



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 to assist students with the momentous decisions facing them this year have recently concluded. The Year 9 - 11 Career Interviews will conclude term end. 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 commenced this term and will continue into Term 3. More information to follow shortly.

REMINDERS...

- **Tertiary Information Service Event (TIS) – Year 12 Students:** Year 12 Students attended on Thursday 20 July. The start of the tertiary application process.
- **Year 9 – 11 Pathways Expo (Academic & Applied Focus/Defence Force Presentation):** Monday 24 July
- **Year 10 into 11 Subject Tasters:** Tuesday 25 July
- **Years 9 – 11 Subject Expo:** Wednesday 26 July, Sessions 1 – 4
- **Subject Selection Counselling (SSC's) for Years 9 – 11 Students/Parents:** Thursday 27 July, 9am – 7pm
- **'INSIDE MONASH':** August 15th Music, 31st Education; 31st Science and Careers, September 5th Education; Register: www.monash.edu/inside-monash
- **INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCE AT MONASH:** 27 July.
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- **MURRUP BARAK EXPERIENCE/LEADERSHIP CAMP:** murrupbarak-camps@unimelb.edu.au and <http://murrupbarak.unimelb.edu.au/study/future-students/undergraduate-study/camps>
- **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY Careers Night** on 17 August. Contact Tina Morley, tina.morley@austin.org.au
- **'ASPIRE' applications are open** at La Trobe University. They close 31 August
- **ACU - EAP applications now close on Monday 31 July**

OPEN DAYS...

University and TAFE Open Days commence soon, with **Swinburne's occurring in a few days' time, on Sunday 30 July** (10am-4pm). Open Days are a great way to **find out about campus facilities and courses**, to hear **course presentations**, and **meet staff and students**. You need to attend to help you decide which institution best suits you. **DATES:**

- **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU):** Sunday 13 August (Melbourne), Sun 27 August (Ballarat)
- **BOX HILL INSTITUTE:** Sunday 20 August (Lilydale), Sunday 27 August (Box Hill)
- **DEAKIN UNIVERSITY:** Sunday 6 August (Warrnambool), Sunday 20 August (Geelong), Sunday 27 August (Melbourne)
- **FEDERATION UNIVERSITY:** Sunday 27 August (Ballarat, Berwick and Gippsland)
- **THE GORDON (Geelong):** Sunday 6 August



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- **HOLMESGLEN:** Thursdays – book visit on-line
- **KANGAN TAFE:** Has 'Experience Days' – see website
- **LA TROBE UNIVERSITY:** Sunday 6 August (Melbourne), Sunday 27 August (Bendigo)
- **MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC:** Saturday 19 August (Preston)
- **MONASH UNIVERSITY:** Saturday 5 August (Peninsula), Sunday 6 August (Caulfield and Clayton), Sunday 20 August (Parkville – Pharmacy College)
- **RMIT:** Sunday 13 August (City and Bundoora)
- **SWINBURNE:** Sunday 30 July (Hawthorn)
- **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE:** Sunday 20 August (Parkville)
- **VICTORIA UNIVERSITY:** Sunday 20 August (Footscray)
- **WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE:** Sunday 13 August

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR OPEN DAY VISITS ...

Don't wander aimlessly....try these:

- Get an **Open Day Guide** from the Institution's website before you attend Open Day, eg from www.deakin.edu.au/openday, www.openday.unimelb.edu.au, or www.monash.edu/openday and be there when relevant **information sessions** are scheduled
- Allow **sufficient time** for your visit - two hours or so would be advisable
- Speak to **staff/students** about courses which interest you - note your **questions beforehand**
- Collect **information/brochures**
- Ask about **industry based learning** (IBL) or **work integrated learning** (WIL) opportunities; these can assist with gaining employment and are a feature of some courses and institutions. For example, some courses offer a 6 or 12-month paid work placement, often leading to a job
- Ask about **international study** opportunities – an increasingly popular option
- Consider **transport** issues; is the campus accessible from where you will live?
- Check out the **environment** where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
- Consider the **facilities** offered at each institution, particularly if you are considering a course where facilities available will be an important consideration (eg sporting, laboratories, etc)
- Check out **clubs and societies** on offer at each campus
- Consider a **rural campus** - ATAR's are often lower at rural campuses and they can offer other advantages (eg smaller classes). Accommodation is usually available on campus – book early.

