Welcome to our Parent Newsletter.
Our aim is to keep parents informed of upcoming events and important dates to remember.

19th May, 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This term we are continuing our focus on being at school on time and in the full correct school uniform (winter uniform with blazers). Please support us by ensuring that children leave home on time in the morning and in correct uniform. Facial piercing is NOT part of the school uniform at Wyndham Central College.

School Strategic Plan for 2015-2018

Last week we were informed that the College would be undertaking the one day peer review process for the self-evaluation component rather than the 5 day priority review process. This is excellent feedback and recognises the tremendous improvement in the data sets over the last 3 years which reflects the dedication and commitment by the staff. To attain a VCE All Study mean of 27 in 2013 places us in the top group of local secondary providers. I am extremely proud of our students and their achievements particularly through what has been a challenging time with the whole school building project. The new strategic plan which will be put together in term 4 will set high targets in line with our vision of ‘creating a community of high expectations’ and look forward to the challenges that this will bring.

Pathways at Wyndham Central College

This term we commence the conversation about pathways and subject selection through a series of forums, meetings and expo’s. It is vital that you attend the various forums and meetings so that you can have a good understanding of the opportunities available and in conjunction with your son/daughter assist them to make an informed decision about their future career. Mrs Karlovic has prepared a very detailed and thorough timeline which will be featured in the next few newsletters as well as on the college website.

Please do not hesitate to make contact with either the form tutor, Year Level Leader or Mrs Karlovic for further information if required.

Buildings Update

Many of you will have noticed the progress on the new Administration/Staff Centre building at the corner of Shaws Rd and Market Rd. It is anticipated that we will occupy this building in July and commence our front of house from the access via Market Rd.

The Trade Training Centre building will be available to use in the next couple of weeks whilst the Theatre, Yr. 8 & 9 Centre will be ready to use in Term 3.

If you would like to discuss these or any other issues regarding Wyndham Central College please do not hesitate to us on 9741 4911

Kind regards

Julie Myers

Creating a Community of High Expectations

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MIDDLE YEARS & Yr 9 REPORT
We are now well into Term 2 and reporting will shortly begin for the Semester. As a middle school we
are making great progress in many areas and there are many projects underway. Shortly there will be
information about how you can track your child’s progress much more easily with new database
computer systems. The buildings are well underway and hopefully into next term the year 8s and 9s will
be moving into their areas.

NAPLAN
Last week year 7 and 9 completed their NAPLAN testing. This went well. Students took it very seriously
and we hope for some good results. Results will be available to parents shortly.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY
All middle years students took part in the attitudes to school survey – this was conducted well and again
results will be available shortly.

UNIFORM
We are now in winter uniform. Unfortunately some students have been coming to school with unnatural
coloured hair and recent facial piercings. If a student comes to school with unnatural coloured hair they
will be sent home to dye this back to a natural colour. If a student comes with a facial piercing that is not
covered and this is continuously not covered, they will also be sent home to get it replaced with a plastic
piercing. Ideally students should have no piercings. Coloured nail polish is not allowed. Hoodies and
leggings are not allowed. We ask that you as parents/guardians work with us on this so it does not
initiate unnecessary conflict. Winter ties are compulsory. Many students do not know how to tie a tie
and while we are teaching this at school we also ask you also assist at home.

CROSS – COUNTRY
It was a delight to see so many students participate in the cross country exercise - 3km run, jog or walk.
This only goes for 2 sessions and students are expected to participate unless they have a medical
certificate. Please do not allow your child to stay home on days such as these as they are great team
building exercises and exercise is good for all!

NETBOOKS
We ask again that all parents/guardians facilitate in ensuring all students bring their netbooks to school
charged and ready for use. In year 9 ALL families have paid for the netbooks. There are 5 netbooks that
need payment for repairs. If your child does not bring their netbook they are disadvantaging themselves
in their learning and classwork. You have paid $100 for e-books and also the lease of the netbook so
your money is wasted if students do not bring them to school every day.

