

## **HAIR DESIGN PROGRAM IS A CUT ABOVE**

### **Student Salon is Open to the General Public**

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Phoebe Or cannot believe the opportunities she's had so far this year – and it's not over yet. Or, a first year Hair Design Apprenticeship student was given the opportunity to help out at the Miss Chinese Vancouver Pageant, held last December at Canada Place and is looking forward to a school fashion show, the Allied Beauty Association Trade Show and the school district's upcoming Career Options Fair. She's also had industry professionals come in and do workshops with her and the class.

The Hair Design Apprenticeship program is hosted at Hugh Boyd Secondary School and offers Richmond high school students the opportunity to receive industry training while still in high school. Students receive high school credits for this education and save on tuition costs.

For Angela Rodriguez, grade 11 student from MacNeill, it's a lot of work but it's also a lot of fun. She enjoys the hands on aspect and loves working with people. For Rodriguez, this programs fits nicely into her future plans – it is a great opportunity for her to get a head start on her career.

Chloe Lim, a grade 11 Hugh Boyd student says you need to be willing to learn and have a strong commitment. Lim is happy to be taking part in this unique high school experience.

Chantal Garand, Hair Design Instructor, has taught at Hugh Boyd for 2 years now. She loves the diversity of the students that she encounters: all different academic backgrounds and different ethnicities. She also really enjoys how in a program like this, “the students really come together and support one another”.

Students in this program learn all aspects of hair design, including esthetics (manicures, pedicures and make-up artistry). The salon is open to the general public – call 604-718-4013 too book an appointment.

*The Hair Design students will be demonstrating their various skills and styling techniques at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Options Fair, held Thursday, February 26, 2009 at R.A McMath Secondary School. The event runs from 3-8pm and has free admission.*

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