



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...

OPEN DAYS

- Saturday 1 August – **Monash** (Peninsula campus)
- Sunday 2 August – **Deakin** (Warrnambool); **Monash** (Caulfield & Clayton); **Swinburne** (Hawthorn)
- Sunday 9 Aug – **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)

- Tuesday 4 August, 7pm – Year VTAC Parent Briefing, Wyndham Central College, Auditorium. Letter sent home/ Wednesday 5 August, Session 2 – Year VTAC Student Briefing, Wyndham Central College, Auditorium.

YEAR 12 NEWS...

VTAC APPLICATIONS

Applications for University, VET and Private Provider courses for 2016 open on Monday 3 August through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre website.

Any **Year 12 student** wishing to apply for courses needs to visit www.vtac.edu.au.

Timely applications **close on 30 September**. After that the application fee rises from \$29 to \$95.

You can apply for up to 12 courses, placing them in the order you most want them.



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You will receive an offer early in 2016 for the highest course in your list for which you meet the requirements (eg ATAR).

You will be able to change your application at various times from 3 August through to February 2016. Check out prerequisites and selection criteria for courses you are applying (eg. Is there an interview, audition, folio presentation?).

SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) **2016 Guide** has a section about SEAS (pages 43-54), www.vtac.edu.au/who/seas.html.

Find out about eligibility for **special consideration** for your course application.

There are **four categories of disadvantage**.

NOTE: SEAS applications are made on the VTAC website, but can only be done after applying for courses (SEAS applications close: 6 October).

MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS...

'AT MONASH' SEMINAR SERIES CONTINUES

The series continues with: **Theatre, Performance and Music** on 18 August, **Science** on 27 Aug, **Teaching** on 1, 3 & 8 Sept, and **Engineering** on 17 September; all seminars are 6.30-8.00pm

Information/Registration at: www.destination.monash.edu/at-monash.

MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY UPDATE

To be considered for **Medicine, Physiotherapy and Radiography & Medical Imaging**, VTAC applications must be made by **the close of VTAC's timely application period, 30 September 2015**.

These courses **cannot be added** to an applicant's preference list after this date, due to the interview requirements. However, as long as an applicant has **at least one of the MBBS codes** on their preference list by the close of timely applications, they can add other MBBS codes after this time.

Applicants for Medicine will be required to undertake an **8 station MMI** (Multiple Mini Interview) while applicants for Physiotherapy and Radiography & Medical Imaging will undertake a **4 station MMI**.

Interview dates for 2016 entry: for **onshore international applicants** – Friday 20 and Monday 23 November 2015; for **VCE, IB and National Dean's Rural List and Dean's Indigenous List applicants** (DRL and DIL relevant to MBBS applicants only) – Tuesday 5 - Friday 8 January 2016.

BUSINESS OPEN HOUSE...

Monash has a new city campus and invite you to check out the Bachelor of International Business at Open House. Learn about degrees, meet students, do a tour.

When: 11am-3pm, Sunday 9 August

Where: 271 Collins Street

Information/Registration: <http://destination.monash/business-open-house>.

PHARMACY OPEN HOUSE

See the Parkville campus; take a tour, attend an information session, talk to staff/students, and so on.

When: Sunday 16 August

Information: <http://destination.monash/pharm-open-house>.



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NEW FACULTY OF SCIENCE WEBSITE

The new Future Students section of the Faculty website is a great way to find out what makes studying Science at Monash special and distinctive.

See: <http://monash.edu/science/future-students>.

RMIT NEWS...

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY SHORT COURSES

Those on offer are: Ableton Live Music (Music software program), Audio Production – Studio Recording, Production, Lighting for Live Events, Food Photography and Folio Preparation in Photography.

Information: 9925 8111, enquiries@rmit.edu.au and www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au – get in early!

WOMEN IN ENGINEERING EVENT

For National Engineering Week, RMIT is hosting an event for women considering a career in engineering. Hear from a range of engineers and gain insights into the career.

