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From the Principal's Office



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Students of Marian College,

- ❖ *We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,*
- ❖ *We strive for continuous improvement*

On this day of Remembrance, we remember the courageous men and women who gave their lives in wartime and as a result of war. As we remember the lives that have been lost, let us promise each other to work for the freedom of all who are oppressed in the world today. We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus who taught us how to live.

Remembrance Day at the College was a wonderful tribute to the many Australian men and women who have lost their lives in wars and peacekeeping events. Mr East and Ms Hogan prepared some excellent resources for all classes, focusing on the contribution of the indigenous soldiers.

Each year we take a particular theme to bring the message of hope, sacrifice and peace to the students.

We were not able to attend the community gathering due to the COVID limitations. Thank you to all involved.

Improving Literacy in the Secondary Years Project

Last Friday, I attended a presentation of our Literacy Project in Ballarat - Improving Literacy in the Secondary Years. This project is headed by Melbourne University in partnership with Catholic Education Ballarat. While 2021 was a very difficult year to roll out any new project, Ms Natalie Wirper and Mrs Stephanie Mansell together with the Year 9 Science teachers worked collaboratively throughout the year to bring together some excellent strategies

and resources to improve the students' understanding and use of literacy. As we move into the second year, 2022 will see this project rolled out across the College, with all teachers involved in ongoing professional development, implementation, and gathering and monitoring of student performance data. Together with twelve other Catholic secondary schools, our literacy team presented some very encouraging results for the pilot study. More details for parents and students will emerge next year as all year levels come on board.

Staffing Changes 2022

Every year we sadly say goodbye to some wonderful teachers and staff, and warmly welcome the new. At the end of this year, Mr Trevor Hunt will begin some well-earned leave with the intention of retiring at the end. I am sure we will see Mr Hunt return in some capacity in the future, and I would welcome his excellent contribution to share his wealth of knowledge and experience. I thank him sincerely for his effort, leadership and vision for his department.

We sadly say goodbye to Mrs Preetha Rajesh and Mrs Stephanie Kerwan who move home to the Ballarat area. I know they will continue to do well and grow into their new roles. I thank them for their support of students and their colleagues over a number of years.

Mrs Teresa Tonks will officially leave us at the end of 2021. At the moment she is in

the midst of Production preparation and filming for Wakakirri. Mrs Tonks has been inspirational in her support for the Arts over many years at the College. Her work has brought a smile to many faces across the community as she encourages and supports our students to step outside their comfort zone and bring entertainment, joy and talent through sheer hard work. We wish her well for the journey ahead.

New Staff

While we are still in the final stages of recruitment, I can say that we welcome a number of new staff from the local area, Ballarat and Melbourne to the College for 2022. I am very excited about the talent and experience of these new members of our community, and look forward to their contribution to our college to ensure we continue to grow. Further details will be provided in the next couple of weeks.

Parent Survey - Imagining a Future

Thank you to the many parents who have provided valuable feedback on our Parent Survey. We greatly appreciate your support and respect for this process to ensure we continue to evolve and improve for our students. The survey will close this week as we continue discussions with staff, the Stewardship Council and Kildare Ministries about future plans and improvements in curriculum, teaching, learning supports and intervention processes, and learning spaces and buildings.

Marian College Review Process

1. Staff Survey Completed
2. Parent Survey Closes this Wednesday
3. Student Survey /Interview (Term 4)
4. Review Process - Term 4 2021 and Term 1 2022

Three key areas for review are currently underway with teams of teachers assessing the data that directly impact student learning performance and growth. The Parent Survey will contribute to this review process.

- Behaviour Management and Classroom Practice
 - Assessment and Reporting
 - Timetabling
5. A Master Planner has been appointed to evaluate the College learning spaces for effective pedagogy that support student learning and wellbeing. We have had a number of meetings with our architects, the quality surveyor and a representative from Catholic Education to explore our purpose, needs and ideas together. Together with our Business Manager Mrs Leonie McGuckian, I will meet with our governing authority, Kildare Education Ministries, this week to discuss various options and opportunities that are reliant on a grant process.

Results of our Review Process will feed into our Strategic and Master Plans for the College. Further details will be provided in early 2022, as we develop the necessary strategies, clear vision and timeline to implement our **Imaging the Future** strategies.

COVID - Vaccinations

An update from the Victorian Government and Catholic Education for students and parents regarding COVID vaccinations.

“The Victorian Government is encouraging everyone aged 12 and above to get vaccinated as soon as possible, with the aim of providing an opportunity for all children aged 12 years and older to receive at least one vaccine dose by the end of the school year.

Vaccination is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect school communities from further outbreaks and the spread of COVID-19”

Student with Disabilities

“Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 protects the health of students, staff and the broader community. COVID-19

vaccination is strongly encouraged for everyone aged 12 and over. Some students with disabilities may have additional challenges in accessing COVID-19 vaccinations”.

“The Victorian Government has announced additional support for people with disabilities to access COVID-19 vaccinations, including students.

Full details of all vaccination centres, including enhanced accessibility centres, drive-through and pop-up vaccination centres, can be found at Vaccination centres on the government website. Students and families can also receive a vaccine at a Victorian Government vaccination centre, or through a GP clinic, pharmacy or community health service”.

The Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority - (VRQA)

Every five years, schools must undergo a full Registration compliance check by the external authority for schools, the VRQA. This is a very comprehensive process of checking a school’s compliance across aspects related to the many key areas of college life, operations, finance, students, wellbeing, child protection, curriculum, staffing, and risk and safety, to name just a few. I would personally like to thank the team of staff involved in this process (especially Mrs Leonie McGuckian, Ms Jane Kolotelo and the Admin staff) for the tremendous work involved to ensure the high quality of our processes, practices, and collating and gathering of the necessary documents. The results of the audit were very impressive. Thank you and well done to all.

Pupil Free Day Monday 22nd November

Reminder that Monday 22nd November is a pupil free day due to a staff Professional Development Day. As previously advised there needed to be some unavoidable changes to accommodate this important staff training.

Year 12 Students Graduation - Date Change to Thursday 25th November

Well done to our Year 12 Students as we approach the final days of the VCE Exam Block. This comes at the end of two unsettled, very challenging years for our senior students. Despite this, they have remained a very impressive, cohesive group. They have supported one another and the broader student community. This has not been an easy feat with consecutive lockdowns, disruptions, and limitations upon what they could achieve.

Due to changes to restrictions from next week, we are pleased to announce a change to the date of the Graduation to Thursday 25th November. This allows us to welcome parents of Year 12 students to attend our Graduation Mass and Award Ceremony. Please note that each student may only invite two parents (guests). Students are required to meet in the Brigidine Centre no later than 4.30 pm. Parents should arrive at the Church no later than 4.45 pm for sign in and vaccination check. Please be aware that it is a Government requirement that parents in attendance must be double vaccinated, be able to provide a vaccination certificate, and sign in through the QR code to attend.

The format will be slightly different this year to accommodate the inclusion of parents. Finger foods will be provided in a COVID safe manner and seating will be theatre style.

Thank you for your understanding as we navigate this difficult but very exciting time for our graduating class and parents.