PLANNERS
Many students are not filling in their homework in their planners – please can you check your child’s
planner every week and sign and comment in the parent box. We love to have parent communication
with our tutors.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING
Please can you check continuously on your child’s health and wellbeing. Chips and energy drinks are
not healthy breakfasts! Our new canteen supports very healthy eating and you would be very welcome
to set up an appointment with our school nurse if you are concerned about nutrition for your child.
Please ensure your child has a healthy breakfast before school to set them up for their learning.

There is so much we have on offer at WCC and thank all of the parents for continuing on our journey.

Yvonne Harvey
Year 9 Leader/Middle Years AP

YEAR 7 REPORT
The year 7’s are working really well in class this term and some fabulous learning is occurring. Janos
Nykitovics is to be congratulated as our first year 7 student to be awarded a bronze merit badge. All
students have the opportunity in classes to be awarded with merits which are recorded in their planner,
they are awarded for showing the school expectations of Respect, Excellence and Cooperation. A
number of students also received certificates for perfect attendance in term 1. It was very pleasing to
have 42 students who did not miss a class, let alone a day.
Extra-curricular activities are in full swing with some great performances at district cross-country. We had 8 year 7 students representing the school at the Wyndham division and they are to be congratulated – Molly Bartelt, Tevita Mapa, Hayley Draper, Mohammed Syed, Thomas Gaston, Leejana Georgakopoulos, Abdullahi Ali and Darcee-May Whyler. A further congratulations to Mohammed who placed 4th for his age group and Tevita 9th. The girls footy team plays one match versus Manor Lakes on Friday and High School Musical recitals and practice have begun with a number of year 7’s involved. The All About You program has been well supported by 15 year 7 girls, beginning Thursday lunchtime and continuing for the next 5 weeks. The program will focus on:

- Body Image & Body Wise
- Peer Relationships
- Dating Relationships & Sexuality
- Drugs & Alcohol
- Stress & Depression
- Goals for Life

The girls are very excited about it and it should be another great learning experience on offer at WCC. Thanks to Anja and the Faith Life church for running this program.

Tom Robinson  
Yr 7 Year Level Leader

YEAR 8 REPORT

It has been an exciting start to Term 2, 2014, with many different opportunities for the students to excel. The Athletics Carnival and Cross Country have been fantastic events, with great participation from the year 8’s. I urge parents and guardians to attend these special events in the coming years, as we grow. Participation was the real winner of the day, with most students attempting a novelty event. Could I please take this opportunity to urge all parents to discuss the progress of your child, and ensure they are progressing well in Year 8 and also check students are using their planners and AVID folders. Homework can simply be reading over all notes that the students have taken that week in a particular subject, and highlight important points.

Simon Thorley  
Yr 8 Year Level Leader

SENIOR YEARS REPORT

Senior year’s examinations commence at the end of this month and I encourage all students to commence a revision and study plan for their exams and Tutor Teachers are happy to assist with this. There will be information sent home shortly along with exam timetables, however please note that all Year 10 students will have normal classes during exams and are not permitted to leave school.
Year 10 & 11 exams: Wednesday 28th May - Tuesday 3rd June
Year 12 exams: 10th June – Friday 13th June

Progress checks have just been completed by teachers and are about to be mailed to parents of senior year’s students who have outstanding class work and are at risk of not obtaining a satisfactory pass for a particular subject. If you do receive a progress check then please discuss this with your son/daughter and ensure that the necessary work is completed and submitted for assessment to the appropriate teacher.

We have now completed, with all students, the Attitudes to School survey which provides our College with important data about the opinions of our students in relation to our College. I would like to thank all senior years’ students for their willing participation and co-operation with this survey and we look forward to receiving the collated data to further drive our College’s improvement.

On the 24th April, all of our students participated in the inter house Athletics competition at Victoria University, Werribee campus with some pleasing athleticism demonstrated on the day. On the 6th May, the Year 10 students also participated in our WCC Cross Country run and it was great to see the participation of all 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 7-12 students. 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.

