



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 had a staggered commencement in May and have now concluded. 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 be finalised this term. The Year 12 Pathways & Application Process will commence in the next few weeks.

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 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
- **Monash University will be hosting a 'Monash Information Evening in Werribee':** Thursday 27 August, 6.30-8.00pm at Wayaperri House, 106 Duncans Road, Werribee
- **Melbourne Careers Expo:** Friday 24, Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 July, Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Southbank
Information: info@careersexpo.com.au,
Phone: 9620 9920
Free tickets and information: www.careersexpo.com.au

OPEN DAYS COMING SOON.....make sure you attend!

- Saturday 1 August: **Monash** (Peninsula Campus)
- Sunday 2 August: **Deakin** (Warrnambool); **Monash** (Caulfield & Clayton); **Swinburne** (Hawthorn)
- Sunday 9 August: **Australian Catholic University (ACU)** (Fitzroy); **Deakin** (Geelong campuses); **La Trobe** (Bundoora); **RMIT**; **William Angliss Institute**
- Sunday 16 August: **Melbourne**; **Monash** (Parkville – Pharmacy); **La Trobe** (Bendigo)
- Sunday 23 August: **Box Hill Institute**; **Deakin** (Burwood); **Victoria** (Footscray)
- Sunday 30 August: **ACU** (Ballarat); **Federation** (Ballarat & Gippsland)



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HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAY VISITS...

Don't wander aimlessly....try the following:

- Get an **Open Day Guide** eg from www.deakin.edu.au/openday, www.openday.unimelb.edu.au, or <http://destination.monash/open-day>). Be there when relevant **information sessions** are on
- Allow **sufficient time** for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
- Speak to **staff** about courses which interest you - note your **questions** beforehand
- Get a student perspective - speak to **students** studying courses which interest you
- Collect **information/brochures**
- Ask about **industry based-learning** (IBL) opportunities; these can assist with gaining employment
- Ask about **international study** opportunities – a popular option
- Consider **transport** issues; is the campus accessible from where you live?
- Check the **environment** where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
- Consider the **facilities/clubs** offered at your preferred institution
- Consider visiting a **rural campus**, especially if you think you won't obtain a high enough ATAR for a metropolitan campus. ATAR's are often lower and they often offer more personal assistance, accommodation, and a lifestyle which will suit some students.

NOTE: If you plan to apply for a course involving an **interview/folio presentation/ audition** as part of the selection process, **attendance is A MUST! You might be asked what you learned at Open Day.**

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS IN 2016...

All Year 12 students planning tertiary education in 2016 need to be aware of scholarship opportunities.

A good starting point to find out about them is go to the VTAC website (www.vtac.edu.au) and search **Scholarships** at the top of the screen. As you will see, you can apply for many of the available scholarships on the VTAC site, often awarded on the basis of your ATAR. However, some scholarships require an actual application.

To find these, go the individual institution websites (eg www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships). Many scholarships are offered on the basis of equity issues, not just because of academic performance.

YEAR 10 STUDENTS...

Information regarding **tertiary entry for 2018** is now available on the VTAC website (look for VICTER 2018 in **Publications**). Some of this information will be in the **Herald Sun on Tues 21 July**.

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY AT DEAKIN...

Find out about nursing degrees.

When/Where: Burwood - 6-8pm, Wednesday 22 July, Building BC, Burwood Corporate Centre, Level 2 **or** 2.30-4.30pm, Saturday 25 July, The Point, Level 1

OR Geelong Waterfront – 6-8pm, Wednesday 22 July **or** 2.30-4.30pm, Saturday 25 July, Building AD, Western Beach Room 6.104

Register: phone 9244 6032 or nursinfo@deakin.edu.au (say which session you wish to attend)



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Information: www.deakin.edu.au/nursing.

MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS...

STATISTICS

In the 2014-15 period, **first preference applications** for Monash increased by 3.5% (in a period of less VTAC applications overall). **Monash 'Guarantee'** and Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) places went up by 26.3%.

WHAT IS THE MONASH GUARANTEE?

Potential to succeed at university is about **more than your ATAR**. The Monash **Guarantee** can provide you with a course offer even if your ATAR is **below** the 2015 Clearly-In.

