

2012 – Welcome to Term 1

Good Afternoon,

Welcome to 2012! We hope your holidays were relaxing and wish you a great year ahead! Youth Connect will continue to engage with young people, employers, parents and families, education and training providers to work towards providing young people with the opportunity to make informed and successful transitions.

Details for Youth Connect programs, services & events can be found below and attached.

VET Enrolments for Youth Connect VET Programs – 2012

Students wanting to enrol into our 2012 VET Programs will need to have their form faxed/posted to Youth Connect immediately.

Programs that have vacancies are listed below (as of today)

Enrolment forms (for Youth Connect, Sandringham College and Cheltenham Secondary College) and program outlines are available on our website at <http://www.youthconnect.com.au/vet-handbook-2012/>

VETiS Programs for 2012

- **Acting for Stage and Screen (Block Credit) Units 3 & 4**
– Venue: Sandringham College on Wednesdays during terms – **Completely full**
- **Certificate II I Applied Fashion Design & Technology First Year**
– Venues: Sandringham College on Wednesdays and Mentone Girls Secondary College during terms – **Completely full**
- **Certificate III Applied Fashion Design & Technology Second Year**
– Venue: Sandringham College on Wednesdays during terms – **Completely full**
- **Certificate II in Automotive**
– RTO/Venue: Kangan Institute – Richmond on Wednesdays during terms – **Completely full**
- **Certificate II in Business Administration**
– RTO/Venue: Pow Wow Training – Oakleigh on Wednesdays during terms – **None as yet**
- **Certificate III in Children's Services NEW**
– RTO/Venue: Sandybeach Centre – Sandringham on Wednesdays during terms – **None as yet**

- **Certificate II in Dance**
– **Venue:** Sandringham College on Wednesdays during terms – **5 spaces available**
- **Certificate II in Engineering**
– **RTO/Venue:** Holmesglen – Cheltenham Secondary College on Wednesdays during terms – **None as yet**
- **Certificate II in Hospitality**
– **Venue:** Sandringham College **and** Westall Secondary College, Rosebank Ave, Clayton South on Wednesdays during terms – **5 spaces available**
- **Certificate II / III in Information Technology – Games Creation NEW**
– **Venue:** Sandringham College on Wednesdays during terms – **Completely full for PM session / 2 spaces available for AM session**
- **VET Justice (Block Credit) Units 3 & 4 NEW**
– **Venue:** Sandringham College on Wednesdays during terms – **3 spaces available**
- **VET Media and Screen (Video Production) – Units 1 & 2**
– **Venue:** Sandringham College on Wednesdays during terms – **Completely full**
- ~~VET Media and Screen (Video Production) – Units 3 & 4 **Venue:** Sandringham College on Wednesdays during terms – **Cancelled**~~
- **Certificate III in Music Industry- Technical Production**
– **Venue:** Sandringham College on Wednesdays during terms – **3 spaces available for AM session / Completely full PM session** and Mentone Girls Secondary College – **Completely full**
- **VCE VET Retail Operations**
– **RTO/Venue:** Family Life – Cheltenham on Wednesdays during terms (Classes commence on 29 February 2012) – **Spaces are available**
- ~~Certificate II in Transport & Logistics (Logistics Operations) **RTO/Venue:** My Freight Career on Wednesdays during terms – **Cancelled**~~
- **Visual Arts (Block Credit) Units 3 & 4**
– **Venue:** Sandringham College on Wednesdays during terms – **1 space available**

Save the Date – Applied Learning Network

Education Providers Meeting on Tuesday 20 March at 4.00pm – 5.30pm.

This will be held at the new Youth Connect Office, located on Level 3, 1001 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin 3189

Our first Applied Learning Network (Schools) meeting will provide attendees with a chance to meet again for the first time in 2012. In addition to giving you a chance to meet your regional colleagues and have an open discussion about what you would like from the Network this year, we will also outline Youth Connect's services and the BGK LLEN's role and how we might be able to assist you throughout the year. We hope you can join us!

