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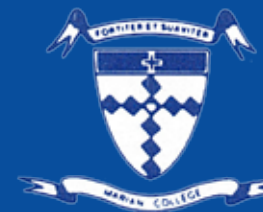
9th October, 2023

Principal: Mrs. Carmel Barker





From the Head of Learning & Teaching



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

❖ *We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,*

❖ *We strive for continuous improvement*

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name.

On several occasions I have worked with staff on what I like to call the 3P's. Punctual, Prepared and Professional. (I touched on these in an earlier editorial). I firmly believe that if we can achieve these not only in school but in life then success follows. I'm currently reading a book by Todd Whittaker on education and he writes about teachers and students being respectful, on time and prepared. He elaborates further on the concepts of expectations, consistency and relationships. Setting your expectations and consistently applying them improves relationships, which many believe is the cornerstone of learning.

He also touches on the concepts of accountability and the preparedness to accept responsibility. This again has resonated with me as I have firmly believed there are two sides to every action and reaction. Excuses and Blame or Acceptance and Responsibility.

Todd finally discusses the concept of behavioral modes of expectation. He calls it the business mode, parent mode and child mode. Each of us he discusses, operate in all three 'modes'. However education is best served in the business mode. Both staff and students coming to school ready to learn. Or, as I like to say, Punctual, Prepared and Professional.

The week that was

Futures Ready Program

On Tuesday last week all our Year 10 and 11 students participated in a program in regards to preparing for life beyond school. Thank you to all involved.

School Review

As Mrs Barker noted in last week's editorial Marian College participated in a whole school review. This involved, parents, staff and students over three days. The outcomes of the review will further support the schools Strategic planning as we move forwards.

Greater Western Region Athletics

A number of students participated in the GWR Athletics last week. Congratulations to all involved and to Mr Harricks and Mrs Boatman for attending.

The week ahead

Year 7 information night 2024

Tomorrow night sees an information night for Parents and students of our 2024 Year 7 cohort.

Families have been invited by personal invitation.

Junior Tennis and Junior & Intermediate Boys Cricket

Lots of sports are taking place this week for both our junior and middle school students. We must be coming into the warmer months with cricket and tennis replacing football and netball.

VM excursions to Stawell Gold Mine and Melbourne Metartworld.

Our Vocational Major Year 11 students have an excursion on Wednesday this week to the Stawell Gold Mine and as part of a wider industries tour.

Year 11 and 12 VM Students also have an excursion to Melbourne on Friday.

Thank you to all involved in the preparation and participation of these days.

Matthew Summers
Head of Learning and Teaching.

Year 7 - 10 Social 2023

The Year 7-10 Social is a Marian College tradition that has been going on for many years. The 2023 event will be held at the Ararat Town Hall on Tuesday 24th October from 7pm to 10 pm.

Expectations

We need parents to be discussing the expectations for this event with their child. As students will have already been practising their social dances in their wellbeing classes in preparation for this event, it is important to understand the need for all students to show respect for each other at all times. Students will be dancing the Pride of Erin, Barn Dance and Jive, among others, which will require students to hold hands and dance in a 'ballroom hold'. We must stress that this is a respectful, confident hold to help both dancers maintain the distance between them, especially when turning. This is important to ensure that they do not step on each other's feet! All dances are progressive, meaning that all girls and boys will dance with each other at one point or another during the night.

Throughout the evening, each year level will showcase their 'presentation dance' and there will be awards and prizes for Best Dancers/Partners and best dressed for the girls and boys in each year level.

There is no expectation for parents to spend a lot of money on new outfits for the child. Students should dress in an appropriate and modest smart casual or semi-formal attire. For boys this generally means a button up shirt, pants and closed toe shoes. A tie or jacket is not compulsory. For girls this generally means either a dress, long pant one-piece, dress pants and a nice shirt etc. Considering there will be dancing involved, it is recommended that high heels are avoided. A small heel would be suitable but students need to consider what they will be most comfortable wearing on the dance floor. Please no denim, no thongs, no birks and no slides.

