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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*

Ever-present God,

You call us on a journey to a place we do not know.

We are not where we started.

We have not reached our destination.

We are not sure where we are or who we are.

This is not a comfortable place.

Be among us, we pray.

Calm our fears, save us from discouragement,

And help us to stay on course.

Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey to this

Unknown place continues as a journey of trust.

Amen.

2022 has been a really good year, but it has not been without challenges. It seems like a long time ago, but many of us have probably forgotten that at the start of the school year we nervously re-introduced camps, excursions and community events. This was followed by a number of spikes in COVID-19 cases in Terms 1,2 and 3 with increased absences among staff and students. The end result has been a year where we have again had to make adjustments to the calendar but perhaps with a little more certainty than in the previous two years. Acknowledging these difficulties for students, staff and parents is important as we head towards the final days of the year. Some cases exist still but perhaps more manageable than earlier in the year. Our staff, students and parents have done amazing work in 2022. As we reflect on the year, I am most grateful for the ways in which all members of our community have navigated the challenges of 2022, and our return to more normal times.

Early Start

With only two weeks of school remaining for students, I am also conscious of the need to ensure that we keep the momentum going to the end. Our students begin Early Start on Monday 21st November. At this time all students will advance to the next year level and begin the new five-period-a-day timetable. This will be a significant change for students and staff alike. Breaks will occur at different times and learning periods will be extended. It is most important that students understand the difference that may make to their day, and cater accordingly. This begins with a healthy breakfast as they head into the two one hour periods before the first break.

A special thank you to our graduating class 2022.

The departure this week of the Year 12 students at our Graduation Ceremony is an acute reminder of how rapidly the end of year is approaching. We have every reason to be proud of the students who culminated six years of formal secondary education with the Graduation Mass and Award Ceremony last Thursday evening. They should be proud of their efforts, for the way they have embraced our college values, and for their resilience. This graduating class has completed three of their six years of secondary education under various COVID restrictions and displayed significant resilience. Thank you for your efforts, compassion and care for each other, and for the values we hold dear at Marian College. We wish all students every success for the future. Thank you to our parents and guardians who joined us on the night for this wonderful celebration. Your ongoing support over the years is greatly appreciated.

I know I share a pride with you and our staff for these impressive young people. We wish them every success in the future. Go with Strength and Gentleness!

A very special thank you to our 2022 College Captains Gabe Tonks and Ivana Donnan, Noah Wineberg, Georgia White, Layla Dale, Charlotte Walker, Lily Parsons, Jacqueline Grayling and Elly Galoso, Elise Monaghan and Nellie Hitchcock, Louise Cooper and Ruby Smith and Mia Lardner and Jemima Harney. Thank you for your service and commitment to our community. This week you pass the flame to the next group of leaders, knowing that with each succession the college is a little brighter for your input and care. To Gabe, Ivana and the team, you should be proud of your efforts over a challenging and yet enjoyable final year together. Well done!

Art and Technology Exhibition 2022

Last Wednesday evening we celebrated the annual Art and Technology Expo in the Brigidine Centre with an extensive display of impressive pieces by our students. Congratulations to all involved in the various aspects of Art, Drama, Music, Applied Learning and Technology. It is wonderful to see the talent and ingenuity of students at all year levels. Thanks also to the teachers for their ongoing support and dedication to ensure all students excel.

A very special congratulations to Year 12 student Ivana Donnan whose work has been shortlisted for the Top Arts exhibition at the Melbourne museum. Well done!

Exams Year 10 and 11

This week Year 10 and 11 commenced the final exams just prior to Early Start. They move now to the Senior phase of learning. This is an important two years for all students. Full attendance and engagement is expected of all students throughout this period.

Year 10 Outdoor Education

Monday morning our Year 10 students headed out to the Grampians with their teachers for five days in the mountains. An email and photos to all staff back at school soon followed titled: What is the view like from

your office? Congratulations to all students involved on their effort throughout the camp. The scenery was magnificent! Thanks also to the staff Ms Erica McConachy and Mr Ryan Casey (and Ms Susan MacPherson - Thursday) who braved the cool nights to provide this valuable experience for students.

Save the Date - Awards Night

Years 7-9 and 10 and 11 - Monday 28th November at the Ararat Astor Cinema Barkly Street.

