



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 concluded. Year 9-11 Career Interviews will commence in second term. 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 also commence second term. More information to follow shortly.

CareerNews Key Dates & Reminders

Key Dates:

For all VCE Students:

'Experience Clever' at La Trobe

Registrations are now open. Visit:

www.latrobe.edu.au/study/life/events/experience-clever

'Inside Monash' Seminar Series

Running from April to September 2018. To register visit: <https://www.monash.edu/inside-monash>

Reminders:

For all VCE Students:

VCE & Careers Expo

When: Thursday 3rd to Sunday 6th May

For more information visit: www.vceandcareers.com.au

Melbourne Career Expo

When: Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd July

See Mrs Karlovic in the Careers Centre for complimentary tickets

For further details, visit: <http://www.careerexpo.com.au/attend/event-details>

Community Achiever Program (CAP) at ACU

Applications for 2019 will open Tuesday 1st May and close 31st July.

<http://www.acu.edu.au/study> at [acu/pathways](http://www.acu.edu.au/study/acu/pathways) and [entry_schemes/year_12_student_entry/early_entry](http://www.acu.edu.au/study/entry_schemes/year_12_student_entry/early_entry)

For Medicine & Health Science Students:

UMAT Registrations close Friday 1 June at 5pm. Test is Wed 25 July 2018.



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For further information visit <http://umat.acer.edu.au>

[On the 5th of April 2018, NIE will be conducting a full day UMAT preparation workshop. All details are available via \[www.nie.edu.au\]\(http://www.nie.edu.au\)](#)

For everyone:

South East Careers Expo

When: Tuesday 24th April. For more information visit: expo@sellen.org.au

News & Updates

Melbourne University

Melbourne University are running a number of information sessions including: 'My Melbourne Future'

Dates:

15th May - Agriculture, Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Design.

31 May - Health and Veterinary Sciences.

5 June - Economics, Business, Humanities & Social Sciences and Law.

7 June- Creative and Performing Arts.

14 June - Economics, Business, Humanities & Social Sciences and Education.

Where: Parkville campus, Grattan Street Parkville, Victoria.

Time: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Check out the details and other events at:

<https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events>

Federation University

Federation University have some 'Experience Day's coming up where students can learn about specific fields of study and clarify their area of interest. Offering interactive workshops and activities, these days are productive to help refine your career path.

'Experience Days' at Berwick Campus

Education – Thursday 26th April

IT & Engineering – Thursday 26th April

Business – Thursday 3rd May

Nursing – Thursday 3rd May

Science – Thursday 10th May

Arts/Psychology – Thursday 10th May



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Times: 10am till 2pm

Federation University's 'VCE Study Skills Days' have also proven to be very popular. A free event designed to support VCE students with their studies, providing valuable advice and strategies. With experienced guest speakers and Fed University's academics and students, the day will include helpful information on:

- Time Management
- Increasing Motivation
- Critical Thinking
- Life as a university student

Dates:

- Tuesday 3rd July from 9.30am till 2pm

Gippsland Campus (Churchill)

- Wednesday 4th July from 9.30am till 2pm

Berwick Campus

- Thursday 5th July from 9.30am till 2pm

Mt Helen Campus (Ballarat)

<https://federation.edu.au/future-students/study-at-feduni/information-sessions-and-events/vce-study-skills-day>

Box Hill Institute

Box Hill institute are offering 'A Day in the Life' career exploration days, where students have the opportunity to gain insight into various professions. In the morning, a variety of workshops are running and after lunch there is a forum where employers, Box Hill Institute alumni and currently enrolled students will talk about working in a variety of industries.

This program is running in the school holidays and following are the scheduled dates and costs:

Outdoor Guide - Thursday, 5th April

Fashion Illustrator & Developing Your Fashion Portfolio - Wednesday, 11th April Cost: 1 day \$75

Visual Merchandiser, Interior Designer & Graphic Designer - Wednesday, 11 April or Wednesday, 4th July Cost: No charge

Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Mechanic – Friday 6th July Cost: No charge

Fashion Designer: Monday 9th July to Wednesday 11th July (x3 days) Cost: 3 days \$250

Times: 9.30am – 3pm (unless indicated otherwise indicated on the events page.

