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PATHWAYS INTERVIEWS/PROGRAMS...

The initial Year 12 Pathways Interviews have been completed. Year 12's are now invited to stop by the Careers Centre to follow up on the discussions, research, etc. The VTAC Application Process and Other Pathways Application Process has commenced this term. Information was disseminated via assemblies for both students (on Thursday 4 August) and parents (on Tuesday evening, 9 August, 7pm in our Auditorium) by Mrs Kathy Karlovic, the Pathways & Transitions Leader.

All Year 12 students have attended the Tertiary Information Service (TIS) Event on Tuesday 12 July, held at Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus. The TIS event is an introduction to the VTAC Application Process followed by a mini tertiary institutional expo.

All Year 9, 10 & 11 students are also invited to stop by the Careers Centre to book a pathways interview, visit the Careers Reference Centre, collect tertiary handbooks/brochures, etc.

The Careers Program, which officially commenced last term for these year levels with an Introductory Careers Assembly, was administered via their CAPs/MIPS classes. A letter was sent home to parents/guardians via students outlining the Careers Program. The purpose of this program for the Year 9, 10 & 11 students was to investigate career pathways and to select the appropriate electives or programs, either VCE or VCAL and subjects to study in Year 11 or 12, if the VCE program is selected. For the Year 11 students it is important for them to confirm that they have selected the correct program/subjects and to make an informed decision as to which subject they will not continue with the following year (in Year 12). Subject Selection Counselling for all Year 9, 10 & 11 students with their parents was held during Careers/Pathways Week on Thursday evening, 21st July. Letters were sent home advising parents of the details. The Pathways week consisted of a Pathways Expo with an applied and academic focus, a Subject Expo highlighting the programs and subjects on offer at Wyndham Central College for all our Year 9, 10 & 11 students and VCE/VCAL Subject Tasters for our current Year 10 students.

The Careers Centre is open to all students throughout the school day. It is run via interview bookings to ensure students' needs are met. Students may also stop by – an open door policy – for a quick chat, followed by an appointment booking if necessary.

REMINDERS...

Wyndham Central College Events – Term 2 & 3:

- **Tertiary Information Service Event for all Year 12 Students was held on Tuesday 12th July at Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus**
- **SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme) Year 12 Briefing: To be held on Thursday 25th August during session 3**
- **VTAC Student Briefing: Was held on Thursday 4th August, Session 2**
- **VTAC Parent Briefing: Was held on Tuesday evening, 9th August, 7pm (The Auditorium)**
- **'INSIDE MONASH' UNIVERSITY SEMINARS – Final seminars in the series:
Science - August 24; Teaching - September 13
Details and bookings: www.monash.edu/inside-monash**



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- **YEAR 12 VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC)** applications are open
Timely applications close **29 September**
(see www.vtac.edu.au)
- **MONASH ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (MADA) WORKSHOPS:** 26 & 27 September, MADA (Caulfield campus) for Year 11 & 12's
Bookings: www.monash.edu/mada/workshops.

REMAINING OPEN DAY DATES:

- *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** (Parkville) & **Monash**(Parkville)
- *Sunday 28 August:* **ACU** (Ballarat), **Box Hill** Institute (Box Hill), **Deakin** University (Burwood), **Federation** University & **Victoria** University (Footscray campus)

YEAR 10 AND 11 NEWS...

For **students in Year 10** who will enter VCE next year and for **Year 11 students** considering subjects for 2017, go to www.vtac.edu.au and then find **Explore Course Options** under the heading **Search for Courses**. You will be able to **enter an entire proposed VCE program** and **discover what tertiary courses are available to you** (ie courses for which you have the prerequisite VCE subjects) or find out **whether you need a particular VCE subject** for a course you are considering.

ALL YEAR 10 and 11 students are advised to use this EXCELLENT facility.

NEW SELECTION TEST INTO TEACHING COURSES...

The Commonwealth Government now requires **all students undertaking Initial Teacher Education courses** in Australia to **pass a literacy and numeracy test** in order to obtain their degree. These tests will **ensure all new teachers have the literacy and numeracy skills required to meet the demands of teaching.**

Information and sample questions: www.studentsfirst.gov.au/teacher-quality.

CAREERS IN PSYCHOLOGY SEMINAR...

Interested in **studying psychology at university?**

Would you like to find out about **specialist areas of psychology?** Each year the Student Committee of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) runs a **careers seminar for aspiring psychologists**. This is an opportunity for you to get your questions answered.

When: 6.00-9.00pm, Wednesday 24 August

Where: Cathedral Hall, Australian Catholic University (ACU), 20 Brunswick St, Fitzroy.

For more information and to register your attendance:
www.psychology.org.au/Events/EventView.aspx?ID=16940.

