



## 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 regularly 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 where you might want to study, **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](http://wcccareers.com) – the comprehensive online careers resource

Wyndham Central College has 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 is 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.

### HOW CAN I CHOOSE A CAREER?

Many people say that they would like a job they **enjoy**, with the possibility of earning a reasonable **income**.

#### So how do you choose that job?

Firstly, keep in mind that there is not just one perfect job for you. There are several jobs that would suit you well, so you need to **explore the possibilities**.

First, think about what you **enjoy doing**.

For example, is it sport-related, scientific, reading/writing-related, helping people, information technology-related?

What do you enjoy **doing in your spare time**?

What **subjects** do you excel in at school?



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How important is it that you earn a lot of **money**?

Answering questions such as these will set you on a path to making some decisions.

If you like science, what type of science do you prefer – physics, chemistry, biology?

If you are creative, what is your speciality – music, drama, art, design?

If it is geography, perhaps you could be interested in urban planning, mapping or surveying.

If it is health, perhaps it is nursing, nutrition or public health.

If it is physics and maths, perhaps engineering.

Do not look too far ahead – you are not deciding on a life-time career. You will have several careers.

### WHAT IS A CAREERS EXPO?

As a rule, career expos have representatives from **Universities, TAFE's, Independent Training Providers and Employer Groups** (eg Defence Force) in attendance to provide information and an opportunity to ask your questions. There are a number held throughout the year, some large ones running for a few days (eg the **VCE and Careers Expo** 30 April – 3 May @ Caulfield Racecourse), while others are **smaller regional expos** (eg @ WRICA Thursday 21 – Friday 22 May). Career Expos are of a **general nature and are a good starting point for some career exploration** - more information later.

### WHAT IS AN OPEN DAY?

Universities, TAFE's and some Independent Providers open their doors, usually once a year on Sundays in August, for the public to **see facilities, attend information sessions, talk to staff and current students, and to check out clubs and societies**. These are useful for obtaining a **more in-depth experience** of a particular institution and its courses. Dates will be published shortly (for your diary).

### WHAT IS A CAREERS SEMINAR, AND WHY ATTEND?

Many institutions run **seminars about particular courses or careers**, often on week-nights or in school holidays. For example, **Monash** and the **University of Melbourne** run **evening seminars** on particular courses, while RMIT, La Trobe and Deakin run school holiday programs about their courses (note: this list is not exhaustive). In addition, seminars on studying **psychology, sport related careers**, and on **occupational therapy** have been run for many years. These programs give an in-depth picture of courses and career outcomes, and provide an opportunity to ask your questions. More information in later editions.

### HOW CAN I ACCESS UNIVERSITY COURSES?

Many courses accept Year 12 graduates on the basis of their **ATAR** (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) and meeting any **prerequisite subject requirements**. Some courses, however, have **additional requirements** (eg an audition, a folio presentation, completion of a selection kit, attendance at an interview, testing). You are advised to check these out on the **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)** website ([www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)). Applicants for courses apply on the VTAC website, commencing in August each year. Up to eight courses can be applied for.



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### Upcoming Career Events

#### TAA Hotel Careers Expo

Over the next 5-years up to 14,000 new hotel rooms will be constructed in Melbourne. That's a 35% increase with 110,000 new jobs available

Tourism Accommodation Australia is running a careers expo for prospective students where they can meet Melbourne's major hotel brands and explore the range of career opportunities within the industry.

**When:** 25 March, 2020. 10am – 1pm.

**Where:** The Hotel Windsor, 111 Spring Street Melbourne.

**Info and RSVP:** <http://taavic.com.au/>

#### UCAT Preparation Sessions

Any Year 12 student planning to study medicine or dentistry in 2021 may need to sit the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) in July 2020, <https://bit.ly/2HcrTki>

The following companies are running UCAT preparation sessions:

Matrix Education, Saturday 15 February, Melbourne, 10am – 11am, <https://bit.ly/37ZXkKA>

NIE, Saturday 21 March, Melbourne, 9am – 6pm, <https://bit.ly/36Q7coQ>

MedEntry, 28 – 29 March, 2-day weekend workshop, <https://bit.ly/2RSrv0B>

#### Charles Sturt University – new Doctor of Medicine

The first intake for the Doctor of Medicine will be in 2021. Find out about entry requirements and the admissions process at an information session.

**Dates in March:** Bathurst (9), Orange (10), Wagga Wagga (16), Sydney (24).

**Info and RSVP:** <https://bit.ly/2OKtiTz>



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### **Charles Sturt University – Explore Days**

Year 10 - 12 students are invited to participate in the Charles Sturt University Explore Day day at the campus of their choice. Students will be able to explore two study areas through one-hour workshops (e.g., business, education, allied health, science, veterinary science), speak to course advisers and current students, and learn about studying at Charles Sturt University.

**Dates in March:** Port Macquarie (10), Bathurst (17), Albury-Wodonga (24), Wagga Wagga (31)

**Info and RSVP:** <https://bit.ly/39oQIFP>

### **La Trobe University – Experience Clever**

Year 10 - 12 students are invited to participate in the La Trobe University Experience Clever Day. Students will be able to explore three study areas through one-hour workshops (e.g., business, allied health, science, arts) and speak to course advisers.

