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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 – Year 12 STUDENTS:

- Closing date for change of address and payment to receive ATAR statement by mail: Wednesday 6 December (5pm)
- VCE results and ATAR scores will be available online from Monday 11th December 2023 at 7am.
- Results Counselling with the Pathways Team in the Careers Centre – Monday 11th December from 10am – 2pm
- Change of preference close – 14th December
- VCE results and ATAR scores (the paper documents) should be in the post within 10 business days.
- December Offer Round: Offers Released Thursday 21 December 2023 (VTAC account 2pm)
- January Offer Round: Offers released Friday 12th January 2023 (VTAC Account 2pm)
- The Careers Team would like to take this opportunity to wish each Year 12 Student the best of luck in all their future endeavours.

Year 12 Morning Tea:

All Year 12 students are invited to a morning tea in the Careers Centre on Monday 11th 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 Ms Sirigusano.



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ALL STUDENTS

FOCUS ON SUMMER SCHOOLS

The following programs are running during the Christmas break:

MAGNIFY MUSIC CAMP

Magnify is an intensive high-level skills camp for high school students between the ages of 14 – 18 who are serious about career success in the field of music. Run by Box Hill Institute, the camp will run between 15 - 20 January 2024. There will be a final concert on Friday night, where students can show off their newfound skills. Entry is by audition and there are only 30 places.

The cost is \$450

Apply via <https://bit.ly/45idxrc>

INSIGHTS PROGRAM

NIE and Immerse Education offers an amazing 11-day residential program in Sydney for students who are passionate about academics.

The program will run between 3 – 13 January 2024 and most streams are almost full.

Streams cover study areas such as medicine, business, creative writing, veterinary studies, international studies, and psychology. The cost is over \$10,000 and students will stay on campus at a University of Sydney College.

For information and to apply visit www.niecareers.com.au

FILMMAKING SUMMER SCHOOL

Filmmaking for the Digital Age: this intensive summer school is taught by Australia's leading film industry professionals and is suited to people from all ages and backgrounds. The event will be held between 12 - 14 January 2024 at Dancehouse, Carlton North, Vic.

Visit: www.summerfilmschool.com/

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE - VCE SUMMER SCHOOL

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 via <https://bit.ly/47RACUg>



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FUTURE DOCTORS PROGRAM

NIE offers a 4-day intensive work experience program for students interested in medicine. Cost is \$2,290 and doesn't cover transport or accommodation. The Melbourne program will run between 19 – 22 January 2024 and is currently 55% full.

For information and to apply, visit www.niecareers.com.au

CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

This immersive four-day program provides the opportunity to reside on campus and interact with like-minded peers. Students will engage in a fun-filled program including movies, trivia, dancing, and sports, as well as sample lectures from history, literature, philosophy, and theology professors. Applicants must be 16 – 20 years old.

When: 9 – 12 or 16 – 19 January 2024.

Where: Campion College, Toongabbie, NSW. www.campion.edu.au

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 – ENGAGE ENGINEER

This program is for students who will be in Years 9 or 10 in 2024 and will run on 15 & 16 January 2024. Students will have the opportunity to participate in various engineering related workshops to gain hands on experience about engineering. Activities include paper rocket launching, designing sustainable buildings, participating in a race using mini rovers you get to make and so much more! The workshops are presented by Monash Engineering Student Teams, and a tour of on campus laboratories and a Q&A panel is included.

To register your place, visit www.monash.edu/engineering/meg/activities

OTHER NEWS

COMPETITIONS

Add to your resume and have fun by entering competitions!



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Writing

Secondary school students are invited to enter the 'Little Stories, Big Ideas' competition. The Term 4 theme is 'magic'.

Applications close 22 December 2023 via <https://littlestoriesbigideas.com.au/>

Art and Ocean Conservation

The Science Without Borders® Challenge is an international contest that engages students and teachers in ocean conservation through art. This year's theme is 'Hidden Wonders of the Deep'. You will create a piece of art that depicts mysterious and unique deep-sea creatures or ecosystems, highlighting the beauty and diversity that often goes unseen. Scholarships of up to \$500 will awarded to the winning entries.

