



## Wyndham Central College Career News

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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 fortnightly 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's 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 Year 7 Pathways Program (CAP's – Career Action Plan) will be commencing next week. A letter will be sent home outlining the program.

**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 are currently taking place to assist students with the momentous decisions facing them this year. As are the Year 10 Pathways Interviews with a qualified Careers Practitioner. Parents/guardians are welcome to take advantage of the services provided. Appointments can be made to discuss the future pathways of their children.

### **Journalism opportunity**

Applications for the 2020 YMCA Victoria Youth Press Gallery are now open! If you're a young aspiring journalist, aged 16-25, this is your opportunity to build a portfolio, get published, develop your journalism skills and work closely with a team of people who share your passions.



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Participants will serve as the Press Gallery for YMCA Victoria Youth Parliament by writing articles about the program and the issues being debated. Applications close Sunday, 29 March.

Email any questions and your completed application pack to [pressgallery@ymca.org.au](mailto:pressgallery@ymca.org.au)

Download the application pack here: <https://bit.ly/37SwSS5>

### **Passionate about photography?**

Photography Studies College is a private college located at Melbourne. The institute offers vocational and university level courses in photography and photoimaging. To learn about careers in photography and read about the awards their graduates have recently received, go to <http://bit.ly/2ETkpUX>

### **Careers in Insurance**

**Have you considered a career in insurance?** As one of the biggest, most diverse industries in the world, insurance has more roles than you'd imagine – including ones that are perfect for you. Love numbers? You're needed. Love people? Insurance has roles for you. Analytical? A big thinker? A problem solver?

Whatever you are, insurance has a job with your name on it. To learn about where a career in insurance can take you, check out the website 'Careers in Insurance' at this link - <http://bit.ly/2FaCbSZ>

### **Forensic Science Careers**

Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine has put together information about careers in forensic science. You can access the information at this link - <https://bit.ly/2Eb7R7W>

**Courses:** the following are several universities that offer courses in forensic science.

#### **Victoria**

Deakin University, <https://bit.ly/2VIWaFX>

#### **NSW**

University of Western Sydney, <https://bit.ly/39Rpp7k>

University of Technology Sydney, <https://bit.ly/32i7WIS>



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University of New England, <https://bit.ly/2wFLPu5>

### Canberra

Canberra Institute of Technology, <https://bit.ly/38WKjlu>

University of Canberra, <https://bit.ly/3c17YmU>

## Year 12 – University Pathway Planner

If you are planning to apply for university courses this year, there are many dates you will need to be aware of. These dates will vary between states. Having a diary or a planning app on your phone or device will help you to feel organised and ensure you do not miss any key dates.

Many dates for are not available yet, but the following breakdown by term will give you some guidance on what to plan for and when.

### TERM 1

#### Career Appointment, Career Events, University Applications and Scholarships

#### CAREER APPOINTMENT

Book in an appointment with Mrs Karlovic to discuss any course/career/occupation goals you may have. She will be able to give you advise specific to the state you would like to study in, the best courses to suit your goals and also suggest other options you may not have considered yet.

Do not have any course goals or career interests? No worries! Mrs Karlovic will be able to assist you to identify interest areas that align with your values, skills, academic aptitude, and personal competencies.

#### CAREER EVENTS

It is never too early to attend career events. The following are examples of events running in February and March.

**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).



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

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**Charles Sturt University – Explore Days:** Students will be able to explore two study areas through one-hour workshops (e.g., business, education, allied health, science, veterinary science), and speak to course advisers.

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

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

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**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:

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

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

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**Victorian Careers Show:** This event is for Victorian students who would like to explore their career and study options. You will also be able to attend seminars and workshops

**When:** 17 – 18 March.

**Where:** Melbourne Showgrounds

**Info and RSVP:** <https://bit.ly/2uU7RbZ>

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**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.

**When:** 30 April – 3 May.

**Where:** Caulfield Racecourse

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

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**TAA Hotel Careers Expo:** 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.

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**When:** 25 March, 2020. 10am – 1pm.

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

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

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**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 speak to employers in the industry, nursing specialists and TAFEs and universities.

