



Welcome to our Parent Newsletter.

19th October, 2015

Our aim is to keep parents informed of upcoming events and important dates to remember.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Farewell Year 12's 2015

This week marks the end of formal classes for our Year 12 Students, and more significantly, the end of their school days. We look forward to the celebration breakfast, Graduation Assembly, and the Valedictory Dinner. Whilst it is sad to say goodbye to these students who have given so much to our school, academically, musically, through their sporting achievements, their leadership and mentoring of our younger students, and their daily contributions over the past six years at

Wyndham Central College, I can't help but be enthusiastic and optimistic about their future endeavors when I reflect on their achievements and growth as young adults. In particular, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our School Captains; Isabel Cherukara, Mega Hill, Ashishkumar Patel, Laxmi Singh and Tiaan Steyn for their leadership and representation of the Wyndham Central College student body. As members of our college community the Year 12 students have been provided the knowledge and skills required to sustain them for the rest of their lives. I would like to thank in particular our Year 12 level leader Rebecca Sandlant and the Year 12 tutor teacher team, the Year 12 classroom teachers, all of our educational support staff, and our Senior Years Assistant Principal Bryan Woollard, for their hard work throughout this year. Our school council and leadership team appreciate their efforts in preparing the students to succeed in Year 12 and I am sure they will be rewarded with some very good year 12 results at the end of the year.

On behalf of our school community I would like to wish the Year 12 cohort good health and academic success, both in the approaching exams and in their future studies and careers. I am proud to be associated with the college and am confident that all of our Year 12 students have the capacity to make a positive difference in their own lives and to society.

Leanne Gagatsis
Acting Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES

21 st Oct – Spanish Immersion Program Info Night 7pm (2016 Yr 7, 8 & 9)
22 nd Oct – Yr 12 Funfields excursion
2nd Nov – Student Free Day
3rd Nov – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
16 – 17 th Nov – Yr 11 and 12 (2016) Step Up Interviews
18 – 27 th Nov – Yr 11 and 12 (2016) Step Up
30 th Nov – 1 st Dec – Parent Teacher Goal Setting Interviews Yr 8, 9 and 10 (2016)
2 nd Dec – 11 th Dec – Step Up Yr 8, 9 and 10 (2016)
7 th Dec – Parents as Partners Night (Yr 7 2016)
8 th Dec – Grade 6 Orientation Day
14 - 15 th Dec – Parent Teacher Goal Setting Interviews Yr 7 (2016)
14 th Dec – Awards Night

MIDDLE YEARS REPORT

Welcome to term 4. I cannot believe how quickly the year has flown. At the end of term 3 you had a chance to see reports and meet teachers at our parent/teacher interviews. Term 4 for 2015 is the last term to make students' learning really count. Exams will be upon the middle years students during the period of Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th Nov. They have just over a month to study hard.

Term 4 is always a lovely time with the days longer and a little sunshine. The students should now be in summer uniform. Please ensure your child comes to school well hydrated and with cold water to make their days easier.

Students will also be transitioning and getting ready for step up in the final weeks of term 4 where they will experience their next year level. Further information on this will be available shortly.

As you know we are an AVID school, some students are still not taking their binders to class each day. Please can you take some time to go through your child's binder with them and clear out bags so students are prepared for the day. No matter how old children are they still need encouragement. Also on this please as parents can you ensure you are signing their planners weekly.

Recently all middle years students conducted a short survey. The outcomes of this were very pleasing. Bullying at middle years is very low for the majority. Students feel safe and secure at the college. Most classes have indicated that behaviour in class has improved since May when they completed their attitudes to school surveys. Our work in School Wide Positive Behaviours continues and students are responding well. As always we value your support.

Yvonne Harvey
Middle Years Assistant Principal

YEAR 7 REPORT

The commencement of Term 4 brings a new and exciting challenge for the students of Year 7, with the Junior Years Swimming Program.

The program is being held at the newly opened AquaPulse, which has given many students the opportunity to enjoy the new facilities and show off their swimming skills.

Many of our students have built upon previously learned skills in the water, whereas others have started to build confidence within the water. Whatever their ability, we are proud of them all and can't wait to see their hard work pay off in next year's swimming carnival.

