



Wyndham Central College Career News

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The Wyndham Central College Career Newsletter will be published weekly to keep students informed of events relating to their career pathways. It will include information regarding tertiary pathways – University & TAFE – as well as employment/industry pathways. The Careers Office, in the Student Services Centre, is a resource centre for our students with current institutional handbooks and brochures at their disposal.

Wyndham Central College Key Dates/Events for Year 12 Students

- Personal Statement Final Submission due Friday 4th December (5pm)
- VTAC Processing Fee due Monday 7th December (4pm)
- VCE Results & ATAR published on Wednesday 30th December (7am)

Missed an Open Day?

No worries! Several universities have recorded the sessions so you can watch them from home.

University of Melbourne, <https://bit.ly/3ITOkOv>

Deakin University, <https://bit.ly/33icNpW>

Monash University, <http://bit.ly/386QjH8>

La Trobe University, <http://bit.ly/3chXyPA>

Swinburne University, <http://bit.ly/2lmxYvr>

Victoria University, <https://bit.ly/3jsX63U>

Federation University, <https://bit.ly/31bhBul>

Students Applying for Nursing/Midwifery Courses

Year 12 students applying for nursing or midwifery courses should be mindful of the following entry requirements:

VTAC

Applicants applying for nursing or midwifery courses via the Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC) will need to complete the 'Nursing and Midwifery Declaration Form' within their VTAC account.

Some of you are having difficulty locating this link on the VTAC Site.

Please follow the following step by step directions to access & complete the declaration:

- Go to your VTAC Account
- Your Personal VTAC Home Page
- In **RED LETTERS: Account Summary**



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- There will be 6 boxes
- Go to the second (2nd) box across
- 'Making an Application'
- Last Tab: "Nursing & Midwifery Declaration Form"
- Complete Declaration
- **Save & Submit**

Is there anything else you need to do re the Nursing Course & the declaration? VTAC have also advised to check with each institution you have applied to!!

UAC

Applicants applying for nursing or midwifery courses via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will need to complete an 'English Proficiency Declaration' within their UAC account.

University and TAFE Applicants

Have you applied for university or TAFE courses through a Tertiary Admission Centre?

Additional Application Requirements

To ensure you don't miss submitting compulsory documents, forms, or folios etc., or booking an interview or additional tests such as CASPer, check the course entry requirements on the institute's website or on the Tertiary Admission Centre website.

Scholarships

If you are planning to study in 2021, you should explore the scholarships available at each institute you have applied for. Simply Google the name of the institute plus the word scholarships.

External scholarships can be searched for via the Good Universities Guide website and via Internet searches, <https://bit.ly/3bIJm0y>

Applications

If you missed the timely application dates for state-based Tertiary Admission Centres, you can still apply for university and TAFE courses, you will just have to pay a higher application fee.

Application Fees

Remember to pay the Tertiary Admission Centre application fees by the closing dates. For example – Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre is the 7th of December for timely applications.



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Change of Preference

Year 12 Students

Change of Preference (CoP) gives you the chance to add, delete and reorder your university and/or TAFE preferences.

If you receive an offer, you will be offered the course highest on your preference list you are eligible for (you have met the ATAR and selection criteria requirements).

It is also the last chance you have to make sure your preference list reflects what you would like to study in the future.

Good Universities Guide is running online Change of Preference Expos in each state to assist students through this process.

The Expos will be online, enabling students to connect directly with university and TAFE staff, regardless of whether you are celebrating your results at the beach, relaxing in between movies or sorting out your Christmas shopping.

For information on dates and how to register, visit: <https://events.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/>

Year 12 Results and December Change of Preference Information

Mrs. Karlovic, the Pathways & Transitions Leader, will be available to students on Wednesday 30th December in the Careers Centre from 10am to 2pm, COVID permitting, for assistance/counselling during results and change of preference time. In the event of a COVID issue, counselling will take place via Microsoft teams.

