



Wyndham Central College Career News

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This will be the final Wyndham Central College Career Newsletter for the year. Publication will resume next year. It will include information regarding tertiary pathways – University & TAFE – as well as employment/industry pathways. 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, when COVID Restrictions allow. An open door policy is provided to ensure students make informed decisions about future pathways.

Important Dates

**Closing date for change of address and payment to receive ATAR statement by mail:
Tuesday 6 December 2022 (5pm)**

**VCE results and ATAR scores will be available online from Monday 12th December 2022 at 7am.
Change of preference close – 14th December**

VCE results and ATAR scores (the paper documents) should be in the post: date TBC.

December Offer Round: Offers Released Wednesday 21 December 2022(VTAC account 2pm)

January Offer Round: Offers released Friday 13th January 2023 (VTAC Account 2pm).

Year 12 Morning Tea:

All Year 12 students are invited to a morning tea in the Careers Centre on Monday 12th 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.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Congratulations on completing Year 12!

Whatever your plans are for 2023 and beyond, you should be very proud of your achievements this year.

This is the final career newsletter for Year 12 students – it aims to provide information for various pathways and provide answers to frequently asked questions.

POST SCHOOL CAREER SUPPORT

University and TAFE

If you are transitioning into university or TAFE, you will be able to access free career support.

Practitioners are usually located in the student services faculty.



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Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Many apprenticeship centres and group training companies have free career support and offer mentoring during your employment.

Transition to Work

Workforce Australia funds a program called 'Transition to Work'. This free program aims to support young people to transition into employment, training and further education. Search for a provider via www.workforceaustralia.gov.au

Jobs Victoria Career Counsellor Service

This is a free service for Victorian residents: <https://ceav.vic.edu.au/>

Employment Companies

Staff at employment companies can assist you with your job search and some have funded programs for young people with disabilities. Use the online Yellow Pages to contact local providers to discuss your eligibility.

Commercial Career Practitioners

You can access the services of a private practitioner. Use the online Yellow Pages to find qualified career advisers. Get quotes from different companies as services can be expensive.

DEFENCE FORCE PATHWAY

The ADF Gap Year program

There are a variety of exciting gap year roles on offer in the Navy, Air Force and Army. You have until the age of 24 to apply, so don't worry if you missed out on applying this year. The next application period will open early 2023.

Information - <http://bit.ly/3eKYXP8>

General Entry

You can start your application at any time to apply for general entry into most roles (including trades). Search here for available roles: www.defencejobs.gov.au

Learn about the application process here <http://bit.ly/2Tyn8Yp>



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University – ADFA

You can study a university degree at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA), Canberra.

Applications are closed but will open again next year for the 2024 intake: www.unsw.adfa.edu.au

Defence University Scholarship (DUS)

This option is for students already studying an eligible university degree. The Defence Force will sponsor you to complete your degree and pay most of your course fees. In return, you will commit to a service period in the Army, Navy or Air Force. Examples of eligible courses include engineering, nursing, medicine, physiotherapy, medical imaging, law, business etc. visit: <http://bit.ly/2HEjCG6>

Trades

You can apply for various trade roles in the Army, Navy or Air Force. Examples include: vehicle mechanic, electrician, aircraft technician, carpenter, chef, and plumber. You will receive full training and an excellent salary.

Visit: www.defencejobs.gov.au

TAFE PATHWAY

TAFE stands for Technical and Further Education and is a name commonly used for vocational training. TAFE is an excellent pathway for everyone.

Benefits include:

- Hands-on applied learning
- The aim of the course is to make you 'job ready', so every unit is relevant.
- There are different study levels and a large range of study areas.
- Employers love candidates with job ready skills!
- Obtain a qualification in a relatively short time frame.
- VET graduates earn wages comparable to, if not exceeding, that of university graduates.
- Can easily fit a TAFE qualification into a gap year before university.
- Higher level courses (e.g., Diploma) can provide a direct pathway into university courses with credit.
- Can give you the opportunity to trial an industry or career area before you commit to university study.
- Can give you a qualification you can use to gain part time work whilst undertaking university study.

Applications are open for most TAFE institutes and private providers.

The following is important to know:



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Competitive courses may have early closing dates

You may need to complete additional tasks as part of your application such as portfolios, literacy and numeracy tests, information sessions, applying for a Working With Children Check, etc.

For examples of TAFE courses and why TAFE is a fantastic post school pathway, download a resource via <https://bit.ly/3jZxBd6>

UNIVERSITY PATHWAY

Important updates regarding university applications.

December will be a very busy time, so it's important to get organised as soon as possible.

The following is information on what to expect:

RELEASE OF RESULTS AND ATAR

Monday 12 December

Please see Mrs Karlovic at the College from 10am to discuss results, change preferences and pathway options.

