



## Wyndham Central College Career News

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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. Appointments can be made to discuss the future pathways of their children.**

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **Final Reminder: Year 12 Students and parents are invited to book a Pathways Meeting with Ms Siragusano to assist with their Pathways/VTAC Applications**
- **The Year 12 Pathways Application Process continuing this term:**
  - **Individual Year 12 Pathways Application Meetings continuing.**
  - **Students must register their account with VTAC & pay their application fee ASAP.**
  - **Timely applications will close 5pm Thursday 28 September. We encourage all applicants to apply and pay their processing fee by this time to ensure that their application is in good order for offers in December and January. Applicants can continue to change their preferences after this time, but should be mindful of courses with early application deadlines - these cannot be added as preferences after the Timely deadline.**
  - **SEAS and VTAC Scholarships applications will close 5pm Friday 6 October. Applications must be finalised and any supporting documentation must be submitted by this date. Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of the SEAS and VTAC Scholarships document review guarantee deadline of this Friday 15 September.**

### **YEAR 12 STUDENTS**

#### **TERTIARY APPLICATIONS**

As we wind down to the end of term 3, it's important to double check your TAFE and University application tasks. The following are tips to help you stay on track:

- Check closing dates
- Please see the next page for information on closing dates for:
  - Tertiary Admission Centres (Victoria, NSW/ACT)
  - Early Entry Programs
  - Special Consideration
  - Scholarships
- Note: Some courses have September closing dates such as Medicine and Fine Arts. Additional forms, tests, auditions etc.



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As discussed in the last Career News, you may need to complete additional tasks or tests to be eligible for selection into your dream courses (e.g., nursing, teaching, art, architecture, medicine, dentistry).

Double check the selection requirements for the courses you're applying for.

## **Task List and Calendar**

Make a task list for each institute and place key dates on a calendar for all institutes (application fees, scholarships, accommodation, early entry etc.).

Have separate task lists for each state if you've applied for courses in more than one.

## **Special Consideration and Scholarships**

If you're applying for special consideration and/or scholarships, you may need to supply evidence such as:

- record of school absences
- financial disadvantage (Family Tax Benefit, Youth Allowance etc.)
- rurality status
- VCAA/NESA special provisions
- a supporting letter from the school
- a supporting letter from a health/medical practitioner
- school/community involvement
- a character or academic reference.

It's also important to note that scholarships at some universities will close soon.

Ensure you speak to key people at your school as soon as possible if you need staff to complete forms for you.

## **Applying for courses via Tertiary Admission Centres (TACs)**

Once you've completed your course application, check the inbox in your TAC account for information on additional selection requirements for your preferences. It's crucial you complete these requirements by the due dates otherwise you risk being ineligible for entry into relevant courses.

## **Resources**

Download resources from <https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/>

## **Other States**

Access information about course applications via:

SA & NT [www.satac.edu.au](http://www.satac.edu.au)

Queensland [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au)

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Western	<a href="http://www.tisc.edu.au">www.tisc.edu.au</a>
Australia	
Tasmania	<a href="http://www.utas.edu.au">www.utas.edu.au</a>

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### **SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATION SCHEME (SRS) – CLOSING SOON!**

SRS is an umbrella early entry program that covers the following NSW and Canberra institutes:

- Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE)
- Australian Catholic University
- Australian College of Physical Education
- Charles Sturt University
- International College of Management, Sydney
- Macquarie University
- National Art School
- SAE Creative Media Institute
- Torrens University Australia
- University of Canberra
- University of New England
- University of Newcastle
- University of Notre Dame Australia
- University of Technology Sydney
- Western Sydney University

Participating institutions can use a range of criteria when making SRS offers, including your:

- School's rating of your aptitudes
- Year 11 grades
- Educational Access Scheme application (if applicable).

### **How To Apply**

STEP 1: apply for up to 5 courses via the Universities Admissions Centre by 29 September, [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

STEP 2: Via the UAC website, complete the SRS application and upload your Year 11 results.