The Year 10 students will be dressing to a theme that they have chosen, which for this year is 'Spotify', and will make a grand entrance to the hall. There will be a 'catwalk' to parade their costumes.

It is an exciting night out for all students and they must be reminded that they will be sharing the space with a possible 300+ other students and teachers. It is important that they behave in a safe and appropriate manner at all times. There will be no passouts, so once students arrive they will not be permitted to leave. Please make sure that you are at the Town Hall promptly at 10pm to pick up your child from the Social.

There will be a bus to and from the Social for Stawell students. This will be leaving St. Patrick's Primary School at 6:30pm sharp, and returning at approximately 10:30pm. (Please note bus times to be confirmed)

Finger foods (including hot and cold food items) and water will be served between dances. The event is supervised by Marian College Teachers. In case of emergency, please contact the school mobile - 0427 420468 on the night.

Please make sure that your child arrives on time. The lock-out time is 7:30pm. Doors will re-open at 9:45 pm. We ask that students don't bring bags. There will be a cloak room for them to keep phones or other valuables in if they need.

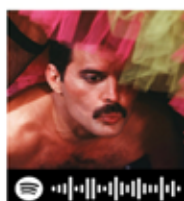
If you have any further questions please contact Emma Rusden or Rob Armstrong at Marian College.

It should be a great night out!

Stephen East
Events Coordinator



2023 'SPOTIFY' Social



TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER

7pm - 10pm



Entry Requirements

Students should purchase a \$5 ticket in the lead up to the event. There will also be tickets available at the door.

Stawell Buses

Leaving and returning from St Patricks school.
TIME TO BE CONFIRMED!

Dress Code

Year 7-9 Smart/Semi Formal
ONLY YEAR 10 STUDENTS TO DRESS - UP IN SPOTIFY THEME!

No PASSOUTS!

All students need to ensure they arrive on time. No students will be allowed to enter or leave after 7:30pm unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

FINGER FOOD AND BOTTLED WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS ON THE NIGHT!



FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

It's wonderful to have some lovely, sunny spring weather and longer daylight hours! The flowers are out, new calves are in the paddocks, and the magpies have (nearly) stopped swooping now that their babies can fly.

In spring, I enjoy having more time outside in the garden, to walk the dog, to exercise, or sit out with a cup of tea. We all appreciate the daylight and sunshine for different reasons, how will you make the most of this spring? Senior students might schedule study breaks outside by taking a walk, meeting up with friends, or simply moving to an outside study location to get some fresh air.

It's a great time to renew and plan. Consider your short term goals about schoolwork and/or VCE exams. Organise a summer job. Set a wellbeing goal for yourself; do you need to address your physical or mental health? What small changes can you implement to set yourself up for the rest of the year and beyond?

The 2023 Year Twelves are so close to the finish line! They need to stay focused for just a short while longer. I would like to wish the Barron Year Twelves, and the whole Year Twelve cohort, all the best in their final few weeks of classes, submissions, exams, and workplace endeavours. Their mettle has been tested time and time again; they are stronger and more capable than they realise.

We keep Israel, the Israeli people, and the civilians of Gaza in our thoughts and prayers as deplorable violence and hatred throws their lives and region into destruction and chaos. I know that I feel blessed that as I went about my daily life over the weekend, my children and I were safe from organised attack and violence. So different from the experience of the Israeli people. Hatred, fear of 'the other', and violence will never serve humanity. From the safety and distance that Australia provides, I hope that another instance of war in our world again gives us perspective, and that we are reminded to appreciate our moments of joy, safety, love, and peace.

Go well.

Erica McConachy
Barron House Leader

Marian Summer Uniform

Summer Uniform

- Approved Marian College dress or approved navy shorts
- Pale blue short or long sleeved business shirt with Marian College logo.
- V neck woollen jumper with Marian College logo
- Marian College tie (optional)
- Marian College grey school socks with blue stripes



Summer dress



Summer shirt and shorts

Sports Uniform

- Marian College Rugby Top with Marian College logo.
- Marian College sports top
- Approved navy blue shorts with Marian College logo
- Marian College grey school socks with blue stripes.
- Athletics shoes.



