



Wyndham Central College Career News

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WHAT IS 'CAREER NEWS' ALL ABOUT?

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 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.

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.

REMINDER...

- **Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT):**
Register by 3rd June, Test date 27th July (required by undergraduate Medicine at Monash University).

HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT UNIVERSITY AND VET COURSES ON OFFER?

School students who *do their research* usually find it *easier to make critical career/course decisions* than those who do not. What research is recommended?

- Go to the **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website** at www.vtac.edu.au and do a **Course Search** (eg find where a particular course is taught, what is this year's ATAR, what are the prerequisite VCE subjects?)
- Go **on-line** and search for courses on institution websites
- Read **brochures/pamphlets** about courses available in the Careers Office (in the Student Services Centre)
- Go to **career events** such as **Career Expos**; eg VCE Careers Expo 2016 at Caulfield Racecourse, WRICA Careers Expo at Werribee Racecourse in May, (see information later in this newsletter)
- Go to **Institution Open Days** (usually on Sundays in August) – dates later
- Go to **events** such as **'Inside Monash'** (previously called 'At Monash') – details later in this newsletter, and **'Focus on Melbourne'** (University) – details later



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- Attend **School Holiday Programs** run by some universities and other organisations (eg the Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary)
- Search the **Job Guide** at www.jobguide.education.gov.au.
This site also offers links to other useful careers websites (eg **Job Outlook**).
Find out what a particular job involves, and what is the likely rate of employment upon graduation
- Attend **events** run during the year which **focus on particular careers** (eg sports related careers, dietetics, psychology careers seminars have been held in the past). Details in this newsletter as they come to hand.
- **Talk to people** who work in careers which interests you. Ask them questions such as:
 - What do they like about their careers?
 - Are there disadvantages?
 - How did they qualify?

MONASH UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS NEWS:

Monash offered **more than 10,000 students** a place in an undergraduate course for 2016.

There was an increase in offers made by the Faculty of **Business and Economics**, the Faculty of **Engineering** and the Faculty of **Science** compared with 2015.

Of these offers, **5,800** went to students with a **Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) application**.

These are applications from students who have suffered disadvantage in their education in some way (eg illness, disability and so on).

For your interest, and to give some guidance as to ATARs required by Monash, Clearly-In ATARs for all Monash courses can be viewed at: www.monash.edu/change-of-preference/assets/pdf/2016-round-1-clearly-in-atar.pdf

DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT STUDYING AT MONASH UNIVERSITY?

Monash is once again holding a **Seminar Series** where you can find out what it is **really like to study at Monash**.

The seminar series this year is known as '**Inside Monash**'.

The series kicks off with **Business and Economics on 9 March**, then **Science on 10 March** and **Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences on 15 March**.

When: 6.30pm-8.00pm, 9 March through to 13 September

Where: Clayton, Caulfield or Peninsula campuses

Book/Info: www.monash.edu/inside-monash

Other Information: Call 1800 MONASH.

NOTE: In **April** there are seminars on **Pharmacy, Design and Fine Art, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, Global Studies, Nursing and Midwifery, Architecture, Interior Architecture and Psychology**.

Seminars on other courses will follow from May to September.

See the above website for details and bookings.

These Seminars are highly recommended for learning more about the course/career which interests you.



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FOCUS ON DEAKIN UNIVERSITY...

Deakin is the **seventh largest** university in Australia with over 53,000 students.

It offers over 700 courses and careers at its four campuses:

- the largest campus is in the **Melbourne** suburb of **Burwood**
- there are two campuses in **Geelong**, one at **Waurm Ponds** and the other on the **Geelong Waterfront**
- a campus is located at **Warrnambool**.

Deakin offers real choice about how and when you learn, and it is possible to **fast-track your degree** by studying additional units in **Trimester 3**.

You can choose from a wide range of study areas and select from the huge range of elective units offered in many courses, including, in some cases, the option to choose elective units from a different field.

You can also choose how you study.

Cloud (online), the fifth campus, provides flexibility, enabling you to study where and when it suits.

Deakin is somewhat unusual in offering **three semesters** (trimesters) per year. This means that it is often possible to complete a three-year degree in two years by studying in January and February.

Deakin does not offer **VET courses** in the way that **RMIT, Swinburne and Victoria Universities** do. However, Deakin has **formal arrangement** with a number of VET providers offering pathways into their degrees. For example, **Bendigo TAFE, Box Hill Institute, Chisholm, Melbourne Polytechnic, Riverina TAFE, South West TAFE and The Gordon** (Geelong) have formal pathways.

For details: www.deakin.edu.au/pathways-to-deakin.

Another pathway to Deakin is from **Deakin College**. The College offers Diplomas in Commerce, Computing, Engineering, Health Sciences, Management, Media and Communications and Science. Students who perform well in these **one-year diplomas** are able to transition to the **second year** of a similar degree at Deakin University.

A great new resource for exploring courses and careers at Deakin can be found at: **explore.deakin.edu.au**. Featuring more than 700 courses and careers, this mobile tool will help you discover the myriad of future options available to you. You can scroll, select and save favourite courses and careers for later reference.

See: <http://explore.deakin.edu.au>

OPEN DAYS AT HOLMESGLEN...

Most tertiary institutions hold their Open Days in August (dates will be provided in the next Newsletter so you can get them in your diary). However, **Holmesglen has Open Days throughout the year**.

Holmesglen is mainly a VET provider (some degrees) with campuses in **Chadstone, City, Moorabbin and Waverley**.

Dates of Open Days are: 17 March, 12 May, 16 June, 11 August, 15 September, 27 October and 15 December.

On-line bookings are essential at www.holmesglen.edu.au/open.



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BIG CAREERS AND EDUCATION EVENT COMING...

Attending the **VCE and CAREERS EXPO 2016** is a great chance to **collect information** from a huge **range of providers at the one location**.

Exhibitors include: **VCE resource providers, universities and TAFE and training colleges**.

In addition, there will be seminars on VCE subjects, tertiary courses, career, gap year and study advice.

When: 9am-3pm, Thursday 5 & Friday 6 May; 10am-4pm, Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 May

Where: Caulfield Racecourse

Cost: \$10 per person, \$25 for families

Information: www.vceandcareers.com.au.

Put the date in your diary now!

NOTE: Events such as these are great for collecting **general information** from many sources, so are particularly good for Year 10-11.

Open Days at individual institutions will provide more **specific course information**.

SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY NEWS...

Swinburne is a provider of **higher education** and **vocational education and training (VET)** courses.

Its main campus is in **Hawthorn**, with small campuses in **Croydon and Wantirna**.

2016 saw the introduction of **11 Professional Degrees** in areas such as Arts, Business, Computer Science, Engineering, Games and Interactivity, Health Science, Information and Communication Technology, Media and Communication, and Science.

These degrees are **for high-achieving students** and incorporate a **guaranteed, paid, full-time work placement**.

They feature a mandatory 12-month work placement which is normally undertaken during the third year of study. Students receive **academic credit and gain valuable skills** that will make graduates **job-ready**.

The university will find appropriate placements for students.

UniLink is quite a recent development at Swinburne.

UniLink offers **one-year courses** for students who are unable to reach the required ATAR for Swinburne degrees.

Around **80% of UniLink students are able to move into appropriate degrees at Swinburne** in the following year.

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