



## Wyndham Central College Career News

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### WHAT IS 'CAREER NEWS' ALL ABOUT?

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.

**Career News** will be published fortnightly throughout the year, providing information about how to **choose a career**, about **information sessions** being held on various courses and careers, **Open Days** at institutions where you might want to study, **Career Expos**, insights into a number of **careers**, and where you can get help.

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

**The Careers Office, in the Wellbeing 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 are currently taking place to assist students with the momentous decisions facing them this year. Parents/guardians are welcome to take advantage of the services provided. Appointments can be made to discuss the future pathways of their children.

### HOW CAN I CHOOSE A CAREER?

Many people say that basically they would like a job they **enjoy**, with the possibility of earning a reasonable **income**. **So how do you choose that job?**

Firstly, keep in mind that there isn't just one perfect job for you. There are several jobs that would suit you well, so you need to **explore the possibilities**.

First, think about what you **enjoy doing**.

For example, is it sport-related, scientific, reading/writing-related, helping people, information technology-related?

What do you enjoy **doing in your spare time**?

What **subjects** do you excel in at school?

How important is it that you earn a lot of **money**?

Answering questions such as these will set you on a path to making some decisions.

If you like science, what type of science do you prefer – physics, chemistry, biology?

If you are creative, what is your speciality – music, drama, art, design?

If it is geography, perhaps you could be interested in urban planning, mapping or surveying.

If it is health, perhaps it is nursing, nutrition or public health.

If it is physics and maths, perhaps engineering.

Don't look too far ahead – you are not deciding on a life-time career. You will have several careers.

### WHERE CAN I STUDY IN VICTORIA?



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After completing Year 12, there are many options. If you are considering **University**, hoping to get a degree, these are the universities available in Victoria:

- **Australian Catholic** University (ACU) with campuses in Melbourne (Fitzroy) and Ballarat
- **Deakin** University with campuses in Burwood, Geelong and Warrnambool
- **Federation** University with campuses in Ballarat and Gippsland
- **La Trobe** University with campuses in Melbourne (Bundoora), Bendigo, Albury-Wodonga, Mildura and Shepparton
- **Monash** University with campuses in Melbourne (Clayton, Caulfield, Berwick, Parkville)
- **RMIT** University with campuses in Melbourne (City, Brunswick, Bundoora)
- **Swinburne** University has a campus in Melbourne (Hawthorn)
- University of **Melbourne** in Melbourne (Parkville, Burnley, Southbank, Werribee), Creswick, Dookie and Shepparton
- **Victoria** University is in Melbourne (City, Footscray, St Albans, Melton, Sunshine)

You can check out their facilities and courses by attending their **Open Days**, usually held in August.

If you plan a **VET course** (pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, certificate, diploma and a limited number of degrees), institutes offering courses in the Melbourne area are:

- **Box Hill Institute**
- **Chisholm** (Dandenong, Frankston, etc)
- **Holmesglen** (Moorabbin, Chadstone)
- **Kangan** (Broadmeadows, Richmond, etc)
- **Melbourne Polytechnic** (formerly NMIT) (Collingwood, Epping, Preston, Prahran, etc)
- **RMIT** (City, Brunswick)
- **Swinburne** (Hawthorn, Croydon, Wantirna)
- **Victoria** (Footscray, City)
- **William Angliss** (City) and several others.

There are also **Independent Institutions** offering degrees, diplomas and certificates.

Examples are:

- **Academy of Design** (Port Melbourne)
- **Australian Institute of Fitness** (Bendigo, City, etc)
- **Footscray City Films**
- **JMC** (South Melbourne)

Independent colleges are full-fee paying institutions, whereas the government generally offers **financial assistance** to study at universities and VET providers like Box Hill Institute.

**NOTE:** The government will only fund courses of study that are **at a higher level** than what they have funded already. For example, if you have a bachelor's degree, the government will not fund you to complete a VET diploma as it is at a lower level than the degree.



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### FOCUS ON SOME HEALTH DEGREES...

#### MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY:

It is possible to study **medicine/surgery** at **Deakin** (Geelong), **Monash** (Clayton and Gippsland), and **Melbourne universities**. Of course, many interstate universities also offer medicine, and it is possible to study it in New Zealand (eg University of Otago in Dunedin) and have the qualification recognised in Australia.

**NOTE:** Be aware that medical qualifications from many overseas universities are not recognised in Australia and further study in Australia is required.

The **ONLY University** in Victoria offering an **undergraduate medical degree** is **Monash**.

Acceptance into this course is based on a **combination** of **ATAR, UMAT** result and a multi-mini **interview**.