Sports Uniform



Sports Rugby Top



Summer Uniform with jumper



Navy Bucket hat

Please note Marian College accepts and appreciates donations of second hand uniform items

Parents are welcome to view and select from these uniform items at reception free of charge



From the English Department



2023 and 2024 VCE English

Year 12: On Saturday 14th October from 9.00am - 12.15pm, an optional practice exam will be held at school for Year 12 English and EAL students. This will be the final opportunity for students to practice a full, three hour English exam at school before their VCAA exam on Tuesday 24th October.


2024 VCE English (Year 11 and Year 10 families): The VCE Early English Novel booklist for 2024 has been emailed to all parents/guardians of current Year 10 and Year 11 English and Literature students.


Orders must be completed online **before October 30th** to ensure students receive their texts in preparation for Early Start on Monday 27th November.

Students will begin studying their texts during the Early Start program and will be expected to have copies of the texts. Please direct questions regarding texts to myself, or in the instance of financial difficulties, please contact the Business Manager.

Stephanie Mansell
CAL Domain Leader

Marian College - Ararat



VCE Early
English Novel
List
2024

24 A46 37 B

ALL ORDERS TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE
at
www.campion.com.au
using "W9YV" as your code
by
Monday 30th October 2023

PREPACKAGED DELIVERY SERVICE

Payment for orders to be made by Mastercard or Visa.
Orders placed by the due date will be delivered (Via Australia Post) during the week ending Friday 24th November 2023. Due to supply chain challenges, your delivery may arrive outside the original estimated delivery timeframe.
Orders can still be placed after the due date by visiting our Retail Service Centre or by contacting our Customer Support Team on 1300 433 982.
Full stock availability cannot always be guaranteed for orders placed after the due date. For the latest and up-to-date information on our store trading hours and full terms & conditions, please visit our website at www.campion.com.au

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VCE EARLY ENGLISH NOVEL LIST

ORDER ONLINE AT www.campion.com.au

using : "W9YV" as your code

by Monday 30th October 2023

Please tick the items required in the box provided ↓

Office Use	Description	Item No.	Item Reqd	Qty Reqd	Unit Price \$	Total Amount \$
VCE Early English Novel List Your teachers recommend that you purchase your novels now for reading during the holiday period.						
ENGLISH UNITS 1 & 2						
P18345	Macquarie Compact Dictionary 7E (H/B) [Macquarie Dictionary] <i>Retain from the previous year.</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	29.99	29.99
P31863	Insight English Year 11: VCE Units 1&2 (Print & Digital)	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	44.95	44.95
P00024	Like a House on Fire [Cate Kennedy]	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	29.99	29.99
P03323	Year of Wonders [Geraldine Brooks]	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	22.99	22.99
ENGLISH UNITS 3 & 4						
P18345	Macquarie Compact Dictionary 7E (H/B) [Macquarie Dictionary] <i>Retain from the previous year.</i>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	29.99	29.99
P31573	Born A Crime [Trevor Noah]	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	24.99	24.99
P10844	Contemporary Indigenous Plays (Rainbows End/Black Medea etc) [Vivienne Cleven et al]	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	34.99	34.99
LITERATURE UNITS 1 & 2						
P31864	Insight Literature for Senior Students (Print&Digital) 6E [Robert Beardwood]	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	49.95	49.95
P30684	Alias Grace [Margaret Atwood]	9	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	22.99	22.99
P32587	Chimerica (Nick Hern Play) [Lucy Kirkwood]	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	24.99	24.99
P17184	Fire Next Time, The [Baldwin, James]	11	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	22.99	22.99
P30160	Yield, The [Winch, Tara June]	12	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	22.99	22.99
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P30160	Yield, The [Winch, Tara June]	17	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	22.99	22.99

Number of Boxes ticked:

Delivery, packaging & handling

\$9.95

ESTIMATED AMOUNT DUE
(PRICES CORRECT AT 28/09/23)

\$



YEAR 7 ART WORK





CAREER NEWSLETTER

NEWS, RESOURCES, EVENTS



Wednesday 4 October 2023

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

TERTIARY APPLICATIONS – IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Course applications via Tertiary Admission Centres (TACs)

Timely applications closed last week but you can still apply for most courses. The application fee is higher for late applications.