College Captains 2023

It is my great pleasure to announce the College Captains for 2023. Congratulations to:

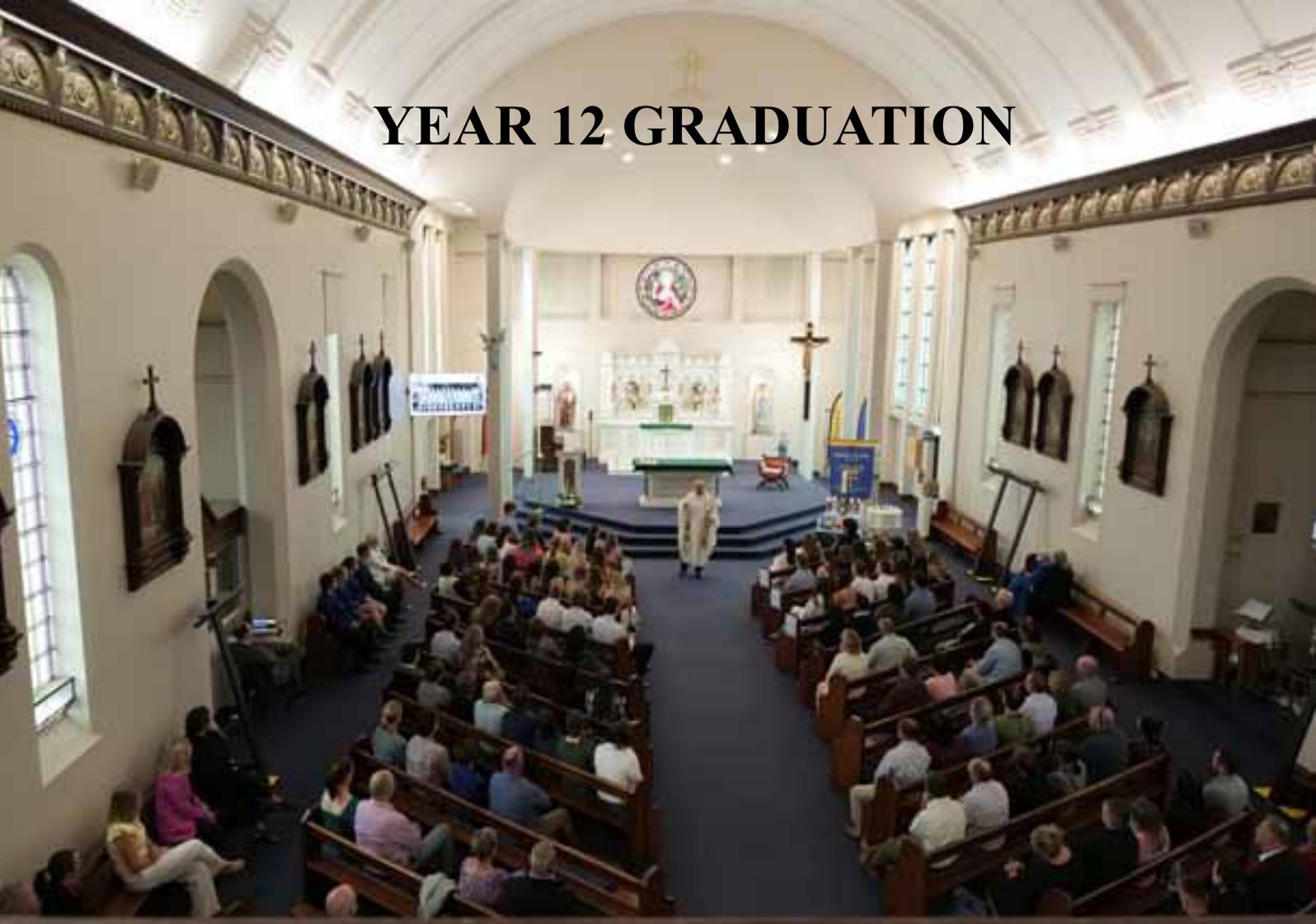
- College Captains: Marley Bourizk and Jayde McMurtrie
- Vice Captains: Fraser Dunn and Annabelle Price (*Mission and Culture*)
- STEM Captain - Sophie Fleming (*Science, Maths and Engineering*)
- PEAT Captain - Abbey Rigby (*PE, the Arts and Technology*)
- CAL Captain - Paige Burger (*Culture and Languages*)
- VCAL Captain - Emily Start (*Applied Learning*)
- Barron House Captains: Hayley Manning and Eliza Parker
- Clancy House Captains: Abbey Dodson and Matilda Venn
- Kelly House Captains: Jai Te Hau and Eliza Wigg
- Synnott House Captains Bel Harney and Ruby Preston

We look forward to working with this very impressive group of young people in 2023.