**Year 10**

We have just had our **Year 10 students** complete their work experience placement at a whole range of industries. This vital work placement forms part of the student’s studies towards a Year 11 subject, Industry and Enterprise. In my discussions with the students, it was pleasing to hear that so many students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, even picking up part time and casual work as a result. The next round of work placement commences on Monday the 20th October until Friday the 24th October so my advice to the students is don’t miss out on your first choice and get in early with your agreements.

I would like to thank Steve Eadie (Work Placement Co-ordinator) and the Year 10 team (Marie Milkovic, Amy Cole, Pina Siragusano and Cathy Myers) for their dedication and hard work with this vital program. Please don’t hesitate to contact your son or daughter’s classroom teacher, Tutor Teacher or Year Level Leader if you have any concerns in regards to your child’s schooling and they will be more than pleased to assist you.

**ProjectADAPT reminder to Year 11 students**

Researchers from Deakin University are seeking Year 11 students to participate in a study that will examine how and why eating habits, physical activity and sedentary behaviour change over the transition from secondary school to young adulthood. The ADAPT project will survey Year 11 students from across Victoria each year for three years. The survey can be completed **online or by telephone**, and takes about **30 minutes**. Participants receive a gift voucher after completing each survey.

To be part of the study, please return the consent form already provided to each student. If you need another copy or require further information, please email adapt@deakin.edu.au or call Jacqui Reid on 9244 3033.

Bryan Woolard  
Yr 10 Leader/Senior Years AP

**YEAR 11 REPORT**

Term 2 seems to have started just as busily as Term 1. Students have moved into the second phase of their Literacy Support program and have been working on how to respond to short and extended response exam questions. This is timely given students will sit their mid-year examinations between the 28th May and the 3rd of June. You should expect to see your children revising at home and completing practice examination questions in preparation.

Students have been working with the REACH foundation and have completed their first experience in 2 separate groups. This is a challenging experience for students and covers the ways in which students relate to each other and how they think about themselves. The next session will involve the whole cohort working together and how students can be supportive in helping everyone to achieve their goals.

Please continue to ensure your children are in full school uniform each day and have the right equipment including their netbooks. A number of lockers are available to Year 11 students for $30, please see Mr Pearce if you would like one.

Daniel Pearce  
Yr 11 Year Level Leader

**YEAR 12 REPORT**

Reach Workshop

On Tuesday 22nd April the Reach Team were back at the school to do a workshop with the Year 12’s. Kim and Tom worked with the students last year and it was great to see them remember so many of our students. The presentation started off with the question, why do we come to school? And then went on to explore some positive risk taking scenarios. They also spoke about taking opportunities when they present and making the most of things. Towards the end students wrote a bucket list, goals they would like to achieve. We thank them for their time.
Year 12 Leadership Meeting
In week 2 of this term the school captains/ vice captains and SRC members, meet to discuss a number of items. We debriefed on a few of the activities that we have held this year and started to come up with a plan of action for the rest of the year. We also discussed the valedictory coming up. We hope to have frequent meetings over the coming week and put some of our ideas into place.

Year 12 Exams
At the moment I am in the process of putting the Year 12 exam timetable together. Exams will be held from Tuesday 10th June-Friday 13th of June with the GAT taking place on the Wednesday. Please remember the GAT is a requirement for all students completing a unit 3&4 subject.

SAC RESITS
This is just another reminder that if a student misses a SAC they must automatically sit the sac on the next Monday. Teachers are aware of this and if students fail to attend they put themselves at risk of failing the subject.