Special consideration

Victoria: Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) applications close this Friday (6 October), www.vtac.edu.au/access/seas.html

NSW/ACT: Education Access Scheme (EAS) applications close for the December 2 Round on 23 November, www.uac.edu.au

VTAC&UAC scholarships

VTAC scholarship applications close this Friday (6 October), www.vtac.edu.au

UAC scholarship applications close 8 December, www.uac.edu.au

Nursing courses

Complete the nursing and midwifery English language proficiency declaration form via your TAC account/s.

Early/guaranteed entry

Applications close for several Victorian schemes this week. Download an early entry guide via <https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/>



Initial Teacher Education Courses

Victoria

To be eligible for initial teacher education courses in Victoria, you will need to do the following:

- Meet academic admission requirements, including a minimum ATAR and course prerequisites.
- Complete and pass a test designed to assess your suitability to be a teacher (measures personal competencies such as ethics, empathy, and communication skills).

Test options include:

Casper test

Sit this test to be eligible for all Victorian universities, <https://takealtus.com/>

Australian Catholic University (ACU)

Students applying to ACU in Victoria for initial teacher education courses can complete the free ACU Teacher Selector Statement. This can only be used for entry into ACU initial teacher education courses. It can be used as an alternative to the Casper test, or in addition to it, <https://bit.ly/3rAvGTq>

Monash University

Has just introduced the Monash Teaching Suitability Test. This is a free online test and can only be used for entry into Monash initial teacher education courses. It can be used as an alternative to the Casper test, or in addition to it, <https://bit.ly/3tgzrh1>

La Trobe University

Will soon launch the La Trobe University's Aptitude for Teaching Assessment (AFTA). This is a free online test and can only be used for entry into La Trobe initial teacher education courses. It can be used as an alternative to the Casper test, or in addition to it. Information will be released soon.



NSW/ACT

To be eligible for initial teacher education courses in NSW/ACT, you will need to:

- Meet academic admission requirements, including a minimum ATAR and course prerequisites.
- Complete the Teaching Questionnaire in your UAC account or a motivation to teach questionnaire direct to the university.

Additional forms, tests, auditions etc.

You may need to complete additional tasks or tests to be eligible for selection into your dream courses (e.g., performing arts, fine art). Double check the selection requirements for the courses you're applying for.

Resources

Download resources from <https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/>

Other states

Access information about course applications via:

SA & NT	www.satac.edu.au
Queensland	www.qtac.edu.au
Western Australia	www.tisc.edu.au
Tasmania	www.utas.edu.au

Latest university ratings

THE GOOD UNIVERSITIES GUIDE

The latest batch of ratings from The Good Universities Guide are here! These ratings highlight unis that scored highest in various categories, from student experience to graduate outcomes. Check them out via www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au

TERTIARY DATES: VICTORIA

Download early entry and VTAC guides via
<https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/>

October

	Early/guaranteed entry applications close for
6	Victoria University – VU Guaranteed
6	University of Melbourne – Access Melbourne
6	RMIT University - SNAP
6	Monash University – Monash Guarantee
9	Swinburne University – Early Entry
	University applications – VTAC
6	Applications close for Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) and Scholarships.

December

	Early entry applications close for
1	CQUniversity – Principal's Recommendation Scheme
1	Federation University – Early Entry
13	Deakin University – Regional Access Scheme
	VTAC Applications
1	Personal Statement applications close
11	VCE results and ATAR released
13	Last day to finalise course preferences (Vic students)
14	Last day to finalise course preferences (NSW students)
21	December round offers released
	January offer round 1 released on 12 January 2024.

