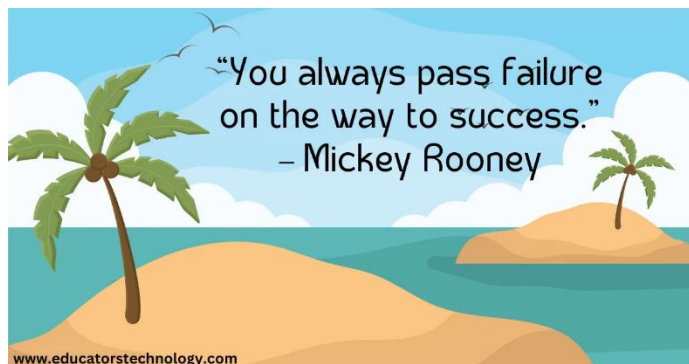




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The Careers Centre, in the Monash Building, is a resource Centre for our students with current institutional handbooks and brochures at their disposal. Students are invited to visit, browse, and question. An open-door policy exists to ensure students make informed decisions about future pathways. Appointments can be made to discuss future pathways.

Click on the QR code to connect to our website [Wyndham Central College \(wcccareers.com\)](http://Wyndham Central College (wcccareers.com))



WCC IMPORTANT DATES	
4 – 17 December	Middle Years Step-up
12 December	VCE results and ATAR available online
17 December	WCC Awards Afternoon
23 December (10am)	December offers released for year 12 students
08 January (2pm)	January round 1 offers released for international applicants

## Future Events

### Moving Interstate for University Webinar

**Organisation:** Australian National University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** December 9, 2024

Join us to hear about life on campus at the Australian National University.

During this webinar you will hear from current students with lived experience discussing what it’s like to move interstate for university, the different accommodation options on campus, supports available, networks/clubs to join and life on campus. We’ll also have a live Q&A session where you can get all your questions answered.

This webinar aims to provide prospective interstate students with all the information they need to feel confident and prepared for their move to ANU. It’s a great opportunity to get a real sense of what to expect and to ask any questions you might have.

[Find out more and register](#)



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## Getting your results – What happens next?

**Organisation:** Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre

**Location:** Online

**Date:** December 10, 2024

Finishing year 12 this year? It's an exciting time as you wait for your results and figure out what the future holds for you.

Join the VTAC team for a live webinar which will cover what happens when you receive your results and ATAR, how change of preference and course offers works, and some really key things you should be thinking about now to ensure you get the best outcome.

You'll have the opportunity to ask questions throughout, so join us to find out everything you need to know about getting to uni, TAFE, or college next year!

[Find out more and register](#)

## Victoria Police: 'Over to you' – Recruitment Q&A

**Organisation:** Victoria Police

**Location:** Online

**Date:** December 11, 2024

Do you have burning questions to ask our current members and recruitment staff? This session is built for you to get the answers you need!

Victoria Police is hosting an online Q&A session for members of the community who are interested in a career with Victoria Police and have questions they would like to ask our current members or recruitment staff relating to the recruitment process or life on the job.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Chisholm | Sports Academy 2025 – Discovery Day, Casey Stadium

**Organisation:** Chisholm Institute

**Location:** Casey Stadium, Cranbourne East

**Date:** December 11, 2024

Learn more about what it's like to be a student-athlete at the Chisholm Academy and train under the expert eye of Chisholm Sports Academy's coaches.

If you're an aspiring athlete passionate about sport and studying Year 11 or 12 in 2024, or you're currently completing your senior secondary program and looking to complete a Fitness industry qualification or Diploma of Sport (course code SIS50321), our Academy might just be for you!

Come along to our discovery day which combines both practical skills training with our coaching team as well as information about what it is like being a student athlete.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Teen mental health matters: For parents and carers

**Organisation:** Black Dog Institute



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**Location:** Online

**Date:** December 12, 2024

Join us for an insightful and empowering webinar focused on providing strategies and resources to help you in supporting your teen.

Co-hosted by a Clinical Psychologist facilitator, and Black Dog Institute lived experience presenter, we will explore:

1. How to make sense of adolescence.
2. Identify signs of mental health struggles.
3. Understand how to support your teen.
4. Know where you and your teen can get support.

This webinar is free and open to all parents, caregivers, and anyone interested in supporting the mental health of teens in their care. Reserve your spot today and embark on a journey towards greater well-being for you and your family!

[Find out more and register](#)

### VTAC Preferences, Pathways and Offers

**Organisation:** Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre

**Location:** Online

**Date:** December 12, 2024

Join the VTAC team for a live webinar which will cover how to change your preferences, how to research suitable pathways and pathway options as well as how course offers work.

You'll have the opportunity to ask questions throughout to our friendly team.