Where: Box Hill (Elgar and Nelson) and Lilydale Lakeside campuses.

For further information, call 1300 BOX HILL or visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-creative-artist-tickets-44005271953>



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Melbourne Polytechnic

Melbourne Polytechnic have a 'Trade Taster Day'. This day is aimed at Year 9 & 10 students interested in trying a range of trade areas from; hospitality to agriculture, plastering and cabinet making.

Held on Thursday 10th May between 9.45am till 2.45pm at the Heidelberg Campus (Corner of Waterdale Rd & Bell St in Heidelberg).

There are a range of trades to choose from with a number of groups and sessions in the morning and afternoon. You will need to purchase your tickets online before 30th April at:

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/melbourne-polytechnic-trade-taster-day-2018-tickets-42656414484?ref=enivte001&invite=MTM4NjMwMjEvcM9sbHMua2F0ZS5rQGVkdW1haWwudmljLmdvdi5hdS8w&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=invitemodernv2&utm_term=eventpage

Monash University

Monash University's 'Big Data Challenge Day' at Clayton campus is designed for high achieving Year 12 Math's Students. It is an exciting opportunity for students to build on their knowledge and explore what they can achieve at university with their mathematics skills. As part of the day, students will be placed in teams and will tackle a challenge in actuarial science, business analytics or econometrics. To register visit:

<https://buseco.wufoo.eu/forms/w1d3s5lf1arh6xr/>

William Angliss Institute

William Angliss are providing an opportunity for secondary school students to try their hand at a series of practical workshops in Hospitality, Food and Tourism. This school holiday program is ideal for students who are considering a certificate, diploma or degree in Foods, Tourism, Hospitality or Events.

When: Wednesday 11th April, 10:00 am till 3:30 pm.

Where: 555 La Trobe Street, Melbourne.

To register, you can book online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/angliss-experiences-hospitality-events-tourism-tickets-43295635411>

Interested in IT?

All secondary school students interested in IT can book seats at the '2018 Big Day In' IT Careers Conference held at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre on Wednesday 30 May 2018 running from 9am-2.30pm. Run by the ACS Foundation and sponsored by RMIT, students (and teachers) can listen to cool industry speakers and visit exhibitor stands to learn about where a career in IT can take them.

Tickets: \$10 for students (includes morning tea). Please visit:

<http://acsfoundation.cart.net.au/BiG-Day-In-Melbourne-Melbourne-Convention-Exhibition-Centre-Wednesday-30-May-2018>



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GAP Year at the Australian Defence Force

It is not uncommon for some students to be unsure of their career direction, even those who achieve their desired ATAR result. Therefore, a Gap Year in the Australian Defence Force is a unique opportunity to gain experience, grow and figure out exactly what the next step is in life. It is a unique chance to get a taste for what a career in the Navy, Army or Air Force could be like, offering a year full of adventure, new friends, new skills, leadership, fitness and travel. All while earning a salary and benefiting from free medical and dental care!

In an ADF Gap Year, you can apply for positions such as; Administrative Assistant, Air Defence Operator, Army Officer, Artillery Operator, Aviation Support Technician, Combat Engineer, Driver, Infantry Soldier, Warehouse Assistant, Store person or Cabin Crew.

Whether on base, on land or at sea, in some respects working for the ADF can be much like being employed in a comparable civilian role (if there is one). However, life at the ADF offers life-changing experiences such as assisting communities affected by conflict or natural disasters.

To join the program, you will be aged between 18 and 24 as of 15th September 2019 (for the Navy), 31st May 2019 (for the Army), or 31st March 2019 (for the Air Force). An Australian Year 12 education (or equivalent) is required and VCE results will not affect entry, however education pre-requisites do vary for each position.

To learn more visit: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year>

Industry Focus – Education

Early Childhood/Pre-Primary Teacher

The Australian Department of Jobs and Small Business* forecast a 26.4% increase in employment opportunities for Early Childhood (Pre-Primary) Teachers over the next five years.

