



## Wyndham Central College Career News

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### **This is the last edition of Careers Newsletter for 2014 - It is mainly directed at Year 12 students.**

Good luck as you progress to higher levels at school, or for Year 12's, on to University, TAFE, an Apprenticeship or Traineeship, or to Employment. Remember that you are likely to have several careers throughout your working life so be prepared to gain further education throughout your lifetime.

### **YEAR 12 NEWS...**

Hopefully you have applied for a course through VTAC if you plan to commence tertiary study next year. You can still apply as a **late applicant**, but it will cost \$95.00, not \$29.00.

### **CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (COP) -**

Remember, you can **change your application (preferences)** as much as you like till 10 November, then again from **23 November till 12 noon on 21 December, 2015.**

VCE students will receive their **results on Monday 14 December**, so you will have a week to re-consider your VTAC application. Use this time to contact or visit tertiary institutions if you are uncertain, or contact Mrs Karlovic in the Careers Office for advice.

**OFFERS** of places at tertiary institutions commence on **18 January 2016**, with more places on offer later on (there will be five 'rounds' of offers in total). You are advised to **accept the first offer** you receive as most likely it will be your only offer (around 80% of applicants will only receive one offer); however, accepting an offer does not mean you cannot receive another offer in a later round of offers.

### **WHERE CAN I GET ASSISTANCE DURING 'CHANGE OF PREFERENCE' WEEK?**

The week after you receive your ATAR is generally known as **Change of Preference (COP) week** (Mon 14 – Mon 21 December). During this time tertiary institutions run information sessions, COP Expos, have phone assistance available and will assist you in any way they can. You can also obtain assistance at school – refer to information at the end of this Career News.

These institutions are offering the following (check online for more details)

- **Australian Catholic University – Expo and Information Sessions:** 12noon-4pm, Tuesday 15 December (Melbourne) & 5-7pm, Wednesday 16 December (Ballarat)  
**See:** [www.acu.edu.au/apply2016](http://www.acu.edu.au/apply2016)  
**COP Hotline:** 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228)
- **Box Hill Institute – Hotline:** 1300 BOX HILL (1300 269 445)
- **Charles Sturt University – Hotline:** 1800 334 733
- **Chisholm – Hotline:** 1300 244 746
- **Deakin University – Information Evenings:** 4-7pm, 15 December, Level 2, Building BC, Burwood campus; 4-7pm, 16 December, Geelong Waterfront campus  
**COP Hotline:** 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733)  
**Online chat** visit [www.choose.deakin.edu.au](http://www.choose.deakin.edu.au)
- **Federation University - Information Day:** 11am-2pm, Wednesday 16 December (Mt Helen and Gippsland) **Hotline:** 1800 333 864
- **Holmesglen – Hotline:** 1300 693 888
- **Kangan – Hotline:** 13 8233



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- **La Trobe – Hotline:** 1300 135 045
- **Melbourne Polytechnic – Hotline:** 9269 1200
- **Monash – COP Expo:** 3-7pm, Wednesday 16 December, Building H, Caulfield campus, 900 Dandenong Rd, Caulfield East  
**COP Hotline:** 1800 MONASH (1800 666 274)  
See [www.study.monash](http://www.study.monash)
- **RMIT – Hotline:** 9925 2260  
Visit Info Corner, 330 Swanston St, Melbourne (Cnr. La Trobe St)
- **Swinburne – Information session:** 11am-4pm, Wednesday 16 December (Hawthorn)  
**Hotline:** 1300 275 794
- **University of Melbourne – Course Information Day:** 10am-2.30pm, Wednesday 16 December (on campus), Thursday 17 December Course Information Day (online)  
Register at [www.cop.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.cop.unimelb.edu.au)  
**COP Hotline:** 13 MELB (13 6352)  
Email [13MELB@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:13MELB@unimelb.edu.au)
- **Victoria University – COP Expo:** 4-7pm, Wednesday 16 December (Footscray Park)  
**Hotline:** 1300 VIC UNI (1300 842 864)
- **William Angliss – Hotline:** 1300 ANGLISS (1300 264 547)

### UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS...

- **GUARANTEED ENTRY INTO PROFESSIONAL ENTRY GRADUATE PROGRAMS:**  
The University's guaranteed entry pathways to graduate courses give students beginning an undergraduate degree the security of knowing that a place in a graduate course is reserved for them.  
For details see: [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/guaranteed-entry](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/guaranteed-entry).

