



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...

- **Year 9 – 11 Pathways Expo (Academic & Applied Focus/Defence Force Presentation):** Monday 18 July
- **Year 10 into 11 Subject Tasters:** Tuesday 19 July
- **Years 9 – 11 Subject Expo:** Wednesday 20 July, Sessions 1 – 4
- **Subject Selection Counselling (SSC's) for Years 9 – 11 Students/Parents:** Thursday 21 July, 9am – 7pm

- **'INSIDE MONASH' UNIVERSITY SEMINARS**
Final seminars in the series: **Science** - August 24; **Teaching** - September 13
For details, and to **book** go to: www.monash.edu/inside-monash
- **NURSING AT DEAKIN**
Information session: **Burwood** 20 July **OR** 23 July; **Geelong** 20 July or 23 July; **Warrnambool** 22 July
Book: Phone 9244 6032
See: www.deakin.edu.au/nursing-midwifery.

• OPEN DAY REMINDER...

University and TAFE Open Days are just around the corner. These are an opportunity to **check out campuses and courses** which interest you. Year 10 is a great time to commence these visits. Some students will spend more time checking out a \$5,000 used car than checking out an investment in education which may cost \$20,000 or more....

Some Open Day Dates for 2016:

- *Sunday 31 July* – Swinburne University
- *Saturday 6 August* – Monash (Peninsula)



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- *Sunday 7 August* – **Deakin** University (Warrnambool); **La Trobe** University (Bundoora); **Monash** University (Caulfield & Clayton)
- *Sunday 14 August* – **Australian Catholic** University (Melbourne), **La Trobe** University (Bendigo); **RMIT** University; **William Angliss** Institute
- *Sunday 21 August* – Box Hill (Lilydale campus); **Deakin** University (Waterfront & Waurn Ponds); University of **Melbourne**; **Monash** (Parkville)
- *Sunday 28 August* – **ACU** (Ballarat); **Box Hill** Institute (Box Hill); **Deakin** University (Burwood); **Federation** University; **Victoria** University (Footscray campus)

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAY VISITS...

Don't wander aimlessly....try these:

- Get an **Open Day Guide**, eg from www.deakin.edu.au/openday, www.openday.unimelb.edu.au, or www.monash.edu/openday and be there when relevant **information sessions** are on
- Allow **sufficient time** for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
- Speak to **staff/students** about courses which interest you - note your **questions beforehand**
- Collect **information/brochures**
- Ask about **industry based-learning** (IBL) opportunities; these can assist with gaining employment
- Ask about **international study** opportunities – a popular option
- Consider **transport** issues; is the campus accessible from where you live?
- Check the **environment** where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
- Consider the **facilities/clubs** offered at your preferred institution
- Consider a **rural campus** - ATAR's are often lower at rural campuses and they often offer other advantages.

NOTE: If you plan to apply for a course involving an **interview/folio presentation/audition** as part of the selection process, **attendance is A MUST! You might be asked what you learned at Open Day.**

YEAR 12 NEWS – APPLYING FOR COURSES

Applications are usually made on the **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)** website, **opening on Mon 1 August**, with timely applications **closing on 29 Sept** (see www.vtac.edu.au).

You will be able to apply for up to **eight courses**, placing them in **the order you most want them**. You will be offered a place in **the highest course in your list** for which you meet the ATAR/Selection requirements/pre-requisite subjects.

As we know, some **circumstances** can spoil a student's academic achievement. Tertiary institutions are aware of this and offer **alternative entry schemes** taking into account **short- and long-term disadvantage**. While many are offered through the single **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)** application process, others require application to the institution. **Note:** SEAS applications cannot be completed until you have made a course application through VTAC.

See: www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html



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MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS...

- **MONASH GUARANTEE AND SEAS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS**

Monash operates two *access schemes*, the **Monash Guarantee** and the **SEAS** that can help you enter your preferred course, **even if your ATAR is below the clearly-in ATAR**. It is possible to be eligible for one or both schemes. The **Monash Guarantee** can get you into a course even if you don't reach the course's clearly-in ATAR. You could be eligible if you have experienced **financial disadvantage** or if you are an **Indigenous Australian** (Note: the Monash Guarantee also applies to students who **attend a Monash under-represented school**). Every course has a Monash Guarantee ATAR.

For Information: <http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/the-monash-guarantee/monash-guarantee-atars>.