HAPE Department

YEAR 8 REPORT

At Wyndham Central College there are lots of different programs to get involved in to help you to continue to grow your strengths, as well as work on improving your weaknesses. In Year 8, we are currently participating in the Swimming program, which is running for 4 weeks. It helps us to become stronger swimmers, and develop many new skills. It is also a really fun and enjoyable program. Many of the students in Year 8 are looking forward to participating in the STAR elective in Year 9. The STAR program is a great way to develop life skills, and grow appreciation for the outdoors. The teachers at WCC are all very helpful and caring, and try very hard to get the best out of students. Wyndham Central College is a great school that helps you reach your goals and improve your skills.

Steph Gaja & Vanessa Freeman Yr 8

YEAR 9 REPORT

Welcome back to our final term and it is only a short time until our year 9 students move into the senior school. By now your child has chosen their subjects for 2016 and staff are catching up with students to make sure that the process is finalised.

At the start of next year all Year 9 students will be getting new laptops, so the changeover process will take place toward the end of November. Please make sure that your child's computer is operational and has a fully working charge unit prior to handing in to the Technology team at the school. If there are working issues with your computer then it is important to get the problem fixed as soon as possible.

Stay tuned for more information on this important process and it will be great to see the students with new and larger laptops. If you have any queries in relation to this process please contact me at the school on 9741 4911.

Mark O'Callaghan
Yr 9 Year Level Leader

SENIOR YEARS REPORT

As all senior students are approaching their final exams for the year, below are some basic tips for exam preparation.

- Create a timetable for your study.
- Prepare and revise.
- Complete past exam papers.
- Be organised.
- Ask your teachers for help, if needed.
- Cramming for an exam doesn't work, so once again, be prepared.

Year 12 students

Year 12 students are now on the homeward stretch and hasn't the year flown! Exams are just around the corner for most Year 12 students and please reflect on all the advice and preparation given to you by your teachers. I wish all students the very best of luck with their exams, believe in yourself and give it your best shot and all your hard work will pay off. Good luck to all Year 12 VCE and VCAL students for your future education and training and if there is anything that the College can do to assist you then please don't hesitate to ask.

Year 10 and 11 students

Exams begin on the 29th October and this is great preparation for the exams that students will face next year. Please work hard with your revision work so that you are fully prepared. I hope that students strive to do their best as they progress towards either the start or finish of their VCE or VCAL certificate. I would like to remind students and parents that the College does have a promotion policy and that promotion from one year level to the next is not automatic. Students must also maintain a satisfactory attendance of 100% in all subject areas, unless a medical certificate is provided.

Host family required

Our College would like to have the pleasure of enrolling a Year 10 student from Brazil in 2016. If you are interested in hosting Diego, for semester one of next year, please refer to the poster in this newsletter and call Nacel Australia on 1300 735 732.

Your Tutor, online tutoring

Unfortunately, the generous sponsorship that Victoria University has offered our College for the free online tutoring program, Your Tutor, has now come to an end for all students at Wyndham Central College. However, students can still access this service free of charge by utilising the computers at Wyndham City Council library.

Bryan Woollard
Senior Years Assistant Principal

YEAR 10 REPORT

All Year 10 students will be sitting their end of year examinations from Thursday 29th October -Friday 6th November. All exams will be conducted following strict examination rules and guidelines, which must be followed by students. We ask that you discuss these with your son/daughter and assist them in ensuring that they meet these requirements. All Year 10 classes will be cancelled during the Exam period. Students will only be required to attend school to sit their timetabled exam and are to remain home at all other times. A letter has been sent to parents, along with the exam timetable. I would like to wish all year 10 students the best of luck with their upcoming exams.

Marie Milkovic
Yr 10 Year Level Leader

YEAR 11 REPORT

As we usher in the beginning of the final term for the year we emphasise the need to be focused and prepared for the crucial end of year exams and final assessments.

Year 11 exams will begin on Thursday October 29th and finish on Friday November 6th.

All Year 11 VCE and VCAL classes will be cancelled during this exam period. Students will be required to attend school for their exams and remain home at all other times.

