



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 have been completed to assist students with the momentous decisions facing them this year. Year 9-11 Career Interviews have a staggered commencement in May. 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. More information to follow shortly.

Career decisions are some of the most important ones of your life, so getting help in making those decisions is vital.

Career News is one source of information available to you.

Students who do their research during Year 10-12 usually find it easier to make some career decisions at the end of Year 12.

REMINDERS...

- **Year 9 – 11 Career Interviews:** Staggered commencement in May. Letter has gone home to parents
- **Introductory Parent Information Evening (Years 9, 10 & 11):** Tuesday 19 May
- **WRICA 2015 Careers & Employment Expo, Werribee Racecourse (Years 10 – 12):** Thursday 21 May
- **Year 7 – 9 Jobs Expo:** Wednesday 27 May, Sessions 1 – 3
- **Tertiary Information Service Event (TIS) – Year 12 Students:** Tuesday 14 July
- **Year 9 – 11 Pathways Expo (Academic & Applied Focus/Defence Force Presentation):** Monday 20 July
- **Year 10 into 11 Subject Tasters:** Tuesday 21 July
- **Years 9 – 11 Subject Expo:** Wednesday 22 July, Sessions 1 – 4
- **Subject Selection Counselling (SSC's) for Years 9 – 11 Students/Parents:** Thursday 23 July, 9am – 7pm
- **UMAT Registrations** by 5 June
Test Date: 29 July, 2015
- **'At Monash' Seminars – Law** 13 May, **Teaching** 14 May, **Health Science** (Radiation Science, Paramedics, etc.) 19 May, **Nursing** 26 May, **Biomedical Science, Radiography, Nutrition & Dietetics** 27 May, **Engineering** 28 May. Registration: www.destination.monash.edu/at-monash
- **VCE and Careers Expo** - 170 exhibitors of VCE resources, tertiary course and career information; 7 - 10 May at Caulfield Racecourse
See: www.vceandcareers.com.au.
- **Focus on University of Melbourne - Biomedicine** 14 May, **Arts** 20 May, **Agriculture** 21 May, **Commerce** 26 May, **Environments** 27 May, **Science** 2 June, **Law** 4 June, **Engineering** 11 June, **IT** 11 June, **Music** 24 June, and **VCA** 25 June (most 6.30-8.30pm).
Register attendance (essential) at: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events.



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- **igIdeas EXPO** – a well respected **design program held during Melbourne International Design Week, May 11-17**. Universities, TAFEs and independent colleges with design faculties will be at the Careers Expo on 14 May at Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre.
- **Next Gen Youth Forum** – Year 10-12's can get inspired by like-minded individuals wanting to make a difference. Speakers and workshops related to social justice and leadership.
Friday 22 May at La Trobe University
Register interest at: next.gen@latrobe.edu.au.

CAREERS IN SPORTS MEDICINE...

Students often wonder what careers are available in sports medicine. This is your chance to **find out**. **Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre** is conducting the annual **Careers in Sports Medicine Evening**. It will be an introduction to the world of sports medicine for secondary students. It will cover **sports medicine, nutrition, podiatry, psychology, massage therapy, physiotherapy and exercise physiology**.

When: 7.15pm registration, 7.30-9pm, talks on Wednesday 27 May

Where: AAMI Park Stadium, 60 Olympic Blvd, Entrance F, Gate 4, Corporate Entrance, Olympic Room 2 (see: www.opsmc.com.au for map)

Cost: \$25 per student (parent/guardian no charge)

Enquiries: events@opsmc.com.au

Registrations (essential): <http://www.trybooking.com/HCCF>.

FOLIO PREPARATION COURSES...

RMIT's portfolio preparation courses are **intensive practical courses held in the school holidays**. They are designed to **help students seeking entry to art, design and architecture courses** to produce their best portfolio of work, as well as an **overview of the industry** and **selection procedures**.

Up-coming courses: adobe illustrator and photoshop for fashion, Adobe InDesign for fashion, design jobs, portfolio preparation in 3D product design, graphic design, interior decoration, photography and in visual merchandising. **Information:** 9925 8111 or www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au/page/high_school_students.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) – BE YOU AT VU...

VU offers certificates, diplomas and degrees, mainly at the Footscray Park Campus.

Year 10 and 11 students can find out about VU by attending **Be You at VU**. Take part in course and career specific workshops with current students and staff, and explore your passions, interests and career options. Meet representatives from each discipline area.

When: 10am – 3pm, 8 July

Register and obtain more information: www.vu.edu.au/be-you-at-vu.



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ENVIRONMENTAL AND MARINE CAREERS EXPO...

Find out about career opportunities in fields like conservation and research and education, consider what school subjects could be helpful, and examine tertiary options. Also find out the latest information about career diversity, training and volunteer opportunities in the environmental and marine industry.

