



## Wyndham Central College Career News

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### WHAT IS 'CAREER NEWS' ALL ABOUT?

This is the first Career Newsletter for 2013...more will follow fortnightly. Hopefully you find them helpful as you try to decide on a career, and in deciding where you will study once you finish school. Reading the newsletters will help you keep in touch with **new courses, career seminars, Career Expos, Open Days and information about selected careers**. Take a few minutes to read them each fortnight, and plan to attend events that will assist you in your career decision making.

### HOW DO I CHOOSE A CAREER?

You need to think about your interests, hobbies, abilities and values. What do you **enjoy** doing? How do you spend your **spare time**? What are you **good** at? What **subjects** do you enjoy at school? What is **important** to you? Thinking about and answering these questions will start giving you some clues.

REMEMBER: You are likely to have several careers in your lifetime...so only think in terms of the next five years or so at this stage.

Think also about the **type of study** you would like to be involved in after completing school.

For example, would you like to earn money while you qualify? Are you good with practical things?

In that case, consider an **apprenticeship or traineeship** (eg to become a carpenter or hairdresser).

Would you like to study a subject(s) in depth and at a high level for 3 or 4 years?

In that case, consider a **university degree** (eg to become an accountant or a nurse).

Would you like to study for a year or so?

In that case consider a **TAFE certificate or diploma** (eg in childcare or hospitality).

Remember, this is only a start. You can often move (articulate) from TAFE to university, gaining credits as you go. Conversely, some people with a university degree later study at TAFE (NOTE: government won't fund qualifications at the same or lower level than you already have. For example, if you have a university degree, the government will not assist with the cost of a TAFE diploma).

### HOW DO I OBTAIN CAREERS INFORMATION?

There are many useful sources:

- General careers websites (see below)
- University and TAFE websites
- University seminars (eg 'At Monash' seminar series - details later in the year)
- School Career Counsellor, Mrs Karlovic
- Pamphlets and booklets available at school in the Careers Office and Tertiary Institutions
- This career newsletter and attending relevant events
- University and TAFE Open Days (generally in August – dates to be supplied soon)
- Career Expos – eg 'The Age' has one 3-5 May where education providers will be represented; local Career Expos eg WRICA Careers & Employment Expo on 9 & 10 May
- Friends and relatives are often a useful source



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### SOME GREAT CAREERS WEBSITES TO EXPLORE...

There are many useful sites, however the following are a good start:

- for help with **developing your own career plan** go to [www.myfuture.gov.au](http://www.myfuture.gov.au)
- to find out about **job opportunities, pay, job outlook for a particular job/career** go to <http://jobsearch.gov.au>
- to find out about a **particular job, what it involves, the kind of person you need to be to suit it, and how you can get qualified** go to [www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au](http://www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au).
- 'Career Architect' on the La Trobe university website considers your personality style along with your strengths and talents to recommend the **right jobs and courses** for you at: [www.latrobe.edu.au/all-ways/find-your-career](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/all-ways/find-your-career) (there are many other instruments available)
- For **comparing degrees and universities** see [www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com](http://www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com), a website with information direct from university students about universities throughout Australia.

### FOLIO PREPARATION AND CAREER DISCOVERY COURSES...

RMIT runs short courses which can be useful in improving your **skills**, helping with **career decisions** and **preparing you for future folio presentations**.

They cover areas like: architectural drawing, 3D product design, autoCAD, drawing, fashion, studio textiles, design jobs, visual/fine art, desktop publishing, graphic design, advertising, interior decoration, visual merchandising. **Contact:** 9925 8111 or see [www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au](http://www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au).

Some courses are run on Saturdays, others in school holidays.

### UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS...

- Melbourne has its annual **Veterinary Science and Hospital Open Day** at the Werribee campus on **Sunday 17 March**.  
If you would like to find out more about studying veterinary science, then attendance is a must (details later). NOTE: The University of Melbourne is the only university in Victoria with a veterinary science degree (it is a post-graduate degree). Competition for places is fierce.
- **First preference applications** for the University's **Arts** and **Science** degrees were the most popular courses in Victoria in the 2012 course applications. The courses received 2829 and 2365 first preferences respectively. **Commerce** was fourth with 1421 first preferences. The clearly-in ATAR for **Arts** was **91.4**, for **Science**, **91.95**, and for **Commerce**, **95.00**.

**NOTE: Clearly-In** figures do not take account of the fact that some students are offered places in courses with **less than that** for reasons such as disability, non-English speaking background, personal circumstances and so on, or because they performed particularly well in a relevant subject. It means that anyone who gained the clearly-in ATAR, or more, **was definitely offered a place**.



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### MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS...

- **MUSIC SCHOOL** - Monash will soon have a new state-of-the-art building to house the **Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music**. In addition to teaching and practise spaces, it will include a **concert hall, jazz club and a recording studio**. The building will offer world-class facilities, and will be a fusion of elegant design and high technology infrastructure, reflecting the philosophy underlying the School of Music, which seeks to inspire its students with an experience of music's power to transform lives. Other news is the addition of a subject: **"Song writing: how to write a pop tune"**, including weekly lectures focusing on popular composition and creative writing. For information and to see a virtual image of the new building: <http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/music>.
- **DO YOU LIKE WORKING WITH NUMBERS?** Like numbers, and want to work in a fast-paced and well-paid business environment? Then what about **Actuarial studies**? The profession of actuary landed second on the '10 Best Jobs of 2012' study ranking by the Wall Street Journal's job site CareerCast.com. The course gives grounding in the traditional actuarial skill set of mathematics, statistics, demography, finance and economics, taught in the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Economics. See [www.buseco.monash.edu.au/ebs/student/undergrad/acturial](http://www.buseco.monash.edu.au/ebs/student/undergrad/acturial). NOTE: The University of Melbourne also offers actuarial studies in its Bachelor of Commerce. If you plan to study actuarial studies you are advised to take **specialist maths** in Year 12.
- **NURSING OFFERED AT CLAYTON IN 2013** – Monash has announced that Nursing will be taught at the Clayton campus this year in addition to the Peninsula campus. Prerequisites are: 3/4 English (any) and maths (Units 1 & 2 general or methods, or 3/4 maths (any)).

**WANT TO STUDY MEDICINE OR PHYSIOTHERAPY AT MONASH UNIVERSITY IN 2013?** If so, you will need to complete the **Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT)**. Applications to complete the test open in April, and close at 5pm on 7 June.

The test is on 31 July. (The UMAT is required for some interstate universities as well).

NOTE: the other three medical degrees at Victorian universities are all post-graduate (Melbourne, Monash (Gippsland) and Deakin (Geelong)).

### INTERESTED IN SOUND, LIGHTING AND VIDEO OPERATION FOR LIVE EVENTS?

Then RMIT's Cert IV/Diploma in **Audiovisual Technology** may suit you.

Graduates are highly sought after for work in: **AV operation for live events, broadcast TV and radio, education AV support, lighting operation, permanent AV design and installation and vision operation**.

Technically minded? Love jumping into active productions or school events? You will probably enjoy this course. Selection is based on interview. Completing VET Music Industry or Live production, theatre and events is good background.

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### **CONSIDERED COMPLETING A PRE-APPRENTICESHIP?**

Pre apprenticeships are offered in areas like **plumbing, electrical, carpentry and automotive.**

Completed before attempting to gain an apprenticeship, they cover some modules normally covered in the apprenticeship.

They usually take about four or five months and assist students gaining an apprenticeship.

Many employers of apprentices expect applicants to have completed one.

They can be done at TAFE, or are sometimes offered (at least in part) through VET courses in schools (eg VET Building and Construction).

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