



Careers Newsletter

Term Three 2017

Latest Career Research

The changing world of work

In these times of a world which is rapidly changing, especially in terms of technology, it is becoming increasingly difficult to predict what the world of work will look like in the future. Recent research¹ predicts that the current generation of students will have up to five different

components of the toolbox.

These skills are:

- Positive Attitude
- Self-Management
- Communication
- Teamwork
- Willingness to Learn
- Thinking Skills
- Resilience

All are of equal importance but resilience and a positive

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careers and seventeen different jobs within those careers. Hence there is an emphasis on the need to build a “toolbox” of skills which can be transferred from job to job, career to career. Researchers have established that from any one job thirteen skills developed will be able to transfer to another role.

Careers NZ² has identified seven “Employability Skills” which they deem as essential

attitude are particularly relevant in this context.

In making career decisions, it has been determined that students who have had at least four career experiences make better choices. Career experiences include work shadowing, taster courses, interviewing people about their jobs, listening to speakers, and discussions with acquaintances about their roles.

Important Dates for Tertiary Applications



Scholarship applications should be underway. Closing dates vary and some time is required to contact referees, write a personal statement and ensure that verified copies of documents* have been made. *Instructions and information are available on Schoology under Careers, then Resources.*

Hostel Applications opened on 01 August and should be **completed by 15 September**. References are completed by school - no special requests are necessary. *There is no credence to the urban myth that places are awarded on a “first in, first served” basis!*

NOTE: First round places are offered in October. A **deposit of around \$800** will be required to secure a place, most of which is refundable if plans change. A **larger deposit of around \$6 000** is required by most hostels at the end of January.

General course applications close in early December. Restricted entry courses close earlier. Check portfolio requirements, if any.

Food for thought

Latest employment data

Latest data from Australia indicates strong employment outcomes for those with vocational training³. Within 4 to 6 months of completion, a higher percentage of vocationally trained graduates are in full-time positions and, surprisingly, at a slightly higher average salary than university graduates.

PWC in Australia has introduced a “higher apprenticeship” programme for school leavers which allows students to “...bypass university and begin working as accountants and risk management consultants straight after high school and at least five other companies are in talks to do the same.... a way to bring down student debt levels.”⁴

Career Activities

Terms 1 and 2

Year 10 had two sessions of a practical activity to stimulate ideas about careers, followed by an Ed Plan careers booklet. Year 13s have had sessions preparing them for life beyond school: tertiary study, finances, personal statement writing, Food Safety, Food for Flattening, car ownership and academic referencing.

The DHB is again running Programme Incubator which allows some senior students to listen to a variety of speakers employed by the DHB.

In May, Years 12 and 13 attended the HB Careers Expo with exhibitors from a range of tertiary providers. We were fortunate to have the Careers Bus visit on the same day allowing Year 9-13 students to utilise its resources.

For those Year 13 students who are, as yet, uncertain of their plans for 2018, they should make an appointment in *as soon as possible* to see the Careers Advisor. There are many tools, publications and much advice available.

For those planning a GAP year in 2018, an information sheet will be provided to support applications in 2019.

*DOCUMENTATION

Year 13 students have been reminded to have available copies of the following verified by a JP:

- ✓ ROA
- ✓ Birth certificate

They will also require an IRD number for student loan applications.

The Careers Office is open during lunchtime, after school, at the beginning of interval and many times during the school day. Students can call in for a quick chat but need to make an appointment for longer consultations. Parents and caregivers are also welcome. There are many resources available in the Careers Foyer which is accessible whenever the IRC is open.

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¹ Foundation for Young Australians: New Work Mindset <https://www.fya.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/The-New-Work-Mindset.pdf>

² Careers NZ: Skills employers are looking for https://www.careers.govt.nz/plan-your-career/not-sure-what-to-do/skills-employers-are-looking-for/#cID_2457

³ Compliant Learning Resources <https://compliantlearningresources.com.au/blog/great-news-strong-vocational-education-sector/>

⁴ Sydney Morning Herald: PWC <http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/pwc-to-end-university-degree-employment-requirement-20170424-gvrb7c.html>