[Find out more and register](#)

### Change of Preference Guided Campus Tours – Victoria

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** ACU Melbourne & Ballarat Campuses

**Date:** December 12 to December 13, 2024

Attend a guided campus tour to explore what ACU has to offer, and to discuss your study options and pathways to ACU.

#### Melbourne Campus

Thursday 12 December

Friday 13 December

10am – 2pm

#### Ballarat Campus

Friday 13 December

10am and 4pm

[Find out more and register](#)



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## VTAC Change of Preference Days

**Organisation:** Academy of Interactive Entertainment

**Location:** AIE Melbourne Campus

**Date:** December 12 to December 13, 2024

Connect with the team at AIE Melbourne on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December, for help with Change of Preferences!

Here you can meet our friendly staff to discuss fees, scholarships, and more.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Change of Preference Fest

**Organisation:** La Trobe University

**Location:** La Trobe Melbourne (Bundoora) Campus

**Date:** December 12, 2024

We know getting your ATAR results can be a big moment, so La Trobe is hosting the Change of Preference Fest to give you the support and advice you need, no matter what your results are.

Here's what you can expect:

- **Course advice and pathways:** Chat with our course advisors about your options and explore alternative pathways if your results aren't what you expected. We'll help you figure out what's best for you.
- **Food, fun and giveaways:** To keep things relaxed, we've got free food, live music, and exciting giveaways.

Whether you're thrilled with your results or need a bit of guidance, we've got your back. This is your chance to get all the info you need to make the best decision for your future.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Mt Helen Info Day

**Organisation:** Federation University

**Location:** Fed Uni Mt Helen Campus

**Date:** December 13, 2024

Info Day is a great opportunity to visit your future Fed Uni campus and discuss your study plans with an experienced advisor before making your final decision.

You will be able to meet academics, current students, and speak to our student support and admissions team about completing your application or enrolment.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Scholarships

### Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship

**Organisation:** University of Melbourne

**Location:** Victoria

**Value:** Up to \$32,500 AUD



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**Open Date:** July 29, 2024

**Close Date:** January 14, 2025

[Find out more](#)

## Women of STEM Australian Scholarships

**Organisation:** ACS Foundation

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** \$5,000 AUD per year

**Open Date:** December 13, 2024

**Close Date:** February 7, 2025

[Find out more](#)

## Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Health Scholarship

**Organisation:** Australian Rotary Health

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** \$5,000 AUD

**Open Date:** December 1, 2024

**Close Date:** February 21, 2025

[Find out more](#)

## Larsen Jewellery Design Scholarship Program

**Organisation:** Larsen Jewellery

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** \$3,000 AUD

**Open Date:** February 1, 2024

**Close Date:** November 30, 2024

[Find out more](#)

## Deakin Achieving Potential Scholarship

**Organisation:** Deakin University

**Location:** Victoria

**Value:** Up to \$10,000 AUD per year

**Open Date:** September 5, 2024

**Close Date:** January 7, 2025

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## International House Scholarships

**Organisation:** University of Melbourne

**Location:** All



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**Value:** Up to \$22,500 AUD per year

**Open Date:** October 28, 2024

**Close Date:** January 5, 2025

[Find out more](#)

### Monash Humanitarian Scholarship

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** All

**Value:** Full course fees plus up to \$30,000 allowance

**Open Date:** August 1, 2024

**Close Date:** November 29, 2024

[Find out more](#)

### Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship

**Organisation:** Westpac

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** \$20,000 AUD

**Open Date:** September 2, 2024

**Close Date:** January 13, 2025

[Find out more](#)

## Competitions

### 2025 Very Short Film Festival School Competition

**Organisation:** Very Short Film Festival

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** See details

**Open Date:** October 1, 2024

**Close Date:** April 1, 2025

[Find out more](#)

### Beamline for Schools (BL4S)

**Organisation:** CERN

**Location:** All

**Value:** All expenses trip to Switzerland and Germany

**Close Date:** April 10, 2025

[Find out more](#)



## 2025 Australian STEM video game challenge

**Organisation:** ACER

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** Prizes and opportunities

**Close Date:** June 19, 2025

[Find out more](#)

## National Photographic Portrait Prize 2025

**Organisation:** The National Portrait Gallery

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** \$30,000 and \$20,000 worth of equipment

**Close Date:** January 31, 2025

[Find out more](#)

## Weekly Posts

### Study Tips

#### [7 productivity hacks for high school students](#)

If you're fed up with late-night study sessions, feeling overwhelmed by school work or exam prep, and drowning in textbooks, perhaps it's time for some new strategies. By working smarter, not harder, you could boost your productivity, retain information better, and reduce the stress that often accompanies high school life. Here are seven productivity hacks for high school students to help you maintain a balanced lifestyle.

