

Marian College

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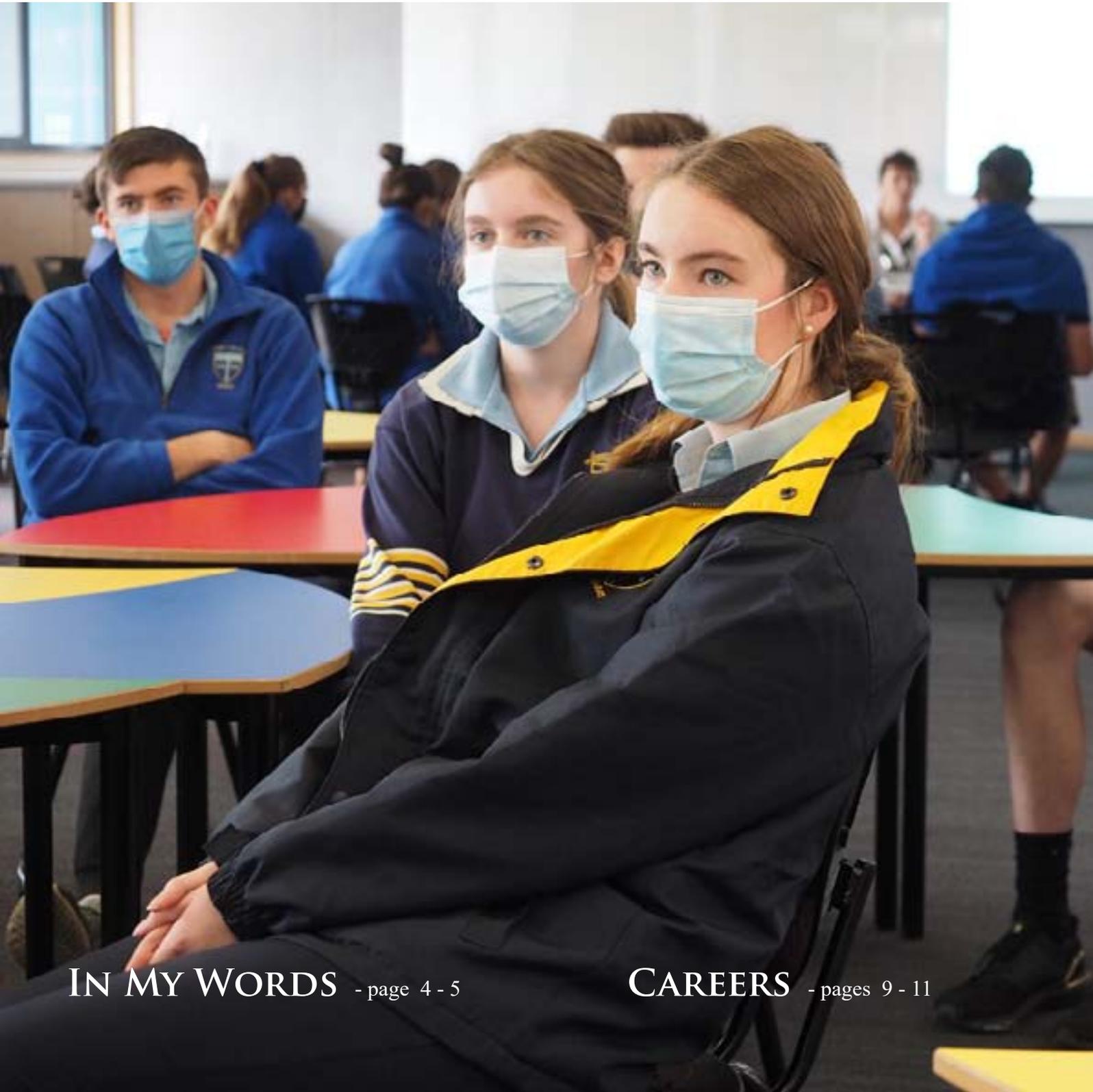
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Principal: Mrs. Carmel Barker





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

“In the Time of Pandemic”

by Kitty O’Meara

And the people stayed home.

And they listened, and read books, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still.

And they listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed.

And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

It is with gratitude and excitement that we return to onsite learning this term. There is a real buzz about the College with students eagerly catching up with friendships once again. It has been a long journey to this point for students, staff and parents. But with two weeks remaining with Year 12 students, and eight weeks for the remaining students, there is time to make the most of the learning opportunities ahead.