Entries close 4 March 2024 via www.livingoceansfoundation.org

PASSIONATE ABOUT SPORT?

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

The following are education 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. Graduates of the program can gain entry into a range of courses at Swinburne University. The campus is at Melbourne and online courses are available via 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 Elite Sports Business. Graduates of the program can gain entry into eligible courses at La Trobe University. Classes will be held at Ikon Park, Carlton Football Club grounds and La Trobe University, Bundoora.

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



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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/>

SEDA

SEDA runs two partnership programs – one with the Collingwood Football Club and one with Melbourne Victory. The Sport & Business Programs through each partnership offer students access to an elite sporting environment, whilst completing a dual Diploma in sport and business.

The partnership programs will enable you to connect and learn from industry experts, coaches and elite athletes. Graduates of the programs can gain direct entry into a range of courses with leading tertiary education providers.

Visit <https://seda.edu.au/programs/>

UNIVERSITY - EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

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

These are called 'early entry' 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 (the ATAR will not be taken into consideration).

Example



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Harry works very hard during Year 11 in 2023 and achieves strong grades. He applies for the Bachelor of Physiotherapy at Charles Sturt University via the Charles Sturt Advantage program in April 2024 (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, 2025.

Read about early entry programs via <https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/>

It's important to note that information is only relevant for 2023 and may change in the future.

Year 11 Results - Examples

The following are examples of universities that use Year 11 results for early entry. They create a 'selection rank' based on your grades:

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE - FINE ARTS AND MUSIC

Stay up to date with the latest happenings at The University of Melbourne Faculty of Fine Arts and Music and learn about the work of researchers, artists, performers, and production specialists.

Visit: <https://bit.ly/3R0rrKS>

UNIVERSITY VERSUS APPRENTICESHIPS

RILEY PAYNE'S STORY



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University or apprenticeship? Degree or trade qualification? Both take roughly the same time to complete and are completely different styles of learning. If you enjoy hands on learning, gaining an income whilst gaining a qualification, and don't want to sit in a classroom each day, you could consider an apprenticeship.

Not only will you be debt free after 3 – 4 years, you will have a nationally recognised qualification, be able to work in your trade area anywhere in Australia and in most cases, be able go straight into full time paid employment in your industry.

Meet Riley Payne. He completed the VCE with a strong ATAR. He had planned to go to university to study engineering, but when he really analysed his passions and learning style, he decided to pursue an apprenticeship.

“Originally, I was considering going to university to study Aerospace Engineering, as I am passionate about aviation and design. There are a few reasons why I opted to head down the trade pathway even after being accepted into my university course.

Learning Style

I am a practical person and I love hands on learning, building construction etc. University would provide me with a great theoretical side to what I wanted to know, but it greatly lacked my preferred hands-on learning style.

Time

The university course that I was considering is a four-year course as most engineering courses are. Generally, apprenticeships have a similar duration of four years, however the accelerated apprenticeship initiative works on competency-based progression. This means that if you can complete your TAFE and if your employer deems you competent then you can theoretically accelerate through the apprenticeship much quicker than the standard four years. As I had a lot of practical experience growing up, I thought this could be very beneficial.

Money

Although apprentice wages may be low initially, they quickly increase as your skills and apprenticeship status change. The possibility of earning money outside of work through your skills may also be an option for some apprentices. When comparing to a university course where you are paying to learn or acquiring a HECS debt, getting paid to learn even if it is a low rate is much more appealing.

Completing a trade gives you many more financial options and the possibility to invest if you are disciplined. Qualified tradespeople also have the opportunity to make quite reasonable yearly salaries in many instances.



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Skilled Workers Shortage

With an ageing workforce, skilled workers will be in high demand in the coming years. With more students than ever opting to head to university instead of taking on a trade it means that job availability should be good for the foreseeable future. This gives me some sense of security in knowing that I should be able to fall back on my trade if I have to.

