Happy New Year to all TPS families. As it’s the first Careers News for the year, we felt it might be beneficial to remind families of the services provided by the Careers Team for 2016.

The Peninsula School Careers Services:

Careers Library
Students are provided with access to all TAFE and university course guides, VET information, Job Guides, information about getting a job and specific vocational advice. The Careers Library is located within the Careers Office, Room ZC207 within the Zammit Centre.

Individual Careers Counselling
The Careers Team plans to meet with every Senior Student, to develop a pathways plan for the future. This process involves identification of students’ interests and abilities; planning for Year 11 and 12 programs; organising for the transition from school to further training, education or work; and tertiary applications.

Careers Newsletter – ‘Careers News’
Careers News is the easiest way to stay informed about specific careers information pertinent to students; as well as gain details about a range of careers events occurring throughout the year.

VCE and Careers Expo
The VCE and Careers Expo will be held on 13th July, 2016. This is an important event for current Year 10 and 11 students and parents to attend to assist in planning for subject selection and post school options. Students will receive important information on VCE subject areas and options for Years 11 and 12. Representatives from selected TAFE, universities and private colleges will provide information and advice about post-secondary options for all Senior School students.

Year 9 Pathways Program
The Pathways Program forms an integral part of the development process for Year 9 students. Throughout the week, students will participate in a series of careers orientated classes which include vocational testing, identification of potential future pathways, recognition of prerequisites in subject selection; as well as visits to a range of tertiary institutions and workplaces.

Dates for your diary:

Year 12 students:
- Individual Careers Appointments will start from Tuesday 15 March. In the meantime, students may call to the Careers Office as it suits them.

Year 11 students:
- Visit to The Age VCE and Careers Expo on 6 May.

Year 10 students:
Preparation for Work Experience:
- Safe@Work OH&S training is on 23 Feb.
- Safe@Work OH&S testing is on 24 Feb.
- Work Experience Block One is 21 March – 24 March.

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Year 10 Work Experience
Work Experience provides students with a first-hand opportunity to experience a workplace of interest and to participate in the broader ‘world of work’. Work Experience alternates with Year 10 camp and will be undertaken either at the end of Term One or Three (See below for further information).

Year level information sessions and assemblies
At pertinent times throughout the year, students will attend information sessions hosted by the Careers Team, to address particular issues. This timeline includes:

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Job Preparation
Whether students are seeking part time work on weekends or looking to gain a full time job at the end of their schooling, the Careers Team can assist. It may be to help construct a resume and application letter or to gain tips on going for your first job interview. Employers regularly contact the Careers Office to advertise jobs in the local area and students should keep an eye on the Daily Bulletin and via email, for details of these positions.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) Coordination
The school’s VET Coordination takes place from the Careers Office. The team are responsible for overseeing the overall operation of VET programs for our students; including enrolment coordination, liaison with training organisations; coordination of the Structured Work Placement Program; visits with employers; and Occupational Health and Safety Training.

REMINDERS…..

- **VET Students**
  VET classes have started this week, with students beginning their programs at Elizabeth Murdoch College and Toorak College. Chisholm VET classes will begin next week, from Wednesday 10 February. Students should contact the Careers Team if they require clarification about any arrangements for VET.

- **Year 10 Work Experience**
  The first block of Work Experience will take place at the end of this term, 21 March – 24 March and the second block will take place from 12 – 16 September (these blocks alternate with the Outdoor Education camps). As part of the leaning process, it is expected that students will source their own placements through approaching relevant employers in their interest areas. It is always useful to make the most of family contacts and friends; and the Careers Team are happy to assist with providing suggestions of potential workplaces for students to call. Please note the following points in relation to Work Experience:
  1. Students must be 15 years of age when completing Work Experience.
  2. Students completing Work Experience on a building construction site in areas such as Carpentry, Building, Electrical and Plumbing, must have completed the mandated White Card training first (relevant training session will be arranged by the Careers Team).
  3. Interstate placements are discouraged as students will not be covered by the relevant insurance.

The mandated Work Experience Arrangements Forms are available from the Careers Office, Mr De Valle’s Office, via Zenith and via email to students. Once these are completed, it is requested that they are returned to the Careers Office asap. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this process.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY CONTINUED:

GENERAL:

- The Annual Age VCE and Careers Expo
  The annual Age VCE and Careers Expo will be held at Caulfield Racecourse, from Thursday 5th May to Sunday 8th May and is one of the earliest and most comprehensive Careers Expos for the year. Exhibitors include providers of VCE Resources, universities, TAFE and training colleges and gap organizations. More details can be found at www.vceandcareers.com.au.

SPECIFIC CAREERS:

- UMAT for current Year 12’s applying for Medicine, Dentistry and Optometry
  All current Year 12 students intending applying for Medicine, Dentistry, Oral Health, Clinical Sciences or Optometry, should be aware that there is likely to be a requirement for you to complete the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT), as part of your university application. Registration for UMAT is required by 5pm on 3 June and the exam will take place on 27 July, 2016. For more information and registrations, go to http://umat.acer.edu.au or contact Ms. Burt in the Careers Office.

TERTIARY INFORMATION:

University of Melbourne

- Jazz ensemble and music theatre courses
  The VCA is offering Jazz Ensembles Studio and Music Theatre Studio short courses on Saturdays. Taught by industry professionals in a workshop environment, these courses for 15+ year olds are designed to build confidence, develop performance skills and enhance learning. Students in Music Theatre develop fundamental performance skills in singing, dancing and acting. Jazz Ensemble Studio takes students inside the small ensemble and improvisation process, develops creativity and provides guided performance practice to elevate ability and confidence. For further information and enrolments, go to http://vca-mcm.unimelb.edu.au/shortcourses.