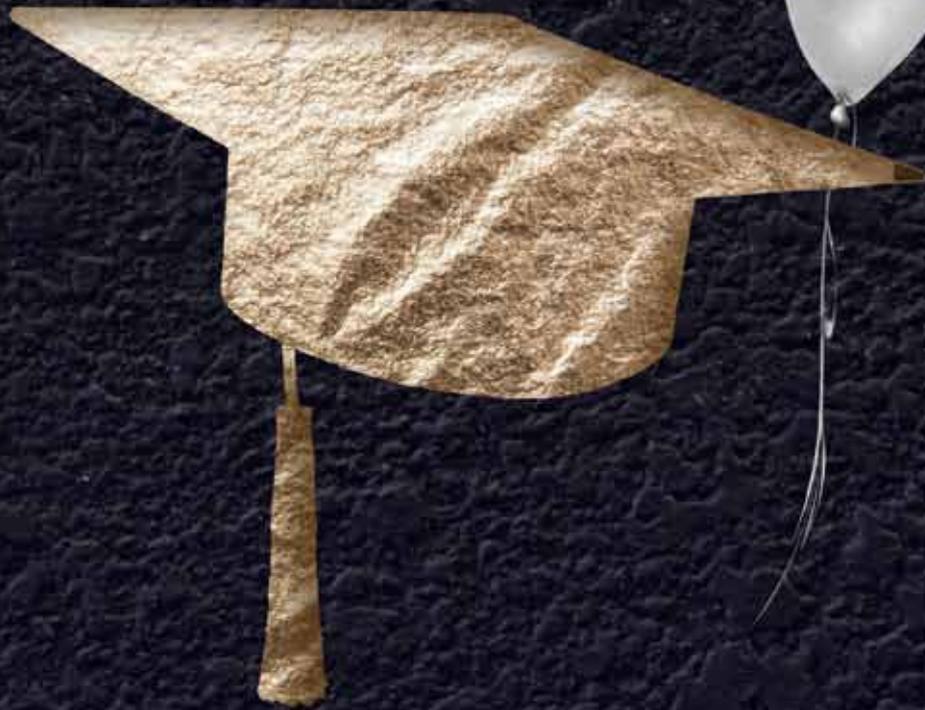
Have a wonderful week,

Carmel.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

Thursday 25th November 2021

(Note date change)



4.45 pm - Graduation Mass - Church

*6.30 pm - Award Ceremony
- College Gymnasium*

Finger Food provided

*Please note that parents will
be required to produce COVID
vaccination evidence*

More information will be provided

YEAR 11 WELLBEING

A couple of Year 11 wellbeing classes teamed up to review the teamwork and leadership foci they have had for part of the year. They completed teamwork-based, fun activities to round out the year before considering leadership opportunities for their upcoming shift to Year 12. One of the activities involved small groups working together under a time limit to produce a beautiful 'day at the races' outfit using only newspaper, tape, and scissors. Once in their created costumes, the models strutted to some music and their peers selected the best outfit (they were all pretty darn good). There were some excellent lapels, hats, shoes, and some very questionable choices in coverage that had staff and students in stitches! At the end of the day, the power of a good belly laugh sure is invaluable. Thanks to the students in the group for their creativity, enthusiasm, and humour :)

Erica McConachy



YEAR 10 PHYSICS

Recently Year 10 Physics classes recently undertook **The Big Egg Drop Competition**. Using Newton's Three Laws of Motion as guidelines To use imagination and mechanical knowledge to **design and construct** a structure that will prevent a large uncooked egg from breaking when dropped from the staff balcony.

Here Year 10D is shown where the 4 teams were all successful in maintaining the safety of the eggs.

