

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

VISITING THE CAREERS DEPT

Students at all year levels are welcome to make an appt during interval or lunch or during a free period.
Parents are encouraged to visit the Careers Room and to attend liaison visits, but are asked to please make an appointment first by phoning
765 6039 Extn 716.
Parents are also reminded that all visitors to school must sign in at the front office before entering any area of the school.

SCHOOL VISITS

These liaison visits are specifically for Yr 12 & 13 students, although Yr 11 students are invited to attend from time to time. Students wishing to attend liaison visits or Open Days MUST sign up on the Careers Board in the Library before the event. Sign up lists are posted approx 2 weeks prior to the event. (There is a cost to students to cover travel to Open Days.)

Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend any of these informative sessions – (check with the school on venue when signing in.)

OPEN DAYS COMING UP

There is a cost to students to cover travel to Open Days.

MASSEY UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY (PALMERSTON NORTH CAMPUS) – Wed, 05 August & Sat, 08 August. Yr 12 & 13 students are welcome to travel down with Mrs Milner on the Wed, or perhaps parents may like to accompany students on the Saturday.

OTAGO UNI/POLY OPEN DAY – Mon, 04 May. (FYI)

WAIKATO OPEN DAY – Fri, 08 May. Yr 12 & 13 students are welcome to travel to Hamilton with Mrs Milner for the day.

UCOL OPEN DAY – Wed, 05 Aug in Palmerston North. Students may travel with the school – same date as Massey Open Day.

MASSEY UNIVERSITY – Auckland Campus – 12 September. (FYI)

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON
MASSEY WELLINGTON

SIR GEORGE SEYMORE NATIONAL COLLEGE OF TOURISM & TRAVEL – All have Open Days on Friday, 28 August and Mrs Lett will be travelling down with interested Yr 12 & Yr 13 students.

Check www.vuw.ac.nz, www.massey.ac.nz, www.sirgeorge.co.nz, for further details.

INTRODUCTORY VISITS

All universities, some Private Providers & the Armed Forces visit the school each year to provide "Introductory Talks" - these generally cover key information about courses at the University/Polytech/etc, entrance issues, accommodation options and general advice for intending students. It is important that you attend these sessions so that you have a clear idea of what is on offer from each provider.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY - P1, Fri 01 May
VICTORIA UNIVERSITY P5, Wed 29 Apr
UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY P3, Thurs 28 May
OTAGO UNIVERSITY P5, Tue 16 June
MASSEY UNIVERSITY P3, Wed 08 May
WAIKATO UNIVERSITY Wed, 22 July
RNZAF P2, Fri, 26 June

COURSE PLANNING VISITS

Liaison staff from the following universities will visit Stratford High School at some stage during the year to assist you with planning your degree or other tertiary level qualification –

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY
OTAGO UNIVERSITY
MASSEY UNIVERSITY

TARANAKI CAREERS EXPO

Liaison staff from almost every university and polytechnic in the country will at the careers expo in the TSB Stadium in New Plymouth on Sunday, 23 August & Monday, 24 August. This is a great opportunity for parents to investigate tertiary study options together with their student/s. Information on trades and apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeship courses, as well as careers within the Army, Navy or Airforce will also be available. Unfortunately, the Expo clashes with our Mid Term Break on the Monday, so try and make the effort to get there with your parents on the Monday or Tuesday.

All Yr 13's will be interviewed briefly at the beginning of Term 2 to see what stage they are at with planning for next year.

IMPORTANT DATES

Closing dates for courses of study.

TEACHERS COLLEGE – Please see Mrs Lett if you are applying for a placement in a teaching programme at any university. Teaching is not “open entry” and you must apply for selection into your choice of programme whether it be Early Childhood, Primary or Secondary.

The ECE & Primary application process involves work experience in a school, reporting on your observations, getting one reference from school and two from elsewhere, getting passport photos organised and actually putting your application together – all of which takes time – so don't leave it till the last minute, this is your future!

PRE-SELECTION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEB - IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU GET YOUR APPLICATION IN EARLY

NURSING & MUSIC – are other programmes that require pre-selection.

ART & DESIGN PROGRAMMES @ MASSEY – require a portfolio of work to be submitted by mid October. The College is interested in your ability to develop ideas as well as completed work – Portfolios should consist of good quality photographs, digital images or colour copies.

DESIGN @ VICTORIA UNI – No portfolio is required.

MUSIC @ OTAGO – Auditions close 01 September.

PHYS-ED @ OTAGO – 01 October.

ALL OTHER 1ST YEAR PROGRAMMES @ OTAGO – 01 December.

MASSEY - Open entry – January 2009.

WAIKATO – Open entry – 09 December.

HALLS OF RESIDENCE APPLICATIONS

Please note that all students intending to study at a University or Polytechnic next year must apply for their accommodation **BEFORE** they apply for a course of study for next year.

Applications for accommodation for first year students at **all universities** close on 1st October 2009. **STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY ON-LINE.**

Check out the university websites for the application process. Students are requested to have a “Common Confidential Report” compiled by Stratford High School as part of this process. Please download this form from the university website when applying for accommodation, fill in and sign the first page, and give to Mrs Lett for completion. This report is posted separate to your own

(Halls of Residence cont.) application and is “confidential” to the school and the university. It requires input from every teacher each student has, so we ask that students see Mrs Lett as early as possible to avoid any problems! The cut-off date for Confidential Reports to be with Mrs Lett is **WED, 16 SEPTEMBER**, but please endeavour to do it well before this date.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Keep a check, later on in the year, on scholarships as they come to hand in the “Scholarships 2010” box in the Library on the table under the Careers Noticeboard. Entry Level/First Year Scholarship and Awards booklets for the following universities will also be available at a later date.

- The University of Auckland
- Victoria University of Wellington
- Massey University
- Otago University
- Canterbury University
- Lincoln University

Please also check local newspapers and the following websites for scholarships –

www.taranakicareers.co.nz – scholarship section

www.careers.govt.nz – funding section

www.takoa.co.nz

www.maorieducation.org.nz

and the websites of the university or polytech you will be attending next year for 1st year undergraduate and entrance scholarships.

www.massey.ac.nz

www.vuw.ac.nz

www.canterbury.ac.nz

www.lincoln.ac.nz

www.otago.ac.nz

www.waikato.ac.nz

www.auckland.ac.nz

Please **DO NOT** take the scholarship booklets out of the library – Mrs Milner will photocopy anything you wish to apply for.

USEFUL WEBSITE

www.careers.govt.nz

This site has careers information and guidance at your fingertips!

It is NZ's most comprehensive source of online info and is available free for anyone with access to the internet.

Use this website to explore career and training options, to learn about industries and jobs, and labour market trends. Use the on-line tools to match subjects and skills to jobs!

Use CV4ME to create your own CV!

This is an amazing resource for students and parents alike.

SEEK THE PATH THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU!