



Wyndham Central College Career News



November 4, 2024



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](https://www.wyndhamcentralcollege.edu.au)

WCC IMPORTANT DATES	
6 - 13 November	Year 11 Exams
8 – 13 November	Year 10 Exams
14— 15 November	Senior Years Goal Setting Interviews
18 – 29 November	Senior Years Step-up
29 November	Senior Years Step-up Excursions

Year 12 - VTAC IMPORTANT DATES	
4 December (5pm)	Closing date for change of address and payment to receive ATAR statement by mail (Victorian current Year 12 only)
6 December (5pm)	Very late applications - \$195
6 December (5pm)	Final submission date to guarantee consideration for all offer rounds
12 December 2024 (7am)	VCE results and ATAR release
23 December 2024 (10am)	December offer round
10 January 2025 (2pm)	January offer round 1



Upcoming Events

Defence Careers Information Sessions

Melbourne: November 6, 2024

Horsham: November 14, 2024

Consider a career like no other and represent Australia with pride in the Navy, Army or Air Force.

Speak with current serving personnel at our upcoming info session and ask your questions - is a career in the Australian Defence Force for you?

[Find out more](#)

STEM + X: Technology, brought to you by QUT

November 6, 2024

There is a skyrocketing demand for tech professionals. In Australia alone, we're anticipating a need for 1.2 million tech jobs by 2030. It all starts with exploring the exciting and diverse careers available and understanding how to get started.

Join us as we dive into how you can turn your interest in computer science, game development and IT systems into a fulfilling career.

[Find out more](#)

CGA Virtual Information Session

November 6, 2024

Come hear from our students about how online schooling fits their busy training schedules, supports academic advancement, and opens doors to top universities worldwide.

Hear how our online learning environment can be tailored to meet your child's unique needs, including:

- How flexible class schedules can support athletes, performers and travelling families.
- Advanced and competitive curricula options for those looking to apply to top universities
- Inclusive strategies to support neurodiverse and SEN learners; and those experiencing mental health challenges or bullying.

You will also have an opportunity to ask our team any questions you have.

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Teen mental health matters: For parents and carers

November 6, 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](#)

Victoria Police: Become a Police Custody Officer – Online Webinar

November 7, 2024

Victoria Police is hosting an online information session for members of the community who are interested in a career as a Police Custody Officer.

Hear from us about the recruitment process and training at the Police Academy. It's also your opportunity to ask questions you have about a PCO career pathway.

[Find out more](#)

Vinyl Tap: Inside the Music Industry live panel

November 7, 2024

Collarts and Fenix360 present music industry veteran Michael Parisi as he hosts a live panel of local and global movers and shakers from the world of record labels, publishing, management, A&R, touring and music tech.

This month's theme is 'How Do I Get Discovered These Days?'. The panel, with the collective experience of over 140 years, discuss the ever-changing ways in which musicians and artists can be and are being discovered in 2024. It doesn't matter what genre you resonate with, what area of the business you are in and what level you are at, this group of big thinkers will provide invaluable insights, anecdotes and advice on what it takes to be discovered and to forge a music career in the current music industry landscape.



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This event is perfect for Year 12 students interested in music performance, music production, audio engineering, event management, and entertainment management.

[Find out more](#)

PSC Photography and Digital Imaging Remote Information Session

November 7, 2024

Immerse yourself in photography with our Bachelor and Undergraduate courses, at Australia's number one Photography college, with courses designed to teach you how to push creative boundaries, expand your talents, and develop career opportunities, whether in the commercial, photojournalism or art photography fields. Our Bachelor and Undergraduate courses offer Fee Help, flexible learning options, global opportunities, and world class facilities.

Find out more at our Remote Info Session:

- Meet and be inspired by our teacher and convenor Sarina Lirosi
- Enjoy a Q&A session with PSC staff and an alumni to help discover the perfect course for you

[Find out more](#)

Monash Clayton Campus Tours

November 8, 2024

November 11, 2024

Join us for a campus tour to see and experience all Monash has on offer! Led by our enthusiastic student ambassadors, come along to ask them questions and get a taste of life at Monash. With a tour duration of approximately 90 minutes, you will tour the outside of our buildings and explore our world-class campuses.

Swinburne 2025 Study Expo

November 12, 2024

Join us on campus for an event designed for those looking at any Swinburne course – whether apprenticeship, certificate, diploma, bachelor degree, master degree, or something else. Browse all Swinburne study areas and levels, while exploring our campus and meeting our community.

