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Career and Transition Programs 2013



iPrep provides young people with the opportunity to have a mock interview with a Youth Connect corporate or community volunteer, providing them with a real interview experience. Students will experience the process, and function of a job interview and receive valuable feedback from their interviewer to complete this experimental learning.

In 2012, iPrep has been delivered in eight schools and community settings which has involved **over 680 students**. The students have ranged from years 9-12, either in a VCAL or VCE program and TAFE students. The program is proving itself ideal for targeting a niche as the school requires.



Important Dates

End of Year Celebration Drinks

Milanos Tavern Brighton

Date: Dec 5

Time: 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Secondary School Conversations Workshop

Dec 4 @ 10.00am-12.00am

Secondary School Conversations Facilitator Training

Dec 3 @ 9.30am - 4.00pm &

Dec 4 @ 9.30am - 1.00pm

Youth Connect's Vision

"A community where school to work pathways and career choices for all young people are equally valued and respected"

Youth Connect's Mission

Youth Connect works with the community to provide all young people with the skills and knowledge to support them to manage a successful pathway through secondary education, further learning and employment.



An Industry Tour is a valuable experience for students. It will provide them with an opportunity to take a tour of a workplace and training facility within a specific industry area, hear from industry specialists and gain a better understanding of further education and employment opportunities within the industry.

Themed industry tours include; Automotive, Fashion, Finance, Horticulture, Hospitality, I.T., Sport & Recreation, Manufacturing and Transport & Logistics.

****Ask us about our tailored tour packages****

Student Transition Education Programs (STEPS)

Topics include;

- Resume Writing
- Cover Letters
- Interview Preparation
- Job Searching Skills
- Employer Expectations
- "Keeping the Job"
- Career Exploration
- Cold Calling Techniques/ Telephone Skills
- Labour Market Information
- Preparing for Work Experience
- Preparing for SWL
- Pathways beyond Year 12

In 2012, over 485 young people have participated in a STEPs program.



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A career exploration program for young people allowing them to look at different career pathways and to obtain work readiness training in preparation for further education, training and employment.

IndustryXplorer can be tailored to meet student needs and is generally delivered 2-3 hours per week over six to nine weeks.

Program workshop topics as part of the **IndustryXplorer** program may include Resume Writing workshop/s, Letter of Application & Online Application process, Dress for Success, Workplace Etiquette, Interview skills, PLUS each student will participate in the **iPREP** – Mock Interview Program, concluding with a student expo and graduation.



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In Partnership with the BGK LLEN, Youth Connect continues to deliver Secondary School Conversation workshops with parents of Primary School age children.

Secondary School Conversation Facilitator Training will be launched with training on the 3 & 4 December at Youth Connect.

Please call 03 8306 6300 or email pacts@youthconnect.com.au to enquire.

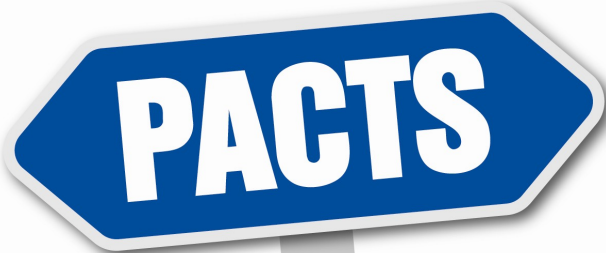
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CAREERS COUNSELLING

Youth Connects Career Counselling service provides an affordable, tailored and self - managed careers service for young people. Our qualified careers counsellors work one on one, with the young person to plan, explore and to develop their career goals and paths. To book or learn more about this service contact Youth Connect on 8306 6300.



Parents As Transition Career Support (PACTS) - are workshops developed to provide parents with up-to-date information and resources about educational pathways, that enables them to support their children effectively when making career transition decisions within the secondary school system and beyond. PACTS sessions cover job search websites and job search techniques, assisting with resume writing and cover letters, assisting with interview preparation, finding work experience; learning about pathway/education/training including VCE, VCAL, VET programs and apprenticeships. ****We are now taking 2013 PACTS workshop bookings****

2013 PACTS Facilitator Training Road Show

Youth Connect is taking the PACTS Facilitator Training on a road trip! The "2013 PACTS Facilitator Training Road Show" will enable school and community workers across the country to access the 2-day PACTS Facilitator Training which will equip them with skills and resources to deliver this engaging and informative program to parents and families within their local and school communities.

