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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 commence next week 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?

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.



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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 (e.g. 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 while others are smaller regional expos.

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 (e.g., 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.



YEAR 12 STUDENTS

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

A scholarship is financial help awarded to students. They can provide different types of benefits, for example – a sum of money, subsidised accommodation, industry work experience, subsidised course fees etc. The following are two scholarships for high achievers.

The University of Melbourne – The Hansen Scholarship

If you are planning to study at The University of Melbourne in 2024, you should consider applying for the Hansen Scholarship. Stage 1 applications are now open and close on Thursday 30 March.

You must be able to prove financial disadvantage to be eligible.

<http://bit.ly/2TeHYgn>



Australia National University (ANU) – Tuckwell Scholarship

If you are planning to study at ANU in 2024, you should consider applying for the Tuckwell Scholarship. You are required to apply direct to ANU by 3 April for the courses you are interested in and by 13 April for the scholarship. Applications will open on 1 March,

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

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

No doubt you've heard the term 'early entry' and you're keen to apply for programs. Early entry enables universities to look at factors other than just the ATAR when making course offers.

It's important to know the following:

Early entry programs are different at each university.

There are different application methods, and different application dates.

Each program takes different criteria into consideration. These could include:

- A soft skills statement
- Year 11 results
- A recommendation from your school
- A personal statement
- History of community service/leadership



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Some early entry programs are designed to give applicants 'unconditional offers'. This usually means a course offer that is ATAR and study score free. Others have conditions such as meeting a guaranteed ATAR and meeting minimum study scores.

The following two early entry programs are now open. Applicants can receive an unconditional offer:

University of New England

Selection is based on a school recommendation.

Apply by Friday 15 September

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

Charles Sturt University

Selection is based on Year 11 results and a soft skills assessment.

Apply by Friday 7 April

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

ADF GAP YEAR PROGRAM

Year 12 students will soon be able to apply for the ADF Gap Year program. Students will 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 www.defencejobs.gov.au



GAP YEAR PROGRAMS

A gap year is commonly taken by Year 12 graduates who would like to delay the start of their university or TAFE course or apprenticeship/traineeship. The year provides a fantastic opportunity for graduates to participate in volunteering or overseas programs.

Year13 has put together a gap year guide of exciting ideas,



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<https://year13.com.au/articles/what-gap-year-guide> and weblinks for travel opportunities,
<https://year13.com.au/explore/travel>

MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, ORAL HEALTH

If you are in Year 12 and plan to apply for medicine, dentistry and/or oral health to start in 2024, 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 Year 12 results, and in some cases an interview.

You will only have one chance to sit the UCAT ANZ this year. It will cost you \$325 to sit the test, or \$199 concession, and you will be able to receive your results straight away.



Please go to www.ucat.edu.au for more information about the UCAT ANZ, and to register for the test.

UCAT Preparation Sessions

You have the choice to start preparing for the test early. There are several private companies that offer commercial preparation programs such as:

NIE, www.nie.edu.au

Med Entry, www.medentry.edu.au

It's important to note that private companies are not endorsed by the universities that use the UCAT.

UCAT Mock Exam Day 2023

This is a free online UCAT trial exam that will be sat by thousands of students. You will receive 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 26 February. Register for the test via www.ucatmasterclass.com/ucat-med



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ALL STUDENTS

YEAR 11 & 12 STUDENTS

MARINE SCIENCE WORK EXPERIENCE

Experience 6-days as a marine scientist with The University of Tasmania. Year 11 and 12 students are invited to apply for this incredible program that aims to introduce students to temperate marine biology.

24 students will spend a week at Maria Island and there are 14 scholarships available to cover flights, accommodation, meals, and transfers. For information and to register your interest, visit <http://bit.ly/3JGDVEd>

UNIVERSITY COURSE SEARCH TOOLS

Course Seeker

There are many university courses at various institutions across Australia. It can be a daunting task to research your options, but the Course Seeker website has been designed to make this an easy process for you.

It contains a national course comparison tool which enables 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

If you would like view the ATAR profiles for university courses for each state, you can do this by using the course search functions on state based Tertiary Admission Centres.

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 for the 2024 intake.

Course ATARs can be used as a guide when planning for post school studies. It's important to note that as selection ranks are based on the demand for a course, they may rise or fall for the 2024 intake.

Use the following websites to access up to date information.

Victoria www.vtac.edu.au



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NSW & ACT	www.uac.edu.au
QLD	www.qtac.edu.au
SA & NT	www.satac.edu.au
WA	www.tisc.edu.au

APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEESHIPS

Apprenticeships and traineeships are excellent post school options. They are the perfect option for students who enjoy hands-on learning, would like to gain amazing skills, and would like to have a qualification that is recognised anywhere in Australia.

Gap year traineeships are excellent for graduates who would like to gain industry skills and a qualification before starting university study and also for grads who aren't sure what pathway they would like to take in the future.

It's a great idea to get as much work experience as possible to increase your competitiveness for employment, work out the best industry for you, and to create networks and contacts. See your work experience coordinator for information.

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.

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/2SaxPj2
Agriculture	https://bit.ly/36WW9dq





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Community <https://bit.ly/2OoUQgS>

Rail Careers <https://bit.ly/36Ruo65>

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), and gratitude.

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 To download the worksheets, visit

www.thehopefullinstitute.com/free-worksheets

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>



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

EMPLOYMENT

If you are keen to find a casual job, now is the perfect time to start looking for employment opportunities. The following are resources to get you started.

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, 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



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:



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- 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

Feel free to contact us if you would like further details on any of the mentioned above or would like to discuss your career journey.

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