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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.

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.

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 2022** (28 – 30 April @ Caulfield Racecourse, Melbourne), while others are **smaller regional expos** (eg @ WRICA Thursday 19 – Friday 20 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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YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Scholarships for High Achievers

The University of Melbourne – The Hansen Scholarship

If you are planning to study at The University of Melbourne in 2023, you should consider applying for the prestigious Hansen Scholarship. Stage 1 applications are now open and close on Wednesday 9 March. You must be able to prove financial disadvantage to be eligible.

<https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/hansen>

Australia National University (ANU) – Tuckwell Scholarship

If you are planning to study at ANU in 2023, you should consider applying for the prestigious Tuckwell Scholarship. Applications will open in March.

<https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/>

Other Scholarships

The Country Education Foundation has developed a resource to assist Year 12 students to find and apply for university scholarships.

The majority of scholarships for the 2023 intake won't open until later in the year, but students can use the website as a guide to what may be available.

<https://cef.org.au/scholarships-guide/>

University Course Search Tools

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,

www.courseseeker.edu.au

View Course ATARs

Year 12 students can view the ATAR profiles for university courses by using the course search functions on state based Tertiary Admission Centres.

Course ATARs can be used as a guide when planning for post school studies. It's important to note that as ATARs are based on the demand for a course, they may rise or fall for the 2023 intake.

Students will be able to view the lowest ATAR and lowest Selection Rank (ATAR inclusive of equity and academic bonus points) to receive an offer.



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Use the following websites to access the information

Victoria	www.vtac.edu.au
NSW & ACT	www.uac.edu.au
QLD	www.qtac.edu.au
SA & NT	www.satac.edu.au
WA	www.tisc.edu.au
Tasmania	www.utas.edu.au

Australian Defence Force

ADF Gap Year Program

Year12 students will soon be able to apply for the ADF Gap Year program. Students will be able to spend an exciting 12-months in the Navy, Army or Air Force, and get paid for meaningful work while travelling around Australia, gaining skills for life, and making lifelong friends.

To start the application process, you can book the YOU (Your Options Unlimited) session early. This is the first step in the recruitment process. For information and to book, visit <http://bit.ly/2Tyn8Yp>

For information, visit <https://bit.ly/3dCELLb>

Apply for University Now!

Early admission is now open for the following universities. You could receive a guaranteed offer before your exams!

University of New England

Applications are now open for the direct early entry program and will close in 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.

<https://bit.ly/3HxaosI>

Charles Sturt University (CSU)

Applications are now open for the Charles Sturt Advantage Program. You can apply direct to CSU by 31 March and possibly receive a guaranteed offer in May. Selection is based on your Year 11 results and a 'soft skills assessment'.

<https://bit.ly/2UmOlgT>



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Australia National University

Applications open for the direct entry program in March. You could receive a guaranteed offer by August. Selection is based on your Year 11 results and meeting the service and co-curricular requirements of the university.

<http://bit.ly/381rlc8>

Applying for Medicine, Dentistry or Oral Health?

If you are in Year 12 and plan to apply for medicine, dentistry and/or oral health to start in 2023, you may need to sit the UCAT ANZ (University Clinical Aptitude Test).

You will sit the test mid-year 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. 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.

Please go to 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.

UCAT Preparation Sessions

National Institute of Education is running an online simulated UCAT workshop on Sunday 22 February between 10am – 5pm.

A second online session will be held shortly after, www.nie.edu.au

UCAT Mock Exam Day 2022

This is a free online UCAT trial exam that will be sat by thousands of students. You will be able to get your mock UCAT score and have a benchmark to work on improving for the exam later in the year. You can sit the exam any time on Sunday 27 February.

You can register for the test via www.ucatmasterclass.com/ucat-med

Medicine Information Session

Charles Sturt University offers undergraduate medicine at the Orange, NSW campus in partnership with Western Sydney University. An online information session for prospective students will be held on Tuesday 29 March.

Book via <https://engage.csu.edu.au/medicine-info-nights>



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UCAT Guide

Download a UCAT Guide developed by UCAT Masterclass, <https://bit.ly/3HMyzTS>

ALL STUDENTS

Inspirational Videos!

What better way to start the year than dreaming about your future and possible careers you may be interested in?

Australia National University has developed a large collection of over 90 videos that cover a range of topics from astronomy/astrophysics, physics and mathematics to science communication, environment and sustainability, to health, medicine, psychology, to earth and marine sciences and much more!

Health related videos: <https://health.anu.edu.au/open-day>

Science related videos: <https://science.anu.edu.au/open-day>

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/

Health Courses

Interested in working in the health industry?

There are many courses and career areas you can consider. To set early academic goals, you can review the ATAR profiles for the 2022 January intake for the following course areas:

- Nursing
- Physiotherapy, Chiropractic, Osteopathy, Clinical Myotherapy
- Podiatry
- Speech Pathology
- Occupational Therapy.



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ATARs listed are for people who applied for courses via the Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC).

Download the guides via <https://bit.ly/335w9Rr>

Career Events

One of the best ways to develop ideas for occupations and courses is to participate in career events. Check the Career Newsletter for upcoming events and also join the social media for any higher education provider or training institute you are currently interested in to ensure you are up to date with events. The following are two events you may be interested in.

Charles Sturt University

Year 10 - 12 students are invited to participate in the Charles Sturt University Explore Day at the campus of their choice. Students will be able to explore two study areas through one-hour workshops.

Wagga Wagga, Tuesday 22 March

Albury-Wodonga, Tuesday 19 March

<https://study.csu.edu.au/life/events>

La Trobe University

Year 10 - 12 students are invited to participate in the Charles Sturt University Explore Day at the campus of their choice. Students will be able to explore two study areas through one-hour workshops.

Albury-Wodonga, Friday 25 February

<https://bit.ly/3rsBNWX>

Endeavour College of Natural Health

The College is located at Melbourne and offers higher education courses in:

- Naturopathy
- Acupuncture
- Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine
- Myotherapy
- Complimentary Medicine
- Remedial Massage (Diploma)

The institute recently ran a virtual open day.

You can access the recordings via registering at this link <https://virtualopenday.endeavour.edu.au/>



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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
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 aren't 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 don't 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/>

Interested in a Career with the Victoria Police?

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 and to watch recruitment videos, visit - <https://bit.ly/2N5vhUu>

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:

Employment in a Customer Service Role

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 surf lifesaving club or 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 and the recruitment process, visit the Victoria Police careers website, www.police.vic.gov.au/careers



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Information Session

The next career information sessions are running on 16 and 23 February. To view information, visit <https://bit.ly/3ryiA6o>

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

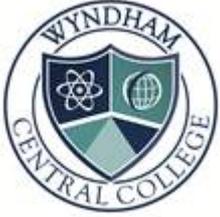
Read through Step One and take the work type explorer quiz, download the AusAppPathways app to your phone, and complete practice aptitude quizzes to ascertain the level of literacy and numeracy skills you will need for different occupations.

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

- Meet with your Career Adviser to start planning your professional trade career
- Undertake work experience in several fields or with several employers in the same field. See your Career Adviser 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
- 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/2SaxPi2
Agriculture	https://bit.ly/36WW9dq
Community Services	https://bit.ly/2OoUQgS



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Rail	https://bit.ly/36Ruo65
Careers	
Climate control	https://bit.ly/3b8mBo0

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