Welcome to our monthly Parent Newsletter.  
19th August 2013

Our aim is to keep parents informed of upcoming events and important dates to remember. If you haven’t already done so, please let the College know of your email address so we can let you know when the newsletters are available for download from our website.

Email your address to: wyndham.central.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au  Please include in your email the names of the students you have enrolled at the College.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Firstly I must congratulate Mrs Leanne Gagatsis-Halge and the leadership team for a very positive and focused start to term 3 for our school community. All of the key information evenings pertaining to subject selection for 2014 are now completed and we are finalising our curriculum based on this process.

On Wednesday we received a visit from Minister Dixon who came to see how our building program was proceeding. In the short time since the funding was announced we have completed the Food technology classrooms, the Music Centre, the Study Centre, Arts Centre and the Stemnet/Science Centre. Next week we hope to announce the successful tender for the major building works package which consists of the new Administration / Staff Centre, Gymnasium, Yr 7 Centre, Yr 8 & 9 Centre, Senior Years Centre, Theatre and the Trade Training Centre. Commencement will be in the next few weeks.

At the end of term 2 Assembly I emphasised the key expectations of our college. Being at school on time ( before 8.55), in full correct school uniform ( no extra adornments such as jewellery/ makeup/facial piercing), in class on time and with correct equipment to learn will all contribute to the development of a strong positive work ethic that will prepare them for their working lives out in the community. I thank all of our families for supporting us in ensuring that they too adhere to these high expectations for their sons/daughters.

Julie Myers
Principal

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**MIDDLE YEARS REPORT**

This term has seen huge advancements in students work output and attitudes at Wyndham Central. There is much to celebrate. Uniform is looking excellent. Students are in class and on time. Students that are at risk are working hard and importantly parents are fully supportive of our school values and also wanting to see their children succeed.

In these times when the buildings are being built around the college I cannot commend the students enough on their patience and excitement as we develop into a school of excellence.

The year’s 7 and 9 were kind in allowing ACER to test them in trial NAPLAN tests to prepare questions for the future – we were sent an email by ACER after this commending them on their behaviour and attitude.

The EXPO was also a great success for our year 9 students as they contemplate their futures. They continue with their financial literacy training and remain focused on their goals.

The interim reports will be upon us shortly. At this time of the year it is a good chance to see how much your child has progressed. Remember all staff are just a phone call away if you would like to discuss your child’s successes or concerns.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yvonne Harvey
Middle Years Assistant Principal

**YEAR 7 REPORT**

The year 7 students have settled into term 3 really well. Staff have been impressed with the students work ethic and commitment to learning and students are producing some excellent work. This year all year 7 students have been given the opportunity to participate in the college instrumental music program. This program offers free tuition and instrument hire for the year. Students are able to choose from a selection of concert band instruments including flute, saxophone, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, drums and vocal. Last Friday six students performed in front of their peers at the Year 7 assembly. Congratulations to Lance Ruego, Cullen Carter, Louis-Jack Middlebrook, Victoria Hunt, Madison Renton and Samantha Fry on your excellent performance. We look forward to many more Year 7 students showcasing their music talent!

During this term all year 7 students will have the opportunity to experience the Robotics program which is part of the new network called **STEMNET (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Network)**. Mentored and facilitated by our year 9 students, Year 7 students will learn how to build and program a range of Lego robots including the **SOCCER PLAYER, AMAZING MECHANISMS** and **WILD ANIMALS**. 7A and 7B have already been involved in the program and really enjoyed this Science experience.

7C and 7D will be undertaking this program in the next couple of weeks.