FINALISING COURSE PREFERENCES

The moment is almost here! Soon you will need to finalise your course preferences via the Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre you've applied through.

The following is what you need to be aware of:

There are key dates: Key dates are listed on the home page of the VTAC website.

You can change your preferences:

You can add/delete/reorder your preferences between offer rounds for most courses and can do this at any time until the cut off dates. You may hear the term 'Change of Preference'. This typically refers to the following periods in the offer cycles:

Changing your preferences after you receive your VCE Results and ATAR.

Changing your preferences between offer rounds.

Important!

Some courses can't be re-added if you remove them from your preference list (e.g., medicine).

Some courses have additional selection criteria such as admission tests, portfolio, interviews, personal statements etc. If you have missed the deadlines to submit these, then you will not be eligible for a course offer.



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Ordering course preferences: be very mindful of how you order your preferences. Remember – dream courses should be at the top and then your back-up courses below.

Your RAW ATAR will be different to your SELECTION RANK for the purpose of course eligibility and your selection rank will be different for each university as it's made up of your ATAR + any adjustments you're eligible for (e.g., academic and equity bonus points). Each university has different adjustment schemes.

It's important to be aware of this, as you may receive entry into your dream course if you don't think your raw ATAR is competitive enough.

For example, Jane achieves an ATAR of 60. She applies for courses at Deakin University and La Trobe University via VTAC.

Through the information she submitted in her VTAC SEAS application she receives equity ATAR adjustments.

Her selection rank for courses is now:

72.5 for Deakin University

71.8 for La Trobe University.

Excellent Resource

This video explains the VTAC Preference System - <https://youtu.be/FmRE4CIN7Ec>

HELP WITH COURSE PREFERENCES

Apart from meeting with Mrs Karlovic, your career adviser at the College, tertiary institutions offer a range of support services such as:

One to one advice via phone/chat

On campus expos and campus tours

Virtual information webinars

For information on support Victorian institutions are providing, visit <https://vtac.edu.au/institutions/inst-cop.html>

Note: Many of the expos are running on Tuesday 13 December, so plan early.



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COURSE OFFERS

Offers will be released over several rounds. It's important to note that most offers will be made in the December round, you can change your preferences between rounds, and you can only receive one offer per round.

Excellent Resource:

This video explains the VTAC Offer System - <https://youtu.be/1QPbnbe6Ffw>

KEY DATES FOR CHANGE OF PREFERENCE AND OFFERS

Victorian Courses

Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html

NSW/ACT Courses

Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)
www.uac.edu.au/key-dates

APPRENTICESHIP/ TRAINEESHIP PATHWAY

Now is a great time to search for your dream apprenticeship/traineeship!

There are many positions available for enthusiastic young people who are keen to work hard, earn while you learn, and obtain a portable qualification.

Apprenticeships and traineeships combine the best of both worlds of TAFE study and employment.

Many employers are finding it difficult to fill positions, so if you're lucky you might find positions being advertised with a higher rate of pay.

If you're planning to go to university in 2024, a 12-month gap year traineeship is the perfect way to earn money, gain an industry relevant qualification, and learn amazing skills before you start your degree.

Where to Start

It's important to sign up to local Apprenticeship Network Providers as they will be able to assist you with your search.

You can find their contact details via www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/apprentices

Australian Apprenticeships Pathways has developed a fantastic 4-step process for students to follow when seeking an apprenticeship or traineeship: www.aapathways.com.au/



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GAP YEAR

What is a Gap Year?

Traditionally a gap year was taken by Year 12 students who deferred their universities studies for 12-months. Now gap years are taken by students who would like to delay their vocational or tertiary pathways.

Gap Year Programs

Year13 have put together a list of companies that offer working holidays, travel, and volunteer gap year programs.

Visit: <https://year13.com.au/explore/travel>

EMPLOYMENT

If you are keen to work next year, there are several methods for finding employment. The following explores three:

1. Cold Calling

Did you know that many jobs aren't advertised? These employers rely on word of mouth and /or contact people who drop in resumes to their business. This is called 'cold calling'. What does this mean for you?

It means you have to be:

- Proactive

Get your resume and cover letter together, use/buy/borrow a smart outfit and hit the streets.

Employers love young people who demonstrate initiative and independence.

- Organised

Ask someone to go over your resume to look for spelling and grammatical errors. Ensure it is formatted correctly and no more than 2-pages. Be careful of using online resume builders as often the formatting looks poor. Youth Central has excellent sample resumes: www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

- Engaged

Let everyone know you are looking for casual employment. Word of mouth is a powerful tool to finding a job. Contact the referees on your resume to let them know they may receive calls from employers.