Each student is entitled to an appointment to assist with decision making regarding pathways, VTAC preference changes etc. Appointments can be made prior to Wednesday 30th December as well as on the Wednesday morning via Microsoft teams or an email to Mrs Karlovic. Parents are also welcome to attend and/or make bookings.

Every student is encouraged to take the time to have a meeting with Mrs Karlovic during this crucial time.

Important Dates:

VCE results and ATAR scores will be available online from Wednesday 30th December 2020 at 7am.

VCE results and ATAR scores (the paper documents) should be in the mail within 10 business days.

January offer round: Offers released Thursday 14th January 2020 (VTAC Account 2pm).

Morning Tea:

All Year 12 students are invited to a COVID SAFE morning tea in the Careers Centre on Wednesday 30th December from 10am till 12:30 pm.

This will assist students to wind down after the rigours of Year 12, to discuss their results, change preferences and pathway options and make an appointment to see Mrs. Karlovic.



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Please note the following:

- Refer to the VTAC Year 12 Guide 2020, online VTAC Website, for further information regarding accessing of results.

Please use the services provided by the College and we wish our Year 12 Students all the best with their exams.

Students in Year 10

Schools Recommendation Schemes

Did you know that if you want to apply for early entry to several universities in NSW and Canberra, selection will be based on your Year 11 results, not Year 12?

Students with a successful early entry application may receive an 'unconditional offer', meaning they will receive a guaranteed offer before they receive their VCE/HSC results.

For information, visit the Schools Recommendation Schemes website: <https://bit.ly/34Xldkl>

Free and Low-Cost TAFE Courses

Year 12 Students

Not sure what to do next year? TAFE courses are an excellent way to get industry experience, a job ready qualification, connect with industry experts, develop career ideas, and - depending on the course - entry into university study.

The NSW and Victorian state Governments have funded free and low-cost TAFE courses for eligible Year 12 graduates. Explore your options below:

Victorian residents: Victorian Government Free TAFE initiative visit: www.vic.gov.au/free-tafe

NSW residents: Summer Skills program visit: <https://bit.ly/3kHHaLf>

Career Websites

Course Seeker

The Course Seeker website contains a national course comparison tool which allows students to search, select and compare higher education courses and filter search results by ATAR, study area and location.

Visit: www.courseseeker.edu.au

Australian Public Service (APS)

The APS offers a huge range of careers. As one of the biggest employers in Australia it offers careers to suit just about anyone. You can search for graduate opportunities and general entry jobs via the website.

Visit: www.apsjobs.gov.au/s/



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MyGain

Check out this YouTube channel to watch videos about apprenticeships, traineeships, profiles of people working in different industries, employers, and apprenticeship and group training companies.

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

Interesting Articles from 'The Footnotes'

Fashion

- Junior buyer at an online shop
- How to make money from Instagram: a career as an influencer
- Question: I want to be in fashion, but not in a design role – what are my options?
- Day in the life of a fashion designer: meet Jill Boustred
- What interning at Sass and Bide was like
- Day in the life of a fashion editor

Visit: <https://thefootnotes.com.au/careers/fashion/>

Psychology

- If you are considering studying psychology, stop and read this.
- Q&A with a clinical psychologist working with eating disorder and anxiety patients.
- What do you actually learn studying psychology?
- Mental health interests me: addiction counsellor versus clinical psychologist versus psychiatric technician.
- What is studying psychology really like?

Visit: <https://thefootnotes.com.au/careers/psychology/>

The University of Melbourne - Fine Arts and Music

Stay up to date with the latest happenings at The University of Melbourne Faculty of Fine Arts and Music and learn about the work of researchers, artists, performers and production specialists.

Visit: <https://finearts-music.unimelb.edu.au/about-us/news>

Looking for an Apprenticeship or Traineeship?

MAS Experience are running an online information session for students interested in securing an apprenticeship or traineeship. Students and their families are welcome to attend.

