



## Wyndham Central College Career News

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### **This is the last edition of Careers Newsletter for 2016 - 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...**

#### **REMINDER...**

- **YEAR 12 VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC)** - timely applications **closed on 29 September**. Applications can still be made, but now cost **\$100**.

#### **YEAR 12 AND VTAC...**

- Late **course applications** can still be made, but now cost \$100 (till 4 Nov). After that applications cost \$130 (till 2 Dec). The payment **deadline** for most applicants is **19 December**.
- Course **preference changes** can be made till 12 noon 20 December, except for the period 8 – 21 November. They can also be made **between Offer Rounds** in January and February
- The **first Offer Round** of courses will be on 18 January, the second on 7 February. There will be three later rounds of offers as well
- You are advised to **accept your first offer of a tertiary place**.  
Most applicants will only receive one offer.  
**Accepting an offer does not stop you from receiving a later offer** for a course higher in your preference list.

#### **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 12 – noon on Tues 20 December).

During this time tertiary institutions run **information sessions, COP Expos, offer phone assistance**, and will help you in any way they can.

You can also obtain **assistance at school**. Refer to information at the end of this newsletter.

These institutions are offering the following (check online for more details):

- **Australian Catholic University** – **Hotline: 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228)**  
**COP event** on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- **Box Hill Institute** – **Hotline: 1300 BOX HILL (1300 269 445); 5-7pm**  
**COP Night** 14 December (all campuses)
- **Charles Sturt University** – **Hotline: 1800 334 733**
- **Chisholm** – **Hotline: 1300 244 746**
- **Deakin University** – **Hotline: 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733)**  
**Chat online with staff and ask questions:** <http://choose.deakin.edu.au/>  
**Information Evenings:** 4-7pm, 15 December, Level 2, Building BC, **Burwood**

**Campus**



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4-7pm, 16 December 1 Gheringhap St, **Geelong Waterfront**

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Register: <http://choose.deakin.edu.au/>

- **Federation University - Hotline:** 1800 333 864
- **Holmesglen – Hotline:** 1300 693 888
- **Kangan – Hotline:** 13 8233
- **La Trobe – Hotline:** 1300 135 045  
**Advisory Day:** Tuesday 13 December (Bundoora 10am-2pm), (Bendigo 11am-2pm).
- **Melbourne Polytechnic – Hotline:** 9269 1200
- **Monash – COP Expo:** 3-7pm, Wed 14 December, Building H, Caulfield campus, 900 Dandenong Rd, Caulfield East  
**COP Hotline:** 1800 MONASH (1800 666 274)  
**See** [www.study.monash](http://www.study.monash)
- **RMIT – Hotline:** 9925 2260  
**Visit** Info Corner, 330 Swanston St, Melbourne (Cnr. La Trobe St)  
**COP Expos:** Arts, Design, Communication, Justice, International & Community Services courses 11am-1pm, 14 December  
Business courses 3-5pm, 14 December  
Science, Engineering & Health courses 11am-1pm, 15 December  
<http://inspired.rmit.edu.au> .
- **Swinburne –Hotline:** 1300 275 794  
**COP Expo:** 11am-4pm, 14 December (Hawthorn campus)  
**See:** [www.swinburne.edu.au/choose](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose).
- **University of Melbourne –Hotline:** 13 MELB (13 6352)  
**Email** [13MELB@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:13MELB@unimelb.edu.au)
- **Victoria – Hotline:** 1300 VIC UNI (1300 842 864)  
**Book appointment:** [www.vu.edu.au/change](http://www.vu.edu.au/change)  
**COP Expo:** 3.30-6.30pm, 14 December (Footscray Park)
- **William Angliss – Hotline:** 1300 ANGLISS (1300 264 547)

## UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS...

- **TRANSPARENCY OF OFFERS AND ATARS's**  
Students wishing to learn more about the **distribution of ATAR's** in the previous January offer round can check out details.  
**See:** [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/entry-requirements/summary-of-undergraduate-offers](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/entry-requirements/summary-of-undergraduate-offers).
- **NEW SCIENCE MAJORS IN 2017**  
**41 areas of specialisation** are now available in the Bachelor of Science with the addition of **Data Science** and **Environmental Engineering Systems**. A **data science** major gives graduates a deep understanding of how to apply statistical and computing principles to working with big data. The other



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new major focuses on the **interactions between physical materials and processes, and human and non-human organisms**. Go to: [www.bsc.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.bsc.unimelb.edu.au).

