



Wyndham Central College Career News



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 are taking place** to assist students with the 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.*



As we move towards the end of Term 1, it's important to reflect on what it means to be truly future ready. Universities and TAFEs are already adapting to a rapidly changing world by embedding AI into their courses—teaching students not only how to use these tools, but how to do so ethically and responsibly. They are also showing students how AI can enhance learning, productivity, and career readiness.

While AI can sometimes feel like a threat—particularly as it begins to replace certain entry-level roles—it is ultimately a tool that is here to stay. The real question is not whether students will use AI, but how well they will understand and apply it.

At the same time, there are many careers that will always rely on human skills—fields such as nursing, healthcare, childcare, and community services. These roles require empathy, communication, and critical thinking—qualities that technology cannot replicate.

As educators, our role is to strike a balance: equipping students with the technical skills to navigate an AI-driven world, while continuing to build the human capabilities that will set them apart. By doing this, we can ensure our students are not only prepared for the future, but confident in shaping it.

Being future ready means having the skills and mindset to confidently step into the opportunities that arise as the world continues to evolve. It's about more than just knowledge—it's about adaptability and growth.

Key capabilities such as digital literacy, a willingness to embrace lifelong learning, strong communication skills, and an understanding of global citizenship will support students as they transition from school into further study and the workforce. These skills enable young people to navigate change, collaborate with others, and contribute meaningfully in an increasingly connected and technology-driven world.

Most importantly, education remains the key to success. It provides students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to navigate an ever-changing world. More than that, education opens doors—



empowering young people to make informed choices, pursue their goals, and adapt to new opportunities as they arise.

In a future shaped by rapid change and innovation, a strong educational foundation, combined with a commitment to lifelong learning, will continue to be the most powerful tool for success.

The good news is as seen in this graph provided by RMIT that there is predicted job growth in Victoria-

RMIT Classification: Trusted

Victorian Workforce: Health care & social assistance, Construction, IT and Education have strong employment demand projected to 2028

Projected annual growth for all industries and occupations in Victoria is 1.2% (2025-2028)

Top industries	Growth p.a.	Top occupations and educational profile (% Growth)				
Health care and social assistance +90,000	2.8%	Aged & disability carers +15,500 (2.2%)	Registered nurses +9,000 (1.5%)	Nursing support & personal care workers +4,000 (2.2%)	Child carers +4,000 (2.1%)	Psychologists +3,000 (4.0%)
Construction +65,000	4.1%	Carpenters and joiners* +6,100 (6.1%)	Construction managers +6,300 (5.5%)	Plumbers +4,700 (4.2%)	Architectural, building & surveying technicians +3,000 (5.3%)	Electricians +2,600 (0.7%)
Professional, scientific & technical services +36,000	1.6%	Software & applications programmers +5,000 (1.9%)	Architects & Landscape Architects +2,000 (4.1%)	Civil engineering professionals +5,000 (6.0%)	ICT managers +2,500 (2.1%)	Solicitors +2,000 (1.6%)
Education and training +31,000	0.7%	Primary school teachers +12,000 (6.8%)	Secondary school teachers +8,000 (4.2%)	University lecturers & tutors +2,500 (1.5%)	Private tutors & teachers +1,200 (0.5%)	Special Education Teachers +1,000 (2.8%)
Other key growth occupations +150K	0.3%	Accounting Clerks +5,000 (2.0%)	Bookkeepers +4,000 (2.1%)	Advertising, PR & Sales +4,000 (1.5%)	Real Estate Sales Agents +3,000 (2.8%)	HR Managers +2,000 (1.7%)

Notes: Designates occupations whose main education and training pathway are aligned with a VET qualification. Others more aligned to HE study. Some occupations have been excluded as they appear under more than one industry classification. Excludes Accommodation & Food services, Transport, Postal and warehousing

We are also preparing for the Year 7 and 8 Careers Expo set for Friday May 15—an important and long-standing part of our careers program. Over the years, we have welcomed a wide range of guest speakers from diverse industries who have shared their personal career journeys, offering valuable insights into both their pathways and the day-to-day realities of their roles.

We look forward to once again welcoming some of our alumnae, along with other guest speakers, who continue to inspire and guide our students as they begin to explore their own future pathways.

Please continue reading the articles provided below from the Study Work Grow website, as they offer valuable insights into career pathways, industry trends, and future opportunities. These resources are a great way to build your understanding and support career exploration journey.

Why do we work? It sounds like a simple question, but the answer is more interesting than you might think. Most of us will [spend around one third of our lives at work](#), so it's worth taking a moment to



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understand what actually drives people to do it, and what that might mean for the career choices you make.

Money is the obvious answer

Let's be honest, the main common reason people work is to earn money. We need it for rent or a mortgage, food, transport, bills, and everything else that keeps life running. Having an income also means you can save, take holidays, and eventually retire.... ideally before you're too tired to enjoy it.

That said, money alone is rarely enough to make someone feel good about how they spend their days. If the pay is fine but everything else about a job is miserable, most people don't stick around for long.

Remember that not everyone is lucky enough to be able to work; and if you can't work for some reason, that's OK too. Not working doesn't de-value you as a person, and it doesn't mean you shouldn't be able to have a good quality of life.

Work can give you a sense of purpose

A lot of people find that their job becomes part of how they see themselves. That's not a bad thing. When your work feels meaningful, when you can see that what you do actually matters to someone, it tends to boost your confidence and self-worth in a way that's hard to get elsewhere.

This doesn't just apply to obviously "important" jobs like doctors or teachers. A mechanic who keeps people safe on the road, a chef who makes someone's birthday unforgettable, a graphic designer who helps a small business look professional, your purpose turns up in all kinds of work.

You never stop learning

School is where formal learning happens, but it's far from the only place you grow intellectually. Most jobs involve picking up new skills, solving problems you haven't seen before, and getting better at things over time. For some careers like software developers, healthcare professionals, and data scientists for example, ongoing learning is a job requirement in order to keep up with new developments, tools, and consumer demands. That process keeps life interesting. It's also why people who've been in a role for years can still find it engaging, the work keeps changing, and so do they.

Work connects you to other people

Humans are social. We function better when we feel part of a team, a community, a shared goal, or something else. Work gives many people exactly that. Friendships formed at work can be surprisingly strong, partly because you spend so much time together and partly because you're often working through challenges side by side.

Research backs this up too, [people who feel connected to their colleagues tend to be both happier and more productive](#). That's not a coincidence.



You contribute more than you might realise

When you earn a wage and pay tax, that money flows back into the community. Your taxes fund hospitals, schools, roads, emergency services, and support for people who aren't able to work. It's easy to see tax as something that gets taken from you, but it's also something you're actively contributing. Your work, whatever it is, helps keep things running for everyone.

Work helps you keep growing as a person

There's a cumulative effect to all of this. When you're learning, connecting with others, contributing to something, and being challenged regularly, it changes you - slowly and mostly in ways you don't notice at the time. You become more patient, more capable of handling setbacks, more confident in your own abilities. Work, at its best, is one of the main ways people continue to develop well into adulthood.

That doesn't mean every job will feel like a personal development programme. Some days are just long and dull. But the best careers tend to offer a mix of challenge, connection, and meaning; not just a pay cheque.

It can make you feel important

Like we mentioned above, because work is such a big part of our lives, it's often closely tied to our identity (or how we think about ourselves). When we receive positive feedback at work or feel like the things we do make a difference, that increases our self-esteem and can make us feel valued.

Some people love what they do

People who love what they do will often find their career very rewarding, regardless of whether the money is good. It doesn't matter what the job is; it could be teaching kids, looking after people, writing novels, coding apps, growing food, building things...anything at all! And people are passionate about all kinds of jobs, even if they might seem strange or boring to others.

It stops you getting bored

Years and years ago people didn't have structured work. Their "job" each day was to hunt and gather food, make clothes, move to new areas, build shelters, and look after their children. But now we have houses built for us, we buy our food from the supermarket, we don't move about as much, and our children go to school - so without work, what would we do all day?

Of course, there are other, more fun ways to spend the day, like going to the movies, but these things usually cost money, so you couldn't afford to do them if you didn't work anyway.

Work is about more than money

Understanding *why* you want to work is a great first step toward figuring out *what* you want to do. If you're ready to start exploring, head to our [Jobs & Careers](#) section for ideas, career profiles, and practical advice to help you find a direction that suits you.



Career opportunities in medicine beyond being a doctor

If you're passionate about health and helping others, [becoming a doctor](#) is an incredible and rewarding career choice. But what if you don't get in on your first try? Or perhaps, you discover along the way that being a doctor isn't quite the path for you after all?

The good news is that the world of medicine and health is full of exciting career opportunities beyond the traditional doctor role. There are countless ways to get involved in healthcare and make a meaningful difference. In this blog, we'll highlight just a few of the alternative career pathways in medicine that you might want to consider.

Nursing

[Nurses](#) are at the heart of healthcare, providing direct care to patients, assisting with treatments, and being advocates for health and well-being. Whether you're interested in working in hospitals, clinics, or in the community, there are various specialties within nursing, including [midwifery](#), paediatric, emergency, mental health, NICU, oncology, and surgical nursing - just to name a few.

With the flexibility of nursing, you can work in diverse settings and have plenty of career development opportunities, such as becoming a nurse practitioner or a clinical nurse specialist.

Physical Therapy

If you're interested in helping people recover from injuries, manage pain, or improve mobility, physiotherapy or occupational therapy could be the path for you. [Physiotherapists](#) work with patients to restore movement and function, often through exercise, massage, or other treatments. [Occupational therapists](#) focus on helping people develop or regain the skills needed for daily activities, using adaptive techniques, exercises, and assistive devices.

Both careers offer the opportunity to work directly with people and make a meaningful impact on their quality of life without pursuing a full medical degree.

Pharmacy

[Pharmacists](#) play a vital role in healthcare by ensuring patients receive the correct medications and advising them on how to use them safely. This is an excellent choice if you have an interest in drugs, their effects on the body, and providing personalised health advice.

