ATTENTION YR 12 PARENTS and STUDENTS
Careers Checklist for Year 12 2010

Early Career Planning is essential!
Possible post year 12 Destinations. Include;

Getting a full time Job/Apprenticeship/Traineeship

Going to TAFE and/or a private provider full time or part time

Going to university full/part time

Having a Gap Year

The first Step in your Post Year 12 Planning should involve a Career interview with MR GOOLEY............this interview should be during your Free/Study period...and should involve your parents.
To arrange an interview see me at the beginning of any Day. I will Book you in for an interview ASAP....PARENTS are MOST welcome to attend.

Some issues to consider prior to the interview.

Employment - Casual /Full time including Apprenticeships

1. Check Position Vacant in newspapers and on the internet.
   e.g. www.worksearch.com.au/
   www.jobsearch.gov.au

2. Register with job network members NOW eg. Tursa 1800670914 Novaskill 66816188 ,Northern Rivers Group Training 66221363 MEGT 66206777 Centrelink www.centrelink.gov.au The full list of the Australian Government Members can be found in the Yellow pages under ‘Employment Services’.
   Please note you can register now as a school leaver....do not leave it to the end of the HSC exams.

3. Try to do work experience this year – Work experience is NOT possibly after the HSC (note all official Dept of NSW Work Experience must be completed by Week 9 Term 3 for 2010.

4. You must actively seek a job or an apprenticeship – over 60% of all apprenticeships/traineeships are created by the job seeker. Many businesses only put on an apprentice after they have completed a period of casual work or work experience.

5. Register with Group Training Companies as possible...the More the BETTER
   e.g. NovaskillGroup Training
   Hunter Group Training
   Mid Coast Group Training
6. Let YOUR fingers do the walking via the yellow pages and clicking on the WEB.

7. Have an up to date RESUME.....have it in electronic form.......go to the Yellow and White pages and email it out to every business.

TAFE  tafensw.edu.au
      Tafe.qld.edu.au

1. If you intend to go to TAFE you must apply this year . Closing dates vary so go online and check out the closing dates for 2011 enrolment – the process for TAFE NSW and QLD is quite different.
   In QLD Diploma entry courses application is via QTAC and/or direct application.
   In NSW – high demand Diploma Courses including Childcare require a state wide application. Other courses require a direct application to the TAFE campus you would like to attend.
   CLOSING DATES vary but the information is readily available on the TAFE WEB SITE.
   Always, if in doubt – ASK!

2. Most full time TAFE courses are less than 18 hours face to face over 3 to 4 days – so you may want to apply for a casual job.

UNI 2011 – What will I have to do?

1. Choose possible, realistic courses
   Apply UAC, QTAC or STAC etc online applications have just opened .
2. Go to the various university websites and check out the courses available....all NSW Universities are in the UAC guide issued last week to ALL year 12....if you missed out on a copy see me ASAP.
3. Apply for scholarships – including both Academic and Residential eg. “equity scholarships” (see UAC and QTAC web site). www.uac.edu.au
4. Students who currently receive youth allowance can apply for Commonwealth Learning Scholarships….Centerlink will contact all eligible students.
5. If you are considering becoming an independent adult it may be wise to do so before the closing date for commonwealth scholarships.
6. Look at “alternative entry” possibilities e.g. UNE, SCU, CSU, Principal Recommendations. Many universities offer “foundation studies” allowing future entry and RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning).
7. Where will I live – Residential or private accommodation –If you want to stay on campus Apply early.
   DO NOT LEAVE IT TO 2011 – YOU WILL MISS OUT!......Apply Sep 2010

Students considering a gap Year and/or Deferment..........I strongly suggest that you gain entry into Uni/Tafe etc first.....THEN Defer this placement….rather than just putting everything off for the period of time in Question.

Students thinking of becoming Independent adults by earning the required $ $$$$ amount within the 18 month Centrelink time period, prior to attending uni should try to gain initial acceptance at Uni first…… then defer….or consider…check the details with Centrelink.. rules constantly change!

Some other points to consider:
   • UNI part time?
   • UNI second semester enrolment
   • UNI deferment for one or more years? Information must be gained from each uni – Each university has a different policy.....Most allow at least 12 months.....some students defer 12 months …then begin their course for a few weeks…then take a years leave of absence……Talk to each University about their requirements.

I will be conducting general and specific seminars during term three eg:
   • Students wishing to attend a NSW university
   • Students wishing to attend a QLD university
   • Students applying to NSW TAFE
   • Students intending to apply for a principal’s recommendation.
   • Scholarships – including Commonwealth Learning Scholarships
   • Residential Applications.

These will be held during lunchtime in the careers room – times and dates will be posted in the River Views and in the Year 12 common room and sent via student email……IF students or parents have any specific questions and/or concerns or find it difficult to contact me …..send an email enquiry. Shane.Gooley @det.nsw.edu.au
The first will be held on **TUESDAY 10th August** at LUNCHTIME in the careers room for SCU STAR Scheme entry, this is a combination of principals recommendations and scholarships. I have invited Mr Glenn Jeffers from SCU to go through the application process and talk directly to students. Application is open to ALL year 12 students *whether or not they are ATAR eligible*….application forms are available from me.

**VIP Information:**

Principal recommendation applications from SCU and Charles Stuart Uni are now available…these must be completed and returned to me by the end of August…Closing date for most University Applications is around the **20th SEPTEMBER**.

Information about the Charles Stuart Scheme can be found at [www.csu.edu.au/study/prep.htm](http://www.csu.edu.au/study/prep.htm).

**Griffith University… Guaranteed admission scheme**

This scheme grants appropriately qualified students, based on year 11 and semester 1 year 12 results, guaranteed admission into Griffith University programs.

Unless otherwise noted, applications must be submitted by 31 August for assessment and advice prior to 30 September.

Offers to students will be forced through the QTAC or UAC offer round in December. Students must have finalised QTAC or UAC applications with their preferred program listed as first preference to ensure offers are made.

Further details about this scheme are available on the Griffith web site or from me. Griffith University visited the school at the end of term 2 to disseminate information booklets and explain the scheme to interested students.

Students wishing to be nominated MUST return their applications to me by the **20th AUGUST**. So I can process and return prior to the **31st Closing Date**.

All students who expect to receive an ATAR above 80.85 should apply…Griffith University will make the selections from the pool of applications received…we are Guaranteed of at least one!

The school can also nominate up to 3 students to receive a **Guaranteed Scholarship**. These students must be students the school expects to achieve an ATAR of 90 or above.

The School (Principal or Nominee) can also nominate ONE student per school for a **Vice-Chancellors Scholarship** (high achieving ATAR>90)……for the following Universities; NEWCASTLE…..CANBERRA

If you are interested in being nominated please see me or Mrs S Williamson (Year Advisor) ASAP.

There are numerous alternative entry Schemes…..these can be found on all University Web sites…some are equity based…eg the University of Queensland Link Program allows up to 5 ATAR bonus points to be allocated for students who have experienced any form of long term disadvantage…Financial Disadvantage is one such disadvantage!

Finally, the front section of the issued UAC guide outlines all procedures for University Admissions including Accommodation, Admission, Scholarships and Equity? Alternative admission programs……Please take time to read through these sections on the guide.

A good web site to visit is [www.goingtouni.com](http://www.goingtouni.com) it contains a wealth of information.

**All important information will be disseminated via student email**…so year 12 students should be checking their Department email DAILY.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

**Thanks Mr Shane Gooley**

**Careers Adviser RRHS**