VCAL students will still be required to attend their VET classes (if they are still running) as well as their Work Placement.

All students are expected to be in full college uniform during the exams, arrive on time and be prepared. Students are not permitted to leave the exam until the exam has finished.

Classes for all year 11's will re-commence on Monday November 9th for a final week of exam feedback and completion of any final assessments.

Parent-Teacher interviews and Step-Up will commence on Monday November 16th and finish on Friday November 27th.

The college expects all year 11's to attend these final weeks in order to be thoroughly prepared for 2016.

Eddie Hatzis

Yr 11 Year Level Leader

YEAR 12 REPORT

2015 Valedictory Dinner

Just a reminder that the 2015 Year 12 Valedictory will be held at Ultimate Reception Centre at 6:30pm on Friday the 23rd of October. All ticket sales are final. This will be a great night to celebrate the achievements of the Year 12 students and I look forward to seeing you all there. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yr 12 Breakfast & Funfields excursion

Students are invited to a celebratory breakfast on Thursday 22nd October from 8:00am-9:30 am at the College and students attending Funfields will then leave at 9:30am.

Year 12 exams

Please be aware that Year 12 exams will take place on Wednesday 28th November – Thursday 19th November. All students have been given a print out with exams dates, times and rules. All students are required to be at each exam at least 15 minutes prior to the exam starting time. This allows time to find their seat allocation, line up and be seated in the exam room. Being late to exams puts students under pressure, interrupts those who are around them, and doesn't make a good start to any exam.

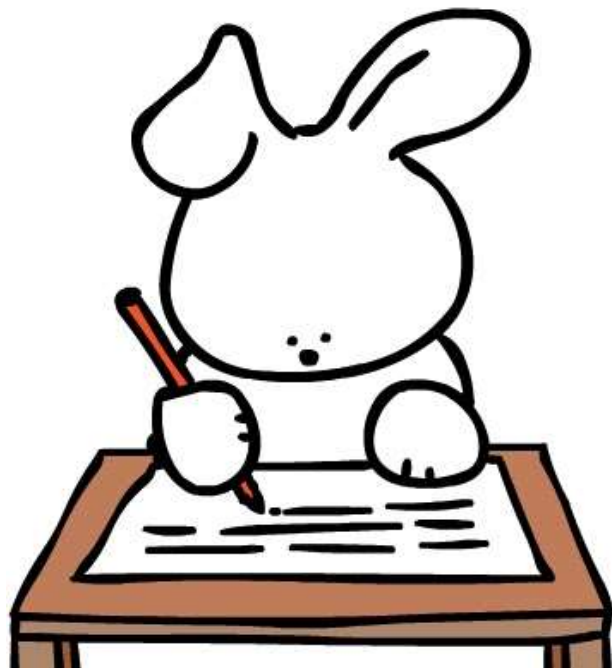
If a student is absent from an exam it is really important that the school is contacted.

Please contact Mr Woollard or Ms Sandlant to apply for a derived examination form. This is a formal process from the VCAA which will need supporting evidence.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at the school.

Rebecca Sandlant

Yr 12 Year Level Leader



BACK TO THE EIGHTIES A ROARING SUCCESS

Music students from Wyndham Central College presented the 2015 Musical *Back to the Eighties* to an almost sold out audience over 4 nights. Parents and friends enjoyed watching our performers sing songs from the 1980's and the slick choreographed moves created a fun filled atmosphere during all of the performances. More photos of the musical will be available on the school website under *Music*. Music staff are already discussing the show for 2016 and it promises to be even bigger!



In 2016, the Music Department will be focusing on increasing student awareness of all the different possibilities that are available to them in the Performing Arts area.

We are currently planning to take 40 students to watch the professional production of *Matilda*, opening in March at the Princess Theatre. We are able to get tickets at a discounted rate so an expression of interest to watch this premiere performance will be out shortly.

Sue Butcher
Head of Music /Arts Area Leader



MIDDLE YEARS DEAKIN UNIVERSITY EXCURSIONS

As part of the AVID's mission, to close the achievement gap by preparing all students to be university and career ready and successful in a global society, all middle school students were provided with the opportunity to attend the Deakin University Excursions in the last two weeks of term 3. The excursions were timed at the completion of the middle years CAPS program, which aims to assist students in investigating careers opportunities, so they can make more informed choices.

