Murrumba State Secondary College

Guidance and Careers Matters

Careers Information

This fortnight’s edition of Guidance and Careers Matters has information about Headspace and a sibling research project on offer at the University of Queensland. The career in focus is an Artilleryman.

Careers Information

Defence Information

DFR Brisbane wishes to advise that the second annual Fly Army Aviation Careers Day will be held at Queen’s Park, Toowoomba on Thursday, 28th of August 2014.

The Fly Army Aviation Careers Day was developed by Oakey’s Army Aviation Training Centre in conjunction with Defence Force Recruiting (Toowoomba) in an effort to draw focus towards Army aviation roles in Southeast Queensland. The event will feature a number of Army rotary wing aircraft, ADF exhibitions and the opportunity to engage with a variety of Army staff.

For more information regarding this event, please contact the College Guidance Officer.

Defence Force Work Experience

Army: HQ 7th Brigade (7BDE)-Ref No 0191/14

This work experience activity provides an introduction to the 7th Brigade and provides information on Army careers, enlistment and training procedures.

27 - 29 October 2014;

24 - 26 November 2014
3 days: Monday & Tuesday: 0800 – 1600, Wednesday: 0800 - 1500

Participants will be exposed to many of the units within the Brigade which may include:

7th Combat Service Support Battalion,

6 & 8/9th Bn Royal Australian Regiment,

2/14 Light Horse Regiment,

2 Combat Engineer Regiment & 1 Regiment Artillery

Access to the Mess, Weapons Training Simulation System (WTSS), Gym (including a fitness assessment), Battle Simulation Centre & Night Vision Training Centre (Ninox) as well as a Defence Recruiting presentation.

An information pack will be provided on day 1 of your placement which includes an outline of the program, a simple questionnaire and an evaluation form.

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Army: HQ 9th Force Support Battalion (9FSB)-Ref No 0972/14

13-17 October 2014

3 days: Monday - Wednesday, 0800 -1530

This placement introduces students to the role of 9FSB which provides a HQ capable of commanding and controlling units with road transport and air dispatch support capability.

A program of indoor and outdoor activities providing participants with an insight into a wide range of Army activities. Participants can witness the role of a Heavy Road Transport Unit under the close supervision of highly professional Defence personnel.

Insights into bulk transport, logistics, workshop maintenance, warehouse procedures, petroleum handling and other specialisations are offered.
Applications for these and many more work experience positions can be made online at [www.defence.gov.au/workexperience](http://www.defence.gov.au/workexperience), just click on the "Current Work Experience Placement" link then the QLD tab at the top of the following page and follow the prompts. For further information contact Geoff Metcalfe at [Qld.workexperienceprogram@defence.gov.au](mailto:Qld.workexperienceprogram@defence.gov.au) or phone 07-3233 4413.

**Australian Jobs 2014 now available**


It includes information about the labour market for industries and occupations as well as states, territories and regions of Australia. It also provides employment opportunity information that will help you understand where the jobs might be in the future. For example, the following information is from page 24 of *Australian Jobs 2014*. The ten occupations with the largest number of new jobs expected to November 2018 are:

Carers, Aged and Disabled  
Sales Assistants (General)  
Registered Nurses  
Clerks (General)  
Child Carers  
Retail Managers  
Accountants  
Advertising and Sales Managers  
Electricians  
Education Aides.

This does not mean that there will not be new jobs in other occupational areas. It means that the above jobs are expected to have the largest number of new jobs.

**Health Heroes website – jobs in health**

The Health Heroes website at [http://healthheroes.health.gov.au/](http://healthheroes.health.gov.au/) is a resource that has been developed as part of a campaign to encourage Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander secondary students to pursue a job in the health sector. However the information on the website is useful for all students. The Health Heroes website provides information on a range of health jobs, training options and career pathways in the health field. It includes an interactive career quiz, which suggests a range of health jobs based on participants’ interests and skills base. There are case study videos on the website of young Indigenous people talking about their real experiences and health-related jobs.

**Supporting Women Scholarships**

**2015 round of Supporting Women Scholarships launched**

The minister this week announced applications are open for the 2015 [Supporting Women Scholarships](#) program. These scholarships offer up to $20,000 for Queensland women to pursue study or training leading to careers in traditionally male-dominated industries, particularly agricultural and environmental studies, architecture and building, engineering, earth sciences and information technology. Applications are open until 10 October and are invited from women of all ages and backgrounds for study commencing in the 2015 academic year.

**Other Local Supports and Information**

**headspace** Redcliffe is now open! Headspace offers support in four key areas:

- Mental health
- Physical/Sexual health
- Alcohol and other drug services
- Education and employment services

We do this by providing free access to private practitioners, including psychologists, occupational therapists, social workers and even our very own General Practitioner!

We are open from 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday and young people can refer themselves by either walking in, phoning or emailing us. They can also ask family, a friend, a teacher, doctor, or someone close to them to make the referral on their behalf. Headspace phone number is 3897 1897 or email
Zig Zag Sexual Assault Service is a free and confidential counselling service that also offers support groups to young women who have been sexually assaulted. They are located at 575 Old Cleveland Road Camp Hill QLD 4152 Ph 07 38431823

Career in focus

Police Officer

(From http://www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au)

Police officers protect the community from crime and disorder by providing services to uphold the law, protect life and property, preserve the peace, prevent crime, detect and apprehend offenders, and help those in need of assistance.

Police officers may perform the following tasks:

• promote crime prevention and undertake community policing activities to improve the quality of community life
• patrol assigned areas on foot or in vehicles to check security of property and watch for unusual activity
• apprehend law breakers
• investigate criminal offences and question suspicious people about their activities
• gather information about crimes and accidents by talking to victims and witnesses and taking notes and statements in writing
• direct and re-route traffic at congested areas
• respond to citizens' complaints and attend scenes of disturbances and reported illegal activities

• guard prisoners

• detain and search suspects for weapons, stolen goods or drugs

• work with ambulance, firefighting and defence force personnel to control emergency situations such as floods, bomb threats and chemical spills

• assist injured and distressed people and search for missing or lost people

• carry out routine clerical work

• issue infringement notices for traffic offences

• attend special events (such as football matches) and control crowds where necessary

• give evidence in court from previously prepared briefs and notes

• perform random breath tests of drivers to detect those driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs

• secure crime and accident scenes, and locate or obtain evidence for analysis

• give sympathetic, constructive and reassuring assistance and feedback to victims of crime.

Specialisations:

After gaining experience, police officers may seek entry to specialist areas such as criminal investigation (detective work), radio communications, prosecutions, juvenile aid, accident investigation, water police, dog handling, traffic control, the mounted unit, education and training, and human resource management.

All newly appointed police officers are initially required to perform station and patrol duties.
Police officers are required to work shifts, including weekends and public holidays, and serve in any part of the relevant state or territory.

Personal Requirements:

• enjoy helping people
• able to stay calm in difficult situations
• able to cope with the physical demands of the job
• tolerant of people from all backgrounds and cultures
• honest and reliable
• willing to accept responsibility
• socially mature with a degree of mental toughness
• able to analyse and solve problems
• have an acceptable traffic/criminal record
• Australian citizenship or permanent residency
• able to satisfy medical requirements.

Information in this bulletin was gathered from a variety of sources including publicly available websites, institutional and organisational newsletters, student and career advisers and guidance officers. Every effort has been made to ensure the information provided is accurate and up-to-date at the time of publication. Check individual organisation websites for current information.