



## 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 weekly 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'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 in the next few weeks. A letter will be sent home outlining the program.

**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.

### **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/](http://www.ausapp.com.au/)



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### **Making the Most of Your Time at School**

If you have just started back at school and you aren't feeling motivated or engaged, the staff at Australian Apprenticeships Pathways have written an article with great advice about how you can become more connected with your learning and your career development.

The article covers school subjects, VET subjects, school-based apprenticeships, work experience and paid work. You can read the article here: <http://bit.ly/2FdEHFx>

### **Article for Families**

They have also written an article just for parents and families called 'opening the door to new opportunities for your child'.

You can access it at this link - <http://bit.ly/2BCiZeu>

### **Careers in the Maritime Industry**

Career Education Association of Victorian (CEAV) and Offshore and Specialist Ships Australia (OSSA) are hosting an exciting online information session about careers in the Maritime Industry.

Students will get to hear from OSSA staff and members currently employed in the industry and will learn about the huge variety of occupations, potential pathways, career stories and more!

Date: Thursday 25 March, 11.30am

Information & RSVP: please see your Career Adviser for the link to register your place.

### **New Medicine Pathway Course**

From 2022, CQUniversity will be offering the Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Medicine) program. A small number of graduates will be guaranteed a place in The University of Queensland's regionally based Doctor of Medicine program provided they meet entry requirements.

For information on entry requirements and the course, visit [www.cqu.edu.au](http://www.cqu.edu.au)

### **Careers With STEM**

#### **Business + STEM**

Science isn't all research and academia – commercially minded scientists are turning their inventions and discoveries into real-world products and successful businesses all the time. Learn why science + innovation = a great combination, <https://bit.ly/3qrkdzL>

#### **Humanities + STEM**

Can you really combine humanities and STEM? Absolutely! Discover how to connect your humanities passion with STEM subjects to build your dream career, <https://bit.ly/2Zmndlg>



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### Could I Be a Data Scientist?

Love numbers? Able to spot a pattern from mile away? Take this quiz to see if you've got what it takes to work in this exciting, popular and future proof area of STEM! <http://bit.ly/3qBsUYc>

### Mechanical Engineering

From what it is to where it could take you, [we break down mechanical engineering](http://bit.ly/3diKEaA) to see if it's the right STEM career path for you, <http://bit.ly/3diKEaA>

### Learn Computer Science via YouTube

The clever people at Laconic Machine Learning have compiled an [entire CS curriculum into 1000 YouTube videos](http://bit.ly/3rQRlKk) and it's awesome! <http://bit.ly/3rQRlKk>

## 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 2022, 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 2021 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:

1 Feb	Concession Scheme and Access Arrangements open
1 Mar	Bookings open
10 Mar	Concession application deadline
17 Mar	Access Arrangements application deadline
17 May	Booking deadline
7 Jun	Booking cancellation deadline
1 Jul –	Testing
11 Aug	



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Sep Results delivered to  
universities

It will cost you around \$305 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/](http://www.nie.edu.au/) and [www.medentry.edu.au/](http://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 [www.ucat.edu.au/ucat-anz/practice-tests](http://www.ucat.edu.au/ucat-anz/practice-tests). Please go to [www.ucat.edu.au](http://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.

### **Apply for University Now!**

#### **University of New England**

Applications are now open for the direct early entry program. It's free to apply and applications for Year 12 students will close Friday 17 September.

You will need a recommendation from your school to be eligible. Offers will be made in November before your final ATAR and results are released. For information and to start your application, visit [www.une.edu.au](http://www.une.edu.au)

#### **Australia National University**

From March, Year 12 students who are planning to study at ANU in 2022 (or defer their studies until 2023) will be able to apply for courses, accommodation and scholarship in the one online application direct to the university.

For information on dates and the new admissions process, visit [www.anu.edu.au](http://www.anu.edu.au)

### **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:

#### **Charles Sturt University**

Charles Sturt Advantage

[www.csu.edu.au](http://www.csu.edu.au)

#### **Australian Catholic University**

ACU Guarantee

[www.acu.edu.au](http://www.acu.edu.au)



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### **University of Wollongong**

Early Admission

[www.uow.edu.au](http://www.uow.edu.au)

### **Updates from RMIT University**

#### **Interested in Aviation?**

RMIT offers the Associate Degree in Aviation (Professional Pilots) at the Point Cook and Bendigo campuses. Students interested in studying at Bendigo in the future can participate in an on-campus information session and tour.

Information and RSVP via this link <http://bit.ly/3piNDyI>

#### **RMIT Health Clinic**

The RMIT Health Clinic in Bundoora offers a range of affordable services including Osteopathy, Chiropractic, Chinese Medicine and Psychology to the general public.

No matter what service you select, you'll be treated by current RMIT senior students under the supervision of registered practitioners.

Students interested in studying a health science course in the future will also be able to see RMIT students in action, [www.rmit.edu.au/healthclinic](http://www.rmit.edu.au/healthclinic)

#### **Student – Career Quiz**

Not sure where to begin discovering your skills? Check out the free Career Quiz developed by Skillsroad. It will help you determine some of your natural skills and match them to careers and industries you're likely to enjoy working in!

Get started now by visiting: [www.skillsroad.com.au/my-account/my-careers-quiz](http://www.skillsroad.com.au/my-account/my-careers-quiz)

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