When: 1pm, Sunday 9 August (RMIT Open Day)

Where: Story Hall, Building 15, Level 7

Information: <http://openday.rmit.edu.au/event/3371/women-in-engineering>.

RMIT FLIGHT TRAINING DAY

Students interested in a career as a pilot are invited to the RMIT Flight Training Open Day at Point Cook. Meet experienced flight instructors and learn about careers.

When: 10am-4pm, Sunday 23 August

Where: RAAF Williams Base Point Cook.

INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERING SUMMER SCHOOL 2016...

Applications are open for a program giving **20 Indigenous students from across Australia**, entering Year 11 or 12 in 2016, the chance to go to Sydney and explore studying **engineering**. The program is **sponsored** with activities/ accommodation/flights/meals covered by **Engineering Aid Australia and Uni. of Sydney**. Do site visits, curriculum exercises and cultural activities. Students with **aptitude in science and maths** are encouraged to apply by 16 October.

Dates: 10 – 16 January 2016

For **information and an application form:** <http://sydney.edu.au/engineering/iaess/>

PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY...

Some students who would like to study at university do not obtain a high enough ATAR to access their preferred course. What happens then? Many universities offer **pathways** into university. For example, **Deakin** has Deakin College, **Monash** has Monash College, **La Trobe** has La Trobe Melbourne and **Swinburne** has UniLink. These institutions can be accessed with lower ATARs and often provide pathways into university.

Many **other pathways** exist. For example, **Monash** offers some diploma programs (in business, science, education & nursing), the **University of Melbourne** offers a Diploma of General Studies as a pathway, **ACU** offers courses through ACUCom, and **Swinburne, RMIT and Victoria** Universities offer certificate and diploma courses in their VET divisions, often offering pathways to university. Some **VET providers** (eg Box Hill) have formal pathways to university.



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Keep in mind as well, as noted in previous issues, that some universities allow students to access their courses on a **lower ATAR** as a result of their **involvement in their communities** (eg **Aspire** at La Trobe and the **Early Achievers Program** at ACU).

WHERE DO GRADUATES GO?

Decisions about higher education are some of the biggest you will make. **'Where Grads Go'** provides the latest information on what graduates do and how much they earn (figures from the **2014 Australian Graduate Survey** - Graduate Careers Australia).

In 2014, the average bachelor grad earned **\$52,500**. Median salaries of some bachelor degrees are **mathematics** \$60,000, **IT** \$55,000, **architecture and building** \$53,000, **engineering** \$62,000, **medicine** \$62,000, **nursing** \$54,000, **education** \$59,000, **accounting** \$52,000, **psychology and behavioural sciences** \$52,000, **law and justice studies** \$58,800 and **visual and performing arts** \$42,000.

Finding a full-time job after graduation isn't always easy. The following shows how graduates fared finding **full-time work four months after graduating**: **mathematics** 64.94%, **IT** 67.16%, **engineering** 72.2%, **architecture and building** 68.59%, **medicine** 97.52%, **nursing** 80.07%, **education** 70.01%, **accounting** 73.90%, **psychology and behavioural sciences** 52.14%, **law and justice studies** 72.71%, **visual and performing arts** 44.73% (substantial numbers were also in part-time work, and many go on to further study).

In some fields, like **engineering and nursing**, most graduates find **work in the fields they trained for**. Graduates of **other fields** find **work in a wide variety of fields**.

Interestingly, **93.9% of Australian bachelor grads said they were broadly satisfied** with their higher education experience.

See: www.graduatecareers.com.au/wheregradsgo.

REMINDER – SOME USEFUL WEBSITES...

There are many useful careers websites, starting with institution websites such as www.holmesglen.edu.au or www.unimelb.edu.au for example.

Check out these as well (**training opportunities, job prospects, students with disabilities, fees information**):

www.jobguide.education.gov.au,

www.myskills.gov.au,

www.joboutlook.gov.au,

www.youth.gov.au

www.studyassist.gov.au,

www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au,

www.education.gov.au/national-disability-coordination-officer-programme,

www.education.vic.gov.au/victorianskillsgateway/Pages/home.aspx, www.myuniversity.gov.au

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