Pharmacists work in hospitals, retail pharmacies, and even research settings, contributing to public health in many ways.

Paramedicine (Emergency Medical Services)

For those who thrive in fast-paced environments and enjoy helping people in urgent situations, paramedicine can be a fulfilling career. [Paramedics](#) respond to emergencies, provide medical care on the spot, and transport patients to healthcare facilities when needed.



This is a hands-on role with a significant impact on saving lives and providing immediate support.

Medical Laboratory Science

[Medical laboratory](#) technicians and scientists are essential in diagnosing and treating illnesses by analysing laboratory samples. If you enjoy working behind the scenes but still want to play a crucial role in patient care, this could be an ideal career. You'll work with cutting-edge technology to analyse blood, urine, and tissue samples, helping doctors diagnose conditions and track patients' progress.

Find out more about what it could be like working in a laboratory [here](#).

Health Administration and Management

Health [administrators](#) manage hospitals, clinics, or public health organisations, ensuring that everything runs smoothly. This role might appeal to you if you're interested in healthcare but are more drawn to organisational, [leadership](#), and business tasks rather than direct patient care.

Health administrators help streamline healthcare systems and improve patient outcomes by managing resources, [budgets](#), and [staff](#).

Speech Therapy

[Speech-language pathologists](#) (SLPs) work with patients who have speech, language, or swallowing disorders. If you have an interest in communication and enjoy working closely with individuals to make a significant difference in their lives, this could be a great option.

You'll help people regain their ability to speak or swallow, often after an illness or injury.

Public Health and Epidemiology

Public health professionals focus on improving health on a larger scale. If you're passionate about preventing illness and improving health outcomes for entire populations, a career in public health might be right for you.

This could involve roles in epidemiology, health policy, environmental health, or health education. Epidemiologists, for example, study disease patterns and help control outbreaks.

Biomedical Science and Research

Biomedical scientists and researchers work in labs to understand diseases, develop new treatments, and advance medical knowledge. If you're more interested in discovering the science behind health conditions and exploring new ways to treat them, biomedical research is an exciting field with plenty of opportunities to make a real difference in medicine.

Examples of careers in this field include [Computational Biology](#) and [Data Science](#).



Radiography and Medical Imaging

[Radiographers](#) or [medical imaging technologists](#) use imaging technology, like X-rays, MRIs, and CT scans, to help doctors diagnose and monitor illnesses. If you have an interest in technology and enjoy working in a healthcare environment, this can be an exciting role that combines technical skills with patient care.

Dietetics and Nutrition

[Dietitians](#) and nutritionists work with patients to develop healthy eating plans, manage diet-related health conditions, and promote overall well-being. If you have a passion for food and health and want to help others improve their lives through nutrition, this could be a career for you.

There are plenty of specialties within dietetics, including sports nutrition, paediatric nutrition, and clinical nutrition.

Alternative Therapies and Complementary Medicine

While traditional medicine plays a big role in healthcare, many people also look to alternative therapies, like acupuncture, massage therapy, or naturopathy, to support their well-being. If you're interested in holistic health practices, this could be a pathway for you to explore. Many practitioners work in [private settings](#) or as part of integrated healthcare teams.

You Don't Have to Stick to One Path

It's easy to feel pressured to pick the "perfect" course before you even start university, but the truth is that many students change direction during their studies. Universities usually allow you to switch courses, move between related degrees, or adjust your major if your interests or goals shift.

For example, you might start in a general health or biomedical science degree and later transfer into medicine, or discover a passion for public health, research, or another healthcare field. These options mean you're not locked into one path and can explore different areas before committing. Staying open to change lets you make informed decisions while building experience and knowledge along the way.

Where to explore more

The healthcare field is vast, and these are just a few options. There are many pathways into medicine, some requiring university degrees, others requiring vocational training or certifications. Here's where to start exploring:

- **Australia:** Visit the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](#), [Australian Medical Association](#), [Primary Health Care Australia](#), and [Health Workforce Australia](#) for career insights and training information.
- **UK:** Check out the [NHS Careers website](#) for a comprehensive look at health professions and pathways into medicine.
- **New Zealand - Aotearoa:** Look into [Careers.govt.nz](#) and [Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora](#) for information on various health professions and study options.



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- **Canada:** Visit [More than Medicine Nova Scotia](#), and [Health Canada](#) for information about careers and training requirements.
- **USA:** [US Dept of State Medical and Health](#), [Association of American Medical Colleges \(AAMC\)](#), [Nurse.org](#), and the [US Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) are great places to start exploring.
- **Other countries:** Many countries have government health websites or national healthcare organisations that can provide information on training and career paths in healthcare. Be sure to explore what's available in your country!

Find the career that's right for you

The healthcare sector offers a multitude of career paths, many of which don't require you to be a doctor. So if you're interested in medicine but aren't sure about the doctor route, explore these alternatives. You might find a role that perfectly matches your interests and skills—and still make a meaningful difference in people's lives. Whether you're working directly with patients, behind the scenes in labs, or helping to manage healthcare systems, there's a place for everyone in medicine.

Want to explore more different career options? [You can read heaps of other blogs on our website here.](#)