



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 to assist students with the momentous decisions facing them this year have recently concluded. Year 10 Career Interviews will commence this coming week. 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 commence this term. More information to follow shortly.

REMINDERS...

- **Year 9 – 11 Career Interviews:** Staggered commencement in May. Year 11 Interviews have concluded. Year 10 to commence Monday 15th May and Year 9 Tuesday 13th June.
- **Introductory Parent Information Evening (Years 9, 10 & 11):** Monday 15th May.
- **WRICA 2016 Careers & Employment Expo, Werribee Racecourse (Years 10 – 12):** Thursday 18th May (Year 10 students) & Friday 19th May (Years 12 & 11 students). Excursion Forms being finalised
- **Year 7 – 9 Jobs Expo:** Wednesday 17th May, Sessions 2 & 3
- **UMAT applications close 2 June.** Test date 26 July. Information Booklet: <http://umat.acer.edu.au>
- **'INSIDE MONASH' Seminars – Coming in May:** 16th **Medicine and Biomedical Science**, 16th **Education**, 17th **Law**, 18th **Health Sciences**, 18th **IT**, 23rd **Biomedical Sciences, Radiography and Nutrition**, 25th **Engineering**; June: 14 **Business**; August 15 **Music**, 31 **Education**; **Science and Careers**
Register: www.monash.edu/inside-monash
- **EARLY ACHIEVERS PROGRAM (ACU):** Apply until 17 July.
See: www.acu.edu.au/eap.
- **'FOCUS ON MELBOURNE' in May:** 16th **Biomedicine**; 17th **Agriculture**; 18th **Veterinary Science**; 23rd **Engineering**; 24th **IT**; 30th **Science**
Further Information/Registration: <https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events>.
- **VICTORIAN INDIGENOUS ENGINEERING WINTER SCHOOL:** 1–7 July
Apply by Fri 2 June: <http://www.eng.unimelb.edu.au/engage/indigenous/views>
Information: matthew.currell@rmit.edu.au.
- **HEALTH INFORMATION SESSIONS AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY:** for **Exercise and Sport Science, Food and Nutrition Sciences, Health Sciences and Nursing and Midwifery.**
Register: www.deakin.edu.au/health/events
Course Information: 1800 693 888.

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT SCIENCE?

Students in **Year 11 in 2017** who have a passion for science and technology are encouraged to apply for the **National Youth Science Forum 2018 program**. Attending the NYSF is a great way to **assess your level of interest in** and **commitment to further STEM study**, and to **start building networks** for your future. The 12-day program offers **laboratory visits and science tours**, the chance to **mix with like-minded students**, and **activities that develop a better understanding of the range of study and career options**.



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When: January school holidays.

Information: www.nysf.edu.au

Questions: nysf@nysf.edu.au

Applications close: 30 May.

DISCOVER DESIGN AT SWINBURNE HOLIDAY PROGRAM...

Swinburne is both a provider of **University Degrees and of Certificates and Diplomas**. The main campus is in **Hawthorn** (next to Glenferrie Railway Station), while smaller campuses are located in **Croydon and Wantirna**.

This holiday program is for students wanting to learn more about **design careers, courses and pathways**. Participants will develop a **design portfolio**, broaden their **problem-solving and design-thinking skills** and **work in teams** – just like in a real studio.

Who: Year 10-12 students

When: 9am-5pm, 11-14 July

Where: AMDC Building, Melbourne Design Factory, Level 5, Swinburne Hawthorn

Places are limited so **register** early at: www.swinburne.edu.au/events/departments/health-arts-design/2017/07/discover-design-at-swinburne.php

WHAT ABOUT FOODS, TOURISM, HOSPITALITY AND EVENTS?

William Angliss Institute (555 La Trobe St, Melbourne) offers school students the opportunity to **immerse themselves** in their dream career via hands-on workshops. The workshops are ideal for students considering a career in foods, tourism, hospitality or events, with lunch, refreshments and campus tour included.

To register go to www.angliss.edu.au/schoolholidays

For information: phone 9606 2480 or andrewpl@angliss.edu.au.

WHAT DO PLANNERS DO?

Planners **create and manage urban environments** and aim to **make cities more efficient, sustainable, lively, attractive and liveable**. They also work to **protect our historic buildings and natural areas**, and to **prevent farmland and ecologically sensitive landscapes from becoming degraded**.