- **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONSULTATIONS**

Year 12 students can book a consultation at **Melbourne** to discuss study options, applications and support services.

**When:** 2-5pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays

**Register:** [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/consultations-yr12](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/consultations-yr12).

- **RESOURCES FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS...**

Those applying for Melbourne are eligible for entry and scholarship consideration under the **Access Melbourne** scheme.

Also offered are the 4-year Bachelor of Arts (Extended) and Bachelor of Science (Extended) for Indigenous students.

Support is available through Murrup Barak, the Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development.

### **INDIGENOUS STUDENTS: THINK YOUR WAY**

Get **inspired** and build **aspirations** by checking out this portal, providing **information, links and resources** and **videos** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders '**thinking their way**' to **achieving educational ambitions**.

**See:** [www.thinkyourway.edu.au](http://www.thinkyourway.edu.au).

### **WHAT IF I DO NOT GET A HIGH ENOUGH ATAR TO GET INTO MY DESIRED COURSE?**

**Many pathways and programs exist to assist in getting to where you want to go.**

#### **Suggestions:**

- Complete a **Diploma of Tertiary Studies** at **Monash University** in either business, education or nursing (ATAR 50+) **OR** a Diploma of Higher Education (ATAR 65+); Indigenous pathways  
**See:** [www.study.monash/how-to-apply/indigenous-student-applications](http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/indigenous-student-applications)
- Complete a course at **Monash College** in Art & design, Arts (Human Behaviour or Psychology streams), Business or Commerce, Engineering or Science  
Search Courses on VTAC website
- Complete a course at **Deakin College** in Commerce, Computing, Engineering, Health Sciences, Management, Media and Communication or Science
- Complete a **UniLink Diploma** at **Swinburne** (Arts and Communications, Business, Design, Engineering, Health Science, IT, Science)
- Complete a **Diploma at La Trobe Melbourne** in Biosciences, Business, Engineering, Health Sciences, IT or Mass Media Communications
- Complete a **Tertiary Preparation Course** at **RMIT** in engineering or science
- 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



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- 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)
- **Complete a Certificate IV in Liberal Arts** – a pathway into a range of degrees.  
**Swinburne and Victoria University** have this Certificate
- 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, Chisholm, Federation, Goulburn Ovens, Holmesglen, RMIT or Swinburne
- **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/](http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/2014/other_courses/vocational_education_training_vet/)
- Complete a **Victoria University Foundations@VU** alternative entry to higher education and diploma studies course - a 13 week course designed to build academic skills needed for tertiary study.  
**See:** [www.vu.edu.au/courses/foundations-at-vu-iyac](http://www.vu.edu.au/courses/foundations-at-vu-iyac)
- Complete a 2-year **Associate Degree** – want to study at university but not sure you will meet the entry requirements for a bachelor's degree? Several universities offer these (eg Deakin, RMIT).

### **YEAR 12: RESULTS and DECEMBER CHANGE OF PREFERENCE.**

1. VCE Results and ATARS available on the internet from **7am MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 2016**
2. VCE results and ATARS received in the mail by **WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016.**
3. Mrs. Karlovic, the Pathways & Transitions Leader, will be available to students from Monday 12 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.
4. **RESULTS/CHANGE of PREFERENCE/PATHWAYS MORNING TEA**

**DATE: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**TIME: 10am – 12.30pm**

**LOCATION: Student Services Centre, Outside the Careers Office**



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**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.**

5. Refer to the ABC of Applying 2017, pages 21-22, for further information regarding accessing of results.

Details regarding SMS notification of Results is also explained on page 21 of the ABC of Applying 2017. Students must go to [www.vtac.edu.au/sms](http://www.vtac.edu.au/sms) for information on registering for the SMS service.

6. 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  
Tel: 9741 4911 ext 924**