



## Wyndham Central College Career News

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### WHAT IS 'CAREER NEWS' ALL ABOUT?

The Wyndham Central College Career Newsletter will be published fortnightly to keep students informed of events relating to their career pathways. It will include information regarding tertiary pathways – University & TAFE – as well as employment/industry pathways. The Careers Office, in the Wellbeing Centre, is a resource centre for our students with current institutional handbooks and brochures at their disposal. Students are invited to visit, browse and question. An open door policy exists to ensure students make informed decisions about future pathways. Initial Year 12 interviews are currently taking place to assist students with the momentous decisions facing them this year. Parents/guardians are welcome to take advantage of the services provided. Appointments can be made to discuss the future pathways of their children.

Career decisions are some of the most important ones of your life, so getting help in making those decisions is vital.

**Career News** is one source of information available to you.

**Students who do their research during Year 10-12 usually find it easier to make some career decisions at the end of Year 12.**

### REMINDERS...

- **UMAT** Registrations by 5 June, 2015
- **Test Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2015

### OPEN DAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Open Days are a great opportunity to check out tertiary institutions.

Most **Open Days** occur on **Sundays in August**.

The dates for many of them are listed here so that you can **get them in your diary for later on**.

Year 10-12 students (and their families) are encouraged to visit institutions of interest on **Open Days** so that you can see their facilities, attend information sessions, collect information, get your questions answered, talk to staff, and so on.

#### **DATES:**

- Saturday 1 August: **Monash** (Berwick & Peninsula campuses)
- Sunday 2 August: **Deakin** (Warrnambool); **Monash** (Caulfield & Clayton); **Swinburne** (Hawthorn)
- Sunday 9 August: **Australian Catholic University (ACU)** (Fitzroy); **Deakin** (Geelong campuses); **La Trobe** (Bundoora); **RMIT**; **William Angliss** Institute
- Sunday 16 August: **Melbourne**; **Monash** (Parkville – Pharmacy); **La Trobe** (Bendigo)
- Sunday 23 August: **Box Hill** Institute; **Deakin & MIBT**; **Victoria** (Footscray Park)
- Sunday 30 August: **ACU** (Ballarat); **Federation** (Ballarat & Gippsland)

**Holmesglen** has a number of Open Days during the year, usually the last Thursday of the month.



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### **DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MONASH UNIVERSITY DEGREES?**

If so, a great way to do so is to attend an '**At Monash**' seminar. The series commences in March, and you will be able to learn from students, graduates and staff about university experiences.

**Seminars available commence with:**

- Tuesday 10 March: **Nursing, Midwifery, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy** (Peninsula)
- Wednesday 11 March: **Business and Economics** (Clayton Campus)
- Thursday 12 March: **Science** (Clayton)
- Tuesday 17 March – **Arts** (Humanities and Social Sciences) (Clayton)
- Wednesday 18 March – **Information Technology** (Clayton)
- Thursday 19 March – **Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences** (Parkville Campus).

Many other seminars follow in Terms 2 and 3 with design and fine art, architecture, psychology, medicine, law and so on.

All seminars run 6.30pm to 8pm.

To check out the **full list of seminars** and to **register**, go to [www.destination.monash.edu/at-monash](http://www.destination.monash.edu/at-monash).

### **SWINBURNE NEWS...**

Swinburne is a smaller institution than some, offering VET courses through to PhDs. Its main campus is in Hawthorn, with smaller campuses at Croydon and Wantirna. The Hawthorn campus has several new buildings with state-of-the-art facilities. Some of its features include:

**LAW** – Swinburne introduced a **law degree this year**. Its focus is on commercialisation, Intellectual Property, and technology transfer. The Clearly-In ATAR was 91, with 71 students commencing this year. A number of double degrees are also on offer – with arts, business, engineering and science.

**ENGINEERING** – In engineering, Swinburne has a **high employment rate**, particularly in civil engineering. A new degree commencing at Swinburne is in **construction engineering**.

