



## Wyndham Central College Career News

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

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.

**Career News** will be published fortnightly throughout the year, providing information about how to **choose a career**, about **information sessions** being held on various courses and careers, **Open Days** at institutions where you might want to study, **Career Expos**, insights into a number of **careers**, and where you can get help.

**Students who do their research during Year 9-12 usually find it easier to make some career decisions at the end of Year 12.**

### CAREER TOOLS: ONLINE RESOURCE...

#### RE: [wcccareers.com](http://wcccareers.com) – the new comprehensive online careers resource

Wyndham Central College has now provided its students and their parents/guardians with a 'School Careers Website'. You can find 'Career Tools' on the Pathways Portal under Student/Parent Links on the College Homepage.

It's a "One Stop Shop" for students' needs with their Career Planning, Information, VCE, Post School Options and much more.

Students can also use it to create and save their resume.

The site is also designed with the parent/guardian in mind, to provide both students and parents/guardians with all the information needed about the students' Career/Pathway Planning and post school options – and the information is constantly changing in these areas.

**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 will take place shortly 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.

### HOW CAN I CHOOSE A CAREER?

Many people say that basically they would like a job they **enjoy**, with the possibility of earning a reasonable **income**. **So how do you choose that job?**

Firstly, keep in mind that there isn't just one perfect job for you. There are several jobs that would suit you well, so you need to **explore the possibilities**.

First, think about what you **enjoy doing**.

For example, is it sport-related, scientific, reading/writing-related, helping people, information technology-related?

What do you enjoy **doing in your spare time**?

What **subjects** do you excel in at school?



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How important is it that you earn a lot of **money**?

Answering questions such as these will set you on a path to making some decisions.

If you like science, what type of science do you prefer – physics, chemistry, biology?

If you are creative, what is your speciality – music, drama, art, design?

If it is geography, perhaps you could be interested in urban planning, mapping or surveying.

If it is health, perhaps it is nursing, nutrition or public health.

If it is physics and maths, perhaps engineering.

Don't look too far ahead – you are not deciding on a life-time career. You will have several careers.

### WHAT IS A CAREERS EXPO?

As a rule, career expos have representatives from **Universities, TAFE's, Independent Training Providers and Employer Groups** (eg Defence Force) in attendance to provide information and an opportunity to ask your questions. There are a number held throughout the year, some large ones running for a few days (eg the **VCE and Careers Expo** 4 May – 7 May @ Caulfield Racecourse), while others are **smaller regional expos** (eg @ WRICA Thursday 18 – Friday 19 May). Career Expos are of a **general nature and are a good starting point for some career exploration** - more information later.

### WHAT IS AN OPEN DAY?

Universities, TAFE's and some Independent Providers open their doors, usually once a year on Sundays in August, for the public to **see facilities, attend information sessions, talk to staff and current students, and to check out clubs and societies**. These are useful for obtaining a **more in-depth experience** of a particular institution and its courses. Dates will be published soon (for your diary).

### WHAT IS A CAREERS SEMINAR, AND WHY ATTEND?

Many institutions run **seminars about particular courses or careers**, often on week-nights or in school holidays. For example, **Monash** (see below) and the **University of Melbourne** run **evening seminars** on particular courses, while RMIT, La Trobe and Deakin run school holiday programs about their courses (note: this list is not exhaustive). In addition, seminars on studying **psychology, sport related** careers, and on **occupational therapy** have been run for many years. These programs give an in-depth picture of courses and career outcomes, and provide an opportunity to ask your questions. More information in later editions.

### HOW CAN I ACCESS UNIVERSITY COURSES?

Many courses accept Year 12 graduates on the basis of their **ATAR** (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) and meeting any **prerequisite subject requirements**. Some courses, however, have **additional requirements** (eg an audition, a folio presentation, completion of a selection kit, attendance at an interview). You are advised to check these out on the **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)** website ([www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)). Applicants for courses apply on the VTAC website, commencing in August each year. Up to eight courses can be applied for.



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### **MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS...**

#### **WHAT IS REQUIRED TO ACCESS UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AT MONASH UNIVERSITY?**

Monash has both an **undergraduate medical degree** (at Clayton) and a **post graduate medical degree** (at Gippsland). Applicants for the **undergraduate** degree must sit for a multiple choice test known as the **Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)**, with a testing time of three hours. Applicants must **register for this test**, with applications now open, and **closing at 5pm on 2 June**. The test is on 26 July.

The registration fee is \$250.00, including access to **online practice test 1**).

The UMAT **Information Booklet** is also available online at <http://umat.acer.edu.au>.

The application process for the undergraduate medical degree at Monash also involves a multi-mini interview and also requires a very high ATAR.

In addition to Monash, the University of Melbourne and Deakin (Geelong) offer post graduate medical degrees.