TERTIARY DATES: NSW & ACT

Download early entry and UAC guides via
<https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/>

November

	University applications – UAC
3	Preferences close for Schools Recommendation Scheme
10	Offers released for Schools Recommendation Scheme
23	Educational Access Scheme - applications close for December Round 2 offers.

December

	Early entry applications close for:
1	CQUniversity – Principal's Recommendation Scheme
	University applications – UAC
8	Equity Scholarships – applications close for December 2 Round of offers.
21	December Round 2 offers released (main round for Year 12 applicants).



ARTISTIC PERFORMERS ENTRY SCHEMES

Some universities have entry schemes for people who have been heavily involved in performing arts during their high school studies. Applicants must be recognised by an organisation by such as:

ABC Concerts, Actors Equity Australia, Australian Chamber Orchestra, Australian Dance Council, Australian Dance Theatre, Melbourne Theatre Company, Musica Viva, Opera Australia, The Symphony Australia Orchestras, Victorian Opera.

The following are examples of universities that offer a performer entry scheme:

University & closing date	Information
Monash University 20 October 2023	https://bit.ly/3rqSPI8
Australian Catholic University 21 November 2023	https://bit.ly/3PHldNX
The University of Melbourne 1 December 2023	https://bit.ly/3F1KJco

ELITE ATHLETE ENTRY SCHEMES

Are you an elite athlete? Did you know that you may be eligible for a range of benefits as an elite athlete at university or TAFE? This could include:

- ATAR adjustments towards your selection rank for entry into courses.
- Academic planning advice and course flexibility.
- Negotiation of assessment deadlines and attendance at lectures and tutorials.
- Support with special consideration, exam relocation, and studying classes at other universities or online if you're travelling for training or competitions.

The Elite Athlete Education Network (EAEN) provides 'a network of Australian Institute of Sport endorsed providers in the areas of higher education where athletes can learn and equip themselves with qualifications, knowledge and skills for future careers beyond their sport.'

Applicants must be recognised an organisation by such as:

Australian Institute of Sport, state institutes or academies of sport, AFL Players Association, Australian Cricketers Association, Australian Professional Footballers Association, and national Squad members from Sport Australia funded sports. Note – some universities recognise emerging athletes from eligible organisations.

For information on endorsed institutes and the application process and dates for each institute, visit www.ais.gov.au/career-and-education/eaen



SCHOLARSHIPS

For most universities in Victoria, NSW and Canberra, a dual system exists for scholarship applications. This means institutions place some of their scholarships through the state based Tertiary Admission Centre (TAC) system and others direct through the university.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

This means you will have to:

Complete the TAC scholarship application and upload any evidence required.

Victoria: apply via VTAC by this Friday (6 October), www.vtac.edu.au

NSW/ACT: apply via UAC by Friday 8 December, www.uac.edu.au

Apply for any scholarships you are eligible for direct to the university.

This will take time and effort, but it's worth it as you may receive a scholarship or bursary.

VICTORIAN INSTITUTES

What universities don't place scholarships through the VTAC scholarships system?

- The University of Melbourne: apply for all scholarships direct.
- Australian Catholic University: apply for equity scholarships via the UAC system by 8 December as well as direct to the university by the relevant due dates, www.acu.edu.au
- Monash University: apply for scholarships via the VTAC SEAS system.

Important to note

Closing dates vary between institutes for direct scholarships and some scholarships close early. For example, many direct scholarships to RMIT University close in October.

NSW & ACT COURSES

If you have applied to the university directly and not via UAC, contact the institute to confirm if you have to complete a UAC Equity Scholarship application. For most institutes, regardless of the application method, you will still need to complete a UAC Equity Scholarship application as well as apply direct to the university for scholarships.

RESOURCE

To learn about Government and external scholarships, download a scholarships guide from <https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/>



ACCOMMODATION

If you plan move away to study your course, you may need to consider accommodation options. If you would like to live on-campus, you will need to start considering your options now as some universities are 'first in, first served'.