Trevor Hunt



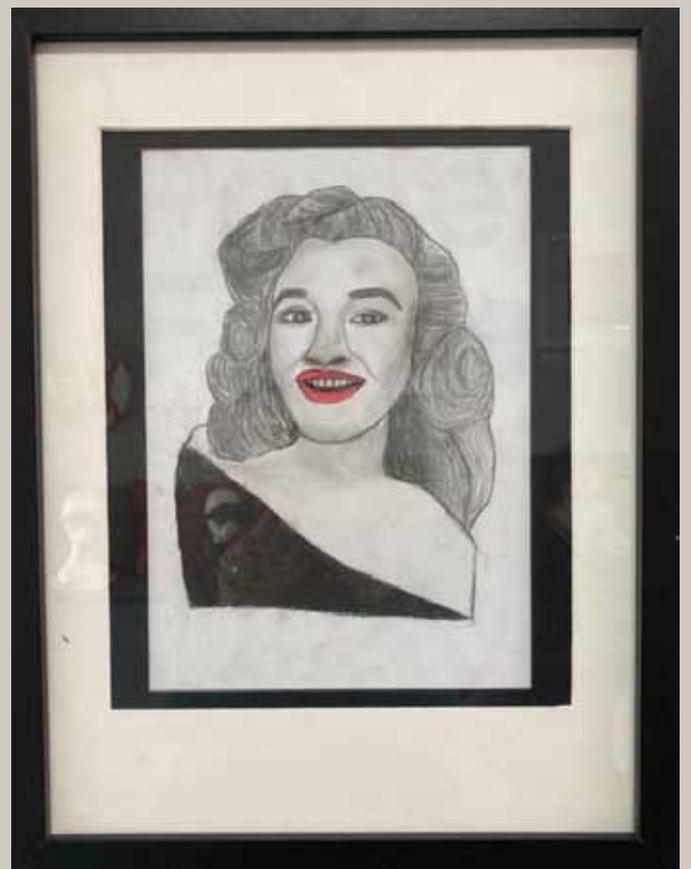
ARCHIES COMPETITION



Throughout remote learning Marian College ran an Art competition called the Archies. Based on Australia's most prestigious portrait prize, students were required to submit a portrait of a distinguished person. The competition was open to all year levels. Congratulations to all participants who donned their creativity and flair during remote learning. Winner of the competition will soon to be announced.

Watch this space.

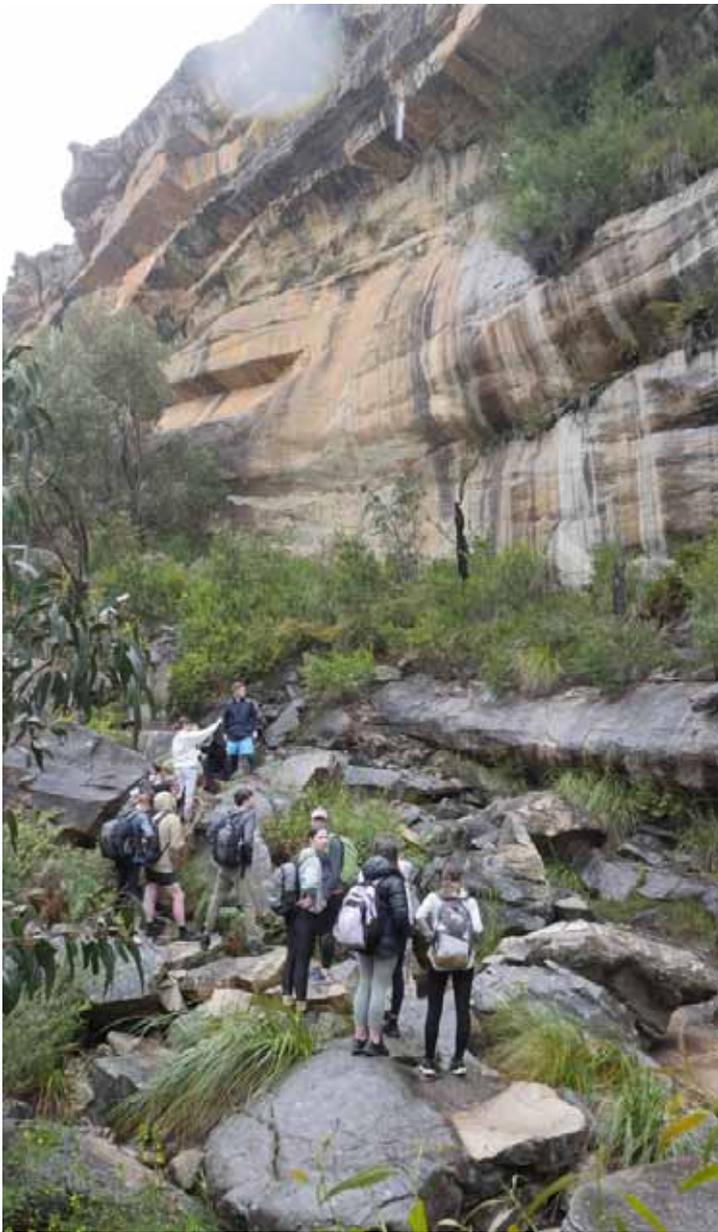
Barb Venn





OUTDOOR EDUCATION HIKE





CLANCY



NEWS

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

The end of term is quickly approaching and this will be the final Clancy report for 2021. With only three weeks of the school year remaining there are still many important tasks to come. Make sure you use the remaining time at school effectively.