Have a wonderful week,

Carmel.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION





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Congratulations to the following Award Recipients:-

- College Captain Award - Ivana Donnan*
College Captain Award - Gabriel Tonks
ADF Long Tan Award - Jacqueline Grayling
ADF Future Innovators Award - Gabriel Tonks
St Vincent de Paul Tertiary Education Sponsorship - Gabriel Tonks
CGLLEN Award - Laura Rafferty
WestVic Staffing Solutions Award - Rhett Cosgriff
Greg Dean Memorial Award - Mackenzie Metcalf
Gasons Award - Ivana Donnan
Ararat Catholic Women's League Bursary Award - Eden McKiernan
Australian Olympic Change-Maker Award - Gabriel Tonks
Biology Award - Oliver Herbert-King
Business Management Award - Elly Galoso
Chemistry Award - Ivana Donnan
English Award - Gabriel Tonks
Food Studies Award - Jacqueline Grayling
Further Mathematics Award - Ivana Donnan
Health & Human Development Award - Layla Dale
Legal Studies Award - Georgia White
Literature Award - Ivana Donnan
Maths Methods Award - Gabriel Tonks
Physical Education Award - Gabriel Tonks
Physics Award - Gabriel Tonks
Product Design and Technology – Textiles Award - Ivana Donnan
Psychology Award - Charlotte Walker
Religion Award - Jacqueline Grayling
Studio Art Award - Erin Peter
VCAL Literacy Award - Renee Goodinge
VCAL Numeracy Award - Ethan Asuncion
VCAL Personal Development Skills Award - Talia Rhodes
VCAL Work Related Skills Award - Lucy Harwood
VET Early Childhood Award - Laura Rafferty
VET Music Award - Erin Peter
VET Sport and Rec Award - Mem McSparron
- Kelly House Captains - Louise Cooper and Ruby Smith*
Barron House Captains - Jacqueline Grayling and Elly Galoso
Synnott House Captains - Mia Lardner and Jemima Harney
Clancy House Captains - Elise Monaghan and Nellie Hitchcock
*Learning Leaders - Lily Parsons, Noah Wineberg, Layla Dale,
Georgia White and Charlotte Walker*

Gap Day

**Friday 2nd December
Year 7 and 8 2022 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 AWARDS EVENING

All Welcome

(Please note that invitations have been forwarded to the families of nominated students)

DATE: Monday 28th November, 2022

VENUE: Astor Cinema Ararat

TIME: Years 7, 8 & 9 - 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Years 10 & 11 - 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm

NEW BELL TIMES COMMENCING 21 NOVEMBER

TA/Homeroom	8.52am – 8.58am	6 minutes
Period 1	9.00am – 10.00 am	1 hour
Period 2	10.02am – 11.02am	1 hour
Lunch Break	11.02am – 11.46am	44 minutes
Period 3	11.50am – 12.50am	1 hour
Period 4	12.52pm – 1.52pm	1 hour
Recess	1.52pm – 2.14pm	22 minutes
Period 5	2.16pm – 3.16pm	1 hour

END OF SEMESTER REPORTS ONLINE

The end of Semester Reports will be available online from 12.00 noon on Thursday 1st December, 2022.

Please access your son or daughter's report through the PARENT ACCESS MODULE (PAM) on the school website at <http://mcararat.catholic.edu.au> using your current login and password.

SR. JOHN'S RECYLCING PROJECT

BINDER BOOKS

The school has a large supply of second hand binder books (64, 96 and 128 pages)

Students should speak to their TA Teacher or Sr. John to request binder books (free of charge)

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The school also has some second hand uniform items on display in the foyer.

Parents are welcome to visit the office to select from the available items of uniform (free of charge)

Thank you.

Technology & Art Expo



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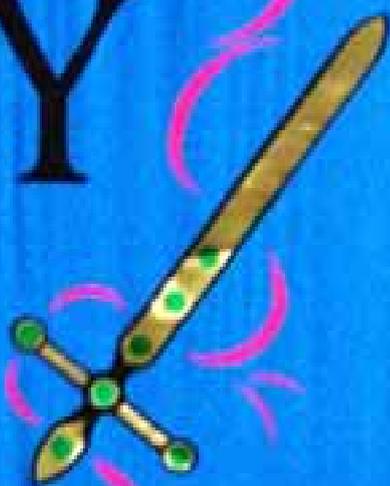
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K E L L Y



NEWS

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Honestly, where has 2022 gone? What a difference it makes when you are at school on a regular basis, unlike the last two years with numerous lockdowns. I think we are a little bit tired and are looking forward to the Christmas break.