2. Register with Businesses

Some businesses allow prospective employees to register with their organisation and apply for jobs advertised on their website.

Access a list of casual job links to get started via <https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/>



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3. Search for Advertised Jobs

Apart from the links above, the following websites are great to bookmark and check regularly:

www.seek.com.au

<https://au.jora.com>

<https://au.indeed.com/>

Also check the classified section in your local newspaper.

Excellent Job Seeking Resources

For job seeking tips, and resume/cover letter templates, check out the resources at Youth Central:

www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

Rights and Responsibilities

Know your rights and responsibilities when starting a new job

Visit: www.fairwork.gov.au

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/Individuals/Tax-file-number/

Learn About Safety in the Workplace

It's very important to understand safety in the workplace.

Learn how to stay safe at work: www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/young-workers

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering is an excellent way to give back to your community and develop employability skills.

Check out opportunities via Volunteering Australia: www.volunteeringaustralia.org

Dates for Your Diary

Endota Wellness College

Endota Wellness College is located at Melbourne and offers courses in Beauty, Massage and Salon Management. An open day will be run on Saturday 3 December for prospective students during November.

For information, visit <https://endotawellnesscollege.edu.au/>



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Medicine and Dentistry

The following companies are running information sessions, webinars and workshops on the UCAT and also interview preparation sessions for Year 12 students who may be shortlisted for an interview:

NIE, www.ucat.edu.au

MedEntry, www.medentry.edu.au

Victoria Police

Victoria Police are running career information sessions at various locations across Victoria until the end of the year.

For information and to register your place, visit www.police.vic.gov.au

YEAR 9 – 11 STUDENTS

SUMMER SCHOOLS

The following are examples of exciting programs being offered in January.

Filmmaking Summer School

This intensive summer school is taught by Australia's leading film industry professionals and is suited to people from all ages and backgrounds.

When: 14 - 15 January 2023.

Where: Dancehouse, Carlton North, Vic.

www.summerfilmschool.com/

Santos Science Experience

This is a fun 3 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students (2023). Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, and attend site visits. The program is running at the following two institutes in January 2023:

17: Marine & Freshwater Discovery Centre

18 – 20: RMIT University

Information: www.scienceexperience.com.au

Quantum Computing Summer School Camp



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The Sydney Quantum Academy is running a summer school for Year 9 – 12 students who would like to learn about the fascinating world of quantum physics. You will explore quantum phenomena like superposition and entanglement and no prior experience is necessary. Full scholarships are available.

When: 16 – 20 January 2023.

Where: virtual plus a bonus on-site day

<https://sydneyquantum.org/programs>

VCE Summer School

The University of Melbourne Student Union is running their annual VCE Summer School for Year 12 students (2023) between 9 – 20 January 2023. The 2-week program will be run mainly on-campus. Students will be able to get a head start on their studies, develop study skills, and receive tutoring for their Unit 3-4 subjects. Registrations close 22 November.

Regional students can apply to live on campus during the program for a fee.

<https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/things-to-do/>

The National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA)

NIDA is running several acting and musical theatre short courses for students at the Melbourne campus during January. To explore the program options and reserve your place, visit **www.open.nida.edu.au**

Monash University, MYSci

MYSci is an exciting three-day science program specifically designed for students who will be in Year 11 and 12 in 2023. Cost is \$110 per student

When: 11 – 13 January 2023.

Where: Monash University, Clayton campus

<https://shop.monash.edu/mysci-2023.html>

2023 National Youth Science Forum

This is a two-week on-site and digital program where Year 12 students (2023) are immersed in hands-on science activities, lab experiments, field trips and meet researchers who are leaders in their field. The cost is \$1950. Students are encouraged to contact their local Rotary Club to seek financial assistance and scholarships may be available.

When: 10 – 24 January 2023.

www.nysf.edu.au

Campion College Summer Program



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The immersive four-day program provides the opportunity to reside on campus and interact with like-minded peers. We have a fun-filled program including movies, trivia, dancing, and sports, as well as sample lectures from our history, literature, philosophy, and theology professors.

Must be 16 – 20 years old.

When: 10 – 13 January 2023.

Where: Champion College, Toongabbie, NSW.

www.champion.edu.au

Monash University

Engage Engineer: this program is for students in Years 9 & 10 in 2023 and will run on 16 & 17 January 2023.

Engineering Skills Day: this program is for female students in Years 10 – 12 in 2023 and will run on 19 January 2023.

Steam City: this program is for female students and will run on 19 January 2023. The day will be focused on engineering.