New trained facilitators will be provided with two-days face-to-face training, a facilitator kit including workshop handbook, resources and membership to the National PACTS Network. **Jump on Board!!!**



For further info please contact
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2013 VETis Enrolments

We request that you get your 2013 Youth Connect VETis enrolment forms in as soon as possible as spaces are running out. **Mature Year 10's can be considered for Year 11 programs.**

Information relating to our VETis programs and prices can be found on our website;

<http://www.youthconnect.com.au/vet-handbook/>

For further information, please contact Geraldine Borgonha on 8306 6300 or g.borgonha@youthconnect.com.au

In 2013, Sandringham College has scheduled all VET classes on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm to 5.00 pm excluding Second Year VET Dance which will be held in the morning. Note; Second Year VET Music TBC. The change in class times to afternoon session may be more accessible for students attending schools with restricted timetables.

Block Credit Units 3 and 4 in Acting, Justice, Screen and Visual Arts (one year program) are highly recommended for Year 12 students with an interest in these areas. Students are not required to have completed a first year.

Cheltenham Secondary College are offering Certificate II in Transport & Logistics in 2013. We are taking expressions of interests from students who are interested in this program and their other programs Certificate II in Automotive (Mechanical) and Certificate II in Engineering.

~ INVITATION ~ End of Year Celebration

Date: Wednesday 5 December

Time: 4.30pm to 6.30 pm

Address: Milanos Tavern
4 Esplanade Brighton

RSVP: Wednesday 28 November

Call Ana on 8306 6300 or

email events@youthconnect.com.au



Interested in our Career & Transitions Programs?
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Youth Connect is committed to supporting young people, equipping them with skills and abilities to engage in sustainable educational and employment opportunities. Youth Connects 'Work This Way' program, is a case managed employment program that supports young people and employers, to source and secure work experience, part-time or full-time work opportunities.

Max* is a recently arrived migrant who has been actively engaged in the 'Work This Way' program. Max has a strong interest in the Building and Construction industry and had some basic work experience. Engaging in the program has enabled Max an opportunity to work in the concreting

industry. Youth Connect engaged with building contractor, Verdi Paving where Max was offered a 5 day work experience trial. He worked on a number of building sites and was given some basic exposure to the concreting industry.

Manager of Verdi Paving, Cem Hudaverdi, was so impressed with Max's commitment, hard-work and effort, that he offered Max a full-time position in his business. Max has now been employed with Verdi Paving for 3 months which has enabled Max to work on many commercial and residential sites across Melbourne.

Given that Max is newly arrived to Australia, this work opportunity has done much to increase his confidence and overall proficiency in English.

No doubt, Max's hard work and commitment has resulted in him securing an amazing work opportunity. Youth Connect looks forward to sharing in Max's success in the Building and Construction industry.

*De-identified to protect the young person's privacy.



FREE Employment Preparation Skills Workshop for Youth

Learn how to:

- Communicate with employers.
- What's in a resume: resume, cover letter and online applications.
- Interview techniques and job search skills.
- Connection with local employers through reverse marketing.

Young people receiving youth allowance or hold a healthcare card are eligible to receive support in looking for part time / casual employment. Students must be attending full time school, TAFE or university to register for support, and be able to demonstrate disadvantage.

A strong desire to gain employment is a must!

The Workshop consists of 2 x 1.5 hour sessions at Youth Connect.

Date: November Nov 13 & 14

Time: 4.30pm to 6.00pm

RSVP: Nov 9

For more info contact Megan on:

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Workplace Learning Coordinators
Bayside | Glen Eira | Kingston



The Youth Connect Workplace Learning Coordinators have recently launched an Applied Learning Yammer networking hub. This suggestion was made by school representatives.

The idea was put forward by current members

who identified the need to develop a central support framework for local schools, accessible over the internet.

