

careers information newsletter



Wednesday 19 February 2020

It's been a busy start to Term 1! I have been pleased that so many students have made appointments to see me, with questions ranging from developing a career pathway plan, to discussing possible universities locally, interstate and overseas, and researching different scholarships they might be eligible for. Well done!

I will continue to keep important information, that is still relevant, in the newsletter and then add anything interesting that has come up in the last fortnight.

Remember that career advice is offered to students who would like to explore career options in more depth. Students and parents may email or phone to seek more information or make an appointment before or after school, during recess or lunch or during private study periods for Year 12s.

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Alliance USA Academic Tour – December 2020

The Alliance of Girls Schools is pleased to announce dates for our second exciting USA Academic Tour, in partnership with Crimson Education. Departing in December 2020, the academic tour will allow students to take in the educational highlights from the East and West Coasts of the USA.

Students will meet and learn from high-profile industry experts and explore some of the world's most influential institutions and exciting destinations. Most memorable of all, you'll get to hear directly from top professors and current students to understand what makes their universities some of the world's best. Only 20 students can be accommodated on the trip so it will be important to apply early to avoid disappointment.

Taking place from 5-20 December 2020, the itinerary includes:

- Boston + Harvard University + Boston Freedom Trail
- Boston + MIT + Educational Strategy Workshop
- New York City + Brown University + Yale University
- New York City + United Nations + Columbia University
- New York City + New York University + Statue of Liberty
- New York City + Tiger Management + Metropolitan Museum of Art / Guggenheim Museum
- San Francisco + Fisherman's Wharf + Stanford University + Educational Strategy Workshop
- San Francisco + Silicon Valley Company Visits + SETI Institute
- Los Angeles + Alcatraz Island + UC Berkeley + Caltech
- Los Angeles + LA Cleantech Incubator + Disneyland/Universal Studios
- Los Angeles + UCLA + Griffith Observatory

For more information please [CLICK HERE](#) or make an appointment with Miss Iasky.

We are also holding an information session next Wednesday at lunchtime with our Year 11 student and a Crimson Education representative who attended the tour in January this year.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	VENUE	MORE INFO / REGISTER
Alliance Academic Tour Info/ Applying to US/UK	Wednesday 26 February	Lunch 1.10pm – 1.50pm	Lecture Theatre	Email Miss Iasky

Australian National University

Applying to ANU 2021

You can apply direct to ANU for 2021 and get an **early conditional offer**. This will allow you to focus on what's really important - completing your final year.

Direct applications will open in March 2020. What you need to know:

- There is no application fee.
- You will be required to meet the co-curricular or service requirement.
- You will apply for admission, guaranteed accommodation, and over 200 scholarships all in one application.

Students interested in applying to ANU should start researching courses they would like to apply to. [CLICK HERE](#) to search for courses.

ADF Gap Year applications open in March

If you want to experience life in the navy, army or air force, the Gap Year provides a unique opportunity to get a feel for a military life in the ADF, without committing to a longer period, and to develop with experiences you would otherwise never have.

- Gain valuable skills and work experience
- Enjoy a good salary package plus free healthcare
- Live a varied, active and healthy lifestyle
- Make friends with like-minded people
- Travel around Australia

For more information: [Australian Defence Force Gap Year](#)

Curtin University

Curtin University is holding a free information session for Year 10 parents to break down the university jargon and explain how you can help your daughters choose the best subjects for Years 11 and 12 to suit their interests, abilities and career goals.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	VENUE	MORE INFO / REGISTER
Year 10 Parent Information Evening	Wednesday 26 February	5.45pm	Building 500, Room 1102, Curtin University	CLICK HERE

Important Course Changes

Bachelor of Computing

From 2021, this course will change to a guaranteed ATAR of 80.

The Bachelor of Computing now has three streams. As from 2022, the stream requirements and pre-requisites will be:

- Computer Science - Guaranteed 80 ATAR and Maths Methods
- Cyber Security - Guaranteed 80 ATAR and Maths Methods
- Software Engineering - Guaranteed 80 ATAR and Maths Applications

Bachelor of Information Technology will remain the same.

Bachelor of Arts (Librarianship and Corporate Information)

The Bachelor of Arts (Librarianship and Corporate Information Management) course is being phased out in 2020. Moving forward, students can add one of the following to their Bachelor of Arts course as an alternative.