[Find out more](#)



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Melbourne Polytechnic Agriculture Online Session

November 13, 2024

Choosing a brand-new career path, knowing where to upgrade your skills or how to start doesn't need to be a decision you make alone.

Hosted by teachers who can answer questions and offer advice on your chosen field, our information sessions help you make an informed decision around your study and career options.

Find out more about the following course(s) at Melbourne Polytechnic:

- Diploma of Agriculture
- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate IV in Agriculture

[Find out more](#)

Defence Air Force Careers Information Session – Melbourne

November 13, 2024

In addition to defending our nation, the Air Force supports a broad range of operations in Australia and overseas, including:

- supporting international security and counter-terrorism initiatives
- protecting our borders from illegal activity and incursions
- carrying out search and rescue missions
- supporting peacekeeping operations
- helping communities affected by natural disasters

Would you like to learn about the wide variety of Air Force careers available? Join us for an info session and speak with current serving members about entry pathways and career opportunities.

Agtivate VIC Workshop

November 15, 2024

Are you ready to cultivate your entrepreneurial spirit and revolutionise the Agricultural industry?

As a part of National Ag Day, Farmers2Founders is excited to share that we will be hitting the tracks of Regional Victoria, offering immersive workshops tailored just for you - aspiring Agtech entrepreneurs and students passionate about making a difference in the Agricultural industry.

Agtech Startup Pathway Manager, Pete Walsh and Regional Initiative - and Gippsland local, Tasha Wright as you dive into an energising 3 hours of immersive discovery and intriguing discussion that will ignite your curiosity and leave you wanting to dive deeper into the world of Agtech.

[Find out more](#)



Veg Out: The Ultimate Food Hack

November 15, 2024

Join us for "Veg Out: The Ultimate Food Hack," an engaging online webinar designed specifically for schools, presented by VEG Education, who are passionate advocates for fresh produce. This interactive session aims to inspire students to embrace vegetables in exciting and delicious ways.

What to expect:

- **Innovative Cooking Hacks:** We will share our top tips and tricks for preparing vegetables that not only taste amazing but are also easy to make. Students will learn how to transform everyday veggies into mouth-watering dishes.
- **Interactive Cooking Demonstration:** Participants will have the opportunity to follow along with a live cooking demonstration, making it a hands-on experience that encourages creativity in the kitchen.
- **Nutritional Insights:** Understand the health benefits of incorporating more vegetables into daily meals, emphasizing how they can enhance energy levels and overall well-being.
- **Q&A Session:** Students can engage directly with the VEG Education team, asking questions about cooking techniques, vegetable varieties, and sustainable farming practices.

[Find out more](#)

AIE Open Day, Melbourne

November 16, 2024

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Open Day.

AIE's Open Day is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, staff and students. The day will cover everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer - from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

AIE's Open Day will also include presentations on entry requirements and how to apply. Find out how AIE can get you into a creative career.

[Find out more](#)



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ACAP Online Information Session – Coaching

November 18, 2024

Can you imagine yourself as a private coach, consultant or professional facilitator? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Coaching.

In this real-time online information session Dr Mark Setch will share insights into studying Coaching at ACAP and how the qualification will give you the practical skills and know-how to inspire change, empower teams, and improve performance.

[Find out more](#)

Chisholm Sports Academy 2025 – Online Information Session

November 19, 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!

During this session, you will discover more about:

- the Chisholm Sports Academy and what its like to be a student athlete
- how you reach your sporting potential and achieve your educational goals
- success stories from past students
- facilities and student support available
- eligibility criteria
- key dates and how to enrol

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Online Information Session – Counselling

November 19, 2024

Can you imagine yourself in child protection or helping people through grief or addictive behaviour? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Counselling.

In this real-time online information session Dr Timothy Hsi will share insights into studying Counselling at ACAP and highlight what courses you could take to help others develop better self-awareness for a more positive path in life.

[Find out more](#)



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ACAP Online Information Session – Psychology

November 19, 2024

Can you imagine yourself in a fascinating research role, contributing to mental health services or as a specialist in private practice? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Psychology.

In this real-time online information session Professor John Reece will share insights into studying Psychology at ACAP and ultimately provide you with information on courses you could study, and delve into the scientific research of individuals, society and culture.

[Find out more](#)

Monash Discover MADA Now – Student Exhibition Tour

November 19, 2024

Each year, our Caulfield campus comes to life with original and dynamic work from over 600 artists, designers and architectural graduates at the MADA Now graduate exhibition.

Set across our three buildings, come along and see our studios, meet our graduates, and discover an incredible variety of work – everything from paintings, sculptures and sound pieces, to architectural models, animations, books and other printed material.