Applications close this Monday 18 September.

STEP 3: your school will complete a ratings form about your academic aptitudes.

STEP 4: make sure your UAC preferences are in the order you want to be considered for SRS by 4 November.

Note – not all courses are eligible for SRS, so double check when ordering preferences.

STEP 5: conditional offers will be released on 10 November.

STEP 6: final offers will be released on 21 December.



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### TERTIARY DATES: VICTORIA

#### September

- Download early entry and VTAC guides via <https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/>
- University applications – VTAC (now open) Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC) applications are open for undergraduate courses, scholarships, Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) etc., [www.vtac.edu.au/](http://www.vtac.edu.au/)
- VTAC – Special Consideration (SEAS)
- 15: Last date that VTAC guarantees they can contact applicants about incorrect or missing evidence/documents for SEAS. Applicants are encouraged to submit evidence before this date.

#### Early Entry Programs Close:

1<sup>st</sup> - La Trobe University Aspire – Community Contribution and Year 11 Conditional Entry.

17<sup>th</sup> - RMIT University – Early Entry

18<sup>th</sup> - Australian Catholic University – ACU Guarantee

#### VTAC

28<sup>th</sup> - **Timely applications close for undergraduate courses.**

Applications close for courses that have early closing dates – Medicine at Monash University and Fine Arts courses at The University of Melbourne. October

#### October

##### Early/Guaranteed Entry applications close for

TBC Victoria University: VU Guaranteed

6<sup>th</sup> - University of Melbourne: Access Melbourne

6<sup>th</sup> - RMIT University: SNAP

6<sup>th</sup> - Monash University: Monash Guarantee

9<sup>th</sup> - Swinburne University: Early Entry



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### University Applications – VTAC

**6<sup>th</sup> October - Applications close for Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) and Scholarships.**

### December

Early Entry Applications close for

**1<sup>st</sup>** - CQUniversity: Principal's Recommendation Scheme

**1<sup>st</sup>** - Federation University – Early Entry

**13<sup>th</sup>** :

Deakin University – Regional Access Scheme

### VTAC Applications

**1<sup>st</sup>** - Personal Statement applications close

**11<sup>th</sup>** - VCE results and ATAR released

**13<sup>th</sup>** - Last day to finalise course preferences (Vic students)

**14<sup>th</sup>** - Last day to finalise course preferences (NSW students)

**21<sup>st</sup>** - December round offers released

**January offer round 1 released on 12 January 2024.**

### TERTIARY DATES: NSW & ACT

#### August

Download early entry and UAC guides via  
<https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/>

University applications – UAC (now open)



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Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) applications are open for undergraduate courses, Equity Scholarships, Education Access Schemes (EAS) etc., [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

Early Entry applications close for:

- 31 Charles Sturt University – Charles Sturt Advantage

### September

Early entry applications close for:

- 4 University of Technology Sydney - Early Entry
- 15 University of New England – Early Entry
- 18 UAC - Schools Recommendation Scheme
- 18 Australian Catholic University – ACU Guarantee
- 30 Southern Cross University – Early Offer

University applications – UAC

- 29 Timely applications close for undergraduate courses. Applications close for some courses with early closing dates such as medicine.

### November

University applications – UAC

- 3 Preferences close for Schools Recommendation Scheme
- 10 Offers released for Schools Recommendation Scheme
- 23 Educational Access Scheme - applications close for December Round 2 offers.



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### December

Early entry applications close for:

- 1 CQUniversity – Principal’s Recommendation Scheme  
University applications – UAC
- 8 Equity Scholarships – applications close for December 2 Round of offers.
- 21 December Round 2 offers released (main round for Year 12 applicants).

### GET HELP WITH YOUR VTAC PREFERENCES

How you order your university and TAFE preferences matter and it’s crucial that you are happy with the order of your preferences and you have the correct backup courses in place.

As a reminder, you will only be entitled to receive one course offer per round. VTAC will offer you the highest course on your preference list that you’re eligible for.

The following are examples of universities you can book a one-to-one appointment with to get help with your preferences:

#### Monash University

- Science courses, <https://bit.ly/3LapDul>
- Education courses, <https://bit.ly/3dfYae3>
- Health courses, <https://bit.ly/3PAksYg>

#### Swinburne University

- All courses, <https://bit.ly/3QNq1Ah>

#### La Trobe University

- All courses, <https://consultation.latrobe.edu.au/s/>

### SCHOLARSHIP

#### Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS)

Students applying for an AIQS accredited university degree in construction management are encouraged to apply for the Donald E Napier Scholarship.



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Victorian courses include:

### RMIT UNIVERSITY

- Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours).

### DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

- Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours).
- Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours)/Bachelor of Design (Architecture).

Applications close 31 October, [www.aigs.com.au](http://www.aigs.com.au)

## EXAM PREPARATION LECTURES

### Australian Catholic University (ACU)

In September, ACU is offering free Year 12 VCE and HSC exam preparation webinars across a broad range of subjects.

Register via [www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events](http://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events)

### Monash University

Monash is running free Units 3+4 VCE Science exam preparation lectures during September.

There is a cost for each lecture.

Visit: <https://bit.ly/3EhghU8>

## ALL STUDENTS

### TAFE AND POLYTECHNIC APPLICATIONS

Students planning to study at a TAFE or Polytechnic institute next year are encouraged to contact the organisation/s to find out the following:

- When applications open and close
- What the application process entails (e.g., apply direct to the institute or via a Tertiary Admission Centre)
- If there are additional selection requirements such as a portfolio or interview.
- If there is an information session running.
- Back-up courses they should also apply for (e.g., Diploma of Nursing and Certificate III in Individual Support – Aged Care).

Applicants will most likely have to complete a literacy, language, and numeracy test once they apply for the course.





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Note: some universities offer TAFE courses. They are dual sector institutions.

For example -

Federation University

Victoria University

RMIT University

Swinburne University.

Speak to your school Career Adviser to narrow down the best institutes for the study areas you're interested in.

### **APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINEESHIP PATHWAYS**

Students planning to start a traineeship or apprenticeship next year are advised to start preparing now.

#### **Get Specialised Support**

Register with local Group Training Organisations (GTOs) and Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) providers. Staff from these organisations are highly skilled and can assist you through all stages of finding, securing, and undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Search for organisations via [www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au)

#### **Work Experience**

Speak to your work experience coordinator at school about completing work experience before the end of the school year.

#### **Update Your Resume and Create a Cover Letter**

Work with your career adviser to update your resume and to create a cover letter you can tailor for job applications.

#### **'Cold Call' Businesses**

Why wait for an opportunity to present itself?

Send your resume and a tailored cover letter to the businesses you would love to secure a traineeship or apprenticeship at.

#### **Explore the Australian Apprenticeships Pathways Website**

This website contains fantastic resources for young people interested in pursuing a professional trade or traineeship.

Some of the resources include:



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- Job and training descriptions
- Career interest explorer
- Job pathway charts
- Information on apprenticeships and school-based apprenticeships
- Literacy and numeracy quizzes for different industries such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and hairdressing.

To explore the website, go to [www.aapathways.com.au](http://www.aapathways.com.au)

### **SUMMER SCHOOLS**

#### **National Computer Science School**

This amazing ten-day summer school camp is for students entering Year 11 or 12 in 2024. The camp will be held at The University of NSW and the University of Melbourne between 6 -15 January 2024. The program includes fun teamwork activities, and the chance to meet industry professionals.

Applications will close at 5pm this Friday (15 September).

Register via <https://grokacademy.org/ncss>

#### **Indigenous Australian Engineering School (IAES) 2024**

The IAES will be held at Sydney between 14 – 20 January 2023.