The aim of the middle years Deakin University Excursions, was to open the door of opportunity for middle year students and expose these students to the possibility of attending university in the future. In addition, it is anticipated that the university excursions will assist students to understand that with hard work and commitment the possibility of attending university is available and possible for each of them. In turn, it is hoped that students are motivated to work harder and achieve their goals of attending university, to be career ready and to strive to achieve and maximise their potential. On each day, students participated in a variety of on campus experiences. Below are the reflections of students from each year level and a collage of photos depicting the events of the excursions.



Year 7 Deakin University Experience

Mission Possible



On Wednesday 9th September and Thursday 10th September the year 7 classes went on an excursion to Deakin University to see what university life was like. We attended the Geelong, Waurn Ponds campus and we had the opportunity to take a look around the campus, participated in an activity and listened to a presentation by the student ambassadors of Deakin University. All students had a great day out at the campus and learnt about the skills needed to go to university and be career ready such as team work, organisation and time management. The ambassadors taught us about the different types of areas you could study and job opportunities you could have. We also learnt that university can work around your everyday life. The Deakin University experience gave students an opportunity to identify their personal strengths and weaknesses in working in

a group environment for the Mission Possible activity. One of the highlights of the day was the students purchasing their lunch at the University's cafeteria which everyone enjoyed.

Written by: Hayley Scott 7C and Kayla Dabkowski 7H

Year 8 Access Uni Day



On Friday the 4th of September 2015 year eight students went to Deakin University to see the options after year 12 and how we can prepare for our futures. The main idea of the excursion was to see what university life is like and to start considering the possibility of attending university. We also were interested to see how different university is to high school. At Deakin the students had a tour of the university then participated in a scavenger hunt. The students also had to choose a tutorial from several different options of tutorial classes and they participated in this class. The students really enjoyed the classes which included zoology, health, nutrition, architecture and criminology and they highlighted

the differences between high school classes and university classes as well as giving us a taste of university.

The year eight student's behavior was very good, most of the students were sensible all day. The day was excellent and all students were respectful. During the tour everyone was very sensible and asked good questions. As the scavenger hunt started there was lots of exploring of the university campus in groups and teamwork was needed to solve the puzzle. Although some of the groups were made up of people who didn't exactly know each well, they all worked collaboratively in their groups. Overall the day went well and was very enjoyable for students and teachers.

By Chloe Smith 8D



Year 9 Deakin University Experience Day



On September 8th, the Year 9 students got the opportunity to visit Deakin University which is located in Waurn Ponds. We experienced the life of a university student and how it feels to attend university. As students, chose two workshops prior to the visit, which we attended throughout the day. The choices were: criminology, visual art, health, architecture and nutrition. In the workshops we were given information about the subject and activities were held. We had lunch at the in the university café, were the environment



was extremely calm and carefree. At the end of the day, before returning to school, we participated in a scavenger hunt, where we had to decipher a code.

The Deakin visit encouraged the Year 9 students to work hard so that they can attend university. It also helped us feel confident and not be intimidated by the idea of attending university. The experience showed us all the opportunities there are to ensure our success.

Written by Justyce Lewis 9D and Bailey Pettitt 9D



YEAR 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT TASK



Year 10 students were given the brief of designing their own cake decoration. They had to make a butter cake in one lesson then decorate it in the next. The students were provided with a recipe and ingredients to make Vienna Cream Icing. They could bring in whatever else they wanted to complete the decorations. Many students



planned well and brought in a range of items to create their designs. Some weren't as well organised but adapted to the situation by altering their designs. Some students had to work with crumbling or

unevenly baked cakes and found they had to make design changes. The photographs represent all of these learning experiences. Well done Year 10.



Jacinta Pritchard
Foods Teacher



SRC FORUM

On Wednesday 28 August 2015, Najma, Ashley, Mrs. Harvey and myself, went to an SRC (Student Representative Council) conference at St. James Primary School. At the conference, we had the opportunity to meet other SRC members from different schools in the Wyndham area.