**UMAT** is short for the **Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test**.

This year the test will be held on **Wednesday 27 July**.

Registrations are open now and close at 5pm (AEST) on **Friday 3 June, 2016**.

See: <http://umat.acer.edu.au>.

The UMAT is a multiple choice assessment. It is possible to purchase **practice tests** at this website, and you are strongly advised to do so as the UMAT is a very demanding test and practice is vital.

The only Victorian undergraduate degree which requires completion of the UMAT is **Medicine at Monash**.

La Trobe University requires it for **Dentistry**, but **only for non-Year 12 applicants**.

Some **interstate universities** require it as part of the application process for medicine, dentistry and some other medical-related courses so you are wise to check this.

It is common for students keen to study medical courses to apply to interstate universities as well as Victoria. Living in a particular state does not give any priority to applicants.

**NOTE:** International applicants see **International Student Admissions Test (ASAT)**.

**Monash** also offers a **post-graduate degree in medicine**, as do **Deakin and Melbourne** universities.

**Monash** has very **specific requirements** for entry to the post-graduate degree, including that from 2017 the **undergraduate degree MUST be a Monash degree** (preferably the Bachelor of Biomedical Science, or alternatively the Bachelor of Pharmacy or the Bachelor of Physiotherapy, or in a small number of cases the Bachelor of Science). Most applicants for the **Melbourne** degree would complete either the Bachelor of Biomedicine or the Bachelor of Science at Melbourne first.

**Deakin** also does not specify the under-graduate degree.

**NOTE:** Many post-graduate medical degrees require applicants to sit for a test known as the GAMSAT.

See: <http://gamsat.acer.edu.au>.

**Dentistry** is only offered in Victoria as an undergraduate degree at **La Trobe University (Bendigo)** and as a post-graduate degree at **Melbourne University**.

It is important for anyone thinking of studying medicine or dentistry to **research** and start **preparing** as the competition for university places is considerable.



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Some universities **offer information sessions** about their courses (Eg **'At Monash'** Seminars and **Focus On Melbourne** seminars – details later).

Remember, of course, many students considering medicine or dentistry could be **well suited to several other occupations**, not necessarily in the medical field, so explore these as well.

### **BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES AT MONASH...**

Who is suited to this degree?

Are you **passionate about health** and **keen to contribute to addressing real health challenges**? This is a 'parent' course under which there are **four possible specialisations**.

Students enrol in the course relevant to their specialisation: **Bachelor of Emergency Health**, **Bachelor of Human Services** (can lead to Masters in Social Work), **Bachelor of Public Health Science** and **Bachelor of Radiation Science**.

Studies commence at the Caulfield campus where students from all specialisations will apply scientific approaches to the study and improvement of health, considering physiological, behavioural, developmental, social and environmental aspects of human health and disease.

After the first three semesters, you will develop an in-depth knowledge of the **theory and practice of your specialisation**.

Prerequisites: Units 3/4 English and any Maths.

### **WHAT IS PHYSIOTHERAPY?**

Physiotherapists assess, treat and prevent disorders in human movement caused by injury or disease.

They work in private practice, hospitals, rehabilitation centres, health department, mental health, school systems and some with sports clubs.

Most young aspiring physiotherapist want to work as sport physiotherapists, however, you need to understand that many, in fact, work with elderly patients.

Physiotherapy is taught at **Monash, La Trobe, Charles Sturt and Melbourne** Universities.

**ACU** is introducing the course at Ballarat campus in 2017.

The ATAR required for all courses is very high, and admission to the **Monash degree also requires an interview**.

The Melbourne degree is post-graduate.

A **science background and interest** is required for successful completion of the course.

### **WHAT IS MYOTHERAPY?**

This is a **remedial massage course which assists in rehabilitation, pain and injury management**.

The Advanced Diploma takes two to three years to complete.



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Some students who are interested in physiotherapy but who are not able to obtain the required ATAR find Myotherapy a satisfying alternative.

It is offered at a number of institutions such as Box Hill, Chisholm, Holmesglen, Melbourne Polytechnic, RMIT and Victoria University.

### **WHAT IS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY?**

Do you want to engage people to participate in activities to their full potential?

Occupational Therapy involves working with individuals, groups and communities **to enhance their ability to engage in the occupations they want to, need to, or are expected to do.**

It is offered at ACU, Charles Sturt, La Trobe, Deakin (Geelong), and Monash universities.

### **WHAT IS PROSTHETICS?**

Learn about artificial limbs (prostheses) for people with amputations and supporting devices (orthoses) for people with musculoskeletal weaknesses.

In Victoria this degree course is taught only at La Trobe University.

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