Early childhood teachers plan and conduct education programmes for young children and work in government-owned pre-school centres, early education classes, community kindergartens and community childcare centres. To consider this occupation, it is important to be able to relate to children and their families and have a keen desire to teach children. Other helpful personal traits are; willingness to learn, high-level planning and organisational skills, enthusiastic, tactful, patient, have a good sense of humour and flexible with working hours.

Early Childhood Teachers perform a range of daily tasks including:

- Planning activities using a variety of equipment and materials to develop good coordination, social skills, creativity, self-expression and an interest in learning.
- Promote language development and self-confidence through storytelling, drama, music and discussions.
- Help to organise and participate in excursions to enhance learning experiences.
- Encourage children to question and explore the world in which they live.



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- Observe children to evaluate and record their progress and to detect developmental disorders, ill health or emotional disturbance.
- Recommend further programmes for further development.
- Work with guidance officers, speech pathologists and psychologists to assist children with special needs.
- Help integrate children with special needs into mainstream classes.
- Promote health and safety concepts and social interaction with other children.
- Promote awareness and appreciation of diversity in multicultural societies.
- Attend to sick children and those in need of first aid and comfort children who are hurt or distressed.
- Assist children with toileting and personal hygiene.
- Discuss aspects of children's development with parents.
- Participate in community activities and parent/staff committees.
- Supervise and work with student teachers and trainee childcare workers.

To become an early childhood teacher, a degree in education with a major in early childhood is usually required. Alternatively, a bachelor degree in a related area followed by a postgraduate qualification in education specialising in early childhood can be completed.

There is also the option of gaining an entry level qualification (certificate 3 or diploma) to work in childcare settings such as; day care, occasional care, center based care and out of school hours' programs to gain industry experience before transitioning into a further bachelor of Early Childhood Education degree. This is worth considering as some institutions may recognise prior study and provide credits for certain subjects. If this option is of interest, it is worthwhile researching the courses available at:

- Box Hill Institute (Lilydale)
- The Gordon Institute (Geelong) Federation University (Ballarat), Holmesglen (Waverley)
- VFA Learning (Geelong, Melbourne and Narre Warren)
- Swinburne (Hawthorn and Wantirna)
- Vic Uni (Footscray, St Albans, Werribee)

Melbourne Polytechnic (Preston) also offers a 2-year associate degree in Early Childhood Studies and La Trobe University's Bachelor of Early Learning is available to students enrolling in Chisholm's Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (Bass Coast, Berwick, Dandenong, Frankston, Mornington Peninsula, Online).

The following table provides a list of Bachelor Degree's available in Victoria:

University	Course
La Trobe University (Bendigo and Shepparton)	Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education



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Deakin University (Cloud and Burwood)	Bachelor of Early Childhood Education
ACU (Online and Melbourne)	Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Birth to Five Years)
ACU (Ballarat and Melbourne)	Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)
Box Hill Institute (Lilydale)	Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Degree)
Holmesglen (Waverley)	Bachelor of Early Childhood Teaching (Degree)
Swinburne University of Technology (Hawthorn)	Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)
Charles Sturt University (Albury-Wodonga)	Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)
RMIT University (Bundoora)	Bachelor of Education (Primary and Early Childhood Education)
Victoria University (Footscray Park)	Bachelor of Early Childhood Education
Swinburne University of Technology (Hawthorn)	Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)

* From 2019, the minimum ATAR for bachelor degrees in education at all universities will be 70. In addition, in 2017 the government brought in a further requirement for admission whereby students are to undertake the Casper Test, an online test designed to evaluate key personal and professional characteristics measuring traits such as; professionalism, ethics, communication, and empathy. To sit the test, there is an \$80 fee which some universities may reimburse upon acceptance of an offer of placement. For further information including Casper test dates please visit <https://takecasper.com/test-dates/#ausundergraded>.

For more detailed course information and requirements, please make contact with the relevant learning institution.

(Sources: VTAC, Casper, Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business (Labour Market Information Portal) Employment 2017 Projections Report, myfuture.edu.au, VTAC, Good Universities Guide).

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