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

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

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

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### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

**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>

### TERM 2

#### Early Entry Applications, Career Events

#### EARLY ENTRY

Several early entry programs open in term 2. The following are examples:

**Australian Catholic University, Community Achievers Program:** Recognises community service and leadership. Successful applicants will be guaranteed entry into their desired course with a lowered ATAR.

**Date:** Applications will open in May or June (TBC)

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

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**La Trobe University – Aspire Program:** Recognises community service and leadership. Successful applicants will be guaranteed entry into their desired course with a lowered ATAR.

**Date:** Applications will open in June (TBC)

**Info:** <https://bit.ly/2uZAh4w>

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**Charles Sturt University – Advantage Program:** Recognises soft skills such as empathy and resilience and a commitment to creating a world worth living in (i.e., motivation to study chosen degree). Successful applicants will be guaranteed entry into their desired course with a lowered ATAR.

**Date:** Applications will open in June (TBC)

**Info:** <https://bit.ly/32iftRz>

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### CAREER APPOINTMENTS

As above for term 1. You can also start to refine your career action plan, plan for Term 2 dates and events and continue to explore suitable university courses.

### CAREER EVENTS

As for term 1. Check the Weekly Career News for Term 2 Career Events.

### TERM 3

**University Applications, Scholarships, Accommodation, Special Consideration, Early Entry and Open Days**

### UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

In August you will be able to start your university applications. For most universities, you apply for courses via the state-based tertiary admission centre:

**Victoria:** Victoria Tertiary Admissions Centre, [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

**NSW/ACT:** Universities Admissions Centre, [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

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**Tasmania:** University of Tasmania, [www.utas.edu.au](http://www.utas.edu.au)

**SA/NT:** South Australia Tertiary Admissions Centre, [www.satac.edu.au](http://www.satac.edu.au)

**WA:** Tertiary Institutions Service Centre, [www.tisc.edu.au](http://www.tisc.edu.au)

**QLD:** Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre, [www.gtac.edu.au](http://www.gtac.edu.au)

You will create a user account, and add course preferences into the system.

It is important to note that for most courses, you won't need to finalise your preferences until after your Year 12 results are released.

Some courses such as medicine and performing arts will have earlier closing dates.

'Timely applications' usually close at the end of September and you will need to pay an application fee.

### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

You will be able to apply for university scholarships through three ways:

**Tertiary Admission Centre:** You can apply for Access and Equity scholarships via an online form (for some states).

**University:** You can apply for scholarships direct to the universities

**Other:** you can also apply for scholarships that aren't associated with any particular university.

The application period for scholarships can run between August – March. Dates will vary for each method.

### ACCOMMODATION

You can apply for university accommodation generally between July – January. There are several types of accommodation including on-campus, off-campus, private student housing, home stay, etc.

Dates will vary based on the type of accommodation and the universities you apply to for on-campus accommodation.



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Some universities have a first-year accommodation guarantee, others have a 'first in, first served' policy, some hold places for rural applicants, some charge you for applying. Every university is different.

### **SPECIAL CONSIDERATION**

When you apply for courses via the Tertiary Admission Centre, you will also be able to apply for special consideration.

Universities will consider any disadvantages you have experienced and take these into consideration during the selection process. The following are examples of two schemes:

**Victoria**, Special Entry Access Scheme, <https://bit.ly/2v9dWkV>

**NSW/ACT**: Educational Access Schemes, <https://bit.ly/38OtxoB>

Examples of disadvantage include: long term illness/disability, financial, rural, and difficult circumstances.

### **OPEN DAYS**

Will run on weekends during August for Victoria and during August/September for NSW and Canberra.

It is crucial you attend open days before making a final decision on your course preferences. You will be able to attend seminars and workshops, campus and accommodation tours, and speak directly to course and faculty advisers.

### **EARLY / GUARANTEED ENTRY SCHEMES**

Schemes for several universities will open in August, such as RMIT, Victoria University, University of Melbourne, Monash University, University of Wollongong, University of Canberra etc.