The forum was coordinated by Ms. Joanne Ryan. Ms. Ryan was the previous principal at



Wyndham Central College but has since become a Member of Parliament and represents the electorate of Lalor. Ms. Ryan talked about her work and her role within the Wyndham Community.

During the conference, the first part of the session was used to brainstorm how 'school' has improved since our discussion on this topic at the last conference. The next part of the session was dedicated to a discussion about our schools' policies. We had the opportunity to meet other members of the local community Parliament and talked to them about existing issues in the community.

We all had a great day. It was informative and enjoyable and gave us all the chance to collaborate with a variety of people.

Hozannah Johnny 9D

SPORTS REPORT

As things start to wind up in sport during Term 4, this report will be quite short.

Key Dates Term 4

28th October Yr 7 Girls Table Tennis Final Mr Robinson

5th November Yr 7 Girls Volleyball Final Mr Agius

6th November Yr 8 Girls Volleyball Final, Mr Burnett

Athletics

On Thursday 17th of September the following students competed in WMR Athletics.

Chris Gomez, Long jump, high jump, 200m, 100m

Tara Gallop, 800, 1500

Naomi Gangur, 3000

Tayhia Young, 3000

Ankit Khatri, 800

Tatiana Matatio high jump

Jeremy McNair, triple jump

I would like to congratulate Chris Gomez who came equal first in the high jump, third in the 100m and second in the 200m, and Tara Gallop for coming 6th in the 800 and 8th in the 1500. Such a great result!! Also a big thank you to Ms Gogos for taking the team out.



Ms Sandlant
Sports Coordinator

THE AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Results are now available for the 38th annual Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) in which Hundreds of thousands of students in primary and secondary schools from around 30 countries sat the said competition on 30 July.

AMC is an Australian initiative, which was introduced in 1978, as the first competition of it's kind in schools here. It is now a truly international competition, having become the major school mathematics enrichment event and benchmark for mathematical ability throughout the Pacific and South-East Asia. It tests everything from basic numeracy skills through to advanced problem solving.

Our College entered 32 students across years 7 to 9. One received a Certificate of Distinction, 7 achieved a Credit and 15 received a Proficiency Certificate. A big congratulation goes to Michael Strutton of 8C who obtained a Distinction Certificate!

All other students who competed received a Certificate of Participation and every entrant is provided with an individual performance report.

The AMC is conducted by the not-for-profit Canberra-based Australian Mathematics Trust under the trusteeship of the University of Canberra.

Lilibeth Lee

Maths and AVID Educator

ENGLISH HOMEWORK CLASSES

English homework classes will be held in A 14 every Wednesday from 3.10 to 4pm. There will be English teachers available to assist all students from Year 7—12.

There will also be time available to assist Year 12 English students in the study centre on Thursdays from 8.15 to 8.45am.

If there are any questions, please contact:

Lynda Wilson, English and AVID Leader

MATHS HOMEWORK CLASSES

Maths homework classes will be held in A 11 every Wednesday from 3.10 to 4pm. There will be Maths teachers available to assist all students from Year 7-12.

If there are any questions, please contact:

Andrew Wokulski, Homework Coordinator

SCIENCE HOME WORK CLUB

The Science Homework Club for Years 7-10 will run every Wednesday from 3:10-4pm in the Science Centre.

Shalika Sharma

Home Work Club Coordinator

YEAR 12 EAL HOMEWORK CLUB

A homework club for Year 12 EAL students will be held on each Monday after school from 3.20pm in R13.