During our school assembly last Monday, Mrs. Barker announced the new student leaders for 2023. It was a very proud moment for me because Kelly House was strongly represented. Congratulations to the following students from Kelly House; Marley Bourizk School Captain, Annabelle Price and Fraser Dunn Vice Captains, House Captains Eliza Wigg and Jai Te Hau, Stem Leader Sophie Flemming and VCAL Emily Start.

Today the entire school moves into the 2023 school year. It's a new start for every student as they move up a year level. There is no need for families to purchase textbooks or stationery. Your teachers will accommodate and supply the necessary equipment for the next two weeks.

Last Thursday I attended the Year 12 Graduation Mass. It was a beautiful service coordinated by Mr. East. One of the highlights was listening to Maiara Barry Goncalves sing. Oh my, what a talented young lady.

After mass we had refreshments in the Brigidine Centre thanks to the ever reliable Bron and her team. We then moved into the Parish centre to celebrate and acknowledge the award winners and the leaders. It's such a special night, especially when you have watched them grow from Year 7. I wish every Year 12 student a fulfilled life full of happiness.

As the House Leader of Kelly I would like to thank the following TA teachers for their ongoing support; Nathan Baker, Natalie Wirper, Ben Naus, Olga Milne, Ryan Casey, Amy Gellie and Bas Otto. You make my job so much easier because of the time and care you put into your TA groups. In 2023 Kelly TA 1 will have a new TA teacher. I would like to thank Mr. Casey for the time he has dedicated to this TA group.

We also say good-bye to the Terry family. Mrs. Terry, Hannah, David and Rachael will be moving to Queensland at the end of the school year. I wish them all the best and thank them for their contribution to MC.

Time to sign off. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a restful break.

Donna Spalding



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

NEWS, RESOURCES, EVENTS & INSPIRATION



Friday 18 November 2022

SUMMER SCHOOLS

The following are examples of exciting programs being offered in January.

Filmmaking Summer School

This intensive summer school is taught by Australia's leading film industry professionals and is suited to people from all ages and backgrounds.

When: 14 -15 January 2023.

Where: Dancehouse, Carlton North, Vic.
www.summerfilmschool.com/

Santos Science Experience

This is a fun 3 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students (2023). Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, and attend site visits. The program is running at the following two institutes in January 2023:

17: Marine & Freshwater Discovery Centre
18 – 20: RMIT University

Information: www.scienceexperience.com.au

Quantum Computing Summer School Camp

The Sydney Quantum Academy is running a summer school for Year 9 – 12 students who would like to learn about the fascinating world of quantum physics. You will explore quantum phenomena like superposition and entanglement and no prior experience is necessary. Full scholarships are available.

When: 16 – 20 January 2023.

Where: virtual plus a bonus on-site day
<https://sydneyquantum.org/programs>



VCE Summer School

The University of Melbourne Student Union is running their annual VCE Summer School for Year 12 students (2023) between 9 – 20 January 2023. The 2-week program will be run mainly on-campus. Students will be able to get a head start on their studies, develop study skills, and receive tutoring for their Unit 3-4 subjects. Registrations close 22 November. Regional students can apply to live on campus during the program for a fee,
<https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/things-to-do/>

Western Civilisation Program Summer School

This academic retreat is for students who will be in Year 11 or 12 in 2023 and will run between 18 – 20 January 2023 at the North Sydney campus. Students will engage in critical discussions about great books of the western tradition, gaining invaluable critical thinking, communication, and reading skills – all while having fun and meeting like-minded students. Applications close 1 December 2022 and travel bursaries are available, <http://bit.ly/3THDquX>

The National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA)

NIDA is running several acting and musical theatre short courses for students at the Melbourne campus during January. To explore the program options and reserve your place, visit www.open.nida.edu.au

Monash University, MYSci

MYSci is an exciting three-day science program specifically designed for students who will be in Year 11 and 12 in 2023. Cost is \$110 per student

When: 11 – 13 January 2023.

Where: Monash University, Clayton campus
<https://shop.monash.edu/mysci-2023.html>



2023 National Youth Science Forum

This is a two-week on-site and digital program where Year 12 students (2023) are immersed in hands-on science activities, lab experiments, field trips and meet researchers who are leaders in their field. The cost is \$1950. Students are encouraged to contact their local Rotary Club to seek financial assistance and scholarships may be available.

When: 10 – 24 January 2023.

www.nysf.edu.au

Campion College Summer Program

The immersive four-day program provides the opportunity to reside on campus and interact with like-minded peers. We have a fun-filled program including movies, trivia, dancing, and sports, as well as sample lectures from our history, literature, philosophy, and theology professors. Must be 16 – 20 years old.