Amanda Chivers
Yr 7 Year Level Leader
YEAR 9 REPORT
The Year Nine cohort is currently completing a Financial Literacy Course. This course is being completed as a unit in part of the Star Program which is offered to all Year 9 students. The course teaches students the essential skills of money management. The course provides students with the tools and techniques that will enable them to achieve their financial goals. The modules covered throughout the program are:
1. Develop and use a personal budget
2. Develop and use a savings plan
3. Develop an understanding of debt and consumer credit
4. Develop an understanding of superannuation
5. Develop an understanding of taxation.
Wyndham Central College would like to take this opportunity to thank The Smith Family Organisation for funding this program. The Smith Family Organisation provide the $60 enrolment and course fee for all of our Year 9 students to participate. They are truly investing in our children's future, thank you.
Students who are successful in proving their competency against the course’s performance criteria will receive a Level 1 Certificate in Financial Literacy. We wish the students all the best in completing this course. Good Luck Year 9.
Year 9 Team

SENIOR YEARS REPORT
All Senior Years Students (years 10-12) have recently attended course selection presentations and also our Careers Expo with vital course information presented to students and parents. As mentioned in the Year 12 news, Kathy Karlovic (Pathways and Transitions Leader) has just completed Year 12 VTAC presentations to parents and students. Thank you to Kathy and also to the parents who attended the VTAC presentation. This will place all involved at a definite advantage to understanding the procedures for applying for TAFE and university placements.

In the last newsletter, I spoke about teachers working with students to reflect on school reports and putting a plan for improvement in place and I'm hoping that all students, with the support of their parents, are actually reflecting on this to assist with their academic improvement. Based on term 3 reports, I am pleased to see students progressing with their academic rigour and performance. A reminder to all students and parents that progression from one year level to the next is not automatic and is based on students showing a progression with their school work and meeting a prescribed level, a minimum of 90% attendance and reflecting the College values of Respect, Co-operation and Excellence. Parent Teacher interviews are fast approaching with 5 weeks of the school term remaining and interviews will take place in the last week of term, as per usual. Please don’t forget that all years 9-12 students have the assistance of “Your Tutor” an online tutoring program available outside of school hours.

As our Year 12 students are approaching the homeward stretch, now is the time for them to put in their biggest effort and do their very best in regards to the final year of their schooling. School pressure starts to build when you fall behind with your school work so I ask that students assist their anxiety levels by being prepared and organised. Get motivated and stay motivated. Reflect on your school reports and the feedback given to you from your teachers and adjust your goals accordingly. Year 12 students, please make the most of the offer to attend the holiday classes with your teachers in the first week of the September holidays.

I have high expectations of all of our students as we move towards our College being a leading secondary college within the Wyndham area. Parents, please continue to support the College with your son/daughter wearing the correct uniform, arriving to school on time, completing all classwork and homework and ensuring that at least a 90% attendance is maintained. If there is anything that we can do to support parents or student then please don’t hesitate to contact the College for further assistance.
Bryan Woollard
Senior Years Assistant Principal

YEAR 10 REPORT
The Year 10 cohort are in the final stages of selecting their program choices for next year. All student's should have returned their course selection passports to their tutor teachers. If this is not the case you must return this form immediately to ensure you have an enrolment at the college in 2014. A number of students have not
returned their MIPS booklet (signed by a parent/guardian) – this is an important document and that needs to be filed as it is used to map each student’s individual pathway through the senior school. Just a reminder to please ensure your child attends school on time in the correct uniform each day. Students need to achieve an attendance rate of at least 90% and I’m pleased to report that there has been a big improvement in uniform and attendance over the course of the year. However, I have noticed the odd pair of black runners being passed off as school shoes – hard black leather shoes please. Upcoming events include the Year 10 Formal, Health Day and Structured Workplace Learning. All students are encouraged to attend and complete these programs to ensure a rich and diverse educational experience.

Daniel Pearce
Yr 10 Year Level Leader

**YEAR 11 REPORT**

Deb Ball

A number of students from Yr 11 completed their debutant ball at Taylors Lakes Reception center on the 26th of July of which I had the pleasure to attend. Both girls and boys looked fantastic on the night and completed all the dance routines perfectly. It was lovely to see the students represent themselves so well.

Absences
This is a reminder that if any student is away from school then on their first day back at school they need to bring a medical certificate or note from home explaining their absence. All VCE students require a 90% attendance to pass. They can hand this note to their tutor teacher.