It has been a difficult few months since March but there have been some real gems also. Kitty O’Meara’s poem above suggests one of the positives of lockdown is that we have learnt a little more about ourself this year: the choices we make, the things that are most important to us, and the world we image for our future. The simple things have been precious during this time. Our students speak of their time with family during lockdown, engaged in the simple pleasures of life, leisure, exercise, and laughter. Creating and renewing has been the theme among the many school projects we have witnessed. We realize how fortunate we are to live in the Grampians region and enjoy the beauty of our environment. These have been some of the positives to emerge from a difficult year. We wish all students well for this final term.

Year 12 Practice Exams

Practice exams are well underway for students enrolled in our VCE Unit 3 and 4 subjects. There is some flexibility in times and days to provide opportunities

for all students to complete each assessment under the exam conditions. This is an important process in preparation for the final exam block. The exams schedule for this week is published later in this newsletter.

Year 11 Leadership Training

This week our Year 11 students commenced leadership training in preparation for the discernment process to elect our College Leaders for 2021. Marian College understands that ‘Leadership’ is a broad term. Formal leadership roles at Marian College are defined according to certain key responsibilities but with room for innovation, creativity and personal styles to emerge and flourish. We further understand that many students who do not need a formal role to lead because they have the will, grit, talents and skills to offer their service to others behind the scenes. At Marian College we encourage leadership in its many forms. Formal leadership roles are open to all students in Year 11. These formal roles include: College Captains, House Leaders and Learning Leaders.

The role of **College Captain** is integral to the leadership structure at Marian College. The college actively promotes Servant Leadership as its preferred framework for students and staff leaders, and works diligently with all stakeholders towards inclusive practices, hospitality, empathy, compassion and understanding.

House Captains play an important role in helping to build culture and inclusive practices across the college. House Captains have a specific role to actively engage students within their House in justice awareness and action (aligned to the *Kildare Ministries Living Justice Framework*). Their role is to actively promote the college values, and to promote respect and hospitality for all within our community.

Learning leaders work as an advocate for innovation, creativity and opportunities within the areas of Applied Learning, VCAL, VET, VCE or Co-curricular (Art, Drama, Music, Sport or Technology). They provide opportunities to increase community (student) understanding and engagement in their area. They encourage personal contributions and team work to build community.

We wish all Year 11 students well in their discernment for the new College Leadership team.

School Fees 2021

We fully understand that this has been a difficult year for many families financially and for local businesses. Despite recent wage increases, Marian College has made the decision not to increase school fees for 2021. If any family is experiencing hardship, I would encourage you to contact the College Business Manager, Mr John Purcell. Please understand the College will continue to support families through this time.

Visitors to the College

While we continue to operate under health restrictions at this time, access to the college for parents and other visitors is limited to essential needs and services only. If you have any concerns, please ring the front office on 53523861. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Take care, Carmel

IN MY WORDS *with Luke Spalding*

Michael and Donna Spalding hit the jackpot when I popped out on the 1st of August 2002. I was the last of three children with my sister Dannielle and twin brother Matthew who was born 3 minutes before me. I started my childhood pretty well, always playing with my brother, learning how to walk, throw a ball and kick the footy.

My family were pretty involved with the Ararat Rats with some of my best memories as a kid going down to Alexandra Oval and running around with Brenton, Kaiden and Matt and making cubbies in the hedges. One time Dad was on babysitting duties and he was more interested in the footy and not watching me ride down the hill on my bike and



going head first into the metal fence and breaking my nose.

I started primary school at St Mary's with my best mate Ethan where I was lucky enough to become school captain and then we moved on to tackle high school together. Secondary school wasn't that daunting for me because I had spent a lot of time there after school waiting for mum to finish. I knew a lot of the teachers and how to get around. I didn't think I was gonna make new close friends because I thought I already had my best mates but boy was I wrong because I have become best friends with Ryan, Will, Lara and T-box all who I met at Marian College.

Over the years I have been fortunate enough to play in some pretty successful teams winning 5 football premierships and having two of my best coaches Tarz & Summers. One of my highlights was having both my 90 year old grandparents and Nan from Ballarat watching me.

Playing basketball tournaments with my Mum as coach and playing with and against big boys was always so much fun and the memories that we made on those weekends will be something I will remember forever.

I loved our family holidays to Anglesea where we would ride all around the caravan park with the Shea's and Bahls and learnt how to surf, made new friends and played cricket all day long. Matthew and I were always competitive growing up and would make everything a competition and place bets such as in golf with whoever gets closest to the flag to be the other person's slave for a day. Our competitive nature especially came out when we went to the footy with the Gibson family to watch Saints vs Cats with the winner having bragging rights for weeks.