When: 10 – 13 January 2023.

Where: Campion College, Toongabbie, NSW.
www.campion.edu.au

Monash University

Engage Engineer: this program is for students in Years 9 & 10 in 2023 and will run on 16 & 17 January 2023.

Engineering Skills Day: this program is for female students in Years 10 – 12 in 2023 and will run on 19 January 2023.

Steam City: this program is for female students and will run on 19 January 2023. The day will be focussed on engineering.

For information on the above programs and to register your place, visit
www.monash.edu/engineering/meg/activities

'CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

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
- Mind, body & soul

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

www.blastoff.mycareermatch.com.au



Get savvy about your finances

Year13 has teamed up with Westpac and built FinLit, a financial literacy program that will equip you with the knowledge you'll need to navigate the world of money.

If you've ever wondered how to save for a car or how to go about buying a house, or what superannuation is - you've come to the right place! Topics include:

Landing your first job

- Types of work
- Getting paid the right wage
- Choosing a bank and guide to bank fees
- Using your bank account

Taxes and super

- What is superannuation?
- Getting paid the right super
- The deal with taxes

Saving & spending your cash

- Saving your money
- Understanding interest
- Savings accounts

Program - <https://year13.com.au/academy>

YEAR 9 - 11 STUDENTS

University - early admission programs

Did you know that at some universities, you can apply for programs that enable you to receive an offer before your final Year 12 results are released?

These are called 'early admission' programs and they provide a way for universities to take into consideration factors other than just your ATAR for admission into courses.

Some universities take into consideration your Year 11 results for university entry. This is very important to know for students starting Year 11, finishing Year 11, or advancing into Year 11 subjects.

Students with a successful early entry application may receive a 'conditional' or 'unconditional offer'.

Conditional offer

Means that you will need to meet additional criteria to receive an offer such as a minimum ATAR and/or achieve subject and study score prerequisites

Unconditional offer

Means as long as you complete Year 12 and achieve the course prerequisites, you will receive an offer (the ATAR will not be taken into consideration).

Year 11 results - examples

The following are examples of universities that take into consideration Year 11 results:

Australian Catholic University
ACU Guarantee
www.acu.edu.au

Charles Sturt University
Charles Sturt Advantage
www.csu.edu.au

La Trobe University
Year 11 Conditional Offer
www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire

University of Wollongong
Early Admission
www.uow.edu.au



Australia National University
Direct entry
www.anu.edu.au

Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS)
This is an umbrella program that covers several institutes in NSW and Canberra.
<https://bit.ly/34Xldkl>

Example

Harry works very hard during Year 11 in 2022 and achieves strong grades. He applies for the Bachelor of Physiotherapy at Charles Sturt University via the Charles Sturt Advantage program in April 2023 (during Year 12).

The University is impressed with his Year 11 grades as well as his Advantage application and makes him a course offer in June.

Harry just has to complete and pass Year 12. He does this and then starts the Bachelor of Physiotherapy in Semester 1, 2024.

YEAR 10 - 11 STUDENTS

Early admission program

La Trobe University Aspire Program

La Trobe University has several early admission programs that are relevant for current students including:

Year 11 Conditional Offer

This scheme is available for eligible courses. Successful applicants will receive a conditional offer to study at La Trobe University in 2024 (offers for most courses can be deferred until 2025). Applications close 6 February 2023 for current Year 11 students.

Aspire Early University Study

This scheme requires students to study university subjects during both Year 11 and 12 or either Year 11 or 12.

Aspire Achieve Plus

This scheme requires students to study a university subject during Year 12.

For information, visit
www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire



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. This year's theme is 'The Sixth Extinction'. You will create a piece of art that highlights the beauty and importance of a marine species that is on the brink of extinction. Scholarships of up to \$500 will be awarded to the winning entries. Entries close 6 March 2023, www.livingoceansfoundation.org

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://youngchangeagents.com/>

Passionate about sport?