STEPS TO APPLY FOR ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

- Make an Excel sheet or table in Word.
- List the universities you are applying to.
- Google the university name and the term 'accommodation' (e.g., Monash University accommodation).
- In your table, list the types of accommodation available (e.g., studio, shared apartment, catered, non-catered).
- Then list the weekly or yearly price for each option and the contract period.
- List the application method, the closing date, cost to apply and if a deposit is required.
- Speak to your family about budget considerations.
- Then tick off the accommodation you have applied for once this is completed.

CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Private student housing

Some universities are affiliated with private student accommodation companies such as UniLodge, Scape, and Yugo. Whilst you will generally receive an offer quickly, you will be required to pay a large deposit to secure your place. If you don't end up living there you may not be able to get your deposit back.

Costs can add up if you are applying for accommodation at multiple universities, so budget carefully.

First in first served

Some accommodation providers approve applications in the order they are received, so apply early.

Closing dates

Some accommodation providers will have closing dates – make sure you apply well in advance.

Scholarships

Some accommodation providers offer scholarships, and some have early closing dates for applications.

ACCOMMODATION RESOURCE

Download from <https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/>



ALL STUDENTS

TAFE AND POLYTECHNIC APPLICATIONS

Students planning to study at a TAFE or Polytechnic institute next year are encouraged to contact the organisation/s to find out the following:

- When applications open and close
- What the application process entails (e.g., apply direct to the institute or via a Tertiary Admission Centre)
- If there are additional selection requirements such as a portfolio or interview.
- If there is an information session running.
- Back-up courses they should also apply for (e.g., Diploma of Nursing and Certificate III in Individual Support – Aged Care).

Applicants will most likely have to complete a literacy, language, and numeracy test once they apply for the course.

Note: some universities offer TAFE courses. For example -

Federation University
Victoria University
RMIT University
Swinburne University.

Speak to your school Career Adviser to narrow down the best institutes for the study areas you're interested in.

APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINEESHIP PATHWAYS

Students planning to start a traineeship or apprenticeship next year are advised to start preparing now.

Get specialised support

Register with local Group Training Organisations (GTOs) and Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) providers. Staff from these organisations are highly skilled and can assist you through all stages of finding, securing, and undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship. Search for organisations via www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au



Work experience

Speak to your work experience coordinator at school about completing work experience before the end of the school year.

Update your resume and create a cover letter

Work with your career adviser to update your resume and to create a cover letter you can tailor for job applications.

'Cold call' businesses

Why wait for an opportunity to present itself? Send your resume and a tailored cover letter to the businesses you would love to secure a traineeship or apprenticeship at.

Explore the Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website

This website contains fantastic resources for young people interested in pursuing a professional trade or traineeship. Some of the resources include:

- Job and training descriptions
- Career interest explorer
- Job pathway charts
- Information on apprenticeships and school-based apprenticeships
- Literacy and numeracy quizzes for different industries such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and hairdressing.

To explore the website, go to www.aapathways.com.au

Note: this website will close on 31 December and information will be transitioned to this website - www.apprenticeships.gov.au

STEM + VET

Keen to explore hands-on STEM options? Careers with STEM have written several articles on how you can get started on your dream STEM career without going to uni (think allied health, engineering, trades etc.).

VET role models, <https://bit.ly/3ruJvTB>
5 STEM apprenticeship myths busted, <https://bit.ly/3FoqOKz>
STEM + trades, <https://bit.ly/48HhyIH>
10 VET qualifications that combine STEM + your passion, <https://bit.ly/3Zl2OoP>



FREE SHORT COURSES

Ashurst UK: Building your personal brand

In this free virtual 6-hour program you will work on your personal branding, develop a LinkedIn profile, and learn how to brand yourself to potential employers. You will receive a certificate and you can complete the program on your own time, <https://bit.ly/3Ecb5Tr>

Artificial intelligence

Careers with STEM has written an article on free AI courses offered by:

Harvard's edX Learning Platform
IBM
Microsoft

Access the article via <https://bit.ly/3ZH3Bqg>

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ACADEMY (ADFA)

Current Year 11 students who are considering applying for ADFA are encouraged to start their application now. You can complete the YOU (Your Options Unlimited) session at a local Defence Force Recruiting Centre or online.