Getting To Where I Wanted To Be

As I mentioned at the start I am interested in aviation and design as well as many other mechanical subjects. University would have provided me with a set syllabus and strict requirements which would be fantastic for the specific jobs that it is designed for, however I wanted a more personalised pathway that would allow me to learn what I was truly interested in.

The fact that each year of university consists of roughly three months holidays may be enticing to some, but it seemed pointless to me and showed that the course could be completed in a far more condensed time frame.

Basically, I decided that anything I couldn't learn through my apprenticeship I would be able to find the resources to self-teach meaning I was learning exactly what I wanted to."

AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIPS WEBSITE

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

Some of the resources include:

- How to find and contact local apprenticeship specialists in your area
- Information on financial incentives
- Apprenticeship preparation checklist
- Information on how to find and apply for an apprenticeship or traineeship.

To explore the website, go to www.apprenticeships.gov.au

PREPARE FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP

What to do while you are still at school

Work Experience



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You can complete up to 40 days of work experience per year once you turn 15.

Be Resourceful

Speak to your Ms Siragusano/Mrs Karlovic (Pathways Team), parents, teachers, family friends, people in industry, everyone! Get their advice, use their knowledge and make up your own mind.

Vocational Major

Consider studying the Victorian Certificate of Education (Vocational Major) and/or one or two VET subjects

Subjects

Find out what subjects you will need for your future trade i.e., Mathematics, Physics, Science.

SBAT

Consider starting a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT) in an area of interest- this will cut the time it will take to complete your qualification once you leave school.

Talk to Past Students

Talk to past students of your school who are working in occupations you are interested in.

They will give you a picture of what working in the industry is like, how they got into their course or secured their apprenticeship/ traineeship and will be able to give you great advice.

We also have our HeadStart Coordinator, Stephen Soulsby, available in the careers office to discuss commencing an apprenticeship or traineeship whilst completing the Vocational Major (VM). Stephen is available every Wednesday.

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



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§ Promoting yourself

§ Getting a job

§ Personal development

§ Mind, body & soul

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

Visit: 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.

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:

Making money

- Landing a job
- Setting yourself up
- Taxes 101

Money smart

- Making a budget
- Side hustling

Travelling

- Saving up for a trip
- Road trip with your mates
- Taking it international



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Big money moments

- Licence & a car
- Studying
- Moving out of home

Program - <https://year13.com.au/academy>

UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS

SAE CREATIVE MEDIA INSTITUTE

SAE offers Bachelor, Associate Degree and Diploma programs in:

Animation and gaming

Audio

Design

Film

Music.

The Institute is running an information evening for prospective students on Thursday 18 January between 6pm – 8pm.

For information and to register your attendance, visit <https://sae.edu.au/event>

SANTOS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

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 7 places left and accommodation is available at an additional cost. Book your place via www.scienceexperience.com.au



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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 between 20 – 23 November. You will learn about courses at the College and participate in themed webinars, www.acap.edu.au/events

MONASH UNIVERSITY

Year 10 and 11 students are invited to explore the Peninsula campus on Thursday 23 November. A series of exciting workshops will be run focussed on business, nursing, and health & physical education teaching. Students will participate in two workshops, tour the campus, and have a free lunch.

For information and to register your place, visit <https://bit.ly/46Bpc5Z>

HOSPITALITY BOOTCAMP

The Gordon, Geelong, is running an exciting 4-day hospitality bootcamp for young people keen to explore a career in hospitality between 20 – 23 November. The program aims to prepare students for the summer season of work through interactive workshops and the completion of short courses such as RSA, espresso coffee basics, food service skills, and point of sale.

For information and to apply for the program, visit www.thegordon.edu.au

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 via www.defencejobs.gov.au/events



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ACADEMY OF INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT (AIE)

AIE is a creative media college offering exciting courses in areas such as:

Game Art

Game Design

3D Animation & Film FX, and

Filmmaking.

The Academy is running an open day on Saturday 18 November at the Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, and Canberra campuses. Information and registration, https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/open-day/

ENDOTA WELLNESS COLLEGE

Endota Wellness College is located in Melbourne and offers courses in Beauty, Massage, and Salon Management. An open day will be run on Saturday 9 December for prospective students.

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

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