Enjoy playing sport and would like to combine your sports career with study in the future? The following are three programs you may like to explore:

Richmond Institute of Sport Leadership

This is a partnership program between Richmond Football Club and Swinburne University. As part of the 12-month program, students will study a dual Diploma in Sports Development and Leadership and Management. The campus is at Melbourne and online courses are available, www.richmondinstitute.com.au

Carlton College of Sport

This is a partnership program between Carlton Football Club and La Trobe University. As part of the 12-month program, students will study a University Diploma in either Sports Coaching and Development or Elite Sports Business. Classes will be held at Ikon Park, Carlton Football Club grounds and La Trobe University, Bundoora. <https://carltoncollegeofsport.com.au/>

Holmesglen-Saints Sports Program

Students will study a Diploma of Sports Development and Diploma of Events Management through Holmesglen Institute, Moorabbin, and study at both Holmesglen and St Kilda Football Club, <https://holmesglen.edu.au/>



Dates for your diary

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 www.endeavour.edu.au/events

Endota Wellness College

Endota Wellness College is located at Melbourne and offers courses in Beauty, Massage and Salon Management. An open day will be run on Saturday 3 December for prospective students. For information, visit <https://endotawellnesscollege.edu.au/>

Medicine and Dentistry

The following companies are running information sessions, webinars, and workshops on the UCAT:

NIE, www.ucat.edu.au
MedEntry, www.medentry.edu.au



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, and Film & Virtual Production. The Academy is running an open day for prospective students on Saturday 19 November, <https://aie.edu.au/>

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 exhibition event for prospective students on Tuesday 13 December, <https://sae.edu.au/event>

Monash University

MADA Now – Monash Art, Architecture and Design

Discover the calibre of work from over 600 of Monash University's emerging future artists, designers, and architects in the MADA Now 2022 graduate exhibition. The exhibition is running until 3 December 2022 and is recommended to any students who are keen to study art, architecture, or design courses in the future, www.monash.edu/mada/events

Australian Defence Force

Interested in a career in the Army, Navy or Air Force? Check the amazing career information sessions running across the country and online, www.defencejobs.gov.au/events

Australian College of Applied Professions (ACAP)

ACAP is located at Melbourne and offers courses in Criminology & Justice, Psychology, Social Work, Counselling, Coaching, and Business Administration. The College is running a series of online events for prospective students in December. You will learn about courses at the College and participate in themed webinars, www.acap.edu.au/events



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

YEAR 12 CAREER UPDATES



Thursday 17 November 2022

Congratulations on completing Year 12! Whatever your plans are for 2023 and beyond, you should be very proud of your achievements this year.

This is the final career newsletter for Year 12 students – it aims to provide information for various pathways and provide answers to frequently asked questions.

POST SCHOOL CAREER SUPPORT

University and TAFE

If you are transitioning into university or TAFE, you will be able to access free career support. Practitioners are usually located in the student services faculty.

Apprenticeships and traineeships

Many apprenticeship centres and group training companies have free career support and offer mentoring during your employment.

Transition to Work

Workforce Australia funds a program called 'Transition to Work'. This free program aims to support young people to transition into employment, training and further education. Search for a provider via www.workforceaustralia.gov.au

Jobs Victoria Career Counsellor Service

This is a free service for Victorian residents, <https://ceav.vic.edu.au/>

Employment companies

Staff at employment companies can assist you with your job search and some have funded programs for young people with disabilities. Use the online Yellow Pages to contact local providers to discuss your eligibility.

Commercial Career Practitioners

You can access the services of a private practitioner. Use the online Yellow Pages to find qualified career advisers. Get quotes from different companies as services can be expensive.

DEFENCE FORCE PATHWAY

The ADF Gap Year program

There are a variety of exciting gap year roles on offer in the Navy, Air Force and Army. You have until the age of 24 to apply, so don't worry if you missed out on applying this year. The next application period will open early 2023. Information - <http://bit.ly/3eKYP8>

General entry

You can start your application at any time to apply for general entry into most roles (including trades). Search here for available roles www.defencejobs.gov.au

Learn about the application process here <http://bit.ly/2Tyn8Yp>

University - ADFA

You can study a university degree at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA), Canberra. Applications are closed but will open again next year for the 2024 intake, www.unsw.adfa.edu.au

Defence University Scholarship (DUS)

This option is for students already studying an eligible university degree. The Defence Force will sponsor you to complete your degree and pay most of your course fees. In return, you will commit to a service period in the Army, Navy or Air Force. Examples of eligible courses include engineering, nursing, medicine, physiotherapy, medical imaging, law, business etc., <http://bit.ly/2HEjCG6>

Trades

You can apply for various trade roles in the Army, Navy or Air Force. Examples include: vehicle mechanic, electrician, aircraft technician, carpenter, chef, and plumber. You will receive full training and an excellent salary. www.defencejobs.gov.au



TAFE PATHWAY

TAFE stands for Technical and Further Education and is a name commonly used for vocational training.

