



Wyndham Central College Career News

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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 Student Services 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 have been completed to assist students with the momentous decisions facing them this year. Year 9-11 Career Interviews had a staggered commencement in May and have now concluded. Parents/guardians are welcome to take advantage of the services provided. Appointments can be made to discuss the future pathways of their children. The Years 7 to 11 Careers Programs will be finalised this term. The Year 12 Pathways & Application Process has commenced.

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...

- **'INSIDE MONASH' UNIVERSITY SEMINARS** – Final seminars in the series: **Science** - August 24; **Teaching** - September 13
Details and bookings: www.monash.edu/inside-monash
- **YEAR 12 VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC)** applications for 2017 courses open **Monday 1 August**. Timely applications **close 29 September** (see www.vtac.edu.au)
- **MONASH ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (MADA) WORKSHOPS** - 26 & 27 September, MADA (Caulfield campus) for Year 11 & 12's
Bookings: www.monash.edu/mada/workshops.
- **Tuesday 9 August, 7pm** – VTAC Parent Briefing for Year 12 Parents, Wyndham Central College, Auditorium. Letter sent home.
- **Thursday 4 August, Session 2** – Year VTAC Student Briefing, Wyndham Central College, Auditorium.

OPEN DAY REMINDER...

Make sure you **attend Open Days this year**. They are your opportunity to **'try before you buy'** your university or TAFE course. They **commence THIS weekend at Swinburne** (Hawthorn), 10am – 4pm. Remember to use **Open Day planners** before attending. For example, **La Trobe University has a handy tool for browsing the Open Day activities** and lets you **build a personalised schedule** to follow on the day. You can download the **La Trobe Open Day app** which you can use to access your **timetable** as well as maps to help you get around.

Open Day Calendars have been distributed to each Year 10, 11 & 12 student this week. Included at the end of this newsletter.

Students are strongly encouraged to attend Open Days.



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Some Open Day Dates for 2016:

- *Sunday 31 July* – **Swinburne** University
- *Saturday 6 August* – **Monash** (Peninsula)
- *Sunday 7 August* – **Deakin** University (Warrnambool); **La Trobe** University (Bundoora); **Monash** University (Caulfield & Clayton)
- *Sunday 14 August* – **Australian Catholic** University (Melbourne), **La Trobe** University (Bendigo); **RMIT** University; **William Angliss** Institute
- *Sunday 21 August* – Box Hill (Lilydale campus); **Deakin** University (Waterfront & Waurn Ponds); University of **Melbourne**; **Monash** (Parkville)
- *Sunday 28 August* – **ACU** (Ballarat); **Box Hill** Institute (Box Hill); **Deakin** University (Burwood); **Federation** University; **Victoria** University (Footscray campus)

YEAR 12 NEWS...

• VTAC APPLICATIONS

Applications for TAFE and University courses open on the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website **on Monday 1 August, 2016** at www.vtac.edu.au.

Use **CourseSearch** as it is the primary source of course information.

You will also find very useful **VTAC videos** about applying for courses, SEAS, scholarships, offers and changing preferences at www.youtube.com/vtacmedia.

You can apply for **up to eight courses**, placing them in the order you most want them. You will be **offered a place** in the highest course in your list for which you meet the requirements.

Don't forget to check out the **Selection Requirements** for each course for which you apply. Many use only the **ATAR** for selection, however, a lot have other requirements such as an **audition, folio presentation, interview or an extra form/documents** that must be completed as well. You will NOT be offered a place in any of these courses if you do not meet the selection requirements, regardless of your ATAR.

You have **until 29 September** for a 'timely' application. After that, the normal **application fee of \$32.00** rises to \$100.00

- Some **Bachelor of Fine Art** degrees at the **University of Melbourne** (Southbank campus) have earlier closing application dates - they close on **31 Aug for Animation, Dance, Film and Television and Screenwriting**.

For **Production, Music Theatre, Theatre Practice and Visual Arts**, timely applications close on **29 September** and there are **no later applications**

• SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)

This Scheme allows **selection officers** at universities and TAFE's to **grant special consideration** for course entry to applicants, but doesn't exempt you from meeting course requirements.

SEAS **doesn't change** your educational results or qualifications **but enables course selection officers to consider circumstances** that may have affected your results or educational progress. There are **four categories of special consideration**:

-  **Personal Information and Location**



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- ✚ **Difficult Circumstances**
- ✚ **Disadvantaged Financial Background**
- ✚ **Disability or Medical Condition**

For information about SEAS **participating institutions, how to apply** (demonstration provided), **supporting evidence required** (with suggested tips) and other details

See: www.vtac.edu.au and search for SEAS.

WHAT IF I DON'T GET THE ATAR REQUIRED FOR MY DESIRED COURSE?

Firstly, remember that even if you think the ATAR will be too high for you, **still put your most desired course first in your VTAC application**. ATAR's sometimes **come down** on previous years, and some applicants get in on lower ATAR's because of **bonus points** achieved, or with a **successful SEAS application**, so you might be surprised.

However, what can you do if you do not obtain a high enough ATAR to access your course(s)?

