



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 of interest, **Career Expos**, insights into a number of **careers**, and where you can get help.

Students who do their research during Year 9-12 usually find it easier to make some career decisions at the end of Year 12.

CAREER TOOLS: ONLINE RESOURCE...

RE: wcccareers.com – the new comprehensive online careers resource

Wyndham Central College has now provided its students and their parents/guardians with a 'School Careers Website'. You can find 'Career Tools' on the Pathways Portal under Student/Parent Links on the College Homepage.

It's a "One Stop Shop" for students' needs with their Career Planning, Information, VCE, Post School Options and much more.

Students can also use it to create and save their resume.

The site is also designed with the parent/guardian in mind, to provide both students and parents/guardians with all the information needed about the students' Career/Pathway Planning and post school options – and the information is constantly changing in these areas.

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 will take place shortly 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.

REMINDERS:

- **UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AT MONASH - UMAT applications close at 5pm, 2 June. Test is 26 July.** The UMAT **Information Booklet** is available online at <http://umat.acer.edu.au>.
- **FIND OUT ABOUT MONASH COURSES** – by attending an 'Inside Monash' seminar, 6.30-8pm. Coming soon: **March** 7th Arts, 8th Business, 9th Science, 28th Pharmacy; **April** 6th Design and Fine Art, 11th Architecture, 12th Interior Architecture
Register: www.monash.edu/inside-monash;
- **MONASH INTERNATIONAL VCE STUDENT EXPERIENCE DAY** – 9.30am-3pm, Friday 31 March, Exhibition Space H1.16, Building H, Caulfield Campus
Information: <http://www.monash.edu/monash-international-student-experience-day> or amy.little@monash.edu.au.
- **INTERESTED IN AVIATION?** Then attend the **AIRSHOW 2017**. Public sessions: 10am-4.30pm, Fri 3 March – Sun 5 March, Avalon Airport Geelong
Bookings/ information: www.airshow.com.au.



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WHERE TO FOR JOBS?

We all hear about **loss** of jobs, the **changing** employment scene, **part time** work, underemployment, jobs of the **future**. Obviously the future job situation is very **hard to predict**, but clearly, young people of today **face tough decisions** and an **uncertain future** regarding their study and career options. In this regard, you might be interested to read some of **Jan Owen's** thoughts in the publication **The New Work Order: Ensuring young Australians have skills and experience for jobs of the future, not the past**, at <http://www.fya.org.au/2015/08/23/media-release-young-people-hardest-hit-by-new-work-order/>. She believes that there will be **three key economic drivers – automation, globalisation and collaboration**. It makes for interesting, if concerning reading, with young people facing career/employment options entirely different from many of the older generations.

SOME OPEN DAY DATES FOR 2017...

These dates are supplied now **for your diaries** so you don't double book activities on these days. Attendance at Open Days is **vital** for senior school students. They are especially important for courses which involve a **folio presentation, an interview, an audition or completion of some type of information kit** as part of the application process (eg many art, design, drama and music courses).

You need to see the facilities, go to an information session, talk to staff/students, and compare institutions.

- **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU):** Sunday 13 August (Melbourne), Sunday 27 August (Ballarat)
- **BOX HILL INSTITUTE:** Sunday 20 August (Lilydale), Sunday 27 August (Box Hill)
- **DEAKIN UNIVERSITY:** Sunday 6 August (Warrnambool), Sunday 20 August (Geelong), Sunday 27 August (Melbourne)
- **FEDERATION UNIVERSITY:** Sunday 27 August (Ballarat, Berwick and Gippsland)
- **HOLMESGLEN:** Thursdays – book on-line
- **LA TROBE UNIVERSITY:** Sunday 6 August (Melbourne), Sunday 27 August (Bendigo)
- **MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC:** Saturday 19 August (Preston)
- **MONASH UNIVERSITY:** Saturday 5 August (Peninsula), Sunday 6 August (Caulfield and Clayton), Sunday 20 August (Parkville)
- **RMIT:** Sunday 13 August (City and Bundoora)
- **SWINBURNE:** Sunday 30 July (Hawthorn)
- **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE:** Sunday 20 August (Parkville)
- **VICTORIA UNIVERSITY:** Sunday 20 August (Footscray)



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SWINBURNE NEWS...