For information on the above programs and to register your place, visit

www.monash.edu/engineering/meg/activities

CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Career Planning and Job Seeker Program

The team at My Career Match have developed a free program for high school students that is broken into five key categories:

- Career planning
- Promoting yourself
- Getting a job
- Personal development
- Mind, body & soul

Students can choose which categories and lessons they would like to work through.

www.blastoff.mycareermatch.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.



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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
- 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/academy>

YEAR 9 - 11 STUDENTS

University - Early Admission Programs

Did you know that at some universities, you can apply for programs that enable you to receive an offer before your final Year 12 results are released?

These are called 'early admission' programs and they provide a way for universities to take into consideration factors other than just your ATAR for admission into courses.

Some universities take into consideration your Year 11 results for university entry. This is very important to know for students starting Year 11, finishing Year 11, or advancing into Year 11 subjects.

Students with a successful early entry application may receive a 'conditional' or 'unconditional offer'.

Conditional Offer

Means that you will need to meet additional criteria to receive an offer such as a minimum ATAR and/or achieve subject and study score prerequisites

Unconditional Offer

Means as long as you complete Year 12 and achieve the course prerequisites, you will receive an offer



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(the ATAR will not be taken into consideration).

Year 11 Results - Examples

The following are examples of universities that take into consideration Year 11 results:

Australian Catholic University

ACU Guarantee

www.acu.edu.au

Charles Sturt University

Charles Sturt Advantage

www.csu.edu.au

La Trobe University

Year 11 Conditional Offer

www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire

University of Wollongong

Early Admission

www.uow.edu.au

Australia National University

Direct entry

www.anu.edu.au

Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS)

This is an umbrella program that covers several institutes in NSW and Canberra.

<https://bit.ly/34Xldkl>

Example:

Harry works very hard during Year 11 in 2022 and achieves strong grades. He applies for the Bachelor of Physiotherapy at Charles Sturt University via the Charles Sturt Advantage program in April 2023 (during Year 12).

The University is impressed with his Year 11 grades as well as his Advantage application and makes him a course offer in June.

Harry just has to complete and pass Year 12. He does this and then starts the Bachelor of Physiotherapy in Semester 1, 2024.



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YEAR 10 - 11 STUDENTS

Early Admission Program

La Trobe University Aspire Program

La Trobe University has several early admission programs that are relevant for current students including:

Year 11 Conditional Offer

This scheme is available for eligible courses. Successful applicants will receive a conditional offer to study at La Trobe University in 2024 (offers for most courses can be deferred until 2025). Applications close 6 February 2023 for current Year 11 students.

Aspire Early University Study

This scheme requires students to study university subjects during both Year 11 and 12 or either Year 11 or 12.

Aspire Achieve Plus

This scheme requires students to study a university subject during Year 12.

For information, visit www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire

Passionate About sport?

Enjoy playing sport and would like to combine your sports career with study in the future?

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. The campus is at Melbourne and online courses are available 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



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Elite Sports Business. Classes will be held at Ikon Park, Carlton Football Club grounds and La Trobe University, Bundoora.

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

Holmesglen-Saints Sports Program

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

<https://holmesglen.edu.au/>

Dates For Your Diary

Endeavour College of Natural Health

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

- Naturopathy
- Acupuncture Therapies
- Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine
- Complimentary Medicine
- Chinese Medicine
- Remedial Massage
- Chinese Remedial Massage

The institute is running several online information sessions for prospective students before the end of the year.

For information and to RSVP, visit www.endeavour.edu.au/events

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Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE)

AIE is located at Melbourne and Canberra and offers courses in the following study areas: gaming, animation, 3D, VFX for Film, and Film & Virtual Production.

The Academy is running an open day for prospective students on Saturday 19 November, <https://aie.edu.au/>

SAE Creative Media Institute

SAE offers Bachelor, Associate Degree and Diploma programs in Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games, and Music. The Institute is running an exhibition event for prospective students on Tuesday 13 December

Visit: <https://sae.edu.au/event>

Monash University

MADA Now – Monash Art, Architecture and Design

Discover the calibre of work from over 600 of Monash University's emerging future artists, designers, and architects in the MADA Now 2022 graduate exhibition. The exhibition is running until 3 December 2022 and is recommended to any students who are keen to study art, architecture, or design courses in the future, www.monash.edu/mada/events

Australian Defence Force

Interested in a career in the Army, Navy or Air Force? Check the amazing career information sessions running across the country and online.

Visit: www.defencejobs.gov.au/events

Australian College of Applied Professions (ACAP)

ACAP is located at Melbourne and offers courses in Criminology & Justice, Psychology, Social Work, Counselling, Coaching, and Business Administration. The College is running a series of online events for prospective students in December. You will learn about courses at the College and participate in themed webinars.

Visit: www.acap.edu.au/events

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