Rebecca Sandlant
Yr 12 Year Level Leader

KOKODA TRAIL
Wyndham Leaders of the Future - Kokoda Expedition: Mega Hill, 11F and Mitchell Gray, 12E
Early in the year of 2013 my school announced an opportunity for students to go on a journey to the KOKODA TRAIL (Papua New Guinea) as part of the Wyndham Leaders of the Future - Kokoda Expedition, in conjunction with Wyndham Police. Students were required to complete an application form and it sounded interesting to me so I applied, however I didn’t hear any news for quite a long time. Early in November I was called to the Assistant Principal’s office (Mr. Woollard) and I saw another student was sitting there. Not long after, a Policeman came to our school and he sat down with the three of us. After much nervous waiting, he congratulated the both of us (Mitchell and I) and he said that we’re going to the KOKODA TRAIL!
Later, we had a meeting with all the students that will be attending the KOKODA TRAIL and we started raising money for charities, such as selling chocolates and cooking barbeques. We also did cross fit training and attended Rotary Club every week. As a group we continued on doing this schedule for the whole six months and with all of our group’s hard work we raised around $20,000.
The 16th April, 2014 was the day we boarded for PNG. We had to get up very early, at 3am and then we travelled by plane to Brisbane airport and we then caught another flight to the Port Moresby Airport (PNG). I felt really restless and unwell, but as soon we went to the exit doorway, there was a group of people who welcomed us with their traditional dance, wearing their traditional clothes. It was such a warm hearted welcome and a really pleasurable memory for our arrival day.

We stayed the night at the Crown Plaza Hotel and the next day we got up early in the morning and we got on small airplanes and flew over to the Kokoda camp site. We were met there by our porters and as soon we had our packs on we had to start walking. On the first day of hiking we went to the Memorial museum and then we continued on and walked to the campsite, on that day we had walked for more than 7 hours. We got to the campsite really late at night and it was very dark. On this track there was literally only one line, the footpath, between our right and left side is a really deep cliff, however after all the hard effort we arrived at the campsite safely with the help of the porters who guided us along the way.
Day after day, we continued our trek by getting up at 5am in the morning and at 6.30am sharp we started walking and everyday there were always a lot of emotions, we were very tired, exhausted and complaining between people but as a group we were also very encouraging, supportive, helpful and we lead each other throughout. Every day was a challenge as we walked through very muddy, rainy, humid and sweaty conditions. For the whole 8 days we trekked, I only had 2 shirts and 2 pairs of shorts, like all the others. On the last day of the track the adults held back as we young leaders finished the lines by
working as a team, for the whole 45-50mins, we went up a very steep hill and we could see the finish line. The moment, we as a group, pushed ourselves really hard until reaching the top. Right at that moment, we felt really **Proud** and **happy and there were some tears** between the groups. By completing this trek, it has made me reflect on who I am and realize that “there’s no one that can stop me except myself” therefor I’ve learned **FRIENDSHIP** and knowing a moment of **Courage, Mateship, Endurance and Sacrifice** from this journey. I have so much respect for the people who fought on the Kokoda track. After all, the whole way along the track I always said to myself “SMILE AND DON'T LET THE TRACK BEAT YOU” and because of that there was no one day where I cried; we called our group “The Mighty-Mighty Wolfpack”. Even though we have now finished our expedition we all still meet as a group to continue our friendship. There is still so much to tell however we think it is better if you experience it yourself. This Experience we will never forget.

Written by Mega Hill, 11F

**ATHLETICS – WYNDHAM CENTRAL COLLEGE**

On the 24th of April the College celebrated with the Athletics Carnival. The students arrived showing off their dedication to their houses by wearing their house colours with pride. The day was a great success with Blue House winning the day. We experienced beautiful weather and competitors were given the best conditions in which to perform. Competitors were tough, focused and determined to do their best.

The House Score Board looked like this:

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A great big thank you to the College Staff and Student Teachers who were responsible for the running of all the events and smooth running of the day. Students will find out at the beginning of Term Three if they have made it in to the WCC Athletics Team and those successful students will go on to compete at the Wyndham Division Athletics Carnival later in Term Three. Remember it is competitors that come first in their age group that progress to the next level, not those that come first in their year level.

**CROSS COUNTRY – WYNDHAM CENTRAL COLLEGE AND WYNDHAM DIVISION COMPETITION**

On the 6th of May the College held its Annual Cross Country Carnival. This involved all students from Year 7-10 completing a 2.5-3km track. Participants who made a good time and finished in the top ten of their year level were given the opportunity to represent our College at the next stage of Cross Country.