TAFE is an excellent pathway for everyone. Benefits include:

- Hands-on applied learning
- The aim of the course is to make you 'job ready', so every unit is relevant.
- There are different study levels and a large range of study areas.
- Employers love candidates with job ready skills!
- Obtain a qualification in a relatively short time frame.
- VET graduates earn wages comparable to, if not exceeding, that of university graduates.
- Can easily fit a TAFE qualification into a gap year before university.
- Higher level courses (e.g., Diploma) can provide a direct pathway into university courses with credit.
- Can give you the opportunity to trial an industry or career area before you commit to university study.
- Can give you a qualification you can use to gain part time work whilst undertaking university study.

Applications are open for most TAFE institutes and private providers. The following is important to know:

Competitive courses may have early closing dates

You may need to complete additional tasks as part of your application such as portfolios, literacy and numeracy tests, information sessions, applying for a Working With Children Check, etc.

For examples of TAFE courses and why TAFE is a fantastic post school pathway, download a resource via <https://bit.ly/3jZxBd6>





UNIVERSITY PATHWAY

Important updates regarding university applications. December will be a very busy time, so it's important to get organised as soon as possible. The following is information on what to expect:



RELEASE OF RESULTS AND ATAR

Victorian students: Monday 12 December
NSW students: Thursday 15 December



FINALISING COURSE PREFERENCES

The moment is almost here! Soon you will need to finalise your course preferences via the Tertiary Admission Centres (TACs) you've applied through. The following is what you need to be aware of:

There are key dates

Each state has different dates and different offer rounds. Key dates are listed on the home page of each TAC website.

You can change your preferences

You can add/delete/reorder your preferences between offer rounds for most courses and can do this at any time until the cut off dates. You may hear the term 'Change of Preference'. This typically refers to the following periods in the offer cycles:

Changing your preferences after you receive your VCE/HSC results and ATAR.

Changing your preferences between offer rounds.



Important!

Some courses can't be re-added if you remove them from your preference list (e.g., medicine).

Some courses have additional selection criteria such as admission tests, portfolio, interviews, personal statements etc. If you have missed the deadlines to submit these, then you will not be eligible for a course offer.

Ordering course preferences

Be very mindful of how you order your preferences. Remember – dream courses should be at the top and then your back-up courses below.

Your RAW ATAR will be different to your SELECTION RANK for the purpose of course eligibility and your selection rank will be different for each university as it's made up of your ATAR + any adjustments you're eligible for (e.g., academic and equity bonus points). Each university has different adjustment schemes.

It's important to be aware of this, as you may receive entry into your dream course if you don't think your raw ATAR is competitive enough.

For example, Jane achieves an ATAR of 60. She applies for courses at Deakin University and La Trobe University via VTAC.

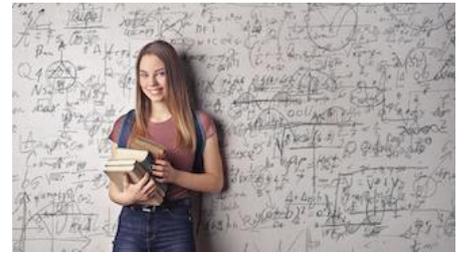
Through the information she submitted in her VTAC SEAS application she receives equity ATAR adjustments.

Her selection rank for courses is now:

72.5 for Deakin University
71.8 for La Trobe University.

Excellent resource

This video explains the preference system. Although it is for VTAC, the information is similar for each state-based Tertiary Admission Centre, <https://youtu.be/FmRE4CIN7Ec>



HELP WITH COURSE PREFERENCES

Apart from meeting with your career adviser at school, tertiary institutions offer a range of support services such as:

- One to one advice via phone/chat
- On campus expos and campus tours
- Virtual information webinars

For information on support Victorian institutions are providing, visit <https://vtac.edu.au/institutions/inst-cop.html>

Note: Many of the expos are running on Tuesday 13 December, so plan early.



COURSE OFFERS

Offers will be released over several rounds. It's important to note that most offers will be made in the December round, you can change your preferences between rounds, and you can only receive one offer per round.

Excellent resource

This video explains the offer system. Although it is for VTAC, the information is similar for each state-based Tertiary Admission Centre <https://youtu.be/1QPbnbe6Ffw>



KEY DATES FOR CHANGE OF PREFERENCE AND OFFERS

Victorian courses
Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)
www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html

NSW/ACT courses
Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)
www.uac.edu.au/key-dates



APPRENTICESHIP/ TRAINEESHIP PATHWAY

Now is a great time to search for your dream apprenticeship/traineeship!