#### **Prioritise your tasks**

Begin by identifying your most important and urgent tasks. You could try using the [Eisenhower Matrix](#), which categorises tasks based on urgency and importance. Focus on the tasks in the "Important and Urgent" quadrant first to help manage your time best and maximise your productivity.

#### **Create a study plan**

Establish a study routine that suits your personal preferences and commitments. For example, do you study better in the morning or at night? Do you have extracurricular or work commitments? Block those times out of your schedule. Then allocate specific time slots for each subject or topic, ensuring a balanced workload. Stick to your schedule to develop consistency in your study habits.

#### **Break tasks into smaller chunks**

Tackling a massive assignment or a lengthy reading list can feel daunting. If you start by finding a way to break all your tasks into smaller, more manageable chunks it will seem much more achievable and give you focus.



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Completing bite-sized portions could also give you a sense of accomplishment and make the workload feel less overwhelming.

## **Eliminate distractions**

Identify your most common distractions and take steps to minimise them. Put away your phone, use website blockers if needed, and [create a dedicated study space](#) that is free from interruptions. If you can't set something up at home, try and find a space at school, the local library, or other community space.

## **Embrace study techniques**

Finding an established study technique that suits you and the way you work could help you to stay on track and be more productive, without reinventing the wheel yourself.

Here are some techniques you might like to try:

- [The Pomodoro technique](#)
- [Flowtime technique](#)
- [Timeboxing](#)
- [Eat the Frog technique](#)
- [GTD \(Getting Things Done\) method](#)

## **Use technology wisely**

There are [dozens of apps and tools available](#) to enhance your study experience. Some of them are free while others you might have to pay for, but if you can't afford a specific tool you could also look for alternatives.

Tools like note-taking apps, task managers, and calendar apps can help you stay organised and on track. Why not have a look at the educational apps and online resources that could you to reinforce your learning, be productive, or stay on track? You could ask your friends, family, or teachers what they use if you're not sure where to start.

## **Review and reflect**

After each study session, take a few minutes to go over what you've learned. Ask yourself questions and think about the key takeaways. This active recall technique could help reinforce your memory and comprehension.

## **See what works for you**

Remember, productivity isn't about studying longer hours; it's about studying efficiently and effectively. By incorporating the hacks that work for you into your routine, you could improve your study habits, reduce stress, and achieve better academic results. So, go ahead and start studying smarter, not harder, and see if it makes a difference.

[You can find more productivity hacks and study tips for high school students on our website here.](#)





## Entrepreneurship

### [How to make money as a teen entrepreneur](#)

Look, we get it. The idea of waiting tables or scanning groceries doesn't exactly scream "future billionaire." But here's the thing – what you do today might just be the perfect launchpad for your entrepreneurial dreams. With a smartphone in your pocket and the entire internet at your fingertips, you've got more opportunities to start a business than any generation before you. So let us show you how to turn your skills and interests into real money as a teen entrepreneur, all while building something that's actually yours.

#### **Why starting young changes everything**

Remember Mark Zuckerberg? He wasn't sitting around waiting for someone to give him permission - [he started Facebook from his dorm room](#). But here's what's even cooler: you don't have to wait for university. Starting your entrepreneurial journey in high school can give you a massive head start.

Think about it - while your friends are stressing about their first job interviews, you could be building valuable skills, making real money, and creating something that grows with you. Plus, imagine dropping "CEO of my own company" on those college applications. That's the kind of stuff that makes admissions officers sit up and take notice.

Now let's dive into some ideas to help you get started.

#### **Digital content creation**

These days, you don't even need to leave the house to make money - your bedroom could be your studio!

#### **The YouTube gold rush**

Heard of [MrBeast](#)? He started posting videos as a teenager. Now he's making millions. But here's what most people don't tell you about starting a YouTube channel: success leaves clues.

The secret isn't just about hitting record and hoping for the best. It's about finding your angle. Maybe you're the person who makes physics actually make sense to other teens. Or perhaps you've got a knack for explaining the latest gaming strategies. Whatever it is, the key is to start with what you know and love.

Getting started is simpler than you think. Your smartphone's camera is probably better than what most YouTubers had five years ago. Add a \$20 microphone from Amazon, and you've got everything you need to start producing content that could reach millions.

#### **YouTube Quick Facts:**

- **Potential Income:** \$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$\$ (1,000s to 100,000s annually once established).
- **Career Pathways:** Digital Marketing, Video Production, Public Speaking, Brand Management.
- **Start Today:** Film a video about your biggest passion using just your phone.
- **Pro Tip:** Focus on a specific niche instead of trying to be everything to everyone.

#### **Twitch: Where gaming meets business**



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"But my parents say gaming is a waste of time!" Well, tell that to the teenage streamers making more than doctors. [Twitch](#) has transformed gaming from a hobby into a legitimate business opportunity.

