMAT  
applications for  
many undergraduate  
health science  
courses open

June 9—19: Year 10  
Work Experience

August: University &  
TAFE Open Days

Throughout the year:

- IMVC Career &  
Transition  
Support  
programs
- Career Talk  
series II "What's  
it like to be...?"

## Welcome to 2009

Welcome new readers and old to the new school year and the first issue of FHS Career News for 2009. As the name suggests, this publication focuses on career-related news and information.

Whilst FHS Career News is made available to the wider FHS community, it is essential reading for students from years 10-12 and their families.

This is the main form of career-related information dissemination. Throughout the year you can expect to read about VTAC dates & deadlines for tertiary applications and University & TAFE Open Day details.

You may still not know what you want to do when you leave school, so may be interested in finding out more about a range of different careers and industries. You can do this by attending some of the free Career & Transition Support programs offered by the IMVC. More details of these programs will start to emerge in the next issue.

You may also wish to attend some of the career talks in the second series of "What's it like to be...?" where guest speakers come to the school and talk about their career experiences. This was very well attended last year. Forthcoming talks will be advertised in subsequent issues.

FHS Career News will also report on news of present and past students. So early in the year there has already been much career-related activity. Year 10's are working on their personal learning plans and are investigating tertiary options. In a detailed exploration of the importance of education, year 7's cited "career opportunity" as one of the most important reasons for attending school.

### Where are they now?

Last year saw our first group of students to complete year 12 at FHS. It is interesting to see where the small group of thirteen are going after leaving school. The majority are off to university and TAFE this year. Some are already working and others are having a gap year, combining work and travel before commencing with the next stage of their lives.

Meghan is commencing a double degree in Law/Arts at La Trobe University. In addition to her core law subjects she will study politics and art history.

Also at La Trobe, Ben enrolled, and then deferred for a year, his Arts degree for a gap year of work and travel. He is currently working at Piedmontes.

The ENTER required to get into Arts at Melbourne University increased by more than three points this year. Will was thrilled to be made an offer and enrol. He will pick up some science subjects as part of the breadth component of the New Generation Arts course. He is working part-time at Foodworks.

Monty has changed his mind about taking a gap year and is off to RMIT to do Social Science (Policy & Research). Meanwhile he is working 6 days a week at Officeworks. Linus is also at RMIT doing Foundation Studies.

Hamish's story is evidence of the wisdom in having more than just one or two preferences listed with VTAC. He is undertaking a Bachelor of Creative Arts Industries at Victoria University.

Emma and Sam are both off to Box Hill TAFE; Emma is studying for a Diploma in Beauty Therapy and Sam is undertaking a Pre-apprenticeship in Building and Construction.

Harry and Lachlan are enjoying their break, sounding relaxed and have a few irons in the fire regarding work and study options.

Coco is clear about wanting to work in special effects/ make-up and decided not to accept her university offer. She will continue working in her part-time job and plans to gain professional experience in her chosen field.

Long term, Barnum has his sights set on a chef's apprenticeship. At the moment he is content to continue working at Joe's Garage for the time being. This year may see him travelling overseas.

Jesse is balancing part-time work in his chosen field as a greens keeper at two bowls clubs with a Diploma in Horticulture at NMIT.

## Year 10 Aspirations

In recent conversations with just a few year 10 students completing their personal learning plans, it has been inspiring to hear what career aspirations they hold. Career thoughts include: journalism, medicine, international diplomacy, international aide, politics, psychology and fine art.

## 2007 Graduates at a Glance

See following statistics from GradFiles, produced by Graduate Careers Australia. They are the strongest

employment figures for graduates since 1990, Of bachelor degree graduates who were available for full-time employment in 2007;

- 84.5% were in full-time employment within four months of completing their degrees
- 10.5% were working on a part-time or casual basis while continuing to seek full-time employment
- 5% were not working and still looking for full-time employment at the time of the survey

The median annual starting salary for new Australian resident bachelor degree graduates aged less than 25 and in their first full-time employment in Australia was \$43,000.

