**CAREER AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

**Thornlie SHS Careers Centre**

The Careers Centre is open for all students from 8 am until 4pm every day. We have a wide variety of Career Information available. We are available by appointment for students and their parents to discuss Workplace Learning, University and TAFE admission, and Career options and pathways.

Students thinking of applying for **Traineeships for 2018** in Years 11 and 12, applications CLOSE in AUGUST 2017. This involves one day a week at TAFE or employment and four days at school. Make an appointment to see us in the Career Centre to discuss your suitability.

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**Work Place Learning**

Work Place Learning is a SCSA endorse program. All Year 11 and 12 General students are expected to complete four (4) blocks of Work Place Learning (WPL), two in Year 11 and two in Year 12. These four blocks, 2 working weeks in duration each, are expected to total no less than 220 hours by the end of Year 12. Once these hours and the accompanying Skills Journals are completed students are may be awarded C grades similar to any of their other subjects.

We emphasise the importance of our students finding their own placements as all our advice from our employers is that, in these tougher times, they only really want to deal with people showing some initiative and drive.

Apart from gaining a better understanding of work life, once completed, students can use the WPL points to help them achieve Graduation and their WACE. Many of our students have received references to help find future work, part time work, traineeships and apprenticeships as a result of their successful participation in Work Place Learning.

**YEAR 12 WORKPLACE LEARNING**

The Year 12 students have their Block One of Workplace Learning from **March 27 until April 7**. Applications are due by March 10th, the end of week 6. Currently we have a very small number of confirmed workplaces. We urge you to help your child secure a workplace in the very near future.

If students are having difficulties finding suitable placements, they need to see the staff in the Careers Centre for guidance and a list of previous employers who have taken our students for Workplace Learning.

Staff are available in the Careers Centre from 8am until 4pm Monday to Friday.

**Year 12 Work Placement Dates for 2017 are:**

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| **YEAR 12**  **TERM 1** | **2018 Dates to be announced** | **Weeks 9& 10** | **LAST DAY TO SUBMIT APPLICATION**  **2018 Dates to be announced** |
| **TERM 3** | **17th July – 28th July** | **Weeks 1 & 2** | **LAST DAY TO SUBMIT APPLICATION**  **FRIDAY 9th JUNE**  **(end of Week 7 Term 2)** |

**YEAR 11 WORKPLACE LEARNING**

Workplace Learning for Year 11 students takes place from next term. It is not too early to secure placements and submit the application forms to us. We do have a limited number of confirmed places which are available to all students, first come, first served.

If students are having difficulties finding suitable placements, they need to see the staff in the Careers Centre for guidance and a list of previous employers who have taken our students for Workplace Learning.

Staff are available in the Careers Centre from 8am until 4pm Monday to Friday.

**Year 11 Work Placement Dates for 2017 are:**

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| **YEAR 11**  **TERM 2** | **2018 Dates to be announced** | **Weeks**  **5 & 6** | **LAST DAY TO SUBMIT APPLICATION**  **2018 Dates to be announced** |
| **TERM 4** | **6th November –17th November** | **Weeks 5 & 6** | **LAST DAY TO SUBMIT APPLICATION**  **FRIDAY 22ndSEPTEMBER**  **(end of Week 10 Term 3)** |

**Year 12 University Entry for Medicine and Dentistry**

Any Year 12 student who is intending to apply for undergraduate admission into medicine or dentistry in 2017 must take the Umat test. This test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at the universities listed on this website:

**Umat.acer.edu.au**

Registrations are now open. **Registrations close at 5.00pm AEST 2 June 2017. The test takes place on July 26 2017.** Please check the above website for further details. **2018 dates TBA.**

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS AND STUDY FOR NON-AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS**

Having assisted many students towards the end of last year with Tafe, University and Defence Force applications, it is apparent that we have several students who are not Australian Citizens, nor Permanent Residents. This has huge implications on fees and training funding. I urge you to check with the institution your child is intending to study at, as to the individual requirements. It is best to begin making enquiries before applications open.

**Studentbox**

[www.studentbox.com.au](http://www.studentbox.com.au)

Studentbox is an online community for year 10 to 12 High School students in Western Australia. It is powered by Curtin University .The aim of Studentbox is to help students get through high school and into the university and course that they want. This online tool is free for all WA Year 10-12 students. It helps them with assignments and problems, teaches them how to study for exams, and to choose which university to go to.

Studentbox also has many useful tools and study resources to help make high school easier, such as:

* Forums
* TISC ATAR calculator help
* Past WACE exams
* Cheat Sheets and Revision Resources
* Study and Exam tips and lots more

It is a very worthwhile site. Please take the time to have a look.

**The Unique Student Identifier (USI)**

All students who are enrolled in Certificate Courses at Thornlie Senior High School require a USI. This is a National requirement for all students enrolling into Certificates or other courses at schools or other RTOs and TAFE.

Students can apply for a USI from Year 7 onwards; it is cost free and takes 10 minutes.

The website students need to access is:

[www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au)

Once students have obtained their USI, a copy of the number must be handed in at the Careers Centre.

A Unique Student Identifier (USI) is a reference number made up of numbers and letters that gives students access to their USI account. A USI will allow an individual's USI account to be linked to the National Vocational Education and Training (VET) Data Collection allowing an individual to see all of their training results from all providers including all completed training units and qualifications.

The USI will make it easier for students to find and collate their VET achievements into a single authenticated transcript. It will also ensure that students' VET records are not lost.

The USI is available online and at no cost to the student. This USI will stay with the student for life and will be recorded with any nationally recognised VET course that is completed.

**My Career Match**

A useful tool for students to use to try and determine their career path is to complete the My Career Match program. This is free for Thornlie SHS students if they use the school’s passcode.

[WWW.mycareermatch.com.au](http://WWW.mycareermatch.com.au)

Pass code TSH:592

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**Useful Links**

The information gained from the following list of websites may help students determine their post-school options.

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| **Apprenticeships and Traineeships**  [www.dtwd.wa.gov.au](http://www.dtwd.wa.gov.au).  **Australian Defence Force Academy**  [www.defencejobs.gov.au](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au)  **Australia wide job search**  [www.jobsearch.gov.au](http://www.jobsearch.gov.au)  **Career, employment, training information in Western Australia**  [www.careercentre.dtwd.wa.gov.au](http://www.careercentre.dtwd.wa.gov.au)  **Career research**  [www.careersonline.com.au](http://www.careersonline.com.au)  **Centrelink**  [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au)  **Job Resources Australia**  [www.education.gov.au/youth](http://www.education.gov.au/youth)    **My Future**  [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au) | **University of Notre Dame**  [www.nd.edu.au](http://www.nd.edu.au)  **University of Western Australia**  [www.uwa.edu.au](http://www.uwa.edu.au)  **Vacancies Australia wide**  [www.seek.com.au](http://www.seek.com.au)  **Western Australian Government** (go to ‘Education and Training’)  [www.wa.gov.au](http://www.wa.gov.au)  **Curtin University**  [www.curtin.edu.au](http://www.curtin.edu.au)  **Edith Cowan University**  [www.ecu.edu.au](http://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/overview)  **Murdoch University**  [www.murdoch.edu.au](http://www.murdoch.edu.au)  **Tertiary Institutions Services Centre**  [www.tisc.edu.au](http://www.tisc.edu.au) |