Yr 12 Course Selection Sheets
This is a reminder that the Yr 12 Course Selection sheets are now due. Students have participated in a number of activities that are designed to help students make the right selections next year. Both students and parents must sign off on the form. If you have any questions please contact your child’s tutor teacher.

Herald Sun Careers Expo

On Friday the 16th of August all Yr 11 students participated in an excursion to the Herald Sun Careers Expo in the city. This is the largest careers expo on offer to students in Victoria and is an excellent opportunity to look into a variety of options on offer to students after Yr 12. There were a number of workshop presentations the students could attend that were about apprenticeship opportunities to entry into university.

Rebecca Sandlant
Yr 11 Year Level Leader

**YEAR 12 REPORT**

Term 3 began with our Parent/Teacher Interviews and Report Distribution for unit 3. It was very pleasing to see so many parents attend this important evening which gave both teachers and parents a chance to update on their son/daughter’s progress. It also gave teachers a chance to assist parents in helping to prepare students for the upcoming exams in November.

VTAC Parent Information Evening – was held on Tuesday 13th August to educate parents on the VTAC application process and enable them to assist in their son/daughter’s applications. Thank you to those that attended, we hope it was valuable. The student briefing followed on Thursday 15th during Tutor Time for all students. We will be running classes after school on Tuesday – Thursday of this week - 20th, 21st and 22nd August and next week 27th, 28th and 29th August to assist our students with this process. Please remember that timely applications ($27) need to be completed by September 27th; otherwise a late application fee of $91 will be incurred.

Exam Revision/Holiday Classes
Some of our Year 12 teachers are offering up their time to run revision and exam preparation classes during the first week of the school holidays. These classes will be running off-site, due to our building program, and will be held at: Wyndham Park Primary School, Kookaburra Avenue, Werribee in their Community Hub facility. We are very grateful to Wyndham Park Primary School for allowing us to hold these classes at their facility. The timetable of classes is below:
## Unit 3 Subject Awards

The following students were congratulated on our recent Assembly as recipients of Top Achiever Awards for our Unit 3 Subjects in both VCE and VCAL classes. Award winners are listed below:

**VCE:**

A special mention of congratulations must go to **Nicolle Cabuenas** who achieved the top coursework results for unit 3 EAL English, Further Maths, Maths Methods, Chemistry and Biology. A truly outstanding effort Nicolle!!

**Anthony Acciarito** achieved top results in both IT Apps and Australian History and **Lauren Winter** achieved the overall best performance in both Business Management and Physical Education – all very deserving recipients who work very hard.

**Other Unit 3 Subject Award winners were:**

- **Product Design and Technology**: Kiriahi Wilson
- **English**: Joy Tautasi
- **Health and Human Development**: Kimanh Tran
- **Legal Studies**: Jamie Velevski (Year 11 student)
- **Music Performance**: Paw Lay Wah Hlaing
- **Outdoor Education**: Daniel Manzie
- **Physics**: Katrina Thomas
- **Psychology**: Cassey Robinson
- **Studio Arts**: Erika Careng
- **Systems Engineering**: Iain Young
- **Visual Communication & Design**: Monique Mangion

**VCAL Subject Awards:** The students listed below were nominated by their teachers as the top performers in each subject area – well done to all of you!

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## VCAL Students Rugby Program for WELS Students

On Tuesday 30th April a group of five students in the year 12 VCAL started a rugby program for the WELS students. We chose to teach the WELS students rugby because we all have the passion for the sport and felt what better way to introduce these new Australians into the Australian culture than to teach them one of our national sports. The program went on for four one hour lessons for four weeks on Tuesdays. We planned four different lesson plans for each week. The first week we planned a series of passing drills, the following week included a couple more advanced passing drills and running drills. The week after we had planned to just do a series of tackling drills, but in the previous week, the WELS students requested to play a game. We incorporated a game into our already planned tackling lesson. The final lesson we got the students into teams and played a full game. At 12:40pm every Tuesday we would go and collect the WELS students from their class room to take them across the road to the Galvin Park rugby oval for an hour long lesson accompanied by Mr. Thorley. Mr. Thorley went through all lesson plans with us and accompanied us throughout the hour lessons. The group
consisted of Mathew, Shea, Vili, Thomas, Soane and the assistance of Mr. Thorley. We were really pleased when we went back at the end of the program to get our feedback as all the students indicated that they really enjoyed our teaching sessions.