The Wyndham Division Cross Country Carnival was held on the 12th of May at Presidents Park. A team of 29 students represented our College on the day. All participants successfully attempted the 3km/5km course and 9 of the competitors made times that qualified them into the next level of the competition.

Well done and a great effort to all those that help make up the team. Keep up the great training.

Hsa Ku Moo
Bior Malual
Elizabeth Vakaloloma
Mu Yu Htoo Johny Htoo
Damien Cincotta
Adrian Redzepi
Malayn Smith
Ankit Khatri
Eh Moo
Hayley Draper
**Peta Hills**

Sports Carnival Coordinator
OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
The Year 10-12 Outdoor and Environmental studies groups have been completing their hikes. Students have been studying maps, ways to ensure their safety in class, planning menu’s and the reasons why these places are important for society and individuals.

The Year 10’s have visited the Lorne area and seen virgin rainforest, waterfalls and stunning coastal scenery. Including a 300+ year old tree which if you hug gives you good luck, long life and vitality.

The Year 11’s completed a 22km hike around Mt Stirling and despite combatting snow at one stage experienced a part of Victoria that makes up less than 1% of the state. Karley Douglas and Mikaela Roper, who despite being offered the opportunity to sleep in an old high country cabin were the only ones who opted for the tent – very impressive girls. The year 11’s will return to the same area in winter to make comparisons of how the environment changes between seasons and participate in snowboarding and skiing.

The Year 12’s made their way to the Grampians National Park and undertook a study of the different uses of the area and the influence of technology on their experiences. They climbed both the Pinnacles and Mount Rosea in one day 22km and over 1500m in altitude, Shannon Morgan, Kacie McLean and Mathew Haughton were especially impressive with the way they supported each other on a very arduous hike. The scenery was incredible and all students had a terrific time and will be able to apply their experiences to the theory work in class.

Well done to all.
Danny Pearce

TEAM SPORTS REPORTS
Senior Boys Table Tennis
The Senior Boys Table Tennis team took on the experienced and highly skilled team from Suzanne Cory. Lay Htoo Tun and Willing Htoo put up a brave fight in the singles, with both defeated in 4 sets. The two boys however performed admirably in the doubles, playing out a 5 set marathon against a strong opposition, and managing to win the final set in a tie break. Lay Htoo and Willing played well, and are to be congratulated on a great effort.
Mr. Thorley

Senior Soccer Report
It was wet and windy on the 29th of April, the day when the Senior (year 11 and 12 boys) represented the school.
The day involved playing a minimum of three games. The first was against Suzanne Cory and the full time result was 1-1. The second game was against Manor Lakes. The boys won 3-0. The third was a must win to advance into the final. The full time result was 1-3. Tarneit advanced through to the final.
Thank you to the boys for their efforts.
Mr Agius
Senior Girls Volleyball – 2nd round competition
On Monday 28th April, our amazing senior girls volleyball team (who won their first round interschool sports day last term) had a long trip to Corio Sports Centre to participate in the Western District competition against 8 other winning schools. We had 3 games on the day and were hopeful for a 4th game in the finals. Our girls won their first game against North Geelong without breaking a sweat, 2-0. Our second game was against Maribyrnong Sports Academy who definitely brought their A-Game to the competition. Even though our girls played their best against a really tough team, we lost 2-0. Our 3rd game against Braybrook was cut short for time which ended in a draw.
We should be very proud of our senior girls team who were definitely the 2nd best team on the day but unfortunately go no further in this competition.
Congratulations to everyone in the team, especially those who have trained so hard over the past couple of months. Sadly we say goodbye to a lot of Year 12 players in this excellent team: Melanie Taunisila, Moa Paseka, Heidi Maganes, Nesa Sinafoa, Zippy Tautasi, Samantha Bates, Selesa Mataio, Faye Taulapapa Talosaga and Adriana Aleni.
Ms Porrino