Year 10 – 12 participants will experience:

- a fully sponsored week-long program
- exploration of various engineering fields
- site visits, cultural activities, and more
- networking with industry professionals
- recreational fun on Sydney Harbour.

For information and to express an interest in the program, visit <https://bit.ly/3QZtLSX>

#### **National Mathematics Summer School**

The National Mathematics Summer School (NMSS) is a program for motivated and high-achieving school students that has been held each January since 1969. The 56th NMSS will be held in Canberra from 7 to 20 January 2024. The application process for the 2024 School will open later this year.

Bookmark this page and check for updates - <https://nmss.edu.au/>

#### **University of Melbourne - VCE Summer School**



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The University of Melbourne will run a two-week summer school in January for students entering Year 12 in 2024. Applications haven't opened yet, but students can read about the program and complete an expression of interest for the program via <https://bit.ly/47RACUg>

### **CAMPUS TOURS**

Missed Open Days?

The following are examples of universities running campus tours for prospective students and their families during September.

#### **La Trobe University**

19 – 21: Melbourne campus.

Register via [www.latrobe.edu.au/events](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/events)

#### **Deakin University**

20 – 27: all campuses.

Register via <https://bit.ly/3w4hpyr>

#### **Monash University**

21 – 28: all campuses.

Register via [www.monash.edu/discover](http://www.monash.edu/discover)

30: Science Precinct Tour, Clayton campus, <https://bit.ly/3L0t0VU>

Regional and Interstate students – book a personalised Science Precinct tour via [sci-futurestudents@monash.edu](mailto:sci-futurestudents@monash.edu)

#### **RMIT University**

18 – 27: book a tour of the Melbourne, Brunswick or Bundoora campus during the term break via

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

**The following universities don't have set dates during the term break, but you can organise a personal tour of the campus.**

#### **Swinburne University**

Book a tour of the Hawthorn campus during the term break via <https://bit.ly/3YSgHk7>

#### **Australian Catholic University**

Book a tour of the Melbourne, Ballarat, Canberra, or Sydney campuses via <https://bit.ly/3Hq5zAE>

#### **The University of Melbourne**



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Book a tour of the Parkville campus via <https://bit.ly/3Ph6jz1>

### **Charles Sturt University**

Book a tour of any campus via <https://bit.ly/3RkYKZF>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **SANTOS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE**

#### **Agriculture**

The University of Melbourne is running an exciting 3-day program at the Dookie campus between 29 November – 1 December 2023 for Year 9 and 10 students. Dookie campus is a working farm - a centre of agricultural research and teaching. You will join scientists and agricultural student mentors in hands on activities in the laboratory and paddock investigating real world issues.

There are 10 places left and accommodation is available at an additional cost.

Book your place via [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au)

#### **University of Melbourne**

The Science Experience will be held between The Science Experience will be held between 22 – 24 January 2024 at The University of Melbourne and is for students heading into Year 9 or 10 in 2024. Students will get to experience university life with lectures, laboratory experiments and hands-on experiences run by our top researchers and scientists, all whilst exploring our world-class facilities.

There are 10 places left, [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au)

### **EXPERIENCE DAYS - GAMING**

The Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) is running experience days for prospective students who are interested in game development, 3D animation, and visual effects.

The event will be held on the following dates:

Melbourne: 20 September

Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide: 4 October.

Register via <https://aie.edu.au/>

## **UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS**

### **ENDEAVOUR COLLEGE OF NATURAL HEALTH**

Endeavour College offers courses in the following study areas: Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine, Acupuncture Therapies, Chinese Medicine, and Complimentary Medicine.