- Week 7 - A few Year 12 students will sit their final VCE exam on Wednesday. This will be followed by a Graduation and Awards evening on Thursday 25th. We wish all our 2021 Year 12s all the best as they leave Marian College for employment, or wait for their results and tertiary placements to be announced.
- Week 7 - 9: Senior students (Year 10s and Year 11s) started the VCE Early Start Program today. This is an opportunity to leave 2021 behind and get a head start on next year's VCE studies.
- Week 9: Year 10s will participate in a leadership day where they will learn skills they can use as peer support leaders or as leaders of teams in everyday life.
- Year 9: students will participate in a two day Work Experience Program where they will plan and make preparations for a week of work experience at the end of Term 2, 2022.
- Week 9: Year 7 & 8 students will finish the term on Friday 3rd December with Gap Day, where students and teachers spend a fun day at Hall Gap.

I don't need to tell you that it's been a strange and tiring semester and as we get closer to the end and start running out of energy it is easy to become frustrated and overwhelmed with all that is going on. Please, try to remember that everyone is feeling the strain and to be respectful of how others may be feeling when dealing with each other. Now is a perfect time to throw a bit of kindness



FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

around. Random acts of kindness can make a huge difference in a person's day. A smile and a kind word costs you nothing but for some people that might be the only positive thing that they remember that day. It might make all the difference to how they feel about themselves. Try it and see what happens. When you can be anything, be kind!

Not all that convinced that many people actually take the time to read this report, I'm going to try a little social experiment. If you've read this you'll check in this week and say "Hi Mrs Boatman. Have a great day". A treat will be coming your way. I wonder how many bags of lollipops I'll need to get this week? How many smiles can I share this week? Heaps, I hope.

Stay chilled, (not hard to do with the recent weather) and remember to throw that kindness around.

Mrs Boatman
Clancy House Leader



2022 BOOK LIST INFORMATION

Online ordering through Champion Education

All required textbooks and stationery will need to be ordered online. The online ordering system is simple to use. Go to the website (www.champion.com.au), create an account or sign in to your existing account, select the relevant booklist and complete your order. Payment can be made by Mastercard or Visa. More information is provided on the booklists (emailed via EdSmart platform)

Please note that orders should be completed by Tuesday 30th November, 2021.

Australia Post will deliver the packages to individual households. A surcharge will be added to your order at the time of submission.

Please note that the cost for Digital Textbooks (details emailed via EdSmart platform) **will be payable to Marian College in the form of a levy that will appear on your fees statement.**

If you have any queries regarding this please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Matthew Summers

Head of Learning and Teaching



All orders to be completed online at

www.champion.com.au

using "BVGY" as your code

YEAR 7 2022 PARENT ACCESS MODULE

If you have a student enrolled for Year 7 2022 please access the Parent Access Module to complete your child's Medical Profile. As Year 7 Camp is early in Term 1 please complete by the end of November, 2021.

Each child's data can be accessed by clicking on their student photo. Your child is linked to the profile but is listed as 'inactive'. To view a pre-enrolled student tick the box as shown below:-

The screenshot displays the 'Students' section of the Parent Access Module. At the top, there is a 'Students' header with a blue underline. Below it is a checkbox labeled 'Show Inactive Students' which is checked. A student profile card is shown with a placeholder photo, the text 'Sample Year 7', 'Student ID: 0000', and 'INACTIVE' in red. Below the profile card is a blue button labeled 'Personal Details'. A vertical menu of options is listed below the button: 'Student Timetable', 'Attendance', 'Assessment Reports', 'Lesson Plans', 'Learning Tasks', 'Email Staff', 'Medical Profile', 'School Activities', and 'NAPLAN'. An arrow points from the 'Medical Profile' option to the text 'Select Medical Profile from menu and complete information'.