Swinburne is both a **University and a TAFE provider**. Its main campus is in Hawthorn, right by Glenferrie station. It also has campuses in Croydon and Wantirna. It offers courses through from Certificates to Doctorates.

- **GROWTH** - Swinburne experienced a **15% increase** in first preference applications for courses for 2017 over the previous year. There was also a 5% increase in offers of places at Swinburne. This was despite an overall fall in offers in Victoria of 6%. **Health Sciences** experienced the greatest increase of 117% over the last year. Design achieved an 18% increase, Computer Sciences/ICT increased by 16%, Business by 15% and Media and Communications by 13%.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS** - From 2017 onwards, scholarships of \$5,000pa will be automatically offered to Swinburne applicants who receive an ATAR of 95 or more (no separate application required). Various grants are also available (apply direct to Swinburne). In addition, the **High Achievers Program (HAP)** will provide students receiving an ATAR of 95 or more with mentors, a personalised program, projects, and one-on-one assistance.
- **NEW COURSES AT SWINBURNE IN 2017** will be the **Bachelor of Nursing** (with a technology focus) and the **Bachelor of Engineering Practice**. There will also be a **Diploma of Advanced Technologies**.
- Swinburne is commencing an **EARLY LEADERS PROGRAM**.
The ELP provides secondary students with **opportunities to build and document their individual strengths and interests**. The program identifies students who show enthusiasm and achievement in areas **outside their secondary studies**, including volunteer work, club or society participation, school projects and career exploration. By **documenting and reflecting** on their skills and achievements, students will create a valuable resource with certified credentials from Swinburne for use in applications for employment, further study or other pursuits. Part of the reason for this program is that students are **individuals** with individual talents that may **not be recognised by the ATAR system**.
NOTE: It is **not** an early offer program. The program is aimed at students in Year 11.
Register interest at: <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/early-leaders>.
- Swinburne is now offering a Masters degree in **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**, and from 2018 – 2020 will introduce Masters degrees in **PHYSIOTHERAPY, DIETETICS and SPEECH PATHOLOGY**.



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LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS...

La Trobe's main campus is located at Bundoora (Melbourne), and has campuses in Bendigo, Albury-Wodonga, Shepparton and Mildura. La Trobe turns 50 this year!

- **'EXPERIENCE LA TROBE'** – How can you find out about studying at La Trobe University?
Experience La Trobe provides an opportunity to attend workshops, lectures, and seminars whilst being exposed to areas of the university not usually available on Open Day. You'll be able to talk to current academics and students to find out what their dream career is really like. Parents can attend the parents' session if they wish covering topics like university costs, courses and admissions.
When: Melbourne: 9.30am – 4.30pm, Friday 7 April & Thursday 6 July.
Country campuses have Experience Days later in the year.
Registrations and information: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/experience-la-trobe-events>
- **ASPIRE** – La Trobe has offered the ASPIRE program for three years now. ASPIRE students have shown a **significant commitment to their community** through volunteerism, service and leadership. As a result of this, ASPIRE students are able to access a place at La Trobe on a **significantly lower ATAR** than otherwise required. Many employers indicate that volunteer experience gives candidates an **advantage**, and ASPIRE students are leading the way in employability. More information on applications for 2018 later.

WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE...

William Angliss Institute is a specialist centre for food, tourism, hospitality and events careers. Located in La Trobe St Melbourne, it offers modern training facilities, a training restaurant, demonstration kitchens and a wide range of courses from certificates to degrees.

- Applications are now open for **CERT III in AVIATION (crew)**, starting in April. The course is for full-time study only and program runs from April to September.
Apply direct to William Angliss at www.angliss.edu.au.
NOTE: airlines provide their own training in addition to this.
- The **William Angliss Skills and Jobs Centre** will be holding an **industry insight into the travel and tourism industry**, designed for those interested in pursuing a tourism career who would like to gain knowledge of the industry.
When: 4pm, Thursday 16 March
Where: William Angliss Institute, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne.
Register on the William Angliss website.
- The Institute is conducting **School Holiday Programs** in April, July and September. These will involve **hands-on activities** in one specialist area, a campus **tour**, catered **lunch** and **course information session**.
The April session will be on **Thursday 13 April**. Book on-line.

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