I have no clue what the future holds for me but with whatever I do I want to make sure I'm having fun with my family and friends. We didn't get the year we were after with not much celebrating of the 18ths and formals but I wish all of my fellow year 12's all the best in the future and hope you enjoy whatever you end up doing.

Cheers Luke





PROJECT

The College would like to support our local business community by creating a pamphlet of letting people know about your current business operations:

- When are you open?
- Do you need reservations / or can you drop in?
 - how to make reservations?

If you would like to advertise your business; Please email a small advertisement to studentprojects@mcarrarat.catholic.edu.au with the subject line "Open for business".

The College will email out a flyer to all families on Thursday afternoon in time for the long weekend.

VCE 2021 Early English and English Literature Novels



An email has been circulated to parents with information on how to order your child's English and Literature Novels for next year. Please note that the due date for order completion is 1st November, 2020

YEAR 12 PRACTICE EXAM TIMETABLE 2020

20/10 Tues	Further Maths 12C	1 hour + 45 mins	Brigidine Centre
Begins at 3.30 pm	Maths Methods	1 hour + 15 mins	Brigidine Centre
	Physical Education 12A	2 hours + 15 mins	Brigidine Centre
22/10 Thurs	Biology	2 hours + 45 mins	Brigidine Centre
Begins at 3.30 pm	Physics	2 hours + 45 mins	Brigidine Centre
	Music Performance	1 hour + 45 mins	Brigidine Centre
24/10 Sat	Theatre Studies	1 hour + 45 mins	Brigidine Centre
Begins at 10 am	Studio Arts	1 hour + 45 mins	Brigidine Centre
	Design and Tech	1 hour + 45 mins	Brigidine Centre
	Physical Education 12B	2 hours + 15 mins	Brigidine Centre
	HHD 12B	2 hours + 15 mins	Brigidine Centre
27/10 Tues	Literature	2 hours + 15 mins	Brigidine Centre
Begins at 3.30 pm	Psychology	2 hours + 45 mins	Brigidine Centre
	Further Mathematics 12A	1 hour + 45 mins	Brigidine Centre
	HHD 12A	2 hours + 15 mins	Brigidine Centre
In class time	Chemistry		
In class time	Food Studies		



Each year Federation University Australia awards scholarships to the value of

\$5,000 to Year 12 students across Victoria

who enrol in a Federation University course.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of:

- Contributions to the community
- Relocating from a regional/rural area
- School supporting statement
- Community supporting statement

Apply Now!

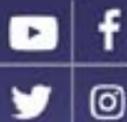
Applications open: 14 August 2020

Applications close: 23 October 2020

Visit: federation.edu.au/Year12Scholarships

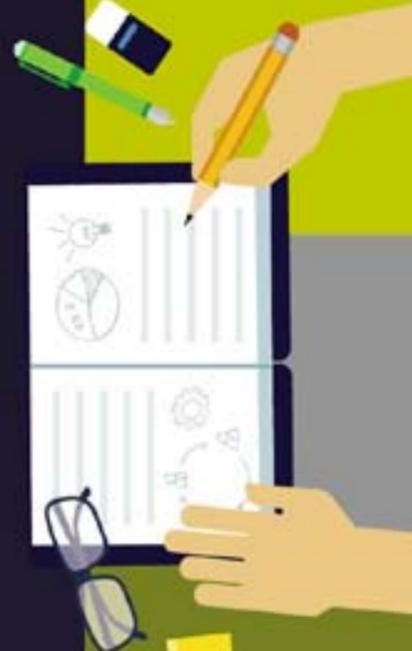
Call: 03 5327 9340

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Scholarships

Regional and Community Based



Wednesday 14 October 2020

University and TAFE applicants

Have you applied for university or TAFE courses through a Tertiary Admission Centre?

Additional application requirements

To ensure you don't miss submitting compulsory documents, forms, or folios etc., or booking an interview or additional tests such as CASPer, check the course entry requirements on the institute's website or on the Tertiary Admission Centre website.

Scholarships

If you are planning to study in 2021, you should explore the scholarships available at each institute you have applied for. Simply Google the name of the institute plus the word scholarships.

External scholarships can be searched for via the Good Universities Guide website and via Internet searches, <https://bit.ly/3bJImoy>

Applications

If you missed the timely application dates for state-based Tertiary Admission Centres, you can still apply for university and TAFE courses, you will just have to pay a higher application fee.

Application fees

Remember to pay the Tertiary Admission Centre application fees by the closing dates. For example – Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre is the 17th of December for timely applications.