### WHAT IF I DO NOT GET A HIGH ENOUGH ATAR TO GET INTO MY DESIRED COURSE?

Many pathways and programs exist which may assist you to get to where you want to go. Here are some suggestions:

- Complete a **Diploma of Tertiary Studies** at Monash University in either Business (p 350 of VTAC Guide), Education (p 362) or Nursing (p. 381)
- Complete a course at **Monash College** in Art & Design, Arts (Human Behaviour or Psychology streams), Business or Commerce, Engineering or Science; see pages 341-2 of VTAC Guide
- Complete a course at **Deakin College** in Commerce, Computing, Engineering, Health Sciences, Management, Media and Communication or Science; pages 197-8 of VTAC Guide
- Complete a **UniLink Diploma** at **Swinburne** (eg Business p. 457, Design p. 463, Engineering p. 470, Health Science, IT p. 481)
- Complete a **Diploma at La Trobe Melbourne** in Biosciences, Business, Health Sciences, IT or Mass Media Communications (p. 285-6)
- Complete a **Tertiary Preparation Course** at **RMIT** in Engineering, Media or Science (p. 437)



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- Consider studying a **related university course** with a lower ATAR - **if you do well** you MAY be able to transfer to your desired course later
- Start with a **VET (TAFE) course** in a related field - two years of VET often equals one at university
- Complete a **Tertiary Studies Diploma** at Melbourne Polytechnic (Preston) (p. 337)
- **Complete a Diploma of Liberal Arts** – a pathway into a range of degrees. Swinburne (p.451) and Victoria University (p. 523) have this Diploma
- Consider a **country/rural campus**. ATAR's are often lower, usually due to lower demand. Most have accommodation (apply ASAP)
- For **Nursing** consider first completing Division 2 at TAFE or a private provider, eg Box Hill (p. 172) or Swinburne (p. 478)
- **ACU** has certificate/diploma courses that can lead to degrees (through ACUcom)  
See: [http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/2014/other\\_courses/vocational\\_education\\_training\\_vet/](http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/2014/other_courses/vocational_education_training_vet/)
- Complete a **Foundation Studies** one year pathways course at **Victoria University**.  
See: [www.vu.edu.au/courses/applying](http://www.vu.edu.au/courses/applying)

### **DOXA YOUTH FOUNDATION CADETSHIP PROGRAM...**

The Doxa Youth Foundation provides programs for young people to achieve their highest potential despite **experiencing disadvantage**.

The **Cadetship Program** is a holistic initiative that provides young people with the resources, skills and experience to succeed in university and embark on a professional career.

Applications are now open for 2016.

**More info:** <http://doxa.org.au/cadetship/applying-for-the-program/>

### **HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS, INCLUDING THE PUGGY HUNTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP...**

The Puggy Hunter scheme offers **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Scholarships** to encourage and assist undergraduate students in health related disciplines to complete their studies and join the health workforce.

The Australian Government started the Scheme as a tribute to the late Dr Arnold 'Puggy' Hunter's contribution to Indigenous Australians' health.

For information about **this and other health scholarships:** phone 1800 688 628, [www.acn.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.acn.edu.au/scholarships).

### **LA TROBE UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING...**

La Trobe has reviewed engineering courses for 2016 and as a result some existing courses will be phased out. They have been removed from VTAC and La Trobe will contact students who have included them in their VTAC preferences.

Information: 1300 135 045.



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### **AMBASSADOR PROGRAM AT MONASH...**

The Access Monash Ambassador program is an opportunity for students who want to make a difference. Year 12's planning to study at Monash in 2016 can apply to be an ambassador.

See: [www.monash.edu.au/access/about-ama.html](http://www.monash.edu.au/access/about-ama.html).

### **YEAR 12: EXITING, RESULTS and DECEMBER CHANGE OF PREFERENCE.**

1. **EXITING:**

All students have been issued with a Blue Exit Form.

**Exit Forms must be returned to Mrs Karlovic, via your Tutor Teacher, by Friday 23 October, 3pm**

2. VCE Results and ATARS available on the internet from **7am MONDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 2015**

3. VCE results and ATARS received in the mail by **WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015.**

4. Mrs. Karlovic, the Pathways & Transitions Leader, will be available to students from Monday 14 December, in the Careers Office from 10am to 4pm for assistance/counselling during results and Change of Preference Time. Each student is entitled to an appointment to assist with decision making regarding pathways, VTAC preference changes, etc. Appointments can be made prior to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December as well as on the Monday morning via a telephone call to the College. Students can also make their way to the Careers Office to arrange an appointment or make a booking whilst attending the Year 12 Pathways Morning Tea (see below). Parents are also welcome to attend/make bookings. Every student is encouraged to take the time to have a meeting with Mrs Karlovic, in the Careers Office, during this crucial time.

5. **RESULTS/CHANGE of PREFERENCE/PATHWAYS MORNING TEA**

**DATE: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**TIME: 11am – 12.30pm**

**LOCATION: Student Services Centre, Outside the Careers Office**

All Year 12 Students are invited to a morning tea to wind down after the rigours of Year 12 and to discuss their Results/Change of Preferences/Pathway Options.

Biscuits, donuts, coffee & tea will be available.

Students will also be able to book appointments with Mrs Karlovic during this time to discuss results, preference changes and pathway options.

6. Refer to the VTAC Guide 2016, pages 63-65 or the ABC of Applying, pages 19-20, for further information regarding accessing of results.



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Details regarding SMS notification of Results is also explained on page 64 of the VTAC Guide & page 19 of the ABC of Applying. Students must go to [www.vtac.edu.au/sms](http://www.vtac.edu.au/sms) for information on registering for the SMS service.

7. VU Portfolio, ACU Early Achiever's Program & RMIT SNAP Program Students will be notified early December. Please see me so we can then discuss your preferences, depending on the outcome.

**Please use the services provided by the College.**

**Good Luck!**

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**Pathways & Transitions Leader**  
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