SEAS adjusts your ATAR in recognition of **circumstances** that may have affected your education.

See: <http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/special-entry-access-scheme>.

- **MONASH ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (MADA)**

Is holding **workshops** which offer a way to get tips on the **application process** for MADA courses.

When: 26 & 27 September

Where: MADA (Caulfield campus)

For: Year 11 & 12 students

Bookings: www.monash.edu/mada/workshops.

- **NEW VERTICAL DOUBLE ARTS DEGREE**

This means that students can gain a **Bachelor of Arts degree and relevant Master's degree in four years**. The offering will be accessed either **commencing directly** into a planned vertical course program or **electing to move** into the double degree structure while undertaking their Bachelor's degree. Students will need to achieve a 75% average in their first two full time years to progress to the Master's course.

- **NEW PATHWAYS INTO LAW**

For students with the **determination to succeed** in the B. Laws but **just miss out on the clearly-in ATAR**, and **identify** as an **Indigenous Australian**, live in a **low socio-economic area** OR have **experienced financial hardship**. The new courses allow students to study law units from day one so they can try law before committing to the full degree. New courses:

✚ **Bachelor of Arts (Law pathway)**

✚ **Bachelor of Commerce (Law pathway)**

✚ **Bachelor of Science (Law pathway)**

In the first year they will study **four first year law subjects** along with **four Arts, Commerce or Science subjects**. Students who **pass all eight units with a credit (60%) average** in all **four law units** and a **credit (60%) average overall**, will be **guaranteed a place** in either **B. Laws/B. Arts, B. Laws/B. Commerce or B. Laws/B. Science** OR **second year of the B. Laws (Honours)** single degree.

Information and eligibility: www.monash.edu/law/future-students/undergraduate/pathways.



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• **MONASH BUSINESS SCHOOL**

Has a City location at **Level 7, 271 Collins St Melbourne.**

Learn about their **B. International Business** degree taught there at **Open House**, 11am-3pm, Sunday 14 August.

Register: www.business.monash.edu/programs/undergraduate-programs/find-out-more/business-open-house

DEAKIN INFORMATION SESSIONS...

Health Sciences: Geelong Wednesday 20 July; Burwood Saturday 27 July

RSVP <http://www.deakin.edu.au/health-social-development/short-courses/short-course-details/school-events>

Food and Nutrition: Burwood Saturday 16 July, <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/deakin-university-food-and-nutrition-science-information-session-tickets-25732782445>

Exercise and Sports Science: Burwood Saturday 23 July; <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/deakin-university-exercise-and-sport-science-information-sessions-tickets-25717693313>

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY'S ASPIRE PROGRAM...

Applications are open. Aspire recognises **the positive impact** a student has had on their local community.

La Trobe has updated the **'How to Apply'** page with tips and given a **sample application**. Frequently asked questions:

- **What ATAR must I achieve for the Aspire program?** Most courses have a **minimum ATAR of 50**, although some professional degrees have higher requirements
- **Do I have to arrange anything for my school recommendation?** No, **La Trobe will contact the school** so you only need to advise which school you attend
- **Do I still have to apply through VTAC if I get an Aspire offer?** Yes – **your Aspire course should be your highest eligible preference**. If you list a different course that you are eligible for above your Aspire offer, you will be made an offer into the different course and your Aspire offer will become void.

More Information and to apply: www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire

AT ACU STUDENTS ARE MORE THAN THEIR ATAR...

ACU's new **Passion for Business (P4B)** and **Passion for Law and Commerce (P4law-commerce)** programs are **not** just about your ATAR; they are about providing a **unique opportunity for students with a passion for business or law**.

If you are in Year 12 and you want to get an early competitive edge with a guaranteed entry to ACU see www.acu.edu.au/P4B or www.acu.edu.au/p4law-commerce.



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ARE THERE REGULATIONS WHEN EMPLOYING A CHILD?

Yes! Some people are unaware that employing a child under 15 years of age involves **strict regulation**, with **heavy penalties** (up to \$10,000) for **breaching** them (for the employer or the parent/guardian who allows it). If a child is offered work, it would be wise to be aware of, and follow, these regulations.

See: www.workforce.vic.gov.au – go to Hiring and Managing Staff, then to Employing Children, OR call a **Child Employment Officer** on 1800 287 287.

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