There are many positions available for enthusiastic young people who are keen to work hard, earn while you learn, and obtain a portable qualification.

Apprenticeships and traineeships combine the best of both worlds of TAFE study and employment. Many employers are finding it difficult to fill positions, so if you're lucky you might find positions being advertised with a higher rate of pay.

If you're planning to go to university in 2024, a 12-month gap year traineeship is the perfect way to earn money, gain an industry relevant qualification, and learn amazing skills before you start your degree.

Where to start

Follow the steps in the employment columns to the right.

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

Australian Apprenticeships Pathways has developed a fantastic 4-step process for students to follow when seeking an apprenticeship or traineeship, www.aapathways.com.au/

GAP YEAR

What is a gap year?

Traditionally a gap year was taken by Year 12 students who deferred their university studies for 12-months. Now gap years are taken by students who would like to delay their vocational or tertiary pathways.

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>



EMPLOYMENT

If you are keen to work next year, there are several methods for finding employment. The following explores three.

1. Cold Calling

Did you know that many jobs aren't advertised? These employers rely on word of mouth and/or contact people who drop in resumes to their business. This is called 'cold calling'. What does this mean for you? It means you have to be:

Proactive

Get your resume and cover letter together, use/buy/borrow a smart outfit and hit the streets. Employers love young people who demonstrate initiative and independence.

Organised

Ask someone to go over your resume to look for spelling and grammatical errors. Ensure it is formatted correctly and no more than 2-pages. Be careful of using online resume builders as often the formatting looks poor. Youth Central has excellent sample resumes, www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

Engaged

Let everyone know you are looking for casual employment. Word of mouth is a powerful tool to finding a job. Contact the referees on your resume to let them know they may receive calls from employers.

2. Register with businesses

Some businesses allow prospective employees to register with their organisation and apply for jobs advertised on their website. Access a list of casual job links to get started via <https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/>

3. Search for advertised jobs

Apart from the links above, the following websites are great to bookmark and check regularly

www.seek.com.au
<https://au.jora.com>
<https://au.indeed.com/>

Also check the classified section in your local newspaper.



Excellent job seeking resources

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

Rights and responsibilities

Know your rights and responsibilities when starting a new job, www.fairwork.gov.au

Tax File Number (TFN)

If you don't have a TFN, you will need to apply for one via the Australian Tax Office - www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/

Learn about safety in the workplace

It's very important to understand safety in the workplace. Learn how to stay safe at work - www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/young-workers

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering is an excellent way to give back to your community and develop employability skills. Check out opportunities via Volunteering Australia, www.volunteeringaustralia.org

Dates for your diary

Endota Wellness College

Endota Wellness College is located at Melbourne and offers courses in Beauty, Massage and Salon Management. An open day will be run on Saturday 3 December for prospective students during November. For information, visit <https://endotawellnesscollege.edu.au/>

Medicine and Dentistry

The following companies are running information sessions, webinars and workshops on the UCAT and also interview preparation sessions for Year 12 students who may be shortlisted for an interview:

NIE, www.ucat.edu.au
MedEntry, www.medentry.edu.au

Victoria Police

Victoria Police are running career information sessions at various locations across Victoria until the end of the year. For information and to register your place, visit www.police.vic.gov.au

SUICIDE PREVENTION Memorial Walk



Join us in reflecting upon
and remembering the lives
of those we have lost to suicide

Saturday 26th November
11 am - 12.30 pm

Alexandra Gardens, Ararat

The event includes:

- Musical Performances
- Guest Speakers
- Wreath & pebble ceremony
- Reflective walk around the lake
- Light lunch to follow the service
- Memorial board - leave a message of love & remembrance



For more information please email the Ararat Suicide Prevention Awareness Group at araratspag@gmail.com



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November 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21 EARLY START PROGRAM COMMENCES	22	23	24 YEAR 11 VCAL 2023 FOOD & SAFETY HANDLING	25
28 AWARDS EVENING ASTOR CINEMA	29 YEAR 7 2023 ORIENTATION DAY	30 YEAR 10 2022 LEADERSHIP TRAINING DAY YEARS 10 & 11 2022 LAST DAY	DECEMBER 1 YEAR 9 2022 LAST DAY	2 YEAR 7 & 8 2022 GAP DAY LAST DAY OF TERM

DATES TO
REMEMBER

TERM 1
2023

30th January, 2023 - Years 7 and 12 commence Term 1

31st January, 2023 - Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 commence Term 1

1st February to 3rd February, 2023 - Year 12 Retreat

6th February to 10th February, 2023 - Year 7 Camp Week