- Graduate Diploma in Information and Library Studies.
- Graduate Diploma in Records Management and Archives
- Master of Information Management.

Crimson Education – Career Paths for High Achievers

If you're in Years 9 to 11 and everyone keeps asking you for help in class or tries to peek at the answers on your test, it's time to start thinking about where your academic talents could take you! At this event, expert speakers from **MedView** and **Crimson Education** will take you through two of the most popular, but challenging, university options:

- Applying to Australian medical schools
- Applying to top US and UK universities

Getting accepted into either of these two paths requires more than academics alone. It comes down to having a complete understanding of the application process and being organised enough to prepare well in advance.

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US/UK Applications	Wednesday 26 February	Lunch 1.10 pm– 1.50pm	Lecture Theatre	Miss Iasky
Career Paths for High Achievers	Saturday 22 February	1.30pm – 3.30pm	UWA, Blakers Theatre	CLICK HERE

Get Real Experience and Try – Nursing and Midwifery Year 10 Work Experience Program

The Get Real Experience and Try (GREaT) Nursing and Midwifery Work Experience Program has been developed to encourage high school students to experience nursing prior to studying it with a state training provider or at university.

The program has been developed for Year 10 high school students to experience the many aspects of nursing and midwifery in a clinical setting while observing the team in action. Over five consecutive days students will rotate through many areas previously not available to school students, to find out what it's really like to be a nurse or midwife and what nurses and midwives really do.

Applications for the 2020 GREaT Program are NOW open and close at 5.00pm on Friday 13 March. The application link button will only appear and be active during this time. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

(This is a great opportunity for Year 10s to complete a nursing placement for their Work Experience. Placements may not be in our allocated Work Experience week but students may get approval to complete this program if it is an area they are keen to pursue. Students will be expected to catch up on missed work.)

Letz Live Gap Year

Applications are open for January 2021 Gap Years! (Applications close 20 March 2020)

Looking at spending time abroad as part of your gap year? Are you keen to work as a gap assistant in a school in New Zealand, Thailand or The United Kingdom? The gap year program will include meals, accommodation, a weekly allowance, visa assistance, a comprehensive orientation and ongoing support from the Letz Live team.

Find out more at: <https://www.letzlive.org>

Medicine/Dentistry Afternoon Tea – Year 12s

I have organised for three Old Girls to come and talk to Year 12 students about their experience in applying to Medicine. They will be able to discuss the courses at UWA and Curtin. This will be a great opportunity to ask questions about how they prepared for the UCAT, medicine interviews and applying not just in Perth, but interstate as well.

The students coming are:

- **Holly Reid (2018)– Curtin Medicine Rural Pathway**
- **Andrea Acosta Vargas (2018) – UWA Assured Pathway to Medicine**
- **Abbey Ruscoe (2019) - UWA Assured Pathway to Medicine**

I will provide some light afternoon tea (probably Hot Cross Buns!) and the session will run from 3.45 – 5.00pm in the Lecture Theatre. If you are planning on applying to Medicine/Dentistry or even just thinking about it, I strongly suggest you attend.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	VENUE	MORE INFO / REGISTER
Medicine Afternoon Tea	Wednesday 26 February	3.45pm – 5.00pm	Lecture Theatre	Email Miss Iasky

Notre Dame News!

Bachelor of Arts (Architecture) – *new!*

From 2021, Notre Dame will offer a Bachelor of Arts (Architecture). Students will explore sustainability, housing affordability, ageing-in-place, city living, community building and much more. The degree will also allow students to complete a Minor in a complementary discipline, expanding their career opportunities by providing pathways into various professions. Students wishing to continue to registration as an architect can do so by enrolling in the Master of Architecture. Further details will be available shortly.

Save the date for 2020 Future Student events

- **22 March** - Medicine Info Session
- **31 March** - Parent Info Evening
- **13 May** - Info Night
- **17 July** - A Day in the Life of a Uni Student
- **9 August** - Open Day
- **8 September** - Admissions Info Evening

Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarships

Applications are now open for 2021 Rotary Exchange Scholarships. They close on **March 31, 2020**. Students aged 15 – 18 years are invited to apply. Successful applicants get to have a life-changing experience spending 12 months as Australian Youth Ambassadors in a foreign country. There is a significant application process. If you are considering applying, you should start now by visiting the [Western Australian Rotary Youth Exchange website](#).