Gap Day

**Friday 3rd December 2021
Year 7 and 8 students**

Activities include:-

Ice Cream Shop

Swimming

Venus Baths Walk

Park and Playground

**PE Uniform, must wear school
approved hat and closed-toe shoes,
bring swimwear and a towel,
Bring own snacks, money for ice cream,
drink bottle and lunch**

Please consent on Parent Access Module (PAM)

Marian College Presents



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Tickets will be
on sale soon!



Book and Lyrics by
LYNN AHRENS
Music by
STEPHEN FLANNERY

7.30pm 9, 10, 11 December 2021

Tickets available at try.booking.com



WEEKLY CAREER NEWS

EVENTS, NEWS, UPDATES
AND RESOURCES

Wednesday 10 November 2021

Year 12 students

University applications

Reminder from last week's newsletter - please take the time to check you are up to date with your university applications. You can download a 2-page checklist via <https://bit.ly/3GP3lpJ>

TAFE applications

Applications are open for most TAFE institutes and private providers. Competitive courses may have early closing dates so it's advisable to start your application as soon as possible.

Farm jobs in regional areas

If you are looking for a casual farm job over the summer holidays, Harvest Trail Information Service is a company that can assist. This is a free service to job seekers, <https://bit.ly/31Qhoy>

Apprenticeships and traineeships

It's important to sign up to local Apprenticeship Network Providers. They will be able to assist you with your search. You can find their contact details via www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/apprentices

Gap Year Programs

Year13 have put together a list of companies that offer working holidays, travel, and volunteer gap year programs, <https://year13.com.au/explore/travel>

Volunteering

Beef up your resume, give back to the community, make connections, develop career ideas, and boost your employability skills through volunteering. Search for opportunities via <https://govolunteer.com.au/>

Competitions

Add to your resume and have fun by entering competitions!

Art and ocean conservation

The Science Without Borders® Challenge is an international contest that engages students and teachers in ocean conservation through art.

You will create a piece of art that illustrates one or more actions that governments, non-profits, park managers, and indigenous communities can take to preserve coral reefs using a ridge to reef approach to conservation.

Scholarships of up to \$500 will awarded to the winning entries. Entries close 7 March 2022, <https://bit.ly/3EWFojX>

Design, marketing, advertising

The Financial Wellbeing Youth Design Challenge is for young people who are passionate about design and would like to help improve the financial wellbeing of Australian youth. You will create marketing concepts and designs and there are fantastic prizes to be won. Entries close 25 November, <https://bit.ly/3q1PjLR>

Creative Arts

Bright Awards – run by Billy Blue College of Design at Torrens University. Entries are open for students in years 10-12 and their school to win monetary prizes to help kick start creative dreams. Entries close Monday 15 November, <https://bit.ly/3kETqzl>



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
- Promoting yourself
- Getting a job
- Personal development
- Wellness

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

www.blastoff.mycareermatch.com.au



DigiSkills

Year13 has teamed up with the Digital Skills Organisation to show you that digital skills aren't just for IT professionals - they're for everyone. Having an arsenal of digital skills at your fingertips can put you head and shoulders above your competition.

Want to win \$5k cash?

All you've got to do is sign up and complete the quiz on any one of the free DigiSkills modules on the Year13 website to enter. For every module completed, you'll get an additional entry to the comp! (max 4)

<https://year13.com.au/academy/digiskills>

Employment

Search and apply for employment

You can sign up for employment opportunities at the following websites:

KFC	https://bit.ly/33N7mM1
Woolworths	https://bit.ly/2RptgTp
Hungry Jacks	https://bit.ly/2qkwlU8
Kmart	https://bit.ly/2Y8U2Rd
Target	https://bit.ly/2qZ76MZ
McDonalds	https://bit.ly/38oUvTb
Bunnings	https://bit.ly/2Lfb2Ls
Boost Juice	https://bit.ly/2P36v4l
Red Rooster	https://bit.ly/2Lf35Le
Myer	https://bit.ly/2sHiEov
Cotton On	https://bit.ly/2LjebPj
Sportsgirl	https://bit.ly/2RfT2cC
Officeworks	https://bit.ly/2ZrOgik
Apco	https://bit.ly/33Fogxz
The Reject Shop	https://bit.ly/3BTvj1X
Chemist Warehouse	https://bit.ly/3mYvqZn
Terry White Chemist	https://bit.ly/3Fopu0K
BCF, Rebel Sport, Super Cheap Auto	https://bit.ly/3oeFlns