LOTS OF YEAR 12 NEWS...

You are reminded that **applications for courses for 2017 are now open** on the VTAC website. You will need your **VCAA student number** to create an account, the first step in the application process.

Timely applications close on 29 September (cost \$32.00).

Late applications cost \$100.00.



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Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) applications are also open and can be completed following a VTAC course application (**close 4 October**).

Scholarship applications done through VTAC **close on 14 October**.

You can change your VTAC course application as much as you wish at no extra charge.

- **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS FOR YEAR 12'S**

➤ **HOW CAN I ACCESS THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE?** Students from a **rural or isolated area** or who have a **disadvantaged financial background** could be eligible for a **guaranteed place** at Melbourne by applying through **ACCESS MELBOURNE** – even if your ATAR is below the Clearly-in Rank.

Eligibility checklist:

- ✚ student must have **completed an Australian Year 12 (or IB) in 2016**
- ✚ student is eligible for consideration in **one or both of the categories** 'disadvantaged financial background' and 'from a rural or isolated area'
- ✚ the student satisfies the **prerequisite subjects** for their chosen course
- ✚ **achieved an ATAR** or notional ATAR of 78 or more for Design or Science, 80 or more for Arts, 88 or more for Commerce and 95 or more for Biomedicine.

See: https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/access_melbourne_and_equity_programs

- **DO YOU HAVE AN AUDITION COMING UP?**

The **Victorian College of the Arts (VCA)** and the **Melbourne Conservatorium of Music (MCM)** offer **Audition Preparation Workshops** that will break down the audition process and equip you with information needed to succeed. These are practical sessions designed to provide you with the **techniques and confidence** to present yourself in the best light. Workshops are **one or two day intensives** and **registrations are now open**.

Available in: dance, jazz improvisation, music theatre and theatre. **Go to:** **BOOK NOW**

- **MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS**

- **WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE BERWICK CAMPUS OF MONASH?**

Monash has announced that it is **closing** its campus at Berwick. The **good news** is that **it will be taken over by Federation University** (pending government approvals).

Federation University is a **combination** of the former **University of Ballarat** and the former **Gippsland campus of Monash University** at Churchill.

Federation University will offer 15 degree programs at Berwick in 2017 in the fields of **business, education, nursing, IT and science**.

NOTE: Monash students enrolled at Berwick will **continue to be taught by Monash staff** and, subject to meeting the normal requirements, **graduate with a Monash degree**. Some Monash students may remain at Berwick in 2017, while others will transfer to Peninsula and Clayton campuses to complete their courses.



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➤ **MONASH GUARANTEE NEW CATEGORY**

As mentioned previously, Monash University offers **guaranteed places in certain circumstances** relating to where your school is located and to your financial circumstances. You will now be eligible for a guaranteed place at Monash if:

- ✚ you live in a **low socio-economic area** or
- ✚ your school is a Monash **under-represented school** or
- ✚ you have **experienced financial disadvantage** or
- ✚ you are an **Indigenous Australian**.

You can enter your address into the Monash online calculator to find out if you qualify.

See: www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/the-monash-guarantee.

➤ **MONASH SCHOLARSHIP**

➤ With Monash's scholarship programs, students can access a range of services and financial assistance.

✚ **Merit scholarships** are awarded based on **academic achievement** and have both **financial and academic benefits**. There is **no application requirement** as it is granted on the ATAR achieved, however, students must have **Monash listed** as at least one VTAC preference to be considered.

✚ **Equity scholarships** are intended for those who identify as **Indigenous Australian or Torres Strait Islander**, or are currently experiencing **financial hardships or disadvantage**. Students must **submit an application for equity scholarships through VTAC**, along with necessary **supporting documentation**. Applications close on 14 October. See: www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships.

For a comprehensive list and details: www.monash.edu.au/scholarships.

➤ **MONASH PATHWAYS**

Pathway courses allow students who **may not reach the required ATAR or meet prerequisites**, to **gain entry into Monash**.

The **Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS)** and the **Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE)** are both equivalent to the first year of a university undergraduate degree and allow students to transition to the second year of their destination degree. Apply through VTAC. In addition, you must submit a Monash University Supplementary Information Form by 31 December.

• **LA TROBE UNIVERSITY'S HALLMARK PROGRAM**

Due to recent changes made to the hallmark program, **individual hallmark courses will no longer be made available through the VTAC system**. The hallmark program is now exclusive to students who receive the **Vice Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship**. Students who have studied their first year at La Trobe who achieve at least a 75% Weighted Average Mark (WAM) also have the **opportunity to apply for the hallmark program** to commence in their second year of study.

For more information see: www.latrobe.edu.au/hallmark.

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