What is “Career Development”?

Earlier this year I was awarded the Graduate Certificate in Career Development from Swinburne University. I was successful in receiving a government grant to study this last year and I look forward to sharing my new acquired skills and knowledge with our school community.

“Career Development” is a term often referred to by career practitioners but what does it mean?

The Career Industry Council of Australia’s definition is as follows:

“Career development is the process of managing life, learning and work over the life span.”

A Career is not something that you choose to have or not have (as was once thought). Nor is it about “climbing the ladder” in a single, chosen field, separated from family and other aspects of life. You are all in the process of career development now and will be throughout your lives 😊

This definition of career development fits well with the Christian worldview that our lives and our bodies are to be viewed holistically. Not one part is separate from the other and in particular when it comes to the place God has in our lives. Jesus set the example in this. He didn’t separate the different aspects of his life into secular and sacred. Everything he did was sacred and worthy of his calling as God’s chosen vessel for the salvation of mankind. So we are called to live in a way that demonstrates that all of life is sacred and an act of worship to Him. “So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going to work and school, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering.” (The Message – Romans 12:2)

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“At Monash” Seminar Series (for March/April):

All seminars are from 6.30pm – 8pm. Bookings are essential. For more information and to register, go to monash.edu.seminars

Tuesday 4 March (Peninsula Campus): Business and Economics

Thursday 6 March (Peninsula Campus): Nursing, Midwifery and Emergency Health
Wednesday 12 March (Clayton Campus): Business and Economics
Thursday 13 March (Clayton Campus): Science
Tuesday 18 March (Peninsula Campus): Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy
Wednesday 19 March (Caulfield Campus): Information Technology
Thursday 20 March (Parkville Campus): Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Tuesday 25 March (Caulfield Campus): Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences)
Wednesday 26 March (Caulfield Campus): Design and Fine Art
Thursday 27 March (Peninsula Campus): Teaching, Sport and Outdoor Recreation.
Tuesday 29 April (Caulfield Campus): Architecture
Wednesday 30 April (Caulfield Campus): Interior Architecture

Top Tip for students

“When we engage in many activities, one side of the brain is activated to a greater degree than the other. If a balance can, however, be struck in the degree of activation of both sides of the brain, learning potential can be increased by five times! The learning process predominantly activates the left hand side of the brain, whereas music has been found to activate the right hand side. Perfect balance between in the right and left sides, however, is only attained when listening to Baroque style music. Examples of Baroque style music include Mozart, Vivaldi, Handel and Bach. Note: It has been found that students listening to such music also felt calmer, could study longer and made fewer errors!”

Source: TSFX Bulletin, VCE, Issue 1. For more information on TSFX and their tutoring programs and lecture series, visit www.tsfx.com.au
Plumbing Careers Exhibition

When: Tuesday 11 March 2014
Time: 1-4pm

Students who are considering a future in the plumbing industry will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from Registered Training Organisations, TAFE institutes, group schemes, employers and others involved in vocational education and training. These organisations will be available to give first hand industry and training insights too attendees to help them fully appreciate what a career in plumbing can involve and the various career paths available.

See Mrs Koole for details if you are interested.

EXPERIENCE LA TROBE

11 APRIL, 10AM - 4PM

It's time to explore, discover and experience La Trobe! We'll be opening our doors twice this year for Year 10, 11, and 12 students and parents to Experience La Trobe.

Be a La Trobe student for a day and get the inside scoop on what really happens after secondary school.

Attend workshops, lectures and seminars of your choice to find out about career options, areas of study, pathways and
Attn: Year 9-12 students interested in Careers in Technology,

**BiG Day In @ RMIT**

is on

**Thursday 29 May 2014**

The ACS Foundation and RMIT invite students to attend the **BiG Day In IT Careers conference** in Storey Hall at RMIT on **Thursday 29 May 2014**.

Come and hear speakers from companies like IBM, Deloitte’s Centre for the Edge Australia, WiseTech Global, HP & more to come, talking about the future of technology. We’ve got exhibitors from organisations including IBM, WiseTech Global, KPMG, Telstra, HP, LEGO Education, Group X & more!

**Tickets:** $10 per student

Click [HERE](#) to book & pay for tickets

**Time:** 9am - 2.30pm

Teachers - please enter ‘**teacher**’ in coupon code box,
change the payment option to either direct deposit or cheque, then hit ‘redeem coupon’ to book tickets

Enquiries: Kerrie Bisaro, ACS Foundation
(02) 8296 4444 / 0417 409 069 or kerrie.bisaro@acsfoundation.com.au

Don’t delay – tickets are selling fast!

Visit thebigdayin.com.au for more details

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**MIBT** (Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology Pty Ltd)

**Biomedical Science at Burwood**
MIBT’s Diploma of Health Sciences students will now be able to transfer into the second year of the Bachelor of Biomedical Science with the addition of the unit SLE115. This now gives students the option to study this course at the Burwood campus.

**Engineering Maths Prerequisite**
MIBT continues to offer two Foundation Year Advanced Mathematics units to Diploma of Engineering students who do not have the Maths prerequisite for direct entry to Engineering at Deakin University. The first attempt in these units are free for eligible students, but repeating the units will incur a cost as these two units are a pre-requisite to progression and successful completion of the Diploma of Engineering.

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Interested in joining the Defence Force?
Defence Force Recruiting would like to take this opportunity to invite you, your students and their families to an ADFA information night here at the Defence Force Recruiting Centre in Melbourne.

This evening will provide you with an overview of life at ADFA, details about the lifestyle and training ADFA has to offer, and also an explanation of the recruitment process.

**Date:** Wednesday 12th March 2014

**Time:** 6:00pm – 7:00pm

**Location:** 501 Swanston Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Our building is currently undergoing extensive refurbishment, please follow the signs to the 501, Level 14 Reception area (Meeting Place).

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**University of Melbourne Update:**

**A Day at Melbourne**

We invite all Year 10 to 12 students and their families to join us and experience a Day at Melbourne!
**A Day at Melbourne** is replacing our Access All Areas events of the past and will be very similar in nature, providing an opportunity to come and explore our vibrant Parkville campus and find out more about the range of study options available.

This includes a chance to hear from current students about what it’s like to study at Melbourne as well as tailored sessions about our entry requirements, course structures and other opportunities available to Melbourne students. A tour of our Southbank campus will also be included in the program for those who wish to visit the Victorian College of the Arts.

This event is ideal for international or domestic students and provides a great opportunity to gather information and talk to University staff about all aspects of studying and life at Melbourne.

**Come along to A Day at Melbourne and find out more about:**
- Undergraduate degrees and graduate pathways at Melbourne
- Unique opportunities to enrich degrees such as concurrent diplomas and going on exchange and study abroad
- Admissions and entry requirements
- Access Melbourne and Melbourne Scholarships
- Accommodation options
- How parents can help with the transition to university

**Date:** Friday 11 April 2014  
**Time:** 10am – 3.30pm  
**Location:** The University of Melbourne,  
Parkville campus

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**Thinking about deferring your place at Melbourne Uni?**

Please remember that requests for deferral are not granted automatically. For each intake the availability for deferral and criteria used for assessing applications for deferral varies between each undergraduate degree at the discretion of the Faculty.

Prospective and current students wishing to further discuss deferral are recommended to contact the relevant Faculty Student Centre that teaches their undergraduate course via 13 MELB (13 6352).