



# MOAMA ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## CAREER NEWSLETTER

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### FOCUS ON YEAR 9/10 CAREERS PROGRAM

2016 will be the year of transition for the Careers Program at Moama Anglican Grammar. Year 10 students will continue with the existing program – attending weekly Careers lessons through terms 2 and 3, and participating in the Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation and other School career focused events. These include:

- Beacon Charter Signing and 15 Year Celebration (21 April)
- Careers Expo (28 April)
- Career Wise Testing (29 April) and follow-up Information Night for students and families where the CareerWise Report will be explained (11 May)
- Careers Camp to Melbourne (12-15 July)
- Beacon Mock Interviews (31 August)
- Work Experience (21-25 November)

Year 9 students will also participate in the Careers Program for the first time this year. The School has facilitated these changes to allow students to begin their career development earlier and progress through the program over a two year period. In addition to this, the Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation has also moved to become a Year 9 Program for our three local schools (Echuca College, St Joseph's College and Moama Anglican Grammar). The Beacon program complements our Careers Program so we are able to prepare for, and follow-up, Beacon events during Careers lessons. An example of this are the Beacon Mock Interviews held on 1 September. In the lead up to this, students will be learning about and preparing application letters, resumes and interview technique in our Careers lessons.

A perceived disadvantage to these changes is that students are forced to decide 'what they want to be' too early. Rest assured this will not happen, nor is it a goal of our Careers Program. The Year 9 program has one structured Careers lesson per fortnight, over the four terms, where students work through the following units:

- Personal Management – understanding me and goal setting
- Learning and Work Exploration – investigating jobs, understanding qualifications and raising aspirations
- Career Building – applications, resumes and interview preparation
- Learning and Work Exploration cont. – further job investigation and research
- Career Building cont. – Career Action Plans

The Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation events include:

- 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Charter Signing – 21 April
- Careers Expo – 31 May
- Mock Interviews – 1 September

Beacon Leaders will assist in running these, as well as being involved in additional events.

The Careers Program will continue through Year 10 in 2017. Students will not have structured Careers lessons, but will complete the CareerWise Testing (with an Information Night for students and families where the CareerWise Report will be explained), attend the Careers Camp in Melbourne, make subject selections for their HSC studies and participate in the Work Experience program. These activities will be supported through the Pastoral Care program.

**The goal of our Careers Program is to provide opportunities for students to develop skills and knowledge which will enable them to plan and make informed decisions about their education, training and career choices.** Students are encouraged to develop an understanding of who they are, and pursue their interests, while investigating careers

that match these with their skills. The reality is that many of the jobs current Year 9 and 10 students will go into have not been 'invented' yet. **We should become less concerned with deciding 'what I want to be', and more concerned with finding out what I like doing, to then pursuing education and training in that area, while considering careers and looking for opportunities which need your particular skills and interests.**

Fortnightly career newsletters will be emailed to students in Year 9-12 and their parents.

You can also keep up to date through the Careers Facebook [www.facebook.com/MAGScareers](http://www.facebook.com/MAGScareers).

Additional information can be found on the Careers page of the School website

<http://www.moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au/teaching-and-learning/secondary-school-7-12/careers-education/>

Information and links are updated through the year as required.

Resources that you may find useful:

- [The Job Guide](#) providing an in-depth look at a range of occupations and education and training pathways to support people to make informed career decisions.
- The [Parents Talking Career Choices](#) brochure has strategies for parents and carers to help them discuss the options available for further study and employment after school with their teenage children.
- [Career Bullseye posters](#) are useful tools to assist young people to make school subject selections based on what jobs they can lead to.
- The [School subjects you like and jobs they can lead to](#) is a downloadable booklet which includes the full set of Career Bullseye posters, hints on how to use them, and a list of useful websites.

I look forward to partnering with parents as our students journey through their career development.

Mr. S Martin  
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## VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

### Applying for Medicine/ Dentistry/ Oral Health/ Optometry?

If you are applying for any of these health science courses, you may need to sit the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test (UMAT).

This is a three-part test that you sit in July 2016 and selected universities use your UMAT score as part of the selection process, in conjunction with your ATAR and in some cases an interview.

You will be tested on the following- logical reasoning and problem solving, understanding people and non verbal reasoning.

You will only have one chance to sit the UMAT this year- the test will be held Wednesday 27 July. You must be in Year 12 and you must register online to sit the test by 5pm 3 June.

It is important that you start to prepare for the test early. There are several private companies who offer commercial preparation programs – [www.nie.edu.au/](http://www.nie.edu.au/) and [www.medentry.edu.au/](http://www.medentry.edu.au/) are examples.

It is important to note that the universities who use the UMAT do not endorse any of these companies and you will receive free preparation materials once you register for the test (registration is now open).

Please go to <http://umat.acer.edu.au/> for more information about the UMAT and to see if you have to sit the test.