The Yammer has created an opportunity for careers personnel to network between schools without leaving the office and allows the chance to disseminate important

information in a streamlined way. The WLC Yammer account is able to send out weekly updates to members on topics such VET provision, funding changes and reminders of key events. The WLC Yammer has proved to be a valuable resource offering an accessible from anywhere, paperless means of communication.

To find out more or to join the WLC Yammer, please contact the Workplace Learning Coordinators at **Youth Connect** wlc@youthconnect.com.au or phone 8306 6300.



CAREER CONNECT

We can help you find a job including apprenticeships and traineeships.

Career Connect helps young people aged 16—24 years old, who live, work, learn or play in the South Eastern suburbs, seeking employment to 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.**

Youth Connect runs a **FREE** fortnightly job search group for young people who are looking to get into the work force or may need career advice. Currently held Fridays fortnightly 10am—1pm at the Youth Connect Office, Level 3/1001 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin. The next dates are 23 Nov & 7 Dec For more information or to register, please contact Michele Sargent at m.sargent@youthconnect.com.au

The Applied Learning Awards recognise the outstanding efforts of students undertaking the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL), VET in Schools (VETiS) certificates and School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs).

This year's Awards Ceremony, held on the October 16 at the International of Brighton, saw over 300 attendees witness 36 Awards and 51 Nomination Certificates presented to secondary students, teachers, employers, secondary schools and training organisations.

Students, teachers, schools and employers were winners in the fourth year of the *Bayside Glen Eira Kingston Applied Learning Awards*. Berendale School received the '2012 Regional Champion School Award' and Brighton Honda the '2012 Regional Champion Employer Award'. Both were recognised for contributing most in terms of applied learning (sometimes referred to as vocational learning) for our community's young people. The 'Applied Learning Student of the Year' award was also launched for the first time this year and presented to Natasha Lema from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

The Applied Learning Awards recognise those that make applied learning possible such as the secondary schools that offer applied learning programs; the teachers who support and train students; and, the businesses that provide students with workplace experience and mentoring.

Schools are not required to offer applied learning programs, but those that do often see student, community and business opportunities resulting. Danny Schwarz, Chief Executive Officer of Youth Connect, said that all applied learning providers should be just as valid as those offering academic learning. "There isn't a right or wrong approach, as long as the young person is succeeding and enjoying what they are doing," he said.



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The Applied Learning Awards is made possible by a variety of local sponsors. Their generosity enabled the BGK LLEN and Youth Connect to hold the 2012 Awards and assist in growing this important annual learning event. This year's major sponsor was Highett Community Bank; as well as the Rotary Club of Moorabbin Bentleigh Centre, Skills Plus, Bayside City Council Youth Services, 370° Group and PaperCut.

STAFF PROFILE—

ANA ANGELATOS



What is your position at Youth Connect? Marketing and Events Assistant

Complete this sentence: When I grow up I want to be a...nutritionist

What is your star sign?

Taurus

Favourite pastime?

Going out to dinner with friends

What CD is currently playing in your car?

Florence & the Machine – Lungs

What annoys you?

When you crave chocolate and you have already eaten your secret stash.

Favourite destination and where to next?

Favourite destination—Spain

Next Destination—America

Something we don't know about you:

I have competed in 2 body sculpting competitions

Favourite thing about your role?

Planning events, being creative and also the awesome people I work with!

Best attribute?

My sense of humour

100 JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH IN 22 DAYS

The **100 Job Opportunities for Youth in 22 Days** campaign successfully helped boost youth employment and address the skills shortage in the Kingston, Bayside and Glen Eira areas.

Three Job Hubs were set up in the City of Kingston to provide young people aged 16-25 with the opportunity to apply for positions listed within local businesses, write CV's and prepare for interviews.

Over 22 days, the campaign collaboratively identified employer needs, prospective employee expectations while, fostering a mutual respect

to support young people in securing employment.

This Youth Job campaign was proudly supported and facilitated by Youth Connect, Bayside Kingston Glen Eira Local Learning and Employment Network (BGK LLEN) and the City of Kingston.

The 100/22 campaign successfully enhanced the job opportunities available to young people in the local area and is set to return next year.

For more information about youth job opportunities in the area or businesses wishing to support the campaign, please email **Daniela Ascone** at d.ascone@youthconnect.com.au or call **8306 6300**.

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