The Applied Learning Network meetings are open to VET, VCAL and Careers & Pathways Coordinators from schools in the Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston region. The network provides an opportunity for school representatives to:

- Network with one another
- Discuss applied learning best practice
- Explore ways that VETIS, VCAL and SBAT programs can be enhanced and provision increased
- Enhance career development practices within their school
- Share strategic advice to the Industry Network

The following attachments are included in this email:

1. 2012 Career & Transition Programs

We are now accepting bookings 2012.

Book any Youth Connect Workshop, iPREP, PACTS or TACTS for your school.

Youth Connect will be able to tailor workshops to suit you and your student and curriculum needs... And your BUDGET!

Please see the price list attached. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions. Daniela Ascone: 8306 6300 or d.ascone@youthconnect.com.au.

2. Career Connect FREE Job Service run at various locations, helps young people who are seeking employment engage in a safe, informal, discussion-based group environment. Gain experience working in a team, voice your opinions, share stories and talk about your goals. Enjoy being part of something and develop a sense of empowerment— **Find your own pathway— In your own time.**

3. Free PACTS Parent Workshop

Community PACTS free information sessions are developed to provide parent/guardians or grandparents with up-to-date information and resources about educational pathways. These workshops enable parents to support their children effectively when making career transition decisions within the secondary school system and beyond. PACTS sessions provide tips and advice about communicating with young people about careers and future decisions. Also covering pathways/education/training; including VCE, VCAL, VET programs and apprenticeships. Attendees will be able to liaise with other parents and receive a PACTS Handbook.

When: Tuesday 28 February 2012

Time: 10.00am—12.00pm

Where: Labassa Room at the Glen Eira Town Hall – Cnr of Glen Eira and Hawthorn Rd, Caulfield 3162

There will be various PACTS sessions throughout term one in various locations (Refer to Parents Event Calendar for more details)

To book or for further information please call Michelle Peterson or Mary Licciardo on 8306 6300

Email: m.peterson@youthconnect.com.au / m.licciardo@youthconnect.com.au

4. The Parents Events Calendar is a resource for parents, carers and families with children aged 10 to 25 years that identifies and promotes initiatives in the local community which supports and meets their needs by enhancing their abilities to best support local young people across the Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston region.

5. Reconnections Social Group

Be involved in a new group and be part of creating its directions! Meet new people, create friendships and connections.

For further information contact Kim at Family Life on 0458 943 118 or 03 9782 7800. Semester One timetable is attached.

Email khenderson@familylife.com.au

uConnect News Bulletin:

Changes to the Victorian Training Guarantee

The BGK LLEN and Youth Connect have just been informed of changes to the eligibility criteria for the Victorian Training Guarantee. TAFE and RTOs were notified of these changes on February 2nd, 2012.

In brief, the changes state that as of today individuals accessing training under the VTG will be eligible to:

- Commence a maximum of two government subsidised courses in 2012; and
- Undertake training in no more than two government subsidised courses at any one time.

The intent of these changes is to maximise course completions by ensuring individuals are making more informed decisions about their training and employment opportunities and help drive individuals into higher level skills by limiting multiple enrolments at the same level.

We are currently seeking clarification regarding:

- Young people who enroll in VET courses as part of VETiS programs or when they are under 19 years of age, may subsequently enroll in another VET course at the same level. We would like to clarify if young people might also be eligible for an exemption from this new policy.

This clarification is vital for schools exiting students and for youth agencies trying to re-engage youth into education and training opportunities.

We have attached an information sheet that has some information in the form of Questions and Answers. As more information comes to hand we will pass it on.

Inner Melbourne Youth Photography Project CAPTURE

It's our very own Prime Minister Julia Gillard at Miss Molly's Tea Lounge standing in front of photos taken by our young artists from the CAPTURE Project!

"The walls are adorned with the works of local artists that particularly took the Prime Minister's eye!"

<http://www.tooraktimes.com.au/content.php/1216-OUR-JULIA-AT-MISS-MOLLY-S-TEALOUNGE?s=9d36d3128d5c4ffcf4b06d77e117333c>



Check out our New Mural and 'chill out' Area

The Youth Connect team have settled in nicely at the new Moorabbin Office located on Level 3, 1001 Nepean Hwy. A young artist has decorated the back wall with very artistic graffiti. If you have not had a chance to pop in and say hi, you are welcome at any time. Our new phone number is 8306 6300.