Matthew Mitchell 12H

**STATE CROSS COUNTRY – SUCCESS IN ALL SEASONS**

Bior Malual placed 5th at the Western Metropolitan Region Cross Country in the under 17 boys event. This place allowed him to qualify for the State Championships.

The Cross Country State Championships were held on Thursday the 18th of July at Bundoora Park. This was Bior’s 4th time representing our College at the State Level, which is very impressive to say the least. Every year Bior represents our College with pride and determination and is always an impressive competitor. This year his afternoon race was 5km long and he faced every season in that short time. It was sunny then cloudy, warm then cold, and of course then really windy and rainy, all in a matter of one race. Bior bravely faced the weather conditions and successfully completed the challenging course and finished in 13th place. Congratulations Bior!!! You have topped your personal best each and every year. We look forward to seeing your performances next year.

Peta Hills
Carnival Sports Coordinator

**SPANISH**

Spanish is a one semester language that all year 7 students do at Wyndham Central College. In Spanish classes students learn about the Spanish and Latin American culture which includes, food, music, movies, traditional celebrations, learning the colours and numbers up to twenty in Spanish, putting together Spanish sentences and having a basic Spanish conversation in the classroom. Students go to carnivals, cook and taste some delicious Spanish food.

In years 8 to 9 Students get the opportunity to select Spanish as a subject and further develop skills to communicate and immerse themselves further in the Latin American culture.

We have been very fortunate this term to have Mr. Ignacio Rodriguez visiting us from Spain to learn and immerse in the Australian culture. He will be with us until the 19th of August. We are establishing a sister school in Spain and hope to have a program running in the near future. Exciting times ahead!!

The photos show year 7 students developing their skills in Spanish cooking, they all made delicious Nachos.

Wyndham Central College has all the facilities where students are able to demonstrate what they have learnt and achieved.
MUSIC REPORT
Today, the Minister for Education, Mr Martin Dixon visited our wonderful new Music Department. Mr Dixon was interested to see how progress was going with the building works and if we were all enjoying the new space. Our Concert Band Captain, Kathryn Shanks greeted Mr Dixon and his entourage as they entered the Music Department. Sherie Young introduced the band and we played two pieces for them; “Boulevard of Broken Dreams”, and “Jus’ Plain Blues.” The band played well, with good feeling and energy. Minister Dixon then asked us a few questions about the music program and told us that many musicians are also good at Maths! The Band students were more than happy to chat and let him know what we do. Overall, it was a great opportunity to not only show Minister Dixon and the school architects how we use the new band rehearsal room, but for us to demonstrate the quality of our instrumental program. Wyndham Central College is one of the last remaining high schools that are able to offer a full concert band program in the region. We are all very proud of this fact and are always looking for opportunities to perform in the wider community. Our next gig will be at the “Festival of Performing Arts” held on the 4th and 5th of September, at Carranballac College. Our concert band will be playing on the 5th September at 10.30am. We have been requested to open the day events as the new Regional Director will be in attendance. This event is always a terrific opportunity to showcase our talent, and an opportunity to show our local primary schools our music program.

Sue Butcher
Music Co-ordinator
2013 FEDERAL ELECTION — 7TH SEPTEMBER
In previous years Wyndham Central College has been a venue for voting on election day. Due to the building works happening at the school, we will not be a venue for this election. The venue for this area for this election will be the Werribee Church of Christ, 200 Tarneit Road.

2013 YEAR 12 PHOTO BOOKLET
The 2013 Year 12 photo presentation is available for purchase. It is a lovely reminder of their last year at the College. The cost is $25.00. For your money you receive an individualized year 12 photo book with formal and informal group photos and a place for autographs. You can place your order at the front office. The final date for orders is 28th August. Delivery will then be 2-3 weeks.

