



## Wyndham Central College Career News

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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 has commenced this term. Information was 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, 27<sup>th</sup> 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:**

- **INSIDE MONASH': August 31<sup>st</sup> Education; 31<sup>st</sup> Science and Careers, September 5<sup>th</sup> Education**  
Register: [www.monash.edu/inside-monash](http://www.monash.edu/inside-monash)
- **'ASPIRE' applications are open** at La Trobe University. **Closing date** - 31 August
- **VTAC Applications are open** for Year 12. Timely applications close - 28 September
- **VTAC CLOSING APPLICATION DATE FOR SOME VCA COURSES:** applications for **Animation, Dance, Film and Television, and for Screenwriting** close at VTAC on **31 August**
- **SEAS applications close for Year 12' on 10 October (5pm)**



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### OPEN DAYS STILL TO COME...

- **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU):** Sunday 27 Aug (Ballarat)
- **BOX HILL INSTITUTE:** Sunday 20 August (Lilydale), Sunday 27 August (Box Hill)
- **DEAKIN UNIVERSITY:** Sunday 20 August (Geelong), Sunday 27 August (Melbourne)
- **FEDERATION UNIVERSITY:** Sunday 27 August (Ballarat, Berwick and Gippsland)
- **LA TROBE UNIVERSITY:** Sunday 27 August (Bendigo)
- **MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC:** Saturday 19 August (Preston)
- **MONASH UNIVERSITY:** Sunday 20 August (Parkville – Pharmacy College)
- **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE:** Sunday 20 August (Parkville)
- **VICTORIA UNIVERSITY:** Sunday 20 August (Footscray)

### YEAR 12 NEWS...

You are reminded that **applications for courses for 2018 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 28 September** (cost \$35.00).

**Late applications** cost \$103.00.

**Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) applications** are also open and can be completed following a VTAC course application (**close 10 October**).

**Scholarship applications** done through VTAC **close on 13 October**.

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

#### • **CASPer: FOR INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION (ITE) COURSES...**

As noted previously, **applicants for all Victorian University ITE courses must undertake the CASPer test**. The test requires applicants to **demonstrate personal attributes such as motivation to teach, strong interpersonal skills, willingness to learn, resilience, self-efficacy, conscientiousness and organisational skills**.

CASPer is taken **on-line and is composed of 12 sections**.

Each section contains **video or word-based scenarios followed by three open-ended, follow-up questions**. Applicants have **five minutes to answer the questions that follow each scenario**.

CASPer can only be taken **on-line; international students must complete it by 10 November 2017** and **applicants for undergraduate and graduate-entry teaching Round 1 offers must complete it by 30 November 2017**.

You will need to enter your **VTAC ID** when registering and will be asked to **provide government issued photo ID** eg passport, drivers licence or learner permit card.

Your results will be sent directly to VTAC and the institutions to which you apply.

Results are not given to the applicant.

**NOTE:** If you sit CASPer and get an offer and **defer**, you **do not have to sit the test again**.

When applying for courses, VTAC recommends applicants place some **pathway courses** in their **preference list** as they will not know the outcome of their CASPer test and therefore, whether they will be accepted into teaching courses.

eg - a **Bachelor of Arts** may be suitable for those interested in primary teaching or teaching Humanities or Studies of Society and Environment.



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If you **deferred your place** in an education course in 2017 you **do not have to sit the test** before taking up your place in 2018

- **VTAC WEBINAR COMING**

If you have questions regarding VTAC and the application process, you can join in a VTAC Webinar on Wednesday 13 September.

### UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS...

- **REASONS TO VISIT MELBOURNE OPEN DAY on 20<sup>th</sup> August**

- ✓ **Connect** with academics and student services
- ✓ **Attend** course information sessions
- ✓ **Discover** museums and cultural collections
- ✓ **Soak up** the atmosphere
- ✓ **Register** at [https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/users/sign\\_up](https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/users/sign_up) and go in the draw to win an **iPad Mini Pro** or **MacBook**

- **NEW INDIGENOUS GUARANTEE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE...**

From 2018, a new **Access Melbourne Guarantee** for Indigenous students will be offered. For **domestic undergraduate applicants** who are a **current Australian Year 12 applicant**, who are recognised as an **Indigenous Australian**, and who satisfy the course **prerequisites**, the following ATARs will apply:

- ✓ 50.00 – Arts (Extended)
- ✓ 55.00 – Science (Extended)
- ✓ 70.00 – Design
- ✓ 75.00 – Science
- ✓ 75.00 – Arts
- ✓ 83.00 – Commerce
- ✓ 85.00 – Biomedicine

Note: Indigenous applicants will still be considered for entry below these ATARs.

- **ACCESS MELBOURNE 2018...**

Guaranteed entry for Access Melbourne applicants have been approved for 2018. Students from a **rural or isolated area**, or those who have a **disadvantaged financial background** could be eligible for a **guaranteed place** at Melbourne by applying through **Access Melbourne – even if their ATAR is below the clearly-in rank.**

**Eligibility:**

- ✚ Students must have completed Year 12 in Australia or the International Baccalaureate in 2017
- ✚ Student is eligible for the 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 in 2017 of:
  - ✓ 78+ guarantees a place in **Design or Science**
  - ✓ 80+ guarantees a place in **Arts**
  - ✓ 88+ guarantees a place in **Commerce**
  - ✓ 92+ guarantees a place in **Biomedicine**



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For more information see: <https://access.unimelb.edu.au/>

- **DOOKIE OPEN DAY...**

For students interested in studying **Agriculture at Melbourne**, the university is offering an opportunity for prospective students to visit their farm at Dookie. There will be course and career advice, information sessions, farmers market and various activities.

**When:** Wednesday 18 October.

- **MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS...**

- **FREE VCE HHD and PSYCHOLOGY REVISION LECTURES AT MONASH**

The Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences is offering VCE revision lectures to **assist Year 12 students prepare for exams**. The lectures, delivered by qualified VCE teachers, are designed to **reinforce each term's learnings**.

**When:** **Health and Human Development**, 10am-3pm, Tuesday 26 September, **Psychology**: 10am-3pm, Wednesday 27 September

**See:** [www.monash.edu.au/medicine/news/events/events/vce-revision-lectures](http://www.monash.edu.au/medicine/news/events/events/vce-revision-lectures)

- **CAREERS AND CREATIVITY DAY FOR ART, DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE**

The Monash Art, Design and Architecture (MADA) **Careers and Creativity Day** is a great way to **find out more about the courses available and the varied careers to which they can lead**. The day will start with a **panel discussion** between MADA's lecturers and alumni about their **career paths and job prospects**. The afternoon session will provide the opportunity to take part in a **hands-on workshops** focusing on different areas of interest. Students interested in **Fine Art** will have the **application process explained**, covering the **folio** and what happens in the **interview**.

**When:** Saturday 16 September

**Where:** Caulfield Campus

**Information and Bookings:** [www.monash.edu/mada/workshops](http://www.monash.edu/mada/workshops).

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