MAS is an apprenticeship company, <https://masexperience.com.au/>

Date: Wednesday 18 November, 7.30pm

Register: <https://bit.ly/38OCelz>



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Passionate About Sport?

Enjoy playing sport and would like to combine your sports career with study in 2021? The following are three programs you may like to explore:

Richmond Institute of Sport Leadership

This is a partnership program between Richmond Football Club and Swinburne University. As part of the 12-month program, students will study a dual Diploma in Sports Development and Leadership and Management. Campuses are at Richmond, Mildura and Albury-Wodonga.

Visit: www.richmondinstitute.com.au

Carlton College of Sport

This is a partnership program between Carlton Football Club and La Trobe University. As part of the 12-month program, students will study a University Diploma in either Sports Coaching and Development or Elite Sports Business. Classes will be held at Ikon Park, Carlton Football Club grounds and La Trobe University, Bundoora.

Visit: <https://carltoncollegeofsport.com.au/>

St Kilda Football Club/Holmesglen Institute

Students will study a dual Diploma of Sports Development and Diploma of Events Management through Holmesglen Institute, Moorabbin, and study at both Holmesglen and St Kilda Football Club.

Visit: <https://bit.ly/2O14Bfq>

Increasing the Chance of Gaining Graduate Employment After University

Interested in going to university? It's important you are aware that around 28% of university graduates are without full-time employment within four months of graduation and that around a fifth report they are 'underemployed'.

Underemployed refers to graduates who are employed in casual or part time employment and would like to be in full time employment.

The Good Universities Guide

This Guide should be consulted when researching undergraduate degrees. It contains rankings and ratings for individual courses and universities.

This year, the top 5 universities for highest full-time employment rate post-graduation were: Charles Sturt University (87%), Charles Darwin University (83%), James Cook University (80%), Central Queensland University (80%) and University of Sydney (79%).



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It's also important for students to research graduate employment data for specific occupations, bust through myths about what degrees 'get jobs', and then work out what they can do now and during university to improve their chances of gaining post graduate employment in their desired field.

What can you do to increase your chances of graduate employment? It starts with you in high school. It is critical that you develop skills in how to a) manage your career journey and also b) develop skills and attributes that are desirable to employers.

The following are tips to consider:

WHAT YOU CAN DO IN HIGH SCHOOL

Tip 1: Build your resume through participating in career development activities.

For example:

- Secure casual or part time employment
- Volunteer for community programs such as the Country Fire Authority, Young Lions, Scouts, Defence Force Cadets, St Johns Ambulance Cadets, State Emergency Service etc.
- Play sport
- Participate in leadership and community service activities at school
- Participate in community-based fundraising activities.
- Complete an overseas exchange program
- Participate in a leadership program such as The Young Endeavour

Tip 2: Meet with your Mrs Karlovic, your Career Adviser regularly

The more you meet with your adviser, the better they will know you and the better advice they will be able to give. Start in the junior years and work together in partnership with your family through regular meetings until you exit school.

Increasing the Chance of Gaining Graduate Employment After University

Tip 3: Plan your university program carefully.

Studying at university isn't cheap. Aside from the course costs, you will need to invest in textbooks, printing credit, transport, a computer, Internet data, and for students who have to move away to study, you will be investing roughly \$20 000 - \$30 000 per year on accommodation and living expenses.

For courses that have a lot of unpaid work placement requirements, it will be difficult to maintain consistent employment and thus, consistent income. Some courses will require you to be at university for 5 – 6 years, which will place a greater strain on you financially.



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It's important that you plan out what you would like to study carefully to start with and then to find an undergraduate degree that is going to give you the best chance of graduate employment.

The first step is to identify what you would like to study. Remember, that in a time of rapid change with the world of work and technology, the occupations you can imagine yourself doing now may not exist in 5 – 6 years' time, or there may be new ones you would be suited to.

Your career adviser will be able to assist you to explore courses based on your interests. There are many courses available and ones that you may not have considered yet.