During this session, you will complete an aptitude test which will narrow down the roles you are eligible for. If you don't achieve the marks required for your desired role (e.g., pilot), you can retake the YOU session in Year 12.

University degrees offered at ADFA are:

- Arts
- Business
- Science
- Engineering – Aeronautical, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Naval Architecture
- Computing & Cyber Security
- Technology – Aeronautical Engineering

For information visit www.defencejobs.gov.au

For information on the YOU session and to register, visit - <http://bit.ly/2Tyn8Yp>



SUMMER SCHOOLS

Indigenous Australian Engineering School (IAES) 2024

The IAES will be held at Sydney between 14 – 20 January 2023. Year 10 – 12 participants will experience:

- fully sponsored week-long program
- exploration of various engineering fields
- site visits, cultural activities, and more
- networking with industry professionals
- recreational fun on Sydney Harbour.

For information and to express an interest in the program, visit <https://bit.ly/3QZtLSX>

University of Melbourne - VCE Summer School

The University of Melbourne will run a two-week summer school in January for students entering Year 12 in 2024. Applications haven't opened yet, but students can read about the program and complete an expression of interest for the program via <https://bit.ly/47RACUg>

Magnify Music Camp

Magnify is an intensive high-level skills camp for high school students between the ages of 14 – 18 who are serious about career success in the field of music. Run by Box Hill Institute, the camp will run between 15 - 20 January 2024. There will be a final concert on Friday night, where students can show off their newfound skills. Entry is by audition and there are only 30 places. The cost is \$450, <https://bit.ly/45idxrc>

UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS

BUILD YOUR DREAM TECH CAREER

Careers with STEM is running an exciting webinar for students who are passionate about STEM on 1 November at 1pm. In this webinar you'll meet an entrepreneur who has a goal of growing plants on the moon, an ecologist who uses machine learning to protect threatened species and a virtual reality expert who is exploring how gaming and immersive technology is reshaping the way we work and learn. Register via <https://bit.ly/3ZD1y6F>



MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

Current Year 11 students who are considering applying for undergraduate medicine and/or dentistry courses in the future may need to sit the Undergraduate Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) in Year 12 for the 2025 intake, www.ucat.edu.au

NIE is running a free webinar on 15 November that will cover the following questions:

What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-tests?
The Undergraduate Selection Criteria
Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry.
When and who can sit the UCAT.
UCAT vs GAMSAT - How is UCAT different?
Can you prepare for the UCAT?
Undergraduate medical school interview explained and medical school interview preparation advice.
Gap Year.
Alternative degrees and career choices.

Students and their families can register for the webinar via www.nie.edu.au

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Are you considering a career in occupational therapy? Austin Health is running a Career Night at the Austin Hospital on Thursday 19 October at 5pm. Students will have the option of attending virtually via Microsoft Teams. There will be a combination of interactive workshops and speakers throughout the night. You'll hear from clinicians experienced in the following occupational therapy specialisations:

- Acute
- Rehabilitation
- Hand Therapy
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Oncology and Palliative care

RSVP by 12 October via this link <https://bit.ly/3F7Kyzv>

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 CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU)

Talk with Industry webinar – nursing, midwifery and paramedicine

Hear firsthand from ACU's distinguished Nursing, Midwifery, and Paramedicine graduates in this exciting webinar running on Thursday 5 October. Discover exciting courses and envision your dynamic career in healthcare. Don't miss this opportunity to step into a world of opportunity and inspiration in these vital healthcare fields. Your future in healthcare starts here!