If you: have **experienced financial disadvantage**, are an **Indigenous Australian** or, attend a Monash University **under-represented school** (from 2015 it will depend on your home postcode rather than school).

To find out more go to: www.monash.edu/guaranteedentry.

BERWICK CAMPUS

Is having a **Careers and Education Festival**, 4-8pm, **Wednesday 29 July**.

Monash is examining how it can offer higher education in the south-east of Melbourne. It is expected that this will involve the Monash Berwick Campus, but for 2016 it will be **'business as usual'** there. It's hoped that extra courses will be offered at the campus soon. The only immediate change is that **Nursing** will be consolidated at Clayton and Peninsula and as a result, **first year nursing** will not be offered at Berwick in 2016.

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Elite athletes are able to apply for scholarships at Monash. You need to apply for your course in the usual way through VTAC, and then to TeamMONASH for your scholarship. These scholarships are not applied for through the VTAC scholarship application process.

See: www.monash.edu/teammonash.

NEW DOUBLE DEGREES IN DESIGN AT CAULFIELD

From 2016 Monash will offer double degrees in **Design and Business**, **Design and Information Technology**, and **Engineering and Industrial Design**. Double degrees allow you to study **broader areas** than a single degree, in less time than it takes to do them separately. They can **improve career options** as well. Many students **study overseas** for part of their degree. The Monash campus at **Prato in Italy**, is a popular option for design.

Applicants for design courses apply for courses through VTAC (www.vtac.edu.au) as usual (from 3 August), but must contact MADA (Monash Art Design and Architecture) via their website for an **interview** as well (www.monash.edu/mada).

Most Monash staff at Monash work in industry – a big plus for students.



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NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

From 2016, **Dietetics will be a Masters qualification** at Monash.

The most direct pathway into the Masters degree will be after completing the **Bachelor of Nutrition Science at Monash**. It will not be possible to study dietetics as an undergraduate degree – the same as at Deakin.

The **Bachelor of Nutrition Science Scholars** program is offered for VCE high achievers. These students are guaranteed a place in the Masters program so long as they maintain at least a credit average. If you complete the B. Nutrition Science at Monash, the Masters will take 18 months. For those coming from another degree it will take two years.

See: www.daa.asn.au for information about being a dietitian.

RMIT ADVICE TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - CHANGING VISAS...

International students transitioning from a school visa (571) to a higher education visa (573) are recommended to apply onshore. This can avoid delays and ensure applicants can commence classes on the expected date.

Also, requirements are simpler too – see: www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/checklists/Student-573-Assessment-Level-1-checklist.aspx.

Advice is available from John Crowder (Registered MARA Migration Agent) at International Recruitment, john.crowder@rmit.edu.au.

'ASPIRE' APPLICATIONS AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY...

In 2014, **Aspire** saw over 1,100 students receive early offers of places for 2015. Most courses have a minimum ATAR of 50.00, however, some professional programs have a higher requirement. La Trobe has a partnership with the **Country Fire Authority** and the **Duke of Edinburgh** program and hopes other organisations will join. These partnerships reflect La Trobe's desire to collaborate with organisations with the **vision of making a positive difference**, and will further help recognise the **valuable impact students are making** in their communities.

Applications have opened, and close on 31 August.

See: www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire.

EXPERIENCE THE OUTDOORS...

Experience what it is like to be an **Outdoor and Environmental Education student at La Trobe** in the next holidays. The 5-day program, for Year 10-12 students, offers either **climbing and bushwalking** or **paddling and bushwalking**.

When: 28 September - 2 October

Where: Begins at Bendigo campus

Cost: \$100

Information: www.latrobe.edu.au

Search - Experience the Outdoors.



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WHAT ARE APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS?

An apprenticeship or traineeship is a **pathway to skilled employment** and **further training opportunities**. They can be undertaken on a full or part-time basis and can be used as a **stepping stone** to a career in one of 500 occupations across a wide range of industries.

To do an apprenticeship/traineeship you **must have a job**.

Apprentices/trainees **learn industry skills by** combining **paid work** with **training** through a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

The training leads to a vocational qualification, ranging from a Certificate I to an Advanced Diploma level, and is recognised throughout Australia.

Find out more: www.education.vic.gov.au/training/employers/apprentices/Pages/default.aspx.

Also see: www.grouptraining.com.au.

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