Urban planning is taught at a number of universities. At **RMIT** it is a four-year, honours level degree, accredited by the **Planning Institute of Australia**. Expert staff assist students to **understand** society and communities, to develop the **confidence** to take action, to **tackle** complex real-world problems, and to develop practical **solutions**. **Graduates are highly regarded and sought after** in the industry and many have opportunities to work abroad. The course includes sixty days of paid **work experience**. **Employment opportunities are good**, with local and state governments, consultancies, industry bodies, and in the non-government sector.

NOTE: Planning can also be studied at the **University of Melbourne, La Trobe University** (Bendigo campus) and through a graduate program at **Deakin University**.



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BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS AT VCA...

As noted last time, The **Victorian College of the Arts** has created two new specialisations in the **Bachelor Fine Arts – Acting and Theatre** – effective from Semester 1, 2018 (replacing the current Theatre Practice option). Students in the new specialisations will have a **common first year**, to develop **performance, voice and movement** skills then **separate in second year** to specialise in their respective areas.

The Acting stream focuses on **developing the craft of an actor for stage and screen**, and will hone the student's **acting, voice and movement skills** during the three-year program. Students will act in **screen and stage-based performance works**, and culminate in an **Actors Showcase in third year**.

The Theatre specialisation focuses on **developing performance-makers**. In second year students will **develop a new work to present in a national Fringe Festival**, and in third year develop a **project in a travelling studio in Australia or overseas**. Final year students present at a **Performing Arts Market**.

THE NEW COURSES AT A GLANCE:

- Prospective students can apply for **both** BFA Acting and BFA Theatre. **Transferring not possible**.
- There will be **40 places available**, split evenly between the two specialisations.
- The Theatre specialisation focuses on **developing performance-makers**, and the Acting one focuses on **developing highly trained actors**.
- Students will come together at times during years 2 and 3 for particular purposes.
- There will sometimes be collaboration with **Film and TV** students.
- There will be less Units than previously, giving more time for deeper learning and longer projects.
- A **Masters Program** is coming for both degrees.

What can I do if I miss out on a place and want to try again?

Suggestions:

- **See the shows** the VCA puts on
- **Do VCA short courses; attend the Fringe Festival.**
- Some students apply several times.

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR FUTURE IN IT...

In **Year 12** and would like to explore **Monash IT**? Then go to **workshops** on **programming and network security**, discovering the **opportunities available** at Monash IT, and **tour** the IT facility. Business **futurist** Morris Miselowski will address **future jobs in technology**. Hear from **IT lecturers and alumni about courses and careers**.

When: 10am-4pm, Saturday 27 May

Where: Clayton

Cost: Free

Register: www.monash.edu/take-control-monash-it



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✓ **Many universities are developing programs to assist their graduates become 'job ready'. Here are some more examples:**

CAREER READY ADVANTAGE AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY...

Career Ready Advantage is a new initiative that gives La Trobe's 35,000 students **an edge in today's competitive job market**. The program has been developed in collaboration with students and employers, and focuses on building **skills and experience** that bolster employability.

The program is designed to ensure that La Trobe's **graduates can meet the existing and future workforce needs** – including jobs which aren't yet in existence. Supported by an extensive Career Ready team, the program also includes **an innovative new app**, dedicated **website**, 'gamified' to cater to technology-savvy students. Career Ready Advantage offers **work experience, volunteering, mentoring, entrepreneurship, networking events, boot-camps and career management workshops**.

See: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/students/careers>.

BECOME THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS AT VU...

Victoria University in Footscray's **Centre for Work Integrated Learning (WIL)** prepares their **business students for employment**. The staff negotiate with industry professional to develop and manage suitable positions for Business students, offering:

- **A year of paid, fulltime employment** (min 40 weeks) as an **accredited** part of the degree
- **Business Integrated Learning** – recognises industry-based experiences such as project work, part-time employment or voluntary work while students complete their business qualifications
- The **Bachelor of Commerce** (City campus) prepares graduates for work in a range of finance-related areas. The curriculum has a job-ready focus with industry integration, workplace-based projects and a mentoring program. An overseas study tour is available in Asia or Europe.

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