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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 – 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). 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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FUN STEM QUIZZES

To take any of the quizzes below, visit 'Careers with STEM' at <https://bit.ly/2vl2Nrm>

Which area of science should I study?

Stuck between Chemistry, Physics or Biology? We'll help you break it down and match you to your perfect degree. Best of all? There's so many different careers to choose from, no matter what you get!

What's your STEM + X?

Studying STEM doesn't mean you're destined for a career as a scientist or mathematician! STEM students find jobs across all industries, thanks to a little equation we call STEM + X.

Find your STEM + X (where X = your passion, skills or area of interest) and discover the possibilities of a STEM career in just about any job.

What's your STEM + X?

Which area of engineering should you study?

If you're interested in engineering, you're not limited in your career or study choices! Take this quiz and we'll tell you where to start searching for your perfect engineering degree.

Are you a future entrepreneur?

Tell us a bit about the way you think, and we'll tell you whether you're a future entrepreneur!

STEM Careers

Not interested in going to university? No worries! University isn't for everyone. Fortunately, there are lots of opportunities to study STEM that don't involve enrolling in a bachelor's degree. We're talking about vocational education and training – otherwise known as VET. Here, we look out five alternative pathways, <https://bit.ly/2HsoRZu>

CRIMINOLOGY

Mind Map: Have you considered studying criminology in the future? The Careers Department has developed a fantastic mind map of criminology careers and courses. To explore the map, visit <https://bit.ly/2V4hSOG>



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Courses: In Victoria, you can study undergraduate criminology at the following universities

RMIT University	https://bit.ly/2SOqDtm
The University of Melbourne	https://bit.ly/3bDD7MZ
Deakin University	https://bit.ly/2wiFX9L
Swinburne University	https://bit.ly/39zJRtg
Monash University	https://bit.ly/2u3j5dG
Victoria University	https://bit.ly/2P3iwYO
Federation University	https://bit.ly/2ST3RAf

APPLYING for MEDICINE, DENTISTRY or ORAL HEALTH?

If you are in Year 12 and plan to apply for any of these health science courses to start in 2021, you may need to sit the UCAT ANZ (University Clinical Aptitude Test).

The UCAT ANZ is a two-hour, computer-based test which assesses a range of mental abilities identified by universities as important to practicing in the fields of medicine and dentistry.

It consists of five separately timed subtests which each contain a number of questions in a multiple-choice format.

You will sit the test in July 2020 and selected universities use your UCAT ANZ results as part of the selection process, in conjunction with your ATAR and HSC/VCE results, and in some cases an interview.

You will only have one chance to sit the UCAT ANZ this year.

Key Dates

3 Feb:	Concession Scheme and Access Arrangements open
2 Mar:	Bookings open
4 Mar:	Deadline for Concession Scheme and Access Arrangements



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11 May	Booking deadline
18 May	Booking cancellation and late booking deadline
1 – 31 Jul	Testing
Sep	Results delivered to universities

It will cost you around \$299 to sit the test, or \$199 concession, and you will be able to receive your results straight away.

You have the choice to start preparing for the test early. There are several private companies who offer commercial preparation programs – www.nie.edu.au/ and www.medentry.edu.au/ are examples.

It is important to note that the universities who use the UCAT **do not endorse any of these companies** and you can access free preparation materials from the UCAT site at <https://bit.ly/2tjlewA>

Please go to <https://www.ucat.edu.au/> for more information about the UCAT ANZ, to see if you have to sit the test, and to register for the test or See Mrs Karlovic in the Careers Office.

UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS

The Melbourne US & UK University Expo

Get crucial advice from recent student admits and speak with world leading admission experts at the US & UK University Expo! Put the world's top universities like Harvard, Yale, Oxford and Stanford within your reach! You will learn about:

- Fundamentals of applying and studying in the US and UK
- How to write a personal statement
- Preparing for the SAT
- Analysing the Oxbridge interview
- Studying key study areas overseas such as commerce, STEM, social sciences etc.

When: Sunday 15 March, 1pm – 5.15pm.

Where: State Library Victoria, Melbourne



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

Crimson Education has developed a YouTube channel that profiles global universities. You can access the channel at <https://bit.ly/2qcWRiX>

ACN Nursing and Health Expo

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is hosting a Nursing and Health Expo in April. You will be able to:

- Meet a range of nursing and health organisations
- Explore career pathways
- Find out about educational opportunities
- Speak to nurses working a range of organisations such as hospitals, defence and emergency services.

When: Saturday 4 April, 8.30am – 2.30pm.

Where: The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

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

VCE and Careers Expo

This annual event enables senior school students and their families to participate in a diverse range of seminars related to VCE subjects, gap year opportunities, vocational and higher education courses, career pathways and study skills. HSC students are also encouraged to attend.

A huge number of exhibitors will be in attendance, and over 150 seminars will be offered. Cost is \$10 per student.

When: 30 April – 3 May.