You can also join the [ACER UMAT Facebook](#) page to keep up to date with key information.

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### Are you interested in Journalism?

Twelve secondary school students run the 'Under Age' website which is a collaboration between The Age Newspaper and Express Media. You can visit the website regularly to read topical articles and there may be an opportunity in the future to contribute. [www.theunderage.com.au](http://www.theunderage.com.au).

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### Casual employment

You can sign up for employment at the following websites:

- Coles, [www.colescareers.com.au](http://www.colescareers.com.au)
- KFC, [www.kfcjobs.com.au/team/apply.aspx](http://www.kfcjobs.com.au/team/apply.aspx)
- Hungry Jacks, [www.hungryjacks.com.au](http://www.hungryjacks.com.au)
- Woolworths, [www.wowcareers.com.au](http://www.wowcareers.com.au)
- Target, [www.target.com.au/company/careers](http://www.target.com.au/company/careers)
- McDonald's, <https://mcdonalds.com.au/learn/careers>
- Bunnings, [www.bunnings.com.au/join-our-team](http://www.bunnings.com.au/join-our-team)

About 80% of all job vacancies aren't advertised, so it is crucial that you market yourself to businesses with an excellent resume and cover letter. Make sure you tell as many people as possible that you are looking for work as often employers rely on 'word of mouth' to recruit for their positions.

For excellent job seeking tips, check out the resources at Victoria Youth Central - [www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/](http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/)

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### Work in Spain for a year!

Thinking of taking a gap year? Through the Conversation Assistance Program run by Home to Home, you will be able to live in Spain for 9 months, working at a school assisting students and teachers to improve their English skills. You must be 18, have completed Year 12 and you don't have to speak Spanish. For more information, go to [www.hometohome.es/](http://www.hometohome.es/)

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### Careers in the Defence Force

There are many occupations in the Defence Force that you may be suited to. Your ability to apply for the occupation of your choice will be effected by your level of education, the subjects you have studied at school, your age, and your gender. To narrow down which occupations you can apply for, use the Defence Force "Job Finder". You just enter your personal details and select your general career interest areas and a list of jobs will be generated. Go to [www.defencejobs.gov.au/](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/)

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### **Passionate about fashion design**

Australian retailer Forever New has partnered with RMIT to mentor design students through a scholarship program. The scholarship includes \$20,000 towards tuition fees and design collection expenses, plus a 12-month employment offer in the design team at Forever New upon graduation, [www.forevernew.com.au/rmit-scholarship](http://www.forevernew.com.au/rmit-scholarship).

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## **KEY RESOURCES**

### **The Good Universities Guide**

The GUG assists young people to make informed decisions about university study in Australia. The guide contains information about what a degree is, what you can study and where, and contains independent 5-star ratings and comparisons of courses and providers, [www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au](http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au).

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### **Australian Apprenticeship Pathways**

This is a fantastic website for anyone who is interested in pursuing an apprenticeship, traineeship or school based apprenticeship, [www.aapathways.com.au](http://www.aapathways.com.au)

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### **Course Camel**

Lists courses at Victorian institutions. You can search for courses based on interests, prerequisites, location, qualification type etc., [www.coursecamel.com](http://www.coursecamel.com).

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **AFS Student Exchange**

If you are interested in participating in an overseas exchange program or would like to find out more about becoming a host family, AFS runs over 100 online and face to face information seminars each year. For a list of upcoming events, go to [www.afs.org.au/](http://www.afs.org.au/)

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### **Flight attendant careers session**

Aviation Australia is running a Cabin Crew Career Session on Wednesday 2 March at Qantas Flight Training Centre, Airport West, Victoria. For information and to register, [click here](#).

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### **JMC Academy Information Session**

JMC offer courses in 3D animation, game design, film & television production, audio engineering, sound production, entertainment business management, contemporary music & performance. An information session will be held at the Melbourne campus on 26 March. For information and to register, go to [www.jmccademy.edu.au/events/information-sessions/jmc-academy-information-sessions](http://www.jmccademy.edu.au/events/information-sessions/jmc-academy-information-sessions).

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### **Considering a gap year?**

Global Volunteers International (GVI) offer a range of overseas volunteering programs to school leavers. There is a huge range of options such as wildlife conservation, marine conservation, teaching, caring for children, teaching English to monks, sports, and women empowerment. The next information session will be held at Moonee Ponds on Saturday 27 February. For information and to register, [click here](#).

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## **Australia National University (ANU) – Scholarships Roadshow**

If you are considering studying at ANU in the future, you should consider attending the scholarship roadshow program featuring the generous Tuckwell Scholarship. Dates are as follows:

- Melbourne – Tuesday 1 March
- Geelong – Thursday 3 March
- Online - Thursday 3 March

For information and to register, [click here](#).

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