When: Exhibitor times - 9.30am-5pm, Wednesday 24 June

Presentation times: 11am – 7pm (every 20 minutes)

Where: Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium, Cnr King and Flinders Street

Cost: \$20 before 4pm on 15 May, \$25 after that

Bookings: 9923 5911, bookings@melbourneaquarium.com.au; **Info:**
www.melbourneaquarium.com.au/schools.

DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING...

If you are interested in a career in the Australian Defence Force and **not sure where to start**, Defence Force Recruiting has a new Job Finder Tool on the website – www.defencejobs.gov.au. This is a fully responsive and interactive tool that will suggest roles to you based on your personality. Check it out.

The Defence Forces also has a list of **priority jobs** in all three forces. They include pilot, artillery combat systems operator, communication and information systems sailor and many more. Go to the website and look for 'Featured Jobs'.

The **University of New South Wales** and the **Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)** (Canberra) will host the annual road show in July and August. Senior staff from UNSW and ADFA will showcase current opportunities, the recruitment process, information for current applicants and their parents/ guardians. Presentations will take place in a number of locations including **Melbourne**.

See the website for details, or call Defence Force Recruiting on 131901.

DFR holds **regular information sessions**.

Coming up: **Women in Defence** on Wednesday 13 May, **ADF Careers** on Thursday 14 May, **Royal Military College** on Tuesday 19 May, Wednesday 20 May on ADFA.

To book your seat email CPTVIC@dfrc.com.au with your name, phone number, and chosen session.

Most sessions at 6pm, Level 14, 501 Swanston St, Melbourne.

Defence Force Recruiting will also present to our Year 9 – 11 Students at Wyndham Central College as part of our Pathways Expo on Monday 20 July

SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY INFORMATION NIGHTS...

Are you looking for some **clarity in finding the next step forward in your career investigation?** If so, you might want to attend an Information Night at one of the Swinburne campuses.

When/Where: Croydon Campus, 3-5pm, Tuesday 19 May; Wantirna Campus: 3-5pm, Wednesday 26 May; Hawthorn Campus: 4.30-6.30pm, Tues 2 June.

Register [here](#).



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KEEPER/VET FOR A DAY...

This program is running again in the June/July holiday break.

Are you an aspiring zookeeper?

Find out what it takes to care for an array of animals at Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo.

Who: Years 7-12

When: Healesville – 30 June, 1, 7 and 8 July; Werribee – 30 June, 2, 6 and 8 July.

Do you want to be a vet? Meet veterinary staff at Healesville – 1, 2, 8 & 9 July

Information: www.zoo.org.au/education/careers-programs;

Bookings: 1300 966 784.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY UPDATE...

La Trobe now operates two Colleges – the **College of Science, Health and Engineering**, and the **College of Arts, Social Science and Commerce**. Among other things, this model allows more opportunities to collaborate across disciplines.

La Trobe is commencing to teach **Law in the JD** in 2016.

Work Integrated Learning is being used more often in the **Arts, Social Science & Commerce College**, with 22 subjects having this as part of the program. It is expected that this will continue expand.

Under the **world QS Rankings** for universities, La Trobe ranks **sixth in Australia for history** teaching, **seventh for sociology** and **ninth for communications and media studies**. La Trobe is also in the top 100 universities in the world in these areas.

It is also in the top 200 in **linguistics, agriculture, psychology, accounting and finance, education, law and politics**.

In the Times Higher Education rankings La Trobe is 75th in the world, up 25 on last year.

The **Aspire program** is running again this year- applications open on 1 June and close on 31 August. More details later.

SO YOU WANT TO STUDY ARCHITECTURE?

If you want to become a fully qualified architect, you will need to **study at university for five years**. Architecture degrees are offered at **Deakin (Geelong), University of Melbourne, Monash (Caulfield) and RMIT (City)**. You will usually commence with a **three-year Bachelor of Architectural Design** and then complete a **two-year Master of Architecture**.

Deakin uses the ATAR at select students (currently around 70.00), **Melbourne** requires students to first complete the three-year **Bachelor of Environments** (selected on ATAR, currently around 85.00), **Monash** selects students on the basis of their ATAR, a supplementary form and interview, and **RMIT** selects on ATAR, an information kit and interview.

Although the required ATAR for Monash and RMIT are not specified because they also use other selection criteria as well, the ATAR required is high.

An alternative qualification which you are encouraged to consider is the **two-year Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural)** offered at several TAFE's (eg Box Hill, Chisholm, Swinburne, RMIT). This



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qualification, while not qualifying you as an architect, gives graduates skills to work on **designing quite major projects**, up to three-stories high. Employment prospects are quite good.

See: www.joboutlook.gov.au .

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