Thanks again to all the teachers who have taken out sports teams this term. We have football, soccer, badminton and basketball teams competing during this term and wish them well.
Yours in Sport
Rebecca Sandlant
Team Sports Co-ordinator

DO YOU LIKE ANIMALS ??
The Science Learning Area is looking for students who would be able to care for some of our non-human members of our department. We currently have 6 Southern Brown Tree Frogs and a Blue Tongue Lizard. Some of the responsibilities would be: feeding the animals, cleaning the cages and possibly caring for the animals during the school holidays.
If you think this sounds like something you would be interested in, please see Mrs Cutter or Mr Germano.
Mrs Cutter (Senior Biology Teacher)

HELP WANTED

ID CARDS AND PHOTO PACKS
ID Cards have been handed out to students. If there are any issues please let the school know so that we can rectify them.

School photo packs have been handed out to students (from 7-5-2014). If there are any issues in regards to the photos please contact the photographers directly: Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.
Phone: (03) 5243 4390
Angela Whitfield
MATHEMATICS HOME WORK CLUB
Wyndham Central College will again run Mathematics Home Work Club for 2014. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain confidence and competence in Mathematics. Classes are going to be supervised by experienced teachers who will dedicate their time every week on Wednesdays between 3:10 pm and 4:10 pm in the Resource Centre. During this time students will be encouraged to complete their weekly homework and/or seek assistance in catching up on missed work. Students from all year levels are strongly encouraged to take the opportunity and participate in the program.
Andrew Wokulski
Home Work Club Coordinator

SCIENCE HOME WORK CLUB
The Science Homework Club for Years 7-10 will run every Wednesday from 3:00-4:00 in the Science Centre.
Michael Germano
Science Learning Area Leader

CAREERS NEWS
The Wyndham Central College Career Newsletter is published fortnightly to keep students informed of events relating to their career pathways. It includes 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 exits 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. The Years 7 to 11 Careers Programs will commence this term. Further information to follow shortly.

REMINDE...
University of Melbourne – ‘Focus on Melbourne’ Seminars: 27 May Commerce, 28 May Environments, 3 June Science, 4 June Agriculture, 10 June Law, 11 June Engineering/IT, 18 June Conservatorium of Music, 25 June VCA.
UMAT – Registrations close: 6 Jun
UMAT test date: 30 July 2014.

CAREERS IN SPORTS MEDICINE...
Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre has a Careers in Sports Medicine Evening, introducing the world of sports medicine for Year 10-12’s. Build your awareness of health professionals involved in caring for athletes, whether competing for Australia or exercise for fitness. Sports medicine, nutrition, podiatry, psychology, massage, physiotherapy and exercise physiology will be represented.
When: Registration, 6.30-7pm, Wednesday 28 May
Talks, 7.30-9pm
Where: AAMI Park Stadium, 60 Olympic Blvd, Entrance F, Gate 4, Corporate Entrance, Olympic Room 3
Parking: Eastern Plaza Carpark
Cost: $25, parents free
Registration: www.trybooking.com/EPDE

YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION FOR YEAR 11...
If you are in Year 10, university may seem a long way off, but the decisions you make now about VCE subjects can affect what you are able to study later. Whether you have made up your mind about university or you are undecided, it’s good to get information so you are prepared. A starting point is to see videos from La Trobe University: Year 10 videos. Also see www.vtac.edu.au, then go to CourseLink and set up an account to do some research.

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY PARENT/STUDENT EVENING...
Start planning your VCE, university and career.
When/Where: Burwood, 6-8pm, May 21, Building I, Lecture Theatre 1A, 221 Burwood Hwy, Burwood; Geelong Waterfront, 6-8pm, Wednesday 28 May, Building D, Percy Baxter Lecture Theatre, Gheringhap St, Geelong

RMIT NEWS...
RMIT is both a university and a VET provider, with campuses in the City and at Bundoora. RMIT has many opportunities to learn about their courses in the next holiday break.