Entry is free and everyone is welcome – whether you're an industry professional, future student, educator or happen to live in the neighbourhood, come along and discover the next generation of creative talent.

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Online Information Session – Social Work

November 20, 2024

Can you imagine yourself making a difference in a not-for-profit organisation, or working in the criminal justice system, or the government? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Social Work.

In this real-time online information session Professor Annie Venville will share insights into studying Social Work at ACAP and provide details of courses you could take to help others develop better self-awareness for a more positive path in life.

[Find out more](#)



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ACAP Online Information Session – Criminology

November 21, 2024

Can you imagine yourself working in investigations, intelligence, or even corporate crime? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Criminology.

In this real-time online information session Matthew Thurgood will share insights into studying Criminology at ACAP and ultimately provide insights into what courses you could take to gain skills, influence positive change and develop practical responses that can have a positive impact on criminal justice issues.

[Find out more](#)

Defence Submariner Careers Information Session – Melbourne

November 21, 2024

Are you looking for a career with rewarding challenges, competitive pay and opportunities for travel?

World-class training will equip you with all the skills and resources you need to work as a Submariner in the Navy.

Join us for an info session to speak with current serving members about the benefits of serving your Country as a Navy Submariner.

[Find out more](#)

Australian Volunteers Program – Online Information Session

November 21, 2024

Join us online to learn how you can support overseas organisations to achieve locally led, development goals.

Everyone is welcome. Registration is essential.

In our Information Session, you'll:

- Meet Australian Volunteers Program staff who will share insights about the program and the application process
- Gain an understanding of the support that the program provides to volunteers such as allowances, flights and visa support.
- Hear from former volunteers who will share their experience on assignment and give you a glimpse of what life is like as a volunteer.



Australian volunteers come from a broad range of sectors, contributing the specific skills and experience required to support our partners. We offer a range of volunteering modalities; in-country, hybrid and remotely from home.

We encourage people with disabilities, couples, people with children, people from the LGBTIQ+ community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to attend.

[Find out more](#)

Apprenticeships & Traineeships

[The impact of technology on apprenticeships](#)

Technology has changed so many parts of our lives, including the way we work – and this also includes apprenticeships. We're going to take a look at the impact of technology on apprenticeships today, and how you can adapt and be prepared with future-proof skills.

The evolution of apprenticeships

Apprenticeships have been around for a [long, long time](#). Traditionally, they involved hands-on experience in traditional trade areas, such as building, craftsmanship, and cooking. Trade areas have grown over time to include things like engineering, plumbing, electrical, healthcare, and more.

But the emergence of digital tools and automation has changed skills that are essential in the workforce; and therefore changed what we need to learn through apprenticeships in order to be ready for work. While technical knowledge and experience is still valuable, workers need to have a much broader set of skills to succeed today.

Digital literacy is key

While apprenticeships previously focused on mastering manual skills, there is a growing demand for [digital literacy](#). No matter what your job is, you're probably going to need to use a variety of different technologies in your day-to-day work.

This means apprentices also need to be able to use a variety of software and hardware, understand basic tech concepts, and be able to adapt to evolving technologies. A solid foundation in digital literacy is now considered a fundamental skill for any apprentice.

Remote apprenticeships?

Advancements in technology have also paved the way for [remote apprenticeships](#); this means anyone can learn and collaborate from almost anywhere in the world. But to access these opportunities, apprentices need to be able to use virtual collaboration tools (like Zoom), and have a variety of basic digital literacy skills.



Most importantly, this shift brings flexibility and accessibility to the forefront, allowing apprentices to connect with mentors and peers regardless of their location.

Embracing automation and AI

The integration of automation and artificial intelligence (AI) has not only changed the way we work, but has also influenced the skills apprentices need to thrive. Apprenticeships are more commonly including [exposure to automated processes and AI-driven tools](#), meaning apprentices must adapt to and understand these technologies.

Soft skills for success

While technical skills are undoubtedly important, [soft skills](#) are becoming increasingly valuable too. Effective communication, adaptability, and critical thinking are skills that employers value no matter what job you're applying for.

Apprentices are encouraged to hone these skills as they navigate the complexities of the modern workplace, collaborating with diverse teams and adapting to the ever-changing demands of the digital economy.

Find out more

Because of the impact of technology on apprenticeships, you should embrace digital literacy, remote collaboration, and an understanding of automation and AI. Learning both technical and soft skills will prepare you for the future – no matter where it might take you.