#### **HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AT MONASH UNIVERSITY?**

One way is to attend an '**Inside Monash**' seminar. Get the inside story of **what it's really like to study at Monash. You'll hear from a current student, a past student and an academic**. It's the best 90 minutes you could spend researching your course.

**When:** 6.30-8pm

**March 7<sup>th</sup>** Arts, **8<sup>th</sup>** Business, **9<sup>th</sup>** Science, **28<sup>th</sup>** Pharmacy

**April 6<sup>th</sup>** Design and Fine Art, **11<sup>th</sup>** Architecture, **12<sup>th</sup>** Interior Architecture

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, **4<sup>th</sup>** Nursing and Midwifery, **9<sup>th</sup>** Education, **11<sup>th</sup>** Psychology, **16<sup>th</sup>** Medicine and Biomedical Science, **16<sup>th</sup>** Education, **17<sup>th</sup>** Law, **18<sup>th</sup>** Health Sciences **18<sup>th</sup>** IT, **23<sup>rd</sup>** Biomedical Sciences, Radiography and Nutrition, **25<sup>th</sup>** Engineering

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** Business

**August 15<sup>th</sup>** Music, **31<sup>st</sup>** Education, **31<sup>st</sup>** Science and Careers

**September 5<sup>th</sup>** Education.

**Register your attendance at:** [www.monash.edu/inside-monash](http://www.monash.edu/inside-monash)

**Other Information:** Call 1800 MONASH.

#### **MONASH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE DAY**

International students can get a taste of what it is like to study at Monash, find out more about university study, with workshops exploring different interest areas. Find out how Monash courses prepare you for the global workforce and how to make the most of your school years. There will be a masterclass in English as an Additional Language (**EAL**) covering study strategies and skills.

**Who for:** Year 11 & 12 international students

**When:** 9.30am-3pm (lunch provided), Friday 31 March

**Where:** Exhibition Space H1.16, Building H, Caulfield Campus

**Booking details** coming SOON

**Information:** [amy.little@monash.edu.au](mailto:amy.little@monash.edu.au).



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### MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Immerse yourself in medicine at Monash through virtual reality (VR).

Have you wanted to visit the Monash campus but not got there?

Learn more about medicine, nursing and health sciences at Monash through **360o video**.

Be one of the first 200 to get in touch and receive a **Monash Cardboard** to enhance the VR experience.

**Visit:** [monash.edu/virtual-reality](http://monash.edu/virtual-reality).

### DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS...

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

At a recent Career Practitioners Conference at the Waurm Ponds (Geelong) campus of Deakin University, delegates were informed that the university now has **54,000** students, 25% of whom are 'cloud' or online students. The university has received some **excellent ratings** in surveys recently, such as having the most satisfied students for 7 years in a row for Victorian universities, rated in the top three Australian universities for graduate employment, and having the world's best Exercise and Nutrition Science School.

#### INDUSTRY TRENDS IN THE COMMERCE FIELD

At the conference a Deakin staff member talked about employers wanting to look at the '**whole package**' when searching for **employees**. It's no longer sufficient to have **a degree** and to have had **a part-time job**. Employers want employees to have an understanding of **industry standards**, to be a '**cultural fit**', to have **soft skills**, broad life **experiences**, and **technical skills**. They need **transferable skills** and an ability to handle diversity.

Some **forecasts** suggest that today's graduate can expect to be **retrenched three times** in their working life, they will have **several careers**, and they will need **adaptability and flexibility** to remain employed. Jobs in the commerce field that are **disappearing** are in entry-level accounting, routine contract writing, financial planning entry level jobs and in routine data entry jobs. An **ability to interpret and analyse** will be important, and artificial intelligence will be used increasingly.

University students need to start **thinking and acting regarding employment in their first year** at university, for example, seeking out opportunities to attend **interest days** run by potential employers at the university. These can lead to further invitations for involvement with these employers (known as pipelining) and eventually to employment.

All commerce students at Deakin must complete a **compulsory unit** to help them present in the best possible way to potential employers. Students need to seriously consider **Work Integrated Learning (WIL)** as part of their course. Students need to understand early on that **they are responsible for their career**, and should not wait till their third year at university to think about this.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AVIATION?

The power of **military aviation** will take centre stage at **AIRSHOW 2017**. See the latest heavy metal put through its high octane paces at this event. Combat jets from home and abroad, bombers, heavy lift aircraft, military display teams and rotary winged warriors will strut their stuff. There will also be **historic**



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**aircraft** from the classic years of aviation, along with displays of the latest **innovations** in aerospace, aviation and defence products.

**When:** Public sessions: 10am-4.30pm, Friday 3 March – Sunday 5 March

**Where:** Avalon Airport Geelong

**For bookings and further information:** [www.airshow.com.au](http://www.airshow.com.au).

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