ACU scholarships seminar

Unlock your potential with over 700 scholarships available at ACU! These scholarships embrace diversity, celebrating students of various backgrounds and abilities, not just academic high achievers. Participate in an information webinar on 22 November to hear success stories from current recipients and navigate through the application process seamlessly. Register your place for the above events via www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events

SANTOS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

Agriculture

The University of Melbourne is running an exciting 3-day program at the Dookie campus between 29 November – 1 December 2023 for Year 9 and 10 students. Dookie campus is a working farm- a centre of agricultural research and teaching. You will join scientists and agricultural student mentors in hands on activities in the laboratory and paddock investigating real world issues. There are 10 places left and accommodation is available at an additional cost. Book your place via www.scienceexperience.com.au

VICTORIA POLICE

Are you keen to explore careers in the Victoria Police? An online information session is being run on Thursday 26 October. Students and their families are welcome to attend. Register for the event via <https://bit.ly/3uBvCOQ>



SEASON 2023-2024

ARARAT LITTLE ATHLETICS

**STARTING THURSDAY
OCTOBER 12TH**

Visit www.lavic.com.au to register.

@ George Road Oval, Ararat
4:15pm arrival for a 4:30pm start

**NEW MEMBERS
ALWAYS
WELCOME!**



Fun, fitness & friendship for ages 5 - 16 years.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

✉ ararat@lavic.com.au

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*****Note:** New athletes can attend **FREE** for 2 sessions!

Please register as a trialling athlete on the LAVic website (www.lavic.com.au).



Getting out and about this October.

Walking to school

VicHealth have developed some [great resources](#) to make walking to school fun! - You can keep it simple by walking, riding, scooting or skating to and from school. Or you can get adventurous by mapping out an adventure trail that takes in more of the sights and sounds of your neighbourhood!

Get Active Victoria Tracker

Use the free online tool to set a goal, track activity, team up and discover places. [Home](#) | [Get Active Victoria](#)

View Places - Explore trails, parks, playgrounds, exercise stations and skateparks in Victoria using this interactive map. [Places](#) | [Get Active Victoria](#)

Great Local walks

In Stawell - Cato Lake Park, Central Park, Federation Park, Grampians Rail Trail, North Park, Skate Park....

Halls Gap – [Grampians Peaks Trail](#), Halls Gap Botanical Gardens, [Grampians Waterfalls](#), Lake Bellfield dam wall, [Lake Fyans Loop](#).....

In St Arnaud – Queen Mary Gardens, Pioneer Park, Lord Nelson Park, [St Arnaud Trails](#) - [The Basin Walk](#), [View Point Trail](#), [Mine History Trail](#), [Hard Hills Trail](#), [St Arnaud Regional Park](#) – Bell Rock walk, Wax Gardens circuit

Walking clubs / groups

Cato Park [GCH](#) Walking Group - 10 am Tuesday at the Stella Young memorial, all welcome in fair weather.

Bushwalking Victoria – [Grampians Bushwalking club inc.](#)

Day Walks, Base Camp Walks,

General meetings – last Tuesday of the month at the Stawell SES depot, 7.30pm, all welcome.

Join a Heart Foundation [walking group](#) or [start a walking group](#) of your own.

Bush walking in the, [Kara Kara National Park](#) , [St Arnaud Regional Park](#)

Discover [Accessible Walks Victoria](#) website to find more works in our area.



Ararat Fire Brigade Open Day



You are invited

**28th October between 10am till 2pm
8 Tuson Street Ararat.**

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- Fire safety information
 - Kids activities
 - BBQ
 - Volunteering information
 - Training demonstrations

**Contact: Community Safety officer Michelle
Turnham**

Phone: 0428 628 395

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 YEAR 7 & 8 BLACK RANGES TENNIS	10 YEAR 11 VM EXCURSION YEAR 7 2024 INFORMATION EVENING	11 GWR INTERMEDIATE BOYS CRICKET	12	13 VM MELBOURNE EXCURSION YEAR 7 BOYS BLACK RANGES CRICKET
16	17	18 YEAR 12 BREAKFAST YEAR 12 FINISH	19	20
23	24 YEARS 7 - 10 SOCIAL	25	26	27
VCAA EXTERNAL EXAMS				
30	31 ROBERT PEREIRA "WHY GIRLS BULLY" PARENT WEBINAR	NOVEMBER 1 ROBERT PEREIRA "WHY BOYS BULLY" PARENT WEBINAR	2	3
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