EMA (EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE)
2013 Parent Applications for the 2nd portion of the Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) have now closed. Parents/ guardians with Health care cards are reminded that they MUST fill out an application at the commencement of each year. Students who are over 16 are not eligible for EMA, but may be eligible for other benefits through Centrelink. 2014 Applications forms will be available from the school office, late December 2013. 2014 Application forms together with a current Health Care Card must be presented to the office no later than 27th February 2014. Michelle Lynch Finance Manager

VOLUNTEERING
Anyone who wishes to volunteer within a school is required to have a Working With Children Check. There is no cost involved if applying for a WWCC for voluntary purposes. As of July, to apply for a WWCC go to the website: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au and fill out the form online. You then print the application summary and take it with your passport photo and proof of identity documents to a participating Australia Post outlet.

FREE ONLINE TUTORING FOR YEARS 9-12 STUDENTS
Tutoring Australia, in partnership with Victoria University and our college are providing a free online tutoring service from Sunday-Friday (3pm-10pm) for all years 9-12 students at WCC; it also offers a skill building service at any time. All students have now attended a presentation on “Your Tutor” and received their log on details and password. Please encourage your child to use this free service to provide them with extra assistance with their school work. There is a link to Your Tutor on our home page under student links. If you have any questions, then please don’t hesitate to contact Mr Woollard.

EAL HOMEWORK CLUBS
Year 10 to 12 - Monday 3.15pm to 4pm in H4
VCE- Tuesday 3pm to 5pm in H4
Years 7 to 10 Wednesday 3pm to 4pm in H4.
Liz Pottenger
EAL Co-ordinator

YR 8 EXPLORE HOMEWORK CLUB (FREE TUTORING!)
Every Monday afternoon in the explore centre from 3pm to 4.30pm. Students are free to work on any homework they may need help with and can leave whenever they like. Snacks provided.

STUDIO ARTS/VCD HOMEWORK CLUB AND MENTOR
Any senior art or design student is welcome to attend in A5 every Thursday nights. Amy is an experienced university design student and will be there to help students with their folio work, research, explorations, written responses etc. Students are free to leave whenever they like.
Christina Lomagno
Arts Learning Area Leader
MATHS HOMEWORK CLUB
The Maths Department continues providing WCC students with after school Math classes for Term 3. Classes are in H8 and Senior Resource Centre. We have experienced teachers looking after our students whose dedication and commitment is commendable. Again YR11 & YR12 Maths Methods and YR12 Further Maths are being looked after by Ms L Smith, Mr G Bumpstead, Mrs L. Lee and Mr A. Wokulski. Other year levels 7 -10 are getting regular help from other teachers. Everyone is welcome in H8 and Senior Resource Centre every Wednesday at 3.10 pm till late.
A. Wokulski
Maths Homework Club Coordinator

HUMANITIES HOMEWORK CLUB
There will be an after school Humanities homework club running for Year 7 – 10 year levels. Students will be supervised and assisted with their school work. The session will be held every Wednesday in the Humanities block from 3.10pm to 4.10pm. All interested students are welcome.
T. Hatzimanolis
Humanities Homework Club Coordinator

ENGLISH
The English Learning Area at Wyndham Central College is committed to providing the best learning opportunities for our students. Extra assistance is available to students at the following times:
Year 12 students: Tuesday sessions 1+2 Room: R20
                      Friday sessions 5+6 Room: R20
ALL students (7-12) Wednesday 3.15-4.15 Library
All sessions are staffed by at least one VCE teacher. Enquiries from parents/guardians are welcome at any time.
Lynda Wilson
English Learning Area Leader

‘Making it Possible’ Parent Workshop
How you can think, plan and achieve goals for your child and family
The Association for Children with a Disability is running a workshop near you. How can you create a fulfilling life with choices, purpose, friendship and happiness? If you want to take the lead in achieving these goals for your child (0-18) and family, then this workshop is for you! Build on the strengths and skills you already have as a parent to better identify, plan and achieve your goals.
Our presenters are parents of a person with a disability so they do understand issues from a family perspective.
Details for ‘Making it Possible’ Parent Workshop in Footscray
Date: Wednesday 21st August 2013
Time: 9.30am – 2.45pm
Venue: West Footscray Neighbourhood House
        1/539 Barkly Street
        West Footscray 3012
Check out the flyer here: www.acd.org.au
Book at www.trybooking.com/45865 or phone the office on 9818 2000.
Kind Regards,
Community Education Team
Debby Conlon
Community Education Coordinator
CAREER NEWS

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 administration building, 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. Parents/guardians are welcome to take advantage of the services provided. Appointments can be made to discuss the future pathways of their children. This is a condensed version of the newsletter. The full editions can be found on the College website via the Careers link.