### **TERM 4**

## **Results, change of preference, offers, enrolment/deferment**

### **RESULTS**

You will receive your VCE results late December. Your results will be sent to the universities you have applied to.





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### **CHANGE OF PREFERNECE**

Once you receive your results, you will have a few days to change your course preferences before offers are released. For most courses, you will be able to add/delete/re-order courses on your list.

You will also be able to change your preferences between offer rounds. Dates will vary between states.

### **OFFERS**

There will be several offer rounds for each state. Offers are made late December for Victoria and NSW/ACT and then again in January and February. It is important to note the following:

You can only receive 1 offer per round

If you receive an offer, it will be the highest course on your preference list you are eligible for.

The Tertiary Admission Centre acts as a link between you and the university through the selection and offer process.

### **OFFER DECISION**

Once you receive your offer, you will need to make a decision – you can accept, defer or decline your offer. If you accept your offer, you will need to enrol into your course.

If you defer your offer, you can delay the start of your course to another intake period (usually 12-months). Your career adviser can assist you with this process.

## **Focus on the Bachelor of Arts**

### **Considering studying a Bachelor of Arts in the future?**

The Bachelor of Arts is an excellent choice of degree for students and one of the most popular choices in the country.

The degree offers flexibility for students and majors/minors can cover areas such as science, economics, visual arts, IT, languages, humanities, media, communications, and design etc.

In fact, sit 10 Bachelor of Arts students at a table and each will most likely be studying very different courses.

The following are three excellent Bachelor of Arts programs to consider.



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### **Bachelor of Arts (Professional), Swinburne University**

This course offers 18 majors, 28 co-majors from other faculties and 42 minors. Students are guaranteed one-year of paid industry experience as part of the degree, and it will take 4-years full time to complete the course. Applicants will need to achieve an ATAR of approximately 80 to be considered for admission. This could rise for the 2021 intake, <http://bit.ly/1UTb3pZ>

### **Bachelor of Arts, Monash University**

The Monash Global Immersion Guarantee (GIG) provides a guaranteed two-week overseas study experience for all first year Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Global Studies students, with the cost of airfares, accommodation and local travel covered as part of the program. This is the first initiative of its kind in Australia.

Students will study the impact of the global movement of people and goods on environmental sustainability. For information, visit <https://bit.ly/37ThuFk>

### **Bachelor of Arts, La Trobe University**

This course offers 50 majors and minors – the largest in Victoria. Bachelor of Arts students are able to apply for a 2-week funded international experience to China or Vietnam.

They will spend a week working on sustainability projects, helping to find solutions to real-world problems. La Trobe will cover the cost of airfares, accommodation, food, transport, visa fees and insurance. For information, visit <https://bit.ly/32x6D1T>

## **Federation University**

### **Federation graduates rated highly by employers**

Federation University Australia graduates once again have demonstrated their strong employability by performing above the national average in three important fields as part of the latest Employer Satisfaction Survey – employability, foundation skills, and adaptive skills, <https://bit.ly/2HPB8ax>

### **Australian Federal Police signs MOU with Federation University**

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) will be working with the Internet Commerce Security Lab (ICSL) to establish a cybercrime internship program for students studying in School of Science, Engineering and IT. The Internship program will provide opportunities for students to work with Australian Federal Police officers to learn about Cyber Crime investigation in a real-world environment, <https://bit.ly/3c1Entg>



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### **Elite Sport Programs**

The University of Wollongong has partnered with two of the world's biggest sporting clubs, Tottenham Hotspur and Crusaders to deliver world class football and rugby programs to UOW and UOW College students.

The **UOW Tottenham Hotspur Global Football Program** is a unique opportunity to study a qualification of your choice at UOW's Wollongong campus, while also developing your football skills with training provided by fully qualified coaches from English Premier League (EPL) club Tottenham Hotspur, <https://bit.ly/2w2elpa>

Commencing in February 2021, **The UOW Crusaders Global Rugby Program** will foster the next generation of Rugby Union talent, helping participants achieve excellence on the field and in the classroom. It is your opportunity to receive professional standard coaching from the most successful Club in Super Rugby, while studying at a globally rated 5-star university.

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