**PSYCHOLOGY** – At Swinburne, many psychology students look or work after completing their three-year degree, without pursuing post-graduate study. Graduates have many skills: they can source, sort and evaluate **information**, apply psychological **theory**, **communicate** information in a logical way, can **formulate** research questions, collect, analyse and interpret **data**. These skills are often used **to get a job**, in **community services**, (counselling, welfare, child protection, corrections, disability, youth), in **business** (market research, public relations, human resource management), in **education** support, **health** services and in **graduate programs** (eg Bureau of Statistics, Customs, ATO Defence, Immigration).

**PHYSICS RESEARCH** – Swinburne is very highly regarded in world research in **physics** (in the top 75 universities in the world, in fact).

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CIRCUS ARTS** – An unusual area of study, located in Prahran; many graduates are currently working for Cirque du Soleil.

**HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM** – High achievers have different expectations of university. Students with an ATAR of 95 or more are invited to join this Swinburne program. It is currently offered to science (physics), communication design (honours), and IT students, later to be offered to students of business and engineering. Students are guaranteed **access to a research group** from first year, **mentoring with senior**



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**academic staff, guaranteed accommodation, and a \$5,000 pa scholarship.** Places are offered automatically to students meeting the entry criteria in the participating degrees.

**INDUSTRY BASED LEARNING (IBL)** – Swinburne has long been a proponent of this style of learning. Students involved in this program generally work for six or twelve months in an area linked to their study program. New skills are obtained, the work is paid for, and the placement can lead on to full time employment with the organisation.

**AUTISM** – In April, Swinburne is launching a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) about autism. It is designed for parents, families and carers living and working with individuals with autism. The MOOC is a free online course using scenario-based learning to support, guide and share experiences from parents and experts in the field. Email [autism@swinburne.edu.au](mailto:autism@swinburne.edu.au) for information.

### INTERESTED IN VETERINARY SCIENCE?

In Victoria, veterinary science can only be studied at the University of Melbourne. The Faculty is holding a **Course Advice Day** on **Saturday 21 March** (10am-3pm) at the Werribee Campus, 250 Princes Highway, Werribee.

For further information please visit <http://fvas.unimelb.edu.au/news-and-events/events#course-information-day>. This will be different from previous years.

**There will be a tour of the hospital for which you must register.**

### VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) NEWS...

- **NEW STUDENT ACCOMMODATION** – is being built at the Footscray Park Campus. The 500-bed complex is in collaboration with Maribyrnong City Council, opening in 2016.
- **WHAT IS BIOMEDICINE?** VU offers **Biomedicine and Biomedical sciences** at the St Albans campus. Biomedicine is a broad field of study to gain an in-depth understanding of **human physiological and anatomical function, disease and medical applications**. These degrees prepare graduates for a **career preventing and treating disease**. Gain hands-on training and knowledge of human physiology, combined with essential skills in critical analysis and communication. Possible careers are in research, pathology, injury rehabilitation, crime scene investigation, and so on.  
**NOTE: Biomedical science** is also offered at Monash university (a possible pathway into Monash post-graduate medicine), ACU, Deakin, La Trobe, Federation, La Trobe while **Biomedicine** is offered at Melbourne university (a possible pathway into Melbourne post-graduate medicine, dentistry and physiotherapy degrees).

### CAREERS IN THE DEFENCE FORCES...

- Entry is usually through **general** or **officer entry**.
- **General entry** requires applicants to have at least Year 10, be at least 17 years, and to pass a number of physical, mental and character tests.
- **Officer entry** requires applicants to have a high ATAR in their VCE, and also to pass various tests. Officer entry applicants study in Canberra at the **Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)**, a campus of the University of NSW.



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- Degrees on offer at ADFA are: **Arts, Business, Engineering, Information Technology, Science and Technology**. Successful applicants complete their military training during university holiday breaks.
- Defence Force recruiting hold **information sessions** throughout the year. Call 13 19 01 for details,
- or see: [www.defencejobs.gov.au](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au).
- Defence Forces offer the **ADFA Education Award**, presented to Year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential, and academic and sporting achievements exhibited **during Year 11**. The award is a laptop computer, with up to 100 awards on offer annually.
- **ADF Gap Year program** still operates – this program provides an opportunity for young people who have completed Year 12 to gain military training, new skills and pay over their Gap Year.

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