Overall satisfaction with courses as measured by the Course Experience Questionnaire remains high with 89.8% of graduates expressing broad satisfaction with their courses.

We will wait with baited breath to see how the economic downturn impacts graduates (as well as those with vocational qualifications) over the next few years.

## Congratulations

Harry B-S has been accepted into the University of Melbourne Extension Program. This program provides high achieving Year 12 students with the opportunity to undertake a first year university study while still at school. Harry will be studying extension mathematics in addition to his full VCE load and he will gain credit towards one university subject.

Olivia T and Michael K (Year 11) have been selected into the University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program. This is an enrichment program for high-achieving students to engage with the university and will continue into first year of university should they choose to attend Melbourne.

Apart from many other benefits, including meeting like-minded students from other participating schools, both these programs offer access to the university's facilities including the libraries.

Nhia and Jack F are both recipients of the John Cummins Memorial Fund Scholarship, which recognises the students' dedication and commitment to their studies. Well done!

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## Year 10 Work Experience

Dates for **Work Experience are Tuesday 9—Friday 19 June**. Students may opt to do both weeks with the one employer, or undertake two different placements. It is the responsibility of the students, with their family, to secure a placement.

Once an offer of a placement has been made, the student needs to meet with the employer and get them to fill out the "Offer of Work Experience Placement Form" and return it to Sandra. To allow for legal administration to occur, **placements must be confirmed by the end of term one**.

## Vet-Day 09

This is an opportunity to go behind the scenes at the University of Melbourne's Veterinary Clinic and Hospital. You will have the chance to speak to veterinary staff, meet current students and take a tour of the facilities.

Lectures for year 10 students and above will be held at: 10:30, 11:30, 12:30 and 1:30pm. Individual counselling will also be available during the day.

### Enquiries

Telephone: 8344 7357  
Email: via <http://vet-unimelb.custhelp.com>  
[www.vet.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au)  
**When:** Sunday 22 March, 10am-4pm

**Where:** The Veterinary Clinic and Hospital, 250 Princes Highway Werribee (Melway 206, G5)

## Trial-a-Trade

As part of Melbourne Food & Wine Festival, William Angliss Institute is offering young people aged 14-18 the opportunity to experience foods and hospitality careers for a day.

The program will give participants a hands-on feel for working life as a chef, baker, butcher, waiter, barista, confectioner or patissier, in collaboration with other participants to prepare a shared luncheon. Parents, guardians and other family and friends are invited to come along and enjoy the lunch.

**When:** Saturday 14 March

**Where:** William Angliss Institute, 555 La Trobe Street, Melbourne

**Cost:** Trial-a-Trade participants \$35  
Parents & General Public attending lunch \$25

**Bookings:** 9606 2111

**More information:** [info@angliss.edu.au](mailto:info@angliss.edu.au) or visit [www.angliss.edu.au](http://www.angliss.edu.au)

## Part-time work opportunity

KFC is opening a new outlet in Elizabeth street in the city in March and are currently hiring staff. To apply go to [kfcjobs.com.au](http://kfcjobs.com.au) and remember to click on Elizabeth St KFC.

## Careers Expo

The National Careers & Employment Expo is Australia's largest careers and employment event and provides an opportunity for students to gather career advice and information to assist with preparation for future study and career options.

The expo provides access to a broad range of exhibitors from the corporate world, government, industry sectors, education institutions and non-profit organisations. In addition the expo will have a range of interactive activities available including:

- Master builder—Build Your Career area
- Career Counselling
- Resume Checking
- Seminars
- Stage Activities

**When:** 27-28 March, 9am-4pm

**Where:** Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre

**Cost:** Free

*Collaborating with other participants, you have the chance to make an amazing lunch for family & friends @ the William Angliss trial-a-trade day, as part of Melbourne Food & Wine Festival*