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 and after school. Information has also been 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.

REMININDERS...

- **Open Days**
  - **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

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).

**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](http://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 Australia). Engineering ranks third amongst the ten best paying sectors. Monash engineering: [www.monash.edu.au/study-engineering](http://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](http://www.makeitso.org.au/australian-engineering-week/victoria).

**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**. 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)](http://www.acu.edu.au/early-achievers-program/brochure)

**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.

**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.


Mrs Kathy Karlovic
Pathways & Transitions Leader
Tel: 9741 4911 Ext.102

**BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS**

* A Parenting program for building good relationships with children
* All parents want to raise confident and happy children.

It takes time and a lot of understanding to build strong and positive relationships with your child(ren).

‘Bringing Up Great Kids’ parent program is a four week parenting program that focuses on how parents communicate with their children and explores children’s behavior in ways that help you to understand and deal with it. It offers opportunities for parents to learn about how children understand and use messages from their parents in their development.

Specially developed by the *Australian Childhood Foundation*. For busy parents of children who are 10 years or younger!

**Wednesdays**
21st, 28th August, 4th, 11th September
10.00am - 12.00 noon
Wyndham City Youth Resource Centre
86 Derrimut Road HOPPERS CROSSING FREE
BOOKING ESSENTIAL - Call Sarah on 03 9663 6733
Please let us know if you require childcare

**Bridges Foster Care** are holding an information session for potential carers:
**Wednesday August 21st, 2013**
Between 5pm and – 6.30pm
Crossroads Uniting Church Foyer
Cnr Synott St and Duncan’s rd., Werribee
Please drop in for a cuppa and a chat.
G’DAY USA PROGRAM

G’DAY USA EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2015 OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

An opportunity exists for our students currently in Years 8-11 at school to take part in a Cultural Exchange trip to the United States of America for twenty days in the January 2015 school holidays. Werribee Secondary students have been invited to participate with the Werribee community group under the leadership of Stephanie Porrino, a teacher at Wyndham Central College.

Destinations include: Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott’s Berry Farm, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. A feature of the tour is that the students spend ten days living with an American host family and visit an American school.

The cost is currently $5,395.00*. The trip departs from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane international airports, which include the following: airfares, transfers, accommodation, travel insurance, breakfasts and admissions to attractions.

The information night will be held on Tuesday 27th August at 7:00pm (registration from 6:45pm) in the library centre at Wyndham Central College. Please make sure you have confirmed your attendance with Stephanie Porrino at the college (porrino.stephanie.e@edumail.vic.gov.au / 9741 4911) or direct with EWT staff member Michelle Laruccia on michelle.laruccia@ewt.com.au or 9830 4545 / 0448 909 858.

* Tour Inclusions

INFORMATION EVENING

All parents and students interested in the January 2015 G’Day USA Tour are invited to an Information evening:

DATE: Tuesday 27th August 2013
TIME: 7:00pm (registration from 6:45pm)
WHERE: Wyndham Central Secondary College – Library, 101 Shaws Road, Werribee 3030

The Teacher/Group Leader in charge will be in attendance at the parent information evening, along with a representative from EWT who will explain the program in detail, distribute application documents and answer any questions.

Look forward to seeing you there!
Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Melbourne University SENSE Study is helping young people sleep better, learn better, feel better & prevent future health problems through healthy sleep habits & study skills groups! Find out more & let us know if you wish your child to be involved by going to: https://melbpsych.co1.qualtrics.com

Sandy Pine
Welfare Team