- CHECK OUT SCIENCE AT RMIT – “Science in the City” is a specialised tour of RMIT’s facilities where students and parents can learn more about science programs. Find out about the wide range if single and double degree science programs available at the city campus including biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental science, food science, nanotechnology and physics. You will also gain knowledge of career options.
  When: 11am-1.30pm, Mon 30 June and Mon 22 September

- RMIT EXPERIENCE DAYS – RMIT has events for Year 10-12 students giving insights into life on campus. Monday 30 June, Accounting and Finance, Trades Day; Tuesday 1 July, Community Justice, Engineering (City), Health and Medical (Bundoora), Journalism and Audio Visual; Wednesday 2 July, Information Systems and Logistics; Thursday 3 July, Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations, Engineering (Bundoora), Environment; Friday 4 July, Art & design, Science; Wednesday 1 Oct, Project Management.
  Information and Registration: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays.

- RMIT HOSPITAL LABORATORY VISITS - Hospital laboratory visits are for students interested in careers as medical scientists. Tours give a chance to see the inner workings of a laboratory, and to observe where current students are completing their professional practice. Covering laboratory medicine and nuclear medicine, the sessions are held at major teaching hospitals from 2-11 July.
  Register: RMIT Medical Sciences, 9925 7075, medicalsciences@rmit.edu.au.
LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS...

- **New courses** for 2015 are the Bachelor of Commerce and the double qualification, Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws. In addition, the Bachelor of Science and Society, the Bachelor of Creative Arts, and the Bachelor of Media and Communications will be re-designed.
- In 2015 there will be a new **4 aggregate point bonus** for students completing a 3/4 **LOTE** subject.
- A new **Early Admissions Program** is being introduced (Aspire Program). Conditional offers will be awarded on the basis of a school principal’s recommendation, and the applicant’s demonstrated non-academic contribution and leadership, based on the requirement of a minimum ATAR of 50.3 (some exceptions apply), the applicant’s VTAC application for the course, and an application to La Trobe.
  Applications open on 1 July and close on 31 August, 2014. Offers made in September.
- La Trobe is moving to **two Colleges**, away from five faculties. They will be The Social Science, Arts and Communications and Law College, and the Science, Health and Engineering College.
- Some Health Science degrees will be re-named **Applied Science** degrees. Eg B. Health Science/B. Podiatry will become B. Applied Science/B. Podiatry.

**WHAT IS AN ACTUARY?**

Many people have never heard of **actuarial studies**, and have no idea **what an actuary does**. Actuaries are responsible for **identifying, analysing and assessing risk**. They determine the **likelihood of risk** to ensure an organisation’s safeguards and they **advise on the potential consequences of risk**. This is done by creating mathematical models using past data and the actuary’s own knowledge and experience. These models are used to generate future scenarios in order to determine how likely and how severe future risks may be. Actuaries traditionally work in **consulting**, banking, superannuation, stockbroking, insurance and investment and can also find work in consumer behaviour analysis and developing areas like environmental studies, climate change and genetics. At **Monash University** you can study actuarial studies as part of the Bachelor of Commerce or the Bachelor of Economics, and at the **University of Melbourne** in the Bachelor of Commerce. Pre-requisite subjects are 3/4 English (any) and 3/4 Maths Methods.


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If you want to find out more about Swinburne’s aviation courses for 2015, attend the Aviation Careers Expo. Representatives from CAE Oxford Aviation Academy, from some of Australia’s top aviation organisations and major airlines will attend.

**When:** 5.30pm, Monday 2 June

**Where:** Hawthorn campus

**Register by Fri 30 May:** [Online registration](#).

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COMMUNICATION/GRIEVANCE PROCESS
FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

1. Make an appointment with the Tutor Teacher

2. If the issue is unresolved, make an appointment with the appropriate Year Level Leader

3. If the issue is still unresolved, you may need to meet with the Assistant Principal for either Middle or Senior years

4. If you are still dissatisfied, phone or write to the Principal

5. Make an appointment with the Principal via the Principal's Executive Assistant

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