[Read more about apprenticeships and traineeships on our website.](#)

Gap Years

[5 ways to spend your gap year](#)

Taking a gap year before the next stage of your journey, whether that's further studies, a trade, or entering the workforce, or changing careers, can be an incredible opportunity. It's a chance to stop and smell the roses, gain life experience, build valuable skills, or discover new passions. There are lots of ways you could choose to spend a gap year, but to help inspire you, here are just 5 meaningful ways you can make the most of yours.

Travel and volunteer abroad

Travelling to new places is one of the best ways to expand your world-view, especially when combined with volunteering. By helping in local communities with projects like teaching, wildlife conservation, or community development, you're not only giving back but also gaining insight into other cultures and ways of life.



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- **What you'll gain:** Cultural awareness, language skills, adaptability, and new friendships from around the world.
- **How to get started:** Look into organisations that align with causes you care about. Some programs even offer extras like accommodation, which can be helpful if you're on a budget. Organisations like [Workaway](#), [International Volunteer HQ](#), [Projects Abroad](#), and [WWOOF](#) (or [WWOOF Australia](#)) offer volunteer and work exchange programs all over the world.

Get work experience and try out different jobs

If you're not yet sure what career path you want to take, trying out different jobs could help you get a better idea of what you enjoy. From working in retail or hospitality to trying out internships in fields like marketing, graphic design, or IT, the skills and experience you'll gain can be invaluable.

- **What you'll gain:** Work skills, financial independence, confidence, and connections that might lead to future job offers.
- **How to get started:** Look for job openings in your local area or apply for cadetships and internships in fields you're curious about. You could even give gig work or freelance opportunities a go, giving you the flexibility to explore different interests at the same time.

Learn a new skill or pursue a passion project

A gap year can be a great time to dive deep into a skill or passion project you might not have had time for during high school (or afterwards). If you've always wanted to learn a language, master an instrument, learn to scuba dive, develop coding skills, or start producing blogs or podcasts, this could be the perfect time to give it a go and unlock new talents.

- **What you'll gain:** Dedication, creative skills, time management, and a portfolio that could set you apart in applications and interviews.
- **How to get started:** Find online courses on platforms like [Coursera](#), [Skillshare](#), [Openlearning](#), or even [YouTube](#). Many platforms offer one or two free courses, a free trial period, or are always free like [Khan Academy](#) and [Duolingo](#). Look for local classes or clubs that align with your interests, too. Set personal goals and track your progress to keep your motivation high. Short courses, [microcredentials](#), or certifications from platforms like [LinkedIn Learning](#), [edX](#), or [Udacity](#) are affordable options in a variety of subjects that could also help you to be prepared if you decide higher education is right for you.

Start a small business or side hustle

If you've ever been curious about [entrepreneurship](#), a gap year is the perfect time to dive in and try your hand at running a small business or side hustle. This could be anything from selling handmade crafts online, offering freelance services (like graphic design, photography, or tutoring), or even running a small pet-sitting or dog-walking business in your local area. Or if you have a big idea, be bold and look for investors, join incubators and prepare to launch your brand. Even if you choose not to continue,



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entrepreneurship is a crash course in everything from budgeting to marketing, and it can help you develop a sense of responsibility and creativity that can be used in all walks of life.

- **What you'll gain:** Potentially a life long career and passion. Also, business and marketing skills, financial literacy, problem-solving, and a stronger work ethic. With the added bonus that any income you make can support future studies or personal goals.
- **How to get started:** Think about what you enjoy and what skills you have that people might pay for. You could sell items on platforms like [Etsy](#), start a blog or YouTube channel, or offer local services. There are tons of resources online to help you start small, so take it one step at a time and watch your side hustle grow!

Engage in personal growth and wellbeing

Personal growth might not sound like a “to-do” list item, but taking a break to focus on your mental, emotional, and physical health is incredibly valuable. You could use the time to establish healthy habits, start journaling, learn how to meditate, join mindfulness or fitness classes, or simply find balance after the demands of high school.

- **What you'll gain:** Emotional resilience, self-understanding, and positive habits that could help to keep you healthy and grounded throughout life.
- **How to get started:** Start small. Try yoga or meditation apps, read personal growth books, or look into joining local fitness groups. Set simple goals to make this period a time of meaningful self-reflection and growth.

Make your gap year your own

Ultimately, your gap year is about finding what's best for you and creating a journey that will enrich your life. So, try things that align with your goals, whether it's travelling, gaining work experience, or building new skills. With a bit of planning and an open mind, your gap year could be the most rewarding adventure of all.

Find more information about gap years on our website [here](#).