Would you like to help people with eye disorders?

You may like to study Orthoptics

These allied health professionals play a crucial role in the early detection and treatment of eye diseases in children and adults. They can specialise in areas such as the following:

- Children's vision/paediatrics
- Eye movement disorders
- Low vision care/rehabilitation
- Cataract care and retinal disorders
- Neurological vision disorders
- Laser eye surgery and corneal conditions
- Driver vision and sports vision

You can study orthoptics at La Trobe University, Melbourne.

For key information about this occupation, visit the Orthoptics Australia website, www.orthoptics.org.au/

You may also like to consider Optometry

Often the optometrist is first point of contact for people and they can make referrals to orthoptists. They are health care professionals who can diagnose eye diseases, detect changes in the visual system and prescribe corrective lenses. You can study optometry at Deakin University and Melbourne University in Victoria.

For key information about this occupation, visit the Optometry Australia website <https://bit.ly/3jOYSeV>

Train to become a flight attendant

The following are examples of two institutions that offer flight attendant training in the Melbourne area:

Aviation Australia

Training runs in blocks with numerous starting dates throughout the year. You can explore start dates, location and fees at this link - <https://bit.ly/35kRGlw>

William Angliss

Offers the Certificate III in Aviation (Cabin Crew). To find out about the course, go to <http://bit.ly/1U6C1uv>



Charles Sturt University

Charles Sturt has revitalised many of their courses. You can watch a video on their new Bachelor of Arts degree at this link <https://bit.ly/3dm1Qqg>

To book a one-to-one course advice consultation with a Charles Sturt course adviser, visit <https://bit.ly/2WpDXqQ>

Focus on VET Pathways

Vocational education and training (VET) includes traineeships, apprenticeships and TAFE study.



4 out of 5 parents report that they would prefer their child to go to university than study VET, <http://bit.ly/2vPBkPF> but it is crucial that both parents and students take the time to understand the VET sector, and that a preference for just university study may in some cases limit a young persons potential.

Between 20 – 30% of young people in Australia drop out of or change their university course within the first year. Many young people don't even consider studying VET due to incorrect perceptions or through lack of understanding of the sector.

It's no secret that employers love job applicants who have TAFE qualifications, including those who graduate from a university degree with a VET qualification.

VET graduates are considered to have 'job ready' skills and in the future labour market in Australia with 1 in every 2 young people expected to complete a Bachelor degree, it is more important than ever to have diverse skills, industry experience and more than one qualification (e.g., a Bachelor of Engineering with a TAFE Diploma in Project Management).



Did you know that 9/10 occupations predicted to have the most jobs growth by 2023 are in vocational training areas and in the industries with the most growth (e.g., health and community services, construction, and accommodation and food services)? Source: <http://bit.ly/1mab7j7>

Specific occupations with the biggest growth prediction include sales assistants, aged care workers, disability workers, enrolled nurses, electricians, chefs, and early childhood education workers etc.

Current skills shortages are in occupations such as automotive trades, food trades, construction trades, and building professionals.



A report, titled: 'Perceptions Are Not Reality: myths, realities & the critical role of vocational education & training in Australia', was released by Skilling Australia Foundation last year,

It revealed the following:

- VET graduates earn wages comparable to, if not exceeding, that of university graduates.
- VET graduates have a higher employment rate than university undergraduates. More than 78% of VET graduates are employed after training.
- VET courses have adapted more readily to changing workforce needs.



There are some occupations that require a university degree (e.g., medicine, social work, law).

It is advisable that students consider undertaking VET study during their gap year (e.g., gap year traineeship or TAFE course) and concurrently with their university studies (if time permits).

Other benefits of TAFE courses include:

- 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.



Do you know you can study a huge range of vocational courses at TAFE? TAFE provides students with the opportunity to:

- Undertake applied learning
- Gain 'industry ready' experience
- Learn about industries and careers
- Obtain a qualification in a relatively short time frame.