Cath Myers

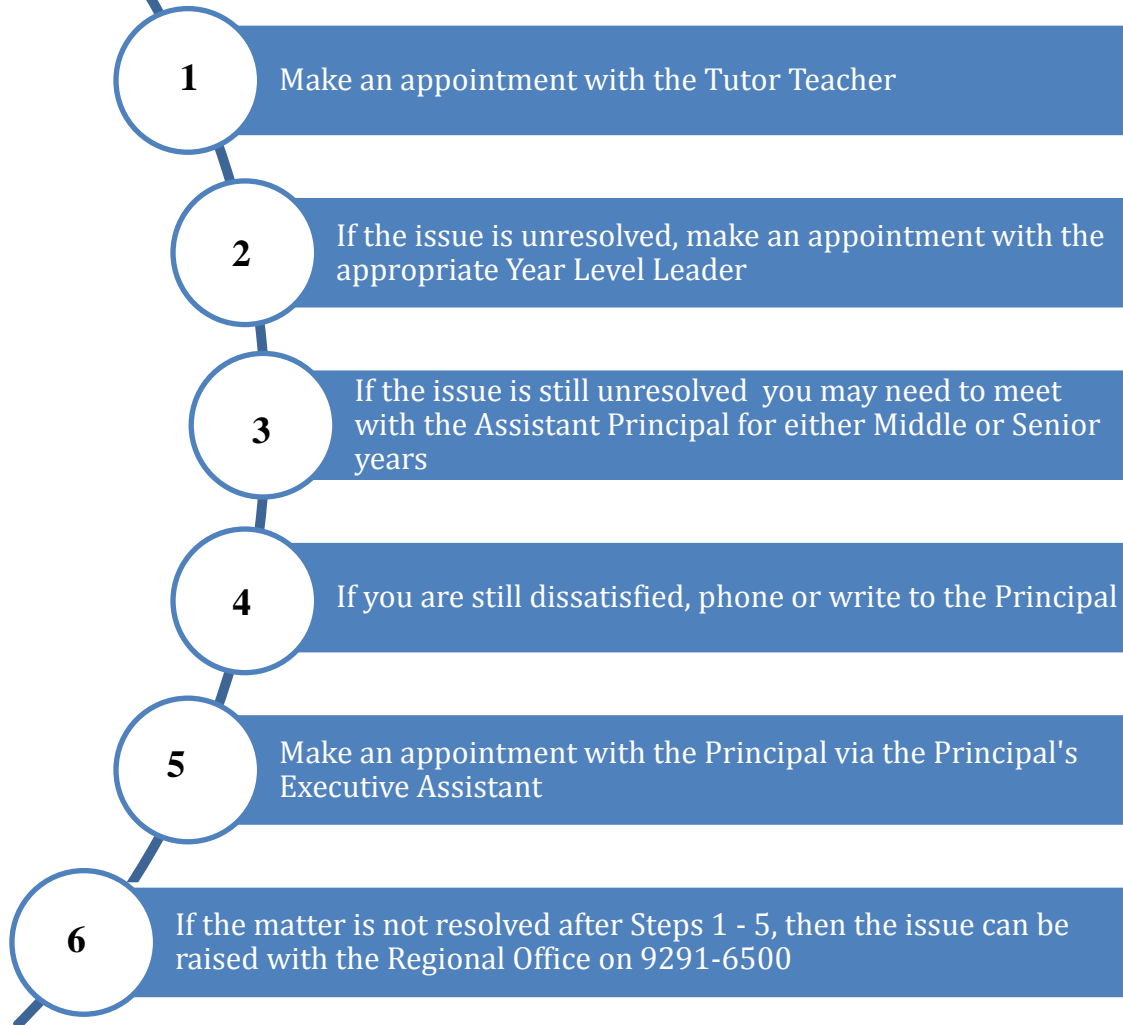
EAL Coordinator

IMPORTANT PARKING AND BUS INFORMATION

The Westrans buses are currently experiencing difficulty with their before school drop off and after school pick up due to parent parking. Could all parents please ensure that when you are using the service road that you do not park in the bus areas alongside the basketball courts or in the bus turning area at the end of the service road. Could all parents please obey the parking signage along the service road.



COMMUNICATION/GRIEVANCE PROCESS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS



CAREER NEWS

This is the last edition of Careers Newsletter for 2015 - 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 **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
- **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
- **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
- **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 **COP Hotline:** 13 MELB (13 6352) Email 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/quaranteed-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)

- 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/
- Complete a **Foundation Studies** one year pathways course at **Victoria University**.
See: 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.

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.

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.

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 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 16th 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 14th 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 14th 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.

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 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!

Mrs Kathy Karlovic

Pathways & Transitions Leader

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