**Date:** Friday 28 February, 2020

**Location:** Albury-Wodonga campus

**Info and RSVP:** <https://bit.ly/31JsL9H>

### **Australian Defence Force Careers Expo**

Considering a career in the Australian Defence Force?

Want to get an inside look at the people, places and products that make up Australia's Navy, Army and Air Force?

Join us as Defence Force Recruiting hosts Melbourne's biggest Defence Careers Expo at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre!

This Expo will showcase some of Defence's best equipment, with various displays and interactive exhibits; check out the vehicle and weapons displays, witness performances from Service Bands and the Australian Federation Guard, and speak with current serving members about their own experiences and advice.

**When:** Friday 21 February – Sunday 23 February

**Where:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

**Info and RSVP:** <https://bit.ly/2SzAe7d>



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### **UNSW Arts & Law United Nations Workshop**

This all-day workshop is for students in Years 10 – 12 who want to be inspired by addressing and resolving real world issues affecting our global society and building their skills in diplomacy, negotiation and public speaking.

Students will engage in a simulation of the debate and diplomacy which occurs in the UN's real General Assembly.

**When:** 27 March or 26 June, 2020.

**Where:** UNSW Law Building, Kensington.

**Info and RSVP:** <https://bit.ly/2w064IJ>

### **Work Experience**

#### **Australian Defence Force**

Secondary students can apply to undertake work experience in the Army, Navy or Air Force. The following are examples of work experience opportunities that can be applied for.

It is important to note that work experience must be organised in partnership with the school and that students and their families are responsible for any costs associated with the work experience such as accommodation and transport.

#### **March**

9 - 11	Navy Aviation Overview Nowra, NSW
23 –	Air Force Familiarisation Camp
24 OR	East Sale, Victoria
25 -	
26	
25 -	Introduction to Navy (Technical Trades)
27	Crib Point, Victoria
29 – 1	Women in Army Experience
April	Townsville, QLD



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30 – 2 Women in Navy Aviation Experience  
April Nowra, NSW

### April

6 - 8 Navy Aviation Overview  
Nowra, NSW  
27 – 1 Army General Entry – Indigenous Youth  
May Program  
Bandiana, Victoria

### May

3 - 8 Army Officer Entry – Indigenous Youth Program  
Duntroon, ACT  
Army Familiarisation  
4 – 7 Puckapunyal, Victoria  
4 - 8 Hawthorn, Victoria  
18 - Navy Aviation Overview  
20 Nowra, NSW

For information and to apply for any of the above opportunities and to keep up to date with other future work experience options visit <https://bit.ly/2OpQeaF>

Note – anyone considering applying for any role in the Defence Force to start in 2020 or 2021 should book a YOU session early.

Recruitment <https://bit.ly/2SgzYtn>  
process  
Gap Year <https://bit.ly/2GSbFNa>  
Program  
Defence <https://bit.ly/3b7yp9V>  
Jobs



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### Search for University Scholarships

The Country Education Foundation has developed a resource to assist Year 12 students to find and apply for university scholarships. To access the resource, go to <http://bit.ly/2yGMSGX>

### Train to become a flight attendant

The following are examples of two institutions that offer flight attendant training in the Melbourne area:

**Aviation Australia:** training runs in blocks with numerous starting dates throughout the year. You can explore start dates, location and fees at this link - <https://bit.ly/35kRGlw>

**William Angliss** offers the Certificate III in Aviation (Cabin Crew). To find out about the course, go to <http://bit.ly/1U6C1uv>

### Interested in Engineering, Science and Maths?

You can download the following Careers with STEM magazines from this website - <https://bit.ly/2Os7gCR>

- Careers with STEM: Engineering
- Careers with STEM: Maths
- Careers with STEM: Science
- Careers with STEM: Economics
- Careers with STEM: Health
- Careers with Code

### Careers With STEM

The latest issue of Careers with STEM celebrates diversity in science – whether it's highlighting the need for inclusiveness or non-traditional career pathways.

We feature 35 men and women in science careers helping us do everything from solve crimes to fight climate change, and to be more sustainable, safe and efficient in both farming and resource extraction.



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Discover where the STEM jobs are around Australia in our infographic and aspiring scientists can find their dream job in our fun personality quiz.

You can download the new Careers With STEM: Science and Careers With STEM: Digital Retail at this link – <https://bit.ly/2Os7gCR>

### Interesting articles from Careers With STEM

**Virtual reality is revolutionising remote mental health care:** Using VR for remote therapy involves conducting “face-to-face” sessions in a virtual environment. This mode of treatment could make counselling more accessible to those living and working remotely, <https://bit.ly/2w0k0fx>

**Civil engineering - everything you need to know:** looking for career inspo now holidays are over? Civil engineering isn't all hard hats and high-rises. Here's what to expect from a successful STEM career in construction, <https://bit.ly/2tSSWhO>

### University scholarships for Year 12 high achievers

**The University of Melbourne – George Hansen Scholarship:** If you are planning to study at The University of Melbourne in 2021, you should consider applying for the prestigious George Hansen Scholarship. Stage 1 applications are now open and close on the 9th of March. You must be able to prove financial disadvantage to be eligible, <https://bit.ly/2IB4IDC>

**Australia National University (ANU) – Tuckwell Scholarship:** If you are planning to study at ANU in 2021, you should consider applying for the prestigious Tuckwell Scholarship. Applications will open on 4 March and will close 25 March, <https://bit.ly/2Sja5r7>

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