Where: Caulfield Racecourse

Info and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2SUaX7G>



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

- 21 -** **Careers Expo**
- 23** Australian Defence Force
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
<https://bit.ly/2SzAe7d>
- 24, 26** **Victoria Police Information Session**
Various locations
<https://bit.ly/2HsUXEt>
- 28** **Experience Clever**
La Trobe University Albury-Wodonga campus
<https://bit.ly/31JsL9H>

MARCH

- 5, 10, 18, 23** **Victoria Police Information Session**
Various locations
<https://bit.ly/2HsUXEt>
- 9 - 24** **Doctor of Medicine Information Sessions**
Charles Sturt University
<https://bit.ly/2SzAe7d>
- 10 - 31** **Explore Days**
Charles Sturt University



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Various campuses
<https://bit.ly/39oQIFP>

21 UCAT preparation session
National Institute of Education
Melbourne
<https://bit.ly/36Q7coQ>

25 Hotel Careers Expo
Tourism
Accommodation
Australia
The Hotel Windsor,
Melbourne
<http://taavic.com.au/>

27 UNSW Arts & Law United Nations Workshop
UNSW, Kensington
campus
<https://bit.ly/2w064lJ>

28 - UCAT preparation session
MedEntry
<https://bit.ly/2RSrv0B>

APRIL

4 ACN Nursing & Health Expo
Australian College of Nursing
Melbourne Convention



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and Exhibition Centre

<https://bit.ly/2HtwEpR>

17 – Victorian Careers

18 Show

Melbourne

Showgrounds

<https://bit.ly/2uU7RbZ>

30 VCE and Careers Expo

Apr – Caulfield Racecourse

3 May <https://bit.ly/37BdU2m>

FUTURE of WORK PREDICTOR

Have an occupation goal? Want to know how this job may change over the next 10 years? University of New England (UNE) has developed a 'future of work predictor'.

Using the online software, simply search for the occupation you are interested in, choose the education level you are planning to attain (e.g., Bachelor degree), your post code or the post code of where you would like to work in the future and your email address.

UNE will provide you with information on how this job may change in terms of tasks, duties, qualifications, wages and employment growth.

Visit <https://bit.ly/2SxZpbc> and start searching!

UNIVERSITY – EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

Application dates aren't available yet for several early entry programs. You can register your interest now though to receive emails with updates:

La Trobe University

Aspire Early Admissions Program

<https://bit.ly/32025Sh>

Charles Sturt University

Advantage Program

<https://bit.ly/2P046bP>



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Australian Catholic University

Community Achievers Program (check page in March)

<https://bit.ly/2u4WsWp>

University of Wollongong

Early Admission

<https://bit.ly/37xJZrO>

University of New England

Early Entry

Applications for direct entry to University of New England and Early Entry is now open!

<https://bit.ly/3blrdBf>

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU)

Internship opportunity with the Bachelor of Arts

ACU's National School of Arts offers students a range of internship and community engagement placements to help you gain invaluable professional experience while you study. You have the opportunity to be involved in programs such as the Victorian Parliamentary Internship, which may help you progress to a graduate position as a journalist, researcher and more, <https://bit.ly/2UTAtg9>

Education and Teaching

ACU has a new suite of education courses offering specialisations that are flexible to meet your needs and interests. Depending on your choice of specialisation, these courses provide you with the option to pick a pathway into a range of school settings and specialist teacher roles, <https://bit.ly/37xxwo3>

APPRENTICESHIP/TRAINEESHIP WEBSITES

MyGain YouTube Channel

Check out this channel to watch videos about apprenticeships, traineeships and employers,

<http://bit.ly/1NC2fUS>

AusAppPathway

This is an App you can download so you can research apprenticeships and traineeships on the go via your smart phone, www.ausapp.com.au/



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CAREERS in the AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

Know you want to work in the auto industry, but not sure which occupation would suit you best? Kangan Institute has written a fantastic article showcasing 7 different occupations in the automotive industry. You can read the article here, <https://bit.ly/1LQINSs> and you can explore the courses they offer at their Automotive Centre of Excellence at this link - www.aceauto.com.au/

SHORT COURSES at RMIT

RMIT offers short and single courses taught by experienced lecturers and established artists. Courses include photography, drawing, lithography, sculpture, jewellery, casting, and molding etc.

RMIT also offer folio preparation courses.

For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/2nTkDAJ>

WORK EXPERIENCE

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE)

You can apply for work experience at one of the following AIE campuses – Melbourne, Canberra, Adelaide or Sydney. You will be able to explore courses and careers in 3D animation, programming, interactive entertainment and digital industries.

For information, go to <https://bit.ly/2SCcJfN>

MEDICINE at MONASH

Immerse yourself in medicine at Monash through virtual reality (VR)

Have you always wanted to visit the Monash campus, but haven't had a chance? Take the opportunity to learn more about Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash through 360° video. Look over students' shoulders as they work in the labs or attend a lecture.

For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/2lGI8ub>

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