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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/3blJm0y

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.



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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, via email or Microsoft Teams.

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/34XIdkl

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 Victorian and NSW 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

Victoria University

Worried about your ATAR? Victoria University has released a list of courses that DO NOT require an ATAR for entry. You will still need to meet prerequisites and selection criteria.

Visit: https://bit.ly/33eymH8

Casual Employment

With Christmas just around the corner, it's a very busy time for many businesses and employers are now hiring casual staff. You can sign up for employment opportunities at the following websites:



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Coles https://bit.ly/383OETN
https://bit.ly/382p4yw

Supermarkets

KFC https://bit.ly/33N7mM1

Woolworths https://bit.ly/2RptgTp
Hungry Jacks https://bit.ly/2qkwIU8
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/2P36v4l

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. For excellent job seeking tips, and resume/cover letter templates, check out the resources at Skillsroad:

www.skillsroad.com.au

Also, check out job options at 'Explore Careers' website: https://explorecareers.com.au/

Get Savvy About Your Finances

Year13 has teamed up with Westpac and built FinLit, a financial literacy program that will equip you with the knowledge you'll need to navigate the world of money. If you've ever wondered how to save for a car or how to go about buying a house, or what superannuation is - you've come to the right place! Topics include:

Landing Your First Job

- Types of work
- Getting paid the right wage



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- Choosing a bank and guide to bank fees
- Using your bank account

Taxes and Super

- What is superannuation?
- Getting paid the right super
- The deal with taxes

Saving & Spending Your Cash

- Saving your money
- Understanding interest
- Savings accounts

Program: https://year13.com.au/

Interesting Articles from 'The Footnotes'

Advertising and Media

- The resume project advertising and social media
- Career ladder TV publicist shares her resume from 18 34 years old
- Same degree, different industry: media and communications
- Media? Find where you fit
- What's a communications (journalism) degree like?
- On the phone with Osher Gunsberg
- How to get into television
- The real world of advertising and media

Visit: https://thefootnotes.com.au/careers/advertising-media/

Study in the United States

Have you considered studying in the US in the future?

You can contact EducationUSA Melbourne for information on education and cultural exchanges between Australia and the US.

EducationUSA runs general and sports scholarship information events and you can book a meeting to discuss your options.

For information, go to http://bit.ly/1MwBv6B



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Looking for an Apprenticeship?

Are you considering an apprenticeship pathway next year? If you haven't already secured one, it is a good idea to enrol in a pre-apprenticeship.

They are accredited courses that prepare you for an apprenticeship and are similar to VET subjects at school.

You can undertake pre-apprenticeships in areas such as plumbing, carpentry, hospitality, engineering, electrotechnology and hairdressing.

To find pre-apprenticeships in your area, contact your local TAFEs, adult education centers and/ or community colleges.

You will find their details in the Yellow Pages under education.

Visit: www.yellowpages.com.au

Upcoming Career Events

AIE School Holiday Programs

The Academy of Interactive Entertainment offer courses in game art & animation, game programming, game design & production and 3D animation & VFX for film.

The Academy is running online school holiday workshops for prospective students 12 years+ in January 2021. Students can choose from the following two workshops:

- Game development in Unreal 4
- Get started in 3D animation

For information, dates, location and to register, visit: https://aie.edu.au/

Whitehouse College Graduate Exhibition

Whitehouse Institute of Design, Australia invites you to join in celebrating the design work of the graduating class of 2020, Live on Tuesday 1st December, 2020 at 18:00 AEDT.

Marking the Institutes 32nd year of excellence in design education, 80+ students from the Bachelor of Design in the areas of Fashion Design, Interior Design and Creative Direction & Styling will showcase their signature graduate projects through just over 80 individual design works.

For information visit: https://whitehouse-design.edu.au/

Monash University Events

2020 Art, Design and Architecture Graduate Exhibition

Date is yet to be announced. Sign up here for updates: https://bit.ly/2KuCWKB



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Engineering Information Sessions (online)

New postgraduate pathway to engineering information session. 8 December. Information session and change of preference advice. Wednesday 16 December. Information and RSVP for both events visit: https://bit.ly/3737ef9

Interested in a career with the Victoria Police?

Four Different Roles

Victoria Police has four different roles available for students who might be interested in pursuing a career in policing.

- Police Officer
- Protective Services Officer
- Police Custody Officer
- Victorian Public Servant

For a brief overview of each role, watch this recruitment video: https://bit.ly/2KU6P4w

Experience and Attributes the Force is Looking For

Not every 18-year-old will be ready to apply but those who are gathering life experience whilst they are in high school will be more competitive throughout the recruitment process.

For example:

- Part-time work experience in a customer service environment provides exposure to people of all
 works of life and develops communication, teamwork and conflict resolution skills. For example,
 working at McDonalds one day a week.
- Volunteer experience develops a sense of community-mindedness and communication skills. For
 example, working at the local pool as a lifeguard or volunteering at the local community centre.
- Sporting club experience develops teamwork, communication and leadership skills, not to mention the healthy level of fitness that is a requirement of the role.
- Overseas travel provides exposure to other cultures, religions and languages and fosters a sense of independence and assertiveness.

For information on eligibility criteria, the recruitment process and upcoming Police and Protective Services Officer information sessions visit the Victoria Police careers website: www.police.vic.gov.au/careers

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