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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 Centre, in the Monash Building, 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 2021** (29 April – 2 May @ Caulfield Racecourse, Melbourne), while others are **smaller regional expos** (eg @ WRICA Thursday 20 – Friday 21 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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Casual Employment

You can sign up for employment opportunities at the following websites:

Coles	https://bit.ly/383OETN
IGA	https://bit.ly/382p4yw
KFC	https://bit.ly/33N7mM1
Woolworths	https://bit.ly/2RptgTp
Hungry	https://bit.ly/2qkwIU8
Jacks	
Kmart	https://bit.ly/2Y8U2Rd
Target	https://bit.ly/2qZ76MZ
McDonalds	https://bit.ly/380Uvtb
Bunnings	https://bit.ly/2LfB2Ls
Donut King	https://bit.ly/2YbqYly
Boost Juice	https://bit.ly/2P36v4I
Red Rooster	https://bit.ly/2Lf35Le
Myer	https://bit.ly/2sHiEov
Cotton On	https://bit.ly/2LjebPj
Sportsgirl	https://bit.ly/2RfT2cC
Officeworks	https://bit.ly/361GkCp
Apco	https://bit.ly/33F09xz

About 80% of all job vacancies are not advertised, so it is crucial that you market yourself to businesses with an excellent resume and cover letter.

Make sure you tell as many people as possible that you are looking for work as often employers rely on 'word of mouth' to recruit for their positions.

Job Seeking Resources: For excellent job seeking tips, and resume/cover letter templates, check out the resources at the following two websites:

Skillsroad - www.skillsroad.com.au

Youth Central - www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

Rights and Responsibilities: Know your rights and responsibilities when starting a new job:

www.fairwork.gov.au



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Tax File Number (TFN): If you do not have a TFN, you will need to apply for one via the Australian Tax Office - www.ato.gov.au

Job Options: also, check out job options at the 'Explore Careers' website - <https://explorecareers.com.au/>

ADF Careers

Australian Defence Force (ADF)

Work Experience: students who are keen to explore Defence Force careers may be able to apply for work experience.

To keep up to date with work experience opportunities bookmark the following link - www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience/

Cadets: students may also be able to apply for the Army, Navy or Air Force Cadets program.

To explore Cadet Units in your local area, visit www.cadetnet.gov.au

Parents/Carers – School to Work Resources

Supporting your child in preparing for the world of work after school can be a challenge. Casualisation and globalisation of the work force, and automation and rapid advances in technology will all have an impact in your child's navigation of the world of work.

The Australian Government has developed resources to support parents through the Future Ready Career Education Portal. To access the resources, go to <https://schooltowork.dese.gov.au/>

Upcoming Career Events

The Hotel School Melbourne

The Hotel School offers management courses in tourism, hotel management and global hotel management. The School is running an information session for prospective students and families.

Date: Tuesday 9 February, 10am – 2pm

Location: 399 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

RSVP: <https://hotelschool.scu.edu.au/>

Year13 – Ask Me Anything

Year13 are inviting students to ask them anything about the following career areas:

Business and Entrepreneurship, <http://bit.ly/2YHHL77>

Accounting and Financial Services, <http://bit.ly/3riiqx9>

Just click on the above link, submit your questions and a member from Yr13 will get back to you.



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Start the School Year by Setting Goals

The HopeFull Institute has developed a set of free worksheets for students covering a range of topics such as:

- digital detox
- examining stress
- goals (general and athletic)
- gratitude

To download the worksheets, visit www.thehopefullinstitute.com/free-worksheets/

Careers in International Trade, Freight and Logistics

Learn about this exciting industry by visiting the 'Make Your Move' website. International Trade, Freight and Logistics is a large industry and staff ensure that goods and resources are distributed around the globe. Through the website you will be able to:

- Explore profiles of staff working in the industry
- Learn about job roles
- Search for jobs

Visit www.mymv.org

Interested in Pursuing an Apprenticeship or Traineeship?

Even though you have just started the schooling year, your planning should start now. Australian Apprenticeship Pathways have developed an excellent four-step guide to assist you to start planning - www.aapathways.com.au

Read through Step One and take the work type explorer quiz, download the AusAppPathways app to your phone, and complete practice aptitude quizzes to ascertain the level of literacy and numeracy skills you will need for different occupations.

You can also do the following during the year to prepare for an apprenticeship:

- Meet with Mrs Karlovic to start planning your professional trade career
- Undertake work experience in several fields or with several employers in the same field. See Mrs Karlovic for information on how to organise work experience.
- Contact industry leaders and associations in your fields of interest to ask questions.
- Contact local apprenticeship centres and/or group training organisations to ask their advice on what makes a competitive apprenticeship applicant. Use the following website to locate organisations in your local area www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au



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- Work hard in your English and Mathematics classes and VET/technology/science subjects if relevant. With advances in technology occurring across all apprenticeship fields, it will be crucial that you can read and interpret complex information and instructions and adapt to changes in technology during your apprenticeship and once qualified.

Bookmark websites for industries you are interested in to keep up to date with changes to industry technology, skills shortages, and events. For example:

Bricklaying	http://bit.ly/2DYCwbA
Plumbing	http://bit.ly/2FK6wnP
ICT	https://bit.ly/2SaxPj2
Agriculture	https://bit.ly/36WW9dq
Community Services	https://bit.ly/2OoUQgS
Rail	https://bit.ly/36Ruo65
Careers	
Climate control	https://bit.ly/3b8mBo0

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