Many universities offer **pathways** into university. For example, **Deakin** has Deakin College, **Monash** has Monash College, **La Trobe** has La Trobe Melbourne and **Swinburne** has UniLink. These institutions can be accessed with lower ATARs and usually provide pathways into university.

Many **other pathways** exist.

For example, **Monash** offers some diploma programs (in business, science, education & nursing), the **University of Melbourne** offers a Diploma of General Studies as a pathway, **ACU** offers courses through ACUCom, and **Swinburne, RMIT and Victoria** Universities offer certificate and diploma courses in their VET divisions, often offering pathways to university. Some **VET providers** (eg Box Hill Institute) have formal pathways to university.

Keep in mind as well, as noted in previous issues, that some universities allow students to access their courses on a **lower ATAR** as a result of their **involvement in their communities** (eg **Aspire** program at La Trobe and the **Early Achievers Program** at ACU).

NEW COMMON FIRST YEAR FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS AT SWINBURNE...

In 2017 Engineering students will begin their studies with a common first year. The Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) will teach students the fundamentals of engineering before they choose their major, ensuring they can make informed choices about their career in industry.

Those who enrol in the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Professional) will also complete a guaranteed 12-month paid professional work placement.

See: <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/course/bachelor-of-engineering-honours/>

NEW MAJORS IN HEALTH SCIENCE AT SWINBURNE...

In 2017 Swinburne's Bachelor of Health Science will include four new majors. The degree is designed to equip students for **careers promoting health and wellbeing**.

New majors in **biomedical and clinical technologies, exercise science and nutrition** will be offered alongside a revised major in **biomedical science**. Student who enrol in the Bachelor of Health Science (Professional) will also complete a guaranteed 12-month paid professional work placement.

Find a course in health at: <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/find-a-course/health/>



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DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS...

- Find out more about your **professional personality**, about **life after finishing Year 12**, and about **how to improve your study habits**.

Check out some of these latest articles featured in the Deakin digital content hub at: <http://this.deakin.edu.au/careers/whats-your-professional-personality-the-careers-quiz>; <http://this.deakin.edu.au/careers/what-life-was-like-after-i-finished-year-12> and <http://this.deakin.edu.au/study/five-ways-to-get-on-top-of-your-study-workload>.

- Also remember to check out the **Deakin EXPLORE** facility at: <http://explore.deakin.edu.au>. Find out which **course suit your interests**, what **major studies** are available to you, and **how to qualify for a career** that interests you, plus a lot more.

SPOTJOBS CAREER EXPO COMING...

The Expo will showcase career opportunities from large employers and trades through to higher education. There will be free career advice, industry panels, interactive training demonstrations and exhibits, seminars, and a wealth of information and opportunities for further study.

When: Friday 26 – Sunday 28 August

Where: Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Southbank

For details and a free ticket see: www.careerexpo.com.au.

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University & TAFE Open Days 2016

University & TAFE Open Days By Date

- Kangan Institute
Broadmeadows 29 July
- Swinburne Hawthorn 31 July
- Kangan Institute Docklands 4 August
- La Trobe Shepparton 5 August
- Monash Peninsula 6 August
- Monash College Clayton 7 August
- La Trobe Bundoora 7 August
- Deakin Warrnambool 7 August
- Monash Caulfield and
Clayton 7 August
- La Trobe Bendigo 14 August
- Australian Catholic
University Melbourne 14 August
- Navitas College City 14 August
- RMIT all Campuses 14 August
- William Angliss TAFE City 14 August
- La Trobe Mildura 17 August
- Deakin Geelong Waterfront
and Waurin Ponds 21 August
- Gordon TAFE Geelong 21 August
- Deakin College Waterfront
and Waurin Ponds 21 August
- Monash Parkville 21 August
- Melbourne University 21 August
- Deakin Burwood 28 August
- Deakin College Burwood 28 August
- Australian Catholic
University Ballarat 28 August
- Federation University
Ballarat and Gippsland 28 August
- Victoria University 28 August



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2016 University Open Days By University/TAFE

Institute

- Australian Catholic University Ballarat 28 August
- Australian Catholic University Melbourne 14 August

- Deakin Burwood 28 August
- Deakin College Burwood 28 August
- Deakin Geelong Waterfront and Waurn Ponds 21 August
- Deakin College Waterfront and Waurn Ponds 21 August
- Deakin Warrnambool 7 August
- Federation University Ballarat and Gippsland 28 August
- Gordon Institute Geelong 21 August
- Kangan Institute Broadmeadows 29 July
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- Monash College Clayton 7 August
- Monash Parkville 21 August
- Monash Peninsula 6 August
- Navitas College of Public Safety City 14 August
- RMIT all Campuses 14 August
- Swinburne Hawthorn 31 July
- William Angliss TAFE City 14 August

What is Open Day and why should you attend? On Open Day, a University/TAFE Institute opens its doors to anyone who is interested in attending their university/TAFE in the future, or who would just like to know more about the institution. University Open Days are well worth attending, as are TAFE Open Days because they can help you make one of life's important decisions. See above for open day dates in Term 3.



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