## Twitch Quick Facts:

- **Potential Income:** \$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$\$ (1,000s to 100,000s annually for established streamers).
- **Career Pathways:** Entertainment, Community Management, ESports, Tech Industry.
- **Start Today:** Do a test stream playing your favorite game for one hour.
- **Pro Tip:** Focus on being entertaining first, gaming skills second.

## Podcasting: Your voice, your rules

Think about your favorite conversations with friends. Now imagine getting paid for them. That's essentially what podcasting is. And with platforms like Spotify actively promoting new voices, there's never been a better time to grab a microphone and start talking.

## Podcasting Quick Facts:

- **Potential Income:** \$\$ - \$\$\$\$ (100s to 10,000s annually).
- **Career Pathways:** Audio Production, Journalism, Content Creation, Public Speaking.
- **Start Today:** Record a 5-minute pilot episode using your phone's voice memo app.
- **Pro Tip:** Interview interesting people in your community to build content quickly.

## Digital services

There's more to do online than become a content creator - in fact, some of the skills you already have might come in handy for these opportunities.

## Web development

Here's a mind-blowing fact: thousands of small businesses in your area still don't have a decent website. And many that do need serious updates. This is where you come in.

## Web Development Quick Facts:

- **Potential Income:** \$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$\$ (1,000s to 100,000s annually).
- **Career Pathways:** Software Development, UX Design, Digital Agency Owner.
- **Start Today:** Build a free website on [Wix](#) or [WordPress](#) for yourself.
- **Pro Tip:** Start with local businesses who need simple, clean websites.

## Turn your social media time into a career

Let's be honest – you probably understand Instagram, TikTok, and Snapchat better than most business owners. That knowledge is valuable.

## Social Media Management Quick Facts:

- **Potential Income:** \$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$ (1,000s to 10,000s annually).
- **Career Pathways:** Digital Marketing, Brand Strategy, Communications.
- **Start Today:** Audit a local business's social media and make three improvement suggestions.



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- **Pro Tip:** Create a portfolio by managing accounts for family businesses or school clubs.

## E-commerce: Print-on-demand

Remember when starting a clothing brand meant investing thousands in inventory? Those days are gone. With print-on-demand services, you can sell your designs without holding any stock.

### Print-on-Demand Quick Facts:

- **Potential Income:** \$\$ - \$\$\$\$\$ (100s to 100,000s annually).
- **Career Pathways:** Fashion Design, E-commerce, Brand Development.
- **Start Today:** Create one design and upload it to [Redbubble](#) or [Printful](#).
- **Pro Tip:** Start with designs for a specific niche or community you're part of.

## Local services

Not that into the internet? There are heaps of things you can do with your hands too - here are just a couple:

### Mobile car detailing

Think bigger than your neighborhood car wash. Mobile detailing is about bringing a premium service directly to busy professionals who value their time more than their money.

### Car Detailing Quick Facts:

- **Potential Income:** \$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$ (1,000s to 10,000s annually).
- **Career Pathways:** Automotive Industry, Small Business Management, Luxury Services.
- **Start Today:** Detail your family car and document the transformation.
- **Pro Tip:** Create packages at different price points to attract various customers.

### Pressure washing

There's something oddly satisfying about pressure washing videos on TikTok, right? Now imagine getting paid to create those satisfying transformations in real life.

### Pressure Washing Quick Facts:

- **Potential Income:** \$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$ (1,000s to 10,000s seasonally).
- **Career Pathways:** Property Maintenance, Contract Services, Business Management.
- **Start Today:** Make a list of 10 houses in your neighborhood with dirty driveways.
- **Pro Tip:** Create before/after content for social media marketing.

## Making it all work

Let's get real for a minute. Starting a business while juggling school isn't easy. But here's the thing – it's not supposed to be. The challenges you face now are building the resilience and problem-solving skills you'll need throughout your life.



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## Quick tips for success

- 📅 Use your phone's calendar to block out specific business time
- 📅 Start with just 5 hours per week
- 💡 Pick ONE business to focus on first
- 📄 Document everything you learn
- 🤝 Network with other teen entrepreneurs online

## The bottom line

Here's the truth about teen entrepreneurship in 2024: you don't need permission to start building your future. You don't need to wait until you're older, and you definitely don't need a huge investment to get started.

What you do need is creativity, dedication, and the willingness to learn from your mistakes. Every successful entrepreneur started somewhere, and many started right where you are now – as a teenager with a dream and the determination to make it happen.

So, what are you waiting for? Pick one idea that resonates with you and take that first step today. Future you will thank you for starting early.

If you want more tips and advice on entrepreneurship, [you can check out the other resources on our website here](#).

***Note: Always check with your parents or guardians before starting any business venture, and make sure to understand any local regulations that might apply to your chosen business.***