The College is running virtual information sessions during September for prospective students,

[www.endeavour.edu.au/events/](http://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/)



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### **WHITEHOUSE INSTITUTE OF DESIGN**

#### **Illustration & Portfolio Workshop**

Whitehouse is running the following workshops in September at the Melbourne campus:

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| 18 | Illustration & Portfolio Workshop          |
| 19 | Adobe Portfolio Workshop                   |
| 20 | Foundation Sewing Workshop (3-day program) |
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The workshops are for aspiring designers and recommended as a starting point for those wishing to develop their illustration skills and create a portfolio for application to the Bachelor of Design program. For information on costs and to register your place, visit <https://whitehouse-design.edu.au/workshops>

### **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**

ACU is running the following online 'Talk with Industry' seminars in in September.

Hear from professionals working in the following careers and learn about courses at ACU.

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| 20     | Exercise Science & High-Performance Sport        |
| 21     | Arts and humanities                              |
| 26     | Psychologists, Youth Workers, and Social Workers |
| 27     | Nutritionists and Dietitians                     |
| 5 Oct. | Nurses, Midwives, and Paramedics                 |
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Register your place for the events above via [www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events](http://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events)

### **BUSINESS CAMP**



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The ASE Group is running an inspirational 3-day camp for young people (7 – 15 years) who are interested in exploring the world of entrepreneurship and starting their own business. It will run at locations in Sydney and Brisbane during September.

There is a cost for the camp.

For information and to register, visit [www.ase.edu.au/businesscamp](http://www.ase.edu.au/businesscamp)

### **PASSIONATE ABOUT BEAUTY?**

Box Hill Institute is running an exciting program for Year 11 and 12 students interested in studying beauty therapy in the future. The event will be held at the Box Hill campus on 28 September.

Register via [www.boxhill.edu.au](http://www.boxhill.edu.au)

### **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MUSIC (AIM)**

Performance and Songwriting Workshop

The Institute is running a music performance and songwriting workshop for students in Years 9 – 12 at the Melbourne campus on 21 and 22 September.

Cost is \$275.

Register via <https://aim.edu.au/>

### **SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY**

#### **A Day in the Life of a Swinburne Student**

Students are invited to attend a Day in the Life of a Swinburne Student session to find out about life after school. You will participate in talks, presentations, hands-on workshops in your future study area, and more. The following are events running in September.

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| 19 | STEM student:<br>engineering, science, IT.  |
| 20 | Creative student: design,<br>film & television, games &<br>animation, media &<br>communication. |
| 21 | Business student  |
| 21 | Health student: health<br>and psychology.   |
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For information on the above programs and to register your place, visit <https://bit.ly/3qVcBLi>

### **MONASH UNIVERSITY**



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### **Campus Tours**

Monash is running campus tours for prospective students and families during September.

### **Discover Monash**

Monash is running the following exciting course information sessions in September:

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| 14 | Discover Politics,<br>Philosophy, Economics<br>and Global Studies |
| 27 | Discover IT   |

Register your place for the above events via [www.monash.edu/discover](http://www.monash.edu/discover)

### **VCE Revision Lectures**

Monash is running VCE revision lectures in the following subjects: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematical Methods during the September holidays.

Book your place via <https://bit.ly/3K0xds0>

### **Business Explorer Program**

This is a free program for students who are keen to explore course and career options in business. The next event will run on 27 September at the Clayton campus – registrations will close on 15 September, or when capacity is reached.

Visit: [www.monash.edu/business/business-explorer](http://www.monash.edu/business/business-explorer)

### **Fine Art, Design & Architecture Experience Day**

This on-campus event is for students interested in studying Fine Art, Design or Architecture. Students will participate in hands-on workshops and learn about Monash courses. The program will run on 26 & 27 September at the Caulfield campus. Spaces will fill quickly.

Register your place via <https://bit.ly/3YDbNHu>

### **START YOUR CAREER IN FASHION**

Kangan Institute is running a three-day camp for students interested in pursuing careers in fashion. The program will run between 18 – 20 September at the Cremorne campus (Victoria).

Information and RSVP - [www.kangan.edu.au](http://www.kangan.edu.au)



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