Once you have identified the type of course you would like to study, you will then need to find the right undergraduate degree at the right university. Look for courses that offer work experience, career development programs, overseas exchange opportunities, and (if relevant) are accredited.

Example 1

For example, if you want to study a degree like the Bachelor of Criminology, think carefully. There are many criminology degrees in Victoria, Canberra and NSW and this means there will be many graduates. How can you be competitive for graduate jobs?

Consider the following option:

Combine the degree with another field of study that has strong graduate employment outcomes such as cybersecurity or Asian languages. The following are courses to consider:

Deakin University: Bachelor of Cyber Security/Bachelor of Criminology, <http://bit.ly/2n1viHZ>

Australia National University: Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Asian Studies (majoring in an Asian language), <http://bit.ly/2h9laLj>

Example 2

You would like to study a course focussed on marketing. This is a very popular course for people to study, so what will make you stand out? Choose a course that will give you substantial industry experience.

You could consider the following options:



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Swinburne University: Bachelor of Business (Professional) with a major in marketing. You will be guaranteed a year of paid industry experience, <http://bit.ly/2AjXf3T>

RMIT University: Bachelor of Business (Marketing) (Applied). You can undertake a year of industry experience, <http://bit.ly/2zhCyYB>

Develop a plan with your career adviser and attend university open days and experience days throughout the year.

Tip 4: Consider Taking a Gap Year

During this year you could undertake a 12-month traineeship in the industry you are interested in or complete a Certificate IV or Diploma level course.

This will give you 12-months to mature, save money, gain experience in the industry you are interested in, and give you time to consider if you are happy with the course you have deferred.

Employers also love VET qualifications and industry experience, so this year could boost your graduate employment chances.

Example 1: Amy would like to study a law degree. She is aware that more law graduates are being produced than ever before and that this may place pressure on the job market. She decides to complete a traineeship in legal administration in a law firm during her gap year.

Example 2: Steve would like to be a secondary teacher. He knows that supporting diverse learners in the classroom will be an important element of his future job. He also knows that based on the teaching speciality he goes into, he may find it difficult to gain graduate employment. He decides to complete a Certificate IV in Disability Studies or Education Support during his gap year at his local TAFE.

Example 3: Sarah would like to study a degree focussed on rehabilitation but isn't sure what course she would be suited to. She receives an offer for Occupational Therapy, but to give herself more time to be sure of her course choice, she decides to complete the Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance at TAFE. She knows that this course will provide her with a qualification, which will enable her to work as an allied health assistant whilst she is at university.

Example 4: Will would like to join the Police Force but is aware that he may not be competitive with a Year 12 qualification and little life experience. He decides to apply for the Airbase Security Gap Year program in the Air Force. During this year he will undertake combat training, weapons instruction, dog handling, and



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simulated terror attacks. This will give him more time to consider his future direction and may open up other career opportunities for him if he doesn't receive a place in the Police Force.

WHAT YOU CAN DO AT UNIVERSITY

You can increase your chances of gaining graduate employment through the following tips:

Tip 1: Meet with the Career Adviser at University

Did you know that only 30% of students meet with a Career Adviser at uni? It's advisable to set up regular meetings to discuss career development opportunities, ways to gain industry experience and to assist you with applying for graduate employment.

Tip 2) Build your resume through participating in career development activities. For example:

- Secure casual or part time employment
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- Play sport
- Participate in leadership and community service activities at university
- Participate in community-based fundraising activities.
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- Participate in leadership programs

My Future Parent Webinar Research indicates that parents are the single greatest influence on their child's education and career decisions. High parental engagement can have a major impact on the young person's learning.

[myfuture](#) is a free online career service that provides resources and tools to help all age groups, including students and parents explore career options and occupations of interest.

Parents and carers are invited to join an upcoming webinar that will demonstrate the free career planning tools available on the [myfuture website](#).

Webinar Details:

Date: Tuesday 24 November

Time: 11am – 12 noon

Location: online

[Register now](#) via the Parents Victoria website.



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Find out more

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