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PATHWAYS INTERVIEWS/PROGRAMS...

The initial Year 12 Pathways Interviews were completed in Term 1. 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 will commence this term. Information will be disseminated via assemblies for both Students (on Tuesday 8 August) and Parents (on Tuesday evening, 8 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 Thursday 20 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, 27th 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 Thursday 20th July at Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus**
- **VTAC Student Briefing: To be held on Tuesday 8th August, Session 4**
- **VTAC Parent Briefing: To be held on Tuesday evening, 8th August, 7pm (The Auditorium)**
- **SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme) Year 12 Briefing: To be held on Monday 14th August during session 4**

- **'INSIDE MONASH': August 15th Music, 31st Education, 31st Science and Careers, September 5th Education**



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Register: www.monash.edu/inside-monash

- **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY - Careers Night:** 17 August
Contact Tina Morley, tina.morley@austin.org.au
- **'ASPIRE' applications are open** at La Trobe University. Closing date 31 August

OPEN DAYS STILL TO COME...

- **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)
- **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 – Pharmacy College)
- **RMIT:** Sunday 13 August (City and Bundoora)
- **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE:** Sunday 20 August (Parkville)
- **VICTORIA UNIVERSITY:** Sunday 20 August (Footscray)
- **WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE:** Sunday 13 August

YEAR 12 NEWS...

• VTAC APPLICATIONS

Applications for TAFE and University courses open on the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website **on Monday 7 August, 2017** at www.vtac.edu.au.

Use **CourseSearch** and VTAC App from the iOS App Store and Google Play (free) as the primary source of course information.

You will also find very useful **VTAC videos** about applying for courses, SEAS, scholarships, offers and changing preferences at www.youtube.com/vtacmedia.

You can 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 requirements.

- Don't forget to check out the **Selection Data** for each course for which you apply.
Many use only the **ATAR** for selection, however, a lot have other requirements such as an **audition, folio presentation, interview or an extra form/documents** that must be completed as well.
You will NOT be offered a place in any of these courses if you do not meet the selection requirements, regardless of your ATAR.
- You have **until 28 September** for a 'timely' application. After that, the normal **application fee of \$35.00** rises to **\$103.00**
- Some **Bachelor of FINE ARTS** degrees at the **University of Melbourne** (Southbank campus) have an **EARLIER VTAC APPLICATION CLOSING DATE:**



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- applications close on **31 August for Animation, Dance, Film and Television and Screenwriting.**
- For the others, **applications close on 28 September** and there are **no later applications.**
- For information about SEAS **participating institutions, how to apply, supporting evidence required** (with suggested tips) and other details **see:**
www.vtac.edu.au and search for SEAS.
- **WHAT IF I DON'T GET THE ATAR REQUIRED FOR MY DESIRED COURSE?**
Firstly, remember that even if you think the ATAR will be too high for you, **still put your most desired course first in your VTAC application.** ATAR's sometimes **come down** on previous years, and some applicants get in on lower ATAR's because of **bonus points** achieved, or with a **successful SEAS application**, so you might be surprised.
- **However, what can you do if you do not obtain a high enough ATAR** to access your course(s)?
Many universities offer **pathways** into university. For example:
 - **Deakin** has Deakin College, **Monash** has Monash College, **La Trobe** has La Trobe Melbourne and **Swinburne** has UniLink.
 - Courses at these institutions can be accessed with lower ATARs and usually provide pathways into related university degrees

Many **other pathways** exist, for example:

- **Monash** offers some diploma programs (in Business, Science, Education & Nursing)
 - the **University of Melbourne** offers a **Diploma of General Studies** as a pathway
 - **ACU** offers courses through ACUCom (ACU Community)
 - **Swinburne, RMIT and Victoria** Universities offer certificate and diploma courses in their VET divisions, often offering pathways to university
 - Some **VET providers** (eg Box Hill Institute) have formal pathways to university.
- Keep in mind, as noted previously, that some universities allow students to access their courses on a **lower ATAR** as a result of their **involvement in their communities** (eg **Aspire** program at La Trobe).

- **ENTRY TO INITIAL TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS:**

All universities are integrating a **CASPer** assessment as a requirement of their admission process for initial teacher qualifications for 2018 entry.

CASPer helps program leaders make more informed and data-driven admission decisions, resulting in stronger, higher quality students and graduates.

The purpose of the **CASPer** assessment is to determine students' non-academic suitability for teaching.

Course entries on the VTAC website (www.vtac.edu.au) indicate if this assessment must be undertaken as part of the admission process to teacher education courses.

Information including sample scenarios can be found at www.takecasper.com and www.altusassessments.com/.

Dates for completing **CASPer** are expected to be in late October and early November.

Cost: \$80.00.

See Mrs Karlovic for further information



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NEW BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING HONOURS (INDUSTRIAL) AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY...

La Trobe has announced that their Engineering undergraduate degree has been updated for 2018 and will be offered as a **Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Industrial)**. La Trobe is currently the only university in Australia offering an undergraduate degree in Industrial Engineering. This degree will prepare students for engineering roles which **improve business practices** and **systems** using up-to-date and advanced technologies. Graduates will drive innovation and industry growth, as our increasingly high-tech world transforms.

Career outcomes include jobs in advanced technology enterprises, start-up technology companies, health care, transport, aerospace, mining and defence.

NEW ARCHITECTURE DEGREE AT SWINBURNE...

A new [Bachelor of Design \(Architecture\)](#) will launch in Semester 1 2018 at Swinburne's Hawthorn campus, while a Master of Design (Architecture) will follow the first cohort of graduates. "The role of the architect has changed so much over the past 50 years," Dean of Swinburne's [School of Design](#), Professor [Jane Burry](#) says.

"We want our graduates to be future focused, preparing them to still be working in the industry in 40 years' time." The new courses will focus on digital technology, sustainability, smart cities, social innovation and architecture that promotes or enhances health and wellbeing. The courses will build on Swinburne's expertise across architectural practice, design, history and theory, construction, interior architecture, computer-aided design, sustainability, social housing policy and design for health."

For more information, see: [Built Environment and Architecture](#).

Architecture is also offered at Deakin (Geelong), Monash, RMIT and the University of Melbourne.

In addition, the Advanced Diploma of Building (Architectural) is offered at several TAFE Institutes.

This Diploma takes two to two and half years to complete, as opposed to the five-year architecture qualification. The Diploma is also a pathway into architecture.

NEW DEGREES AT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY FOR 2018...

- **Bachelor of Nutrition Science** – nutritionists help communicate nutrition science to the public and advise the community about food choices for healthy eating. Studies include the nutritive value of foods, the nutrients that bodies need at different stages of development, and the role nutrients and diet play in health promotion and disease prevention.
- **Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Counselling** – developed in response to industry needs to meet a recognised and increasing requirement for counselling skills in the nursing profession. The counselling qualification will assist nurses to better support the provision of holistic care.

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