The following are example courses you could consider:

Jane knows she loves working with people, has excellent written and verbal communication skills, is creative, loves thinking outside the box, is highly organised and enjoys solving problems. She explores the following TAFE courses:

- Public Relations
- Marketing
- Advertising
- Professional Writing and Editing
- Broadcast Journalism
- Liberal Arts
- Library and Information Services



Sheridan loves sciences and health and is considering working in rehabilitation, medical sciences or allied health in the future. She explores the following courses:

- Dental Technology
- Nursing
- Massage and Myotherapy
- Allied Health Assistance
- Laboratory Technology
- Pathology Collection

Paul knows he loves helping people and that he would like to work in counselling, case management, or human services in the future. He explores the following courses:

- Community Services
- Youth Work
- Disability Services
- Mental Health
- Alcohol and other Drugs
- Aged Care



Focus on VET Pathways

To search for TAFE courses, use the following websites:

Victorian Skills Gateway website - <http://bit.ly/2cPZDUF>

TAFE NSW - <http://bit.ly/1mgtMo5>

MySkills (Australia wide) - <http://bit.ly/2gWp25g>

It's important to note that many courses have optional or compulsory information sessions that run between now and the end of the year.

You will need to ensure that you attend these sessions and also fulfil any portfolio or selection task requirements.

Key VET websites include

VET – VCAA, <https://bit.ly/2CKDgVa>
 'VET. It's right now', <https://bit.ly/2yhKLdL>
 Skills Road, <https://bit.ly/2P2YazQ>
 SkillsOne, <https://bit.ly/1zCKBUG>
 Myfuture, <https://bit.ly/1t6Uj62>
 Australian Apprenticeship Pathways, <https://bit.ly/2Glf3PD>

Free TAFE for priority courses in Victoria

If you live or work in Victoria, you may be eligible for a fully subsidised course at a Victorian TAFE Institute next year.

To check your eligibility and to search for TAFE courses and providers, use the websites:

Victorian Skills Gateway, <https://bit.ly/2yG6vzc>

Victorian Government, <https://bit.ly/2nR7NGs>



The A-Z of science careers

If you like science, wading through never-ending Google searches to find 'the one' can be daunting.

Hit up the Careers With STEM list of every science-related job option they can think of. Some you would have heard of, but loads will surprise you! <https://bit.ly/2SQi5CI>

La Trobe University

New early entry program

Achieve Plus – students can apply to complete two first year La Trobe subjects during Year 12. Results across the two subjects will give students a boost to their ATAR or a La Trobe entrance score, as well as an early conditional offer (if completed successfully).

The La Trobe entrance score will be used instead of an ATAR if it's higher – giving them more chances to succeed. For information, visit <https://bit.ly/34P5qFD>

Achieve Plus information webinar

Date: Monday 26 October
 RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3JCRp4D>



Discover your career in health at Monash University

Explore your course and career options in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences through the 'Future Careers in Health' website, <https://bit.ly/2MCR7xj>

Cyber Security

AustCyber Canberra Innovation Node has partnered with the University of Canberra to deliver a FREE cyber security careers showcase which will:

- Unpack the skills cyber security employers look for when hiring
- Provide insights into a 'day in the life' of a cyber security professional; and
- Showcase career pathways in the dynamic and rapidly growing cyber security sector.

Date: Tuesday 27 October, 10am
 RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3nSV55h>

The STEM Careers Guide

The Uni Guide is excited to announce the 2020 STEM Guide can now be accessed online! The co-produced guide is a careers resource designed to help VIC and NSW students in years 10 to 12 understand the wide range of career paths available to students of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) degrees, <https://bit.ly/34PH3aK>

UCAT ANZ

National Institute of Education

Is running online medical interview and effective communication skills workshops for students who have sat the UCAT ANZ. For information, dates and to register your place, visit <https://bit.ly/34yQuga>

Federation University

Online webinars

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

20	IMB Scholarships – combine with business or IT
21	Early Childhood Education

To access these webinars and watch recorded webinars covering a variety of topics and courses, visit: <https://bit.ly/3j7CdLo>

Get course advice

To book a one-to-one course advice consultation with a Federation University course adviser, visit <https://bit.ly/3ltFvI>

Jobs of the future podcasts

Federation University has released a series of podcasts exploring jobs of the future such as social entrepreneurship and cyber security. Search 'Jobs of the Future' Federation University.



Endeavour College of Natural Health

Open Day

Endeavour College is located at Melbourne and offers courses in:

Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine, Acupuncture, Myotherapy and Complimentary Medicine.

The College is running a virtual open day for prospective students on Wednesday 21 October. For information and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/2FpfFaR>

October 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19 YEAR 11 LEADERSHIP DAY	20	21 YEAR 12 THEATRE PERFORMANCE EXAM	22 YEAR 12 VCAL REACH FOUNDATION INSURSION	23 AFL PUBLIC HOLIDAY
26	27	28	29	30 YEAR 12 BREAKFAST & EXCURSION YEAR 12 FINISH

November 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 PUPIL FREE DAY	3 MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13

VCE EXAMS

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