Drop your resume into these businesses:

IGA Supermarkets	https://bit.ly/3o4XEkw
Bakers Delight	https://bit.ly/3097jq9
Michel's Patisserie	https://bit.ly/3od669h
Donut King	https://bit.ly/3kkXV1E
Muffin Break	https://bit.ly/3od6W5V

Use these websites to search for employment:

Seek	www.seek.com.au
Indeed	https://au.indeed.com/
Jora	https://au.jora.com/



About 80% of all job vacancies aren't advertised, so it is crucial that you market yourself to businesses with an excellent resume and cover letter. Make sure you tell as many people as possible that you are looking for work as often employers rely on 'word of mouth' to recruit for their positions.

Job seeking resources

For excellent job seeking tips, and resume/cover letter templates, check out the resources at Youth Central-www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

Dates for your diary



Federation University

Federation University is running the following webinars for prospective students in November:

- 11 Careers in sport and exercise science
- 22 Careers in engineering

For information and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/2ZKHVP1>

Endeavour College of Natural Health

The College is located at Melbourne and offers higher education courses in:

- Naturopathy
- Acupuncture Therapies
- Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine
- Complimentary Medicine
- Chinese Medicine
- Remedial Massage
- Chinese Remedial Massage

The institute is running several online information sessions for prospective students before the end of the year. For information and to RSVP, visit <https://bit.ly/3kom6SO>

Residential Indigenous Science Experience (RISE) Program

RISE is an exciting virtual Indigenous science experience with hands-on experiments, virtual workshops and a chance for students to chat directly with STEM students and academics from the University of Melbourne.

The program is open to Indigenous students in Year 9 and 10 and applications are now open.

When: Monday 22 – Friday 26 November
Info and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/34ZUial>

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE)

AIE is located at Melbourne and Canberra and offers courses in the following study areas: gaming, animation, 3D, VFX for Film, Film and Virtual Production (new in 2022). The Academy is running an open day for prospective students.

Date: Saturday 20 November
Information and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3mQgdtt>

RMIT University Events

Parent to parent

Parents of prospective RMIT students are invited to participate in an online information session on 25 November, <https://bit.ly/3IQJOCr>

Virtual EnGenius

Students are welcome to visit RMIT's School of Engineering annual exhibition showcasing final year projects from undergraduate students. Students can view projects from 11 November, <https://bit.ly/3qkxL2J>

RMIT Deadly Day of STEM

The event is aimed to inspire young Indigenous Australians with a full day of interactive sessions in food science, health sciences, chemistry, and laboratory science. Date – 17 November. Contact Jordan at jordan.carter@rmit.edu.au

Defence Force – Virtual Career Events

Events and dates, <https://bit.ly/2MpyMUj>

La Trobe University Talk and Tours

La Trobe is running on-campus 'Talk and Tours' for prospective students on the following dates:

Bendigo: Monday 22 – Friday 26 November, <https://bit.ly/3GqiNOs>

Albury-Wodonga: Monday 6 – Thursday 9 December, <https://bit.ly/2XMkKTN>

UNSW: Careers in Business

UNSW is running four online events for students interested in exploring careers in business, commerce, actuarial science, commerce or information systems.

Dates: 13 and 14 December
Information and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3BEnssj>

SAE Creative Media Institute

SAE offers Bachelor, Associate Degree and Diploma programs in Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games, and Music. The Institute is running an on-campus event called Creative Futures for Year 11 and 12 students and their parents.

Date: Thursday 9 December, 5:30pm – 9pm
Information and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2ZToOQ4>



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December 2021

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		YEAR 9 WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM		