PATHWAYS INTERVIEWS/PROGRAMS...

The initial Year 12 Pathways Interviews have been completed. Year 12’s are now invited to stop by the Careers Centre to follow up on the discussions, research, etc. The VTAC Application Process and Other Pathways Application Process will commence this term, run via their Tutor classes. Information will also be disseminated via assemblies for both students (during Tutor time on Thursday 15 August) and parents (on Tuesday 13 August, 7pm in the College Library) by Mrs Kathy Karlovic, the Pathways & Transitions Leader. All Year 12 students have attended the Tertiary Information Service (TIS) Event on Tuesday 16th July, held at Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus. The TIS event is an introduction to the VTAC Application Process followed by a mini tertiary institutional expo.

All Year 10 & 11 students are also invited to stop by the Careers Centre to book a pathways interview, visit the Careers Reference Centre, collect tertiary handbooks/brochures, etc.

The Careers Program, which officially commenced last term for both year levels with an Introductory Careers Assembly, will be administered via their MIPS classes. A letter was sent home to parents/guardians via students outlining the Careers Program. The purpose of this program for both the Year 10 & 11 students is to investigate career pathways and to select the appropriate program, either VCE or VCAL and subjects to study in Year 11 or 12, if the VCE program is selected. For the Year 11 students it is important for them to confirm that they have selected the correct program/subjects and to make an informed decision as to which subject they will not continue with the following year (in Year 12). Information Evenings for Year 10 and 11 Parents were held during Careers/Pathways Week on Thursday evening, 25th July. Letters were sent home advising parents of the details. The Pathways week consisted of a Pathways Expo with an applied and academic focus, a Subject Expo highlighting the programs and subjects on offer at Wyndham Central College and VCE/VCAL Subject Tasters for our current Year 10 students.

The Careers Centre is open to all students throughout the school day. It is run via interview bookings to ensure students’ needs are met. Students may also stop by – an open door policy – for a quick chat, followed by an appointment booking if necessary.

REMINDEERS...

- **Open Days**
  - **Sunday 11 August** – ACU (Melbourne); Deakin University (Geelong); Gordon TAFE(Geelong); RMIT
  - **Sunday 18 August** –La Trobe University (Bendigo); Melbourne University (Parkville & Southbank - VCA)
  - **Sunday 25 August** – ACU (Ballarat); Ballarat University; Box Hill TAFE; Deakin University (Burwood); La Trobe University(Bundoora); Monash University (Gippsland); Victoria University; William Angliss Institute
  - **Sunday 1 September** – La Trobe University(Albury/Wodonga)
- **Occupational Therapy Information Evening:** 5.30-8pm, Thursday 12 September
Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg
Register: email Monica.williams@austin.org.au

- **Herald Sun Careers Expo** – 16 – 18 August
  Melbourne Exhibition Centre
  Info: [www.careerexpo.com.au](http://www.careerexpo.com.au). Year 11 students will be attending on Friday 16 August. Excursion Forms will be distributed shortly.

- **Student and Parent Evening at VU** – 7-9pm, Tuesday 13 August; Footscray Park Campus

### OPEN DAY INFORMATION...

The date of the Gippsland campus of Monash University Open Day is Sunday 25 August the same date as the University of Ballarat. It is expected that the new **Federation University of Australia** will commence operations in 2014, comprised of the current **University of Ballarat** and the **Gippsland campus of Monash University**.

Make sure you check out Open Day details on websites before attending. Some universities will assist you to plan your day if you register your attendance beforehand.

### YEAR 12 STUDENTS APPLYING FOR COURSES FOR 2014...

Year 12 students can start applying for courses for 2014 from Monday 5 August, using the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website ([www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)) at a cost of $27. Students have until Friday 27 September for a ‘timely’ application. After that a late fee of $91 will apply till 8 November, when the late fee rises to $116 (applies to applications made till 6 December). You will need to register as an applicant first. When applying you can list up to 12 courses, putting them in the order you most want them as you will be offered a place in the first course in your list for which you meet the requirements.

### YEAR 12 SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)...

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) 2014 Guide includes a section about SEAS (pages 28-42). You are advised to read this section to find out if you are eligible for any special consideration with your course application. Also see: [www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas.html).

**NOTE:** SEAS applications are made on the VTAC website, but can only be completed after first applying for courses (applications close: 8 October).

### THINKING OF SCHOLARSHIPS?

Most institutions listed in the VTAC Guide have a number of scholarships available to applicants. Scholarships either require a direct or VTAC application. Read the Guide (Pages 43-48) or see the VTAC website.
ACCESS MELBOURNE...

‘Access Melbourne’ (University) provides educational opportunities for students from a diverse range of backgrounds enrolling in undergraduate degrees. The University has a selection guarantee for eligible applicants in the following Access Melbourne categories:

- Disadvantaged financial background
- Applicants from rural or isolated areas

Students who complete an Australian Year 12 or the IB in 2013 and are eligible for one or both of these categories, will be guaranteed a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) in the following undergraduate degrees, providing they meet the course prerequisites and achieve the following ATAR or notional ATAR:

- Arts, Environments or Science – ATAR of 78+
- Commerce – ATAR of 88+
- Biomedicine – ATAR of 95+

Even if a student’s ATAR falls below these levels, they will still be considered for a place.

Applicants eligible for other Access Melbourne categories will be considered on an individual basis.

See: www.access.unimelb.edu.au.

THINKING OF ENGINEERING AS A CAREER?

As the workforce ages and the world shifts to an innovation economy, the demand for engineers increases. A report by Engineers Australia highlights the nature of Australia’s engineering skills shortage (not just in Australia). According to the Times Higher Education it is estimated that UK engineering companies will have 2.74 million job opportunities between 2010–2020. The USA also has a great demand. Engineering ranks third amongst the ten best paying sectors. Monash engineering: www.monash.edu.au/study-engineering.

AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERING WEEK...

This annual event is being held between 5 - 11 August. Check out www.makeitso.org.au/australian-engineering-week/victoria.

WOMEN IN ENGINEERING...

Find out how women are making a difference across all fields of engineering. Engineers design, create, explore, innovate, and work in many different environments.

Hear guest speakers Kylie Bishop, Environment Advisor with ExxonMobil, and Asintha Nanayakkara Aerospace Engineer with Fortburn Pty.

When: 1-2pm, Sunday 11 August (RMIT Open Day)
Where: Storey Hall, Level 7, RMIT, 336-348 Swanston St, Melbourne

STUDYING PSYCHOLOGY...

Psychology can be studied in many undergraduate courses offered by different faculties at different universities. However, only studies undertaken within an APAC (Australian Psychology Accreditation Council) accredited degree will lead to the further training required to practice/register as a psychologist in
Australia. Students are strongly advised to check the latest list of accredited programs on the APAC website: [www.psychologycouncil.org.au](http://www.psychologycouncil.org.au).

**NEW SCIENCE DEGREE AT MONASH...**
A science education complemented by skills in leadership, entrepreneurship and communication will be the focus of the new Bachelor of Science (Global Challenges) in 2014. The course targets those wanting to push the boundaries of possibility, effect change in the world, and use science as a base to establish themselves as leaders in their career. Students will take two internships, at least one internationally, financially supported by the university. There will also be a year-long project where students work with peers and mentors, partnered with an organisation to tackle an issue.

*Info:* [www.monash.edu/have-you-got-the-edge](http://www.monash.edu/have-you-got-the-edge).

**EARLY ACHIEVERS PROGRAM AT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY...**
ACU looks for students who understand the importance of working for the common good and a willingness to make a contribution to their communities. ACU wants to recognise them for their contribution and potential and grants them status as Early Achievers. One of the benefits of the program is that successful applicants receive an offer well ahead of the usual tertiary admissions announcements.

*Applications open:* 13 August and *close:* 21 October.

*Brochure:* [Early Achievers Program (EAP) brochure (PDF, 474KB)](#)

*Info:* 1300 ASK ACU or [futurestudents@acu.edu.au](mailto:futurestudents@acu.edu.au)

**OTHER ALTERNATIVE ENTRY PROGRAMS...**
Year 12 students will be introduced to all the alternative entry programs available to them as Wyndham Central College students. These programs include ACU’s Early Achievers Program, VU’s Portfolio Partnership Program (PPP), RMIT’s SNAP, Ballarat University’s REEP and LaTrobe University’s SALT Program. Over the next few weeks, representatives from each of these institutions will come out to the College during lunchtime, to promote their programs. Students are strongly encouraged to attend. A number of last year’s Year 12 cohort benefitted from these programs.

**INTERESTED IN A MEDICAL RADIATIONS CAREER?**
If so, you have the opportunity to find out more about the profession at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. Staff will conduct tours of the medical radiations department and provide important career and professional information. University course providers will also attend. See the latest in high-tech modern medicine.

*Where:* St Andrews Place, East Melbourne
*When:* 10am-2pm, Sunday 15 September
*Information:* 9656 1375, RTEducation@petermac.org, [www.petermac.org](http://www.petermac.org).
APPS DEVELOPMENT AN EXCITING CAREER CHOICE...

Introduced this year, Deakin University’s Bachelor of Information Technology (Mobile and Apps Development) was designed to provide the knowledge needed for you to thrive in this fast-growing field. With the increase in the use of broadband and mobile devices, industries are developing new mobile apps. The focus is on theories, technologies and skills needed to design and develop apps on modern mobile platforms. Careers include iOS developer, iPhone application architect, Android developer, iOS web developer and app designer.


LA TROBE UNI ASSISTS WITH YEAR 11 SUBJECT CHOICE...


ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIPS...

The Electrical Pre-apprenticeship (Cert 11 in Electrotechnology Prevocational) provides the basic skills making you job ready.

NECA (National Electrical and Communications Association) has teamed up with Milwaukee, offering students who successfully complete their pre-apprenticeship a free Milwaukee Drill Kit (conditions apply).


*Also* Tenex is seeking to recruit Electrical Lineworker apprentices and Electrical Fitter apprentices.


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