NOTE: If you plan to apply for a course involving an **interview/folio presentation/audition** as part of the selection process, **attendance at Open Day is A MUST!** You might be asked what you learned at **Open Day**. An awkward question if you do not attend.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CAREER AS A PSYCHOLOGIST?

Are you curious to know where a psychology degree could take you? The **Australian Psychological Society Melbourne Branch Student Working Party** is offering a '**Careers in Psychology**' seminar for high school students, as well as undergraduate university students.

When: 6-9pm, Thursday 3 August



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Where: Cathedral Hall, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy

Questions: melbapsstudents@gmail.com;

Register: <http://www.psychology.org.au/Events/EventView.aspx?ID=18824>.

YEAR 12 NEWS...

➤ WHEN CAN I APPLY FOR COURSES FOR 2018?

Applications are made on the **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)** website, **opening on 7 August**, with timely applications **closing on September 28** (5pm) - see www.vtac.edu.au. You will be able to 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 ATAR/Selection requirements/pre-requisite subjects. The cost of timely applications is \$35.00 (more if you apply late).

➤ SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME

Circumstances can sometimes spoil a student's academic achievement. Tertiary institutions are aware of this and offer **alternative entry schemes** taking into account **short-term and long-term disadvantage**. Most are offered through the **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)** application process. **Note:** SEAS applications cannot be completed until you have made a VTAC course application.

See: www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html.

There are **four SEAS categories**:

- Category 1: **Personal information and location**
- Category 2: Disadvantaged **financial** background
- Category 3: **Disability or medical** condition
- Category 4: Difficult **circumstances**.

Applying for SEAS is only the first step. In addition to the application, some categories will require you to include an **impact statement** and **statement of support** from a responsible person who can verify your claim. Applications open on 7 August and close on 10 October (5pm).

➤ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS THROUGH VTAC...

Many institutions accept scholarship application through the VTAC website.

Applications Open: 7 August

Applications Close: 13 October (5pm).

➤ MONASH UNIVERSITY GUARANTEE AND SEAS

Monash operates two **access schemes**, the **Monash Guarantee** and the **SEAS** that can help you enter your preferred course, **even if your ATAR is below the clearly-in ATAR**. It is possible to be eligible for one or both schemes. The **Monash Guarantee** can get you into a course even if you don't reach the course clearly-in ATAR. You could be eligible if you have experienced **financial disadvantage** or if you are an **Indigenous Australian** (Note: the Monash Guarantee also applies to students who **attend a Monash under-represented school**). Every course has a Monash Guarantee ATAR.

For Information: <http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/the-monash-guarantee/monash-guarantee-atars>.



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➤ **PATHWAYS INFORMATION EVENING AT MONASH...**

Students who are concerned about their ATAR and wish to explore alternative options to get their dream Monash course are encouraged to attend this evening.

When: 6.30-8pm, 23 August

Where: Level 3, Building K, Caulfield Campus

See: <http://www.monash.edu/information-evenings/pathways>

➤ **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE - ACCESS MELBOURNE AND EQUITY PROGRAMS...**

The University of Melbourne is committed to providing education opportunities for students from a range of backgrounds. It has a number of programs that are designed to increase the number of disadvantaged students enrolling at **the University of Melbourne**.

For **details** **see:**

https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/access_melbourne_and_equity_programs

VTAC NEWS...

VTAC has an **updated App** called **'The VTAC App'** which is free to download to **enable easy access to course information**.

Just search for VTAC in the app store on your device.

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