EVENT	DATE	TIME	VENUE	MORE INFO / REGISTER
Rotary Exchange Information Day	Sunday 23 February	1.30pm - 3.30pm	John McGrath Pavilion 97 Hensman St, South Perth	North of Perth Contact Jill Hanna M: 0417 982 315 jhpks@iinet.net.au

UCAT – Medicine and Dentistry

Most students and parents will now be aware the UMAT has been replaced with the UCAT. Information about the UCAT can be found [HERE](#). There are practice tests and resources and clear instructions on what to expect in the test on the site.

Students wishing to apply for to study medicine at Curtin or those who wish to apply for a direct entry place at UWA medicine or dentistry for 2020 will need to complete this test in July.

Students can register from 2 March and registrations close on 11 May. Testing happens in July. I recommend that students register early and book to sit the test in the July school holidays.

University of Melbourne – Aspiring Scholars Program

Applications for the University of Melbourne’s 2020 Aspiring Scholars community are now open and close on **Sunday 8 March!**

The Aspiring Scholars community is an online community of high achieving Year 12 students from across Australia who are connected by their interest in possible future study at the University of Melbourne.

Members of the community receive:

- An insight into the student experience at Melbourne through our current student mentors who themselves are past Aspiring Scholars;
- Access to a series of webinars on topics such as the Melbourne Model, finding accommodation, how to apply through VTAC, and moving interstate;
- An invitation to a meet-up in their closest major city to network with other Aspiring Scholars, meet a University of Melbourne staff member (i.e. me!), and collect some merch; and
- A chance to win a trip to the University of Melbourne’s 2020 Open Day so they can explore the campus for themselves along with a parent/guardian.

The Aspiring Scholars community is open to high achieving students from across Australia, and I’d encourage you to encourage any students likely to receive an ATAR of 95.00+ to apply. To see the information poster [CLICK HERE](#).

To apply, click the link to complete the [application form](#).

US Undergraduate Application Process – Education USA

Education USA Australia, with support from College Board, are delighted to bring out Ms Amy Jarich, former Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Admissions at the University of California – Berkeley, and a past College Board Faculty Institute Member. Amy will speak about the U.S. application process and provide invaluable insight for student applicants.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	VENUE	MORE INFO / REGISTER
US Undergraduate Application Process	Thursday 5 March	6.30pm - 8.30pm	CPA Theatre, All Saints College	CLICK HERE

UWA Upcoming Events

Making high school less stressful for everyone! UWA's free information sessions give you a head start on making your Year 10, 11 or 12 experience a positive one... even if you're not sure if university's the right pathway for your future goals. Find out more about:

- UWA's courses and entry requirements;
- Maximising your ATAR;
- How to keep your options open when selecting your upper school subjects; and
- On-campus activities and events we offer for Years 10, 11 and 12 students.

You can also talk directly to faculty specialists about your specific interest areas.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	VENUE	MORE INFO / REGISTER
Course Information Evening	Monday 30 March	5.00pm - 6.00pm Course Expo 6.00pm – 7.30pm Course Presentation	UWA	CLICK HERE

UWA Fogarty Foundation Scholarships for 2021

Applications are now open and close in May 2020.

The UWA Fogarty Foundation Scholarships provide senior secondary students who show significant academic potential, together with a strong sense of community involvement and responsibility in Years 11 and 12, with an opportunity to undertake an undergraduate degree of their choice at The University of Western Australia.

To be eligible to apply, applicants are required to:

- be enrolled as a domestic student in Year 12 at a Western Australian secondary school at the time of application;
- demonstrate outstanding achievements during Years 11 and 12, as well as demonstrate excellence in **at least three areas of arts, community service, leadership or sports;**
- have a predicted minimum **ATAR of 98 +**
- nominate UWA as their first preference in the main round of TISC offers.

For more information go to the [UWA Fogarty Scholarships Website](#).

Remember to let me know if you have any questions or need some advice, as I look forward to helping you discover more about your potential future career.

Best wishes

Miss Iasky