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FROM THE CAREERS ADVISOR

Recent visits to three universities for Career Advisor Days have confirmed once again the amazing choice and variety of pathways that are available to our students today, who are contemplating higher education.

University of Wollongong provides low cost on-campus accommodation and superb modern facilities in all disciplines, as well as excellent IT support and overseas travel opportunities embedded in most degrees. They invented early entry and are still at the cutting edge of assisting students from a wide range of backgrounds and abilities to get into university, find their niche and do their best within a caring student-friendly environment.

University of Sydney are solving problems associated with their huge numbers - over 70,000 students - by using small groups and linking tuition to community support more. Their aim is to inspire and connect students with fascinating research, overseas travel and local societal practical activity, which provides motivation to power through a rich choice of subject / elective offerings. There are over 260 student clubs and societies in this, our oldest university - and so there is ample opportunity for students to pursue and develop interests as well as experience a

real sense of belonging in this amazing tertiary environment that is rated in the top 10 of world universities.

Western Sydney University has many impressive campuses in the west of Sydney and is opening a new campus at Bankstown in a few years. All of these campuses provide excellent facilities focused on IT connectivity and small group learning. They are just developing the Alpha system, which will be mobile phone delivered and leads students through a precise reflection of their strengths and then connects them with activities and opportunities that successful students are engaged in so as to inspire and support their achievement. It has four pillars of support: **vitality, relationship, productivity** and **sustainability**. It may well be made available to senior secondary students in the future. Western Sydney is also developing new hybrid degrees especially in medical science, which should link in well to the new jobs of the future. The philosophy behind these also has four pillars of experimentation: **Future Thinkers, Global Citizens, Sustainability Advocates** and **Innovative Entrepreneurs**. These areas all have deep implications for the way schools need to develop their curriculum priorities in the future.

Later in the semester, reps from Macquarie and Sydney Universities will be visiting the College to share with senior students insights to current offerings.

All students and their parents are encouraged to join **Job Jump**, which is a one-stop web site that communicates in very clear terms the latest Career search opportunities as well as training options and information on how to access them. Their ATAR link with training providers is especially useful. To join Job Jump, just go to their web site and follow the prompts using our College password **tom**. There is a button each for students, parents and staff. It is well worth the time to explore this valuable resource! <https://www.jobjump.com.au/>.

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