



# Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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# From the Head of Staff Development



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

❖ *We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,*

❖ *We strive for continuous improvement*

A Reflection on St Brigid

***May we be more like Brigid, our inspiration.***

***Help us to honour Brigid's passion and integrity.***

***And like her, embody tenacity, strength, gentleness, and kindness.***

***May we know the fire within us and others.***

***Shelter the symbol of the flame - the lamp of learning.***

***And thus, harness the energy and light that can transform lives.***

As the conclusion to Term Four draws nearer, I would like to thank all students for their positive engagement in the Early Start Program. This has been an excellent opportunity for students to get to know their classmates of 2024 and their new teachers. 'Early Start' is an important time for students to establish routines, understand the expectations of new work and start afresh. On behalf of the Leadership Team, I wish all staff and students a happy and productive final week of formal classes and thank everyone for their efforts and enthusiasm.

## **Awards Night**

Monday 4 December is our Awards evening. This is an opportunity for us to gather as a school community

in celebration of the achievements of our students. Awards Night is a lovely evening during which individuals are commended for their efforts in various subject areas across the year. We look forward to seeing you at the Ararat Astor Cinema from 6.00 pm this evening.

## **Student Leadership Camp Saltbush Balnarring**

Our 2024 School Captains, Jaylen Stephens and Elijah Dunks, will be attending a Leadership Camp at Saltbush Balnarring from Monday 4 December until Wednesday 6 December. We wish both Elijah and Jaylen well in the important work to be undertaken at this retreat, during which they will represent Marian College in collaboration with their counterparts from other Kildare Ministries Schools from around the state. We look forward to hearing more from Elijah and Jaylen on their return to school.

## **Student TA Boxes for Recycling Books and Stationery**

Building on the work of Sr John, this is an exciting initiative out of the Justice and Democracy Group, and spearheaded by our 2024 student leaders, Elijah Dunks, Jaylen Stephens, Vince Cusumano and Amelia Fleming.

The Boxes for Recycling program, highlights the importance of acting and living sustainably, reminding us that every member of the school community bears a responsibility and has an important role to play in caring for our environment and each other.

Boxes have been allocated to each TA room, and as students clean out their lockers, they are being encouraged to donate any unwanted textbooks, unused notebooks, and other school supplies. The books and stationery will be sorted and repurposed within the school community, minimising waste and ensuring that all students are equipped for their learning come 2024. Importantly, this initiative supports Sr John and others in the recycling efforts which they lovingly undertake, all of which currently go largely unnoticed.

If students have any questions regarding the initiative or would like to contribute in any additional way, Elijah, Jaylen, Vince and Amelia are keen to hear from you. Their TA teachers will also be able to assist, as will any member of the Justice and Democracy Group.

### **Gap Day – 8<sup>th</sup> December for Years 7 & 8 (2023)**

On the final day of the school year, all Year 7 and Year 8 students travel for a fun community day with staff to Halls Gap. This is always a fun way to finish the year and celebrate together. Students will be required to wear their PE uniform with appropriate closed toe footwear. Parents are asked to please ensure that their children have the appropriate hat, sunscreen and lunch essentials. Your children will be permitted to sign in and out to go over to the shops and purchase snacks or other items. Other activities include fully supervised swimming, bush walks or games in the park. Buses will leave school immediately after TA and return in time for afternoon buses. Any student who lives close to Halls Gap may be dismissed from there with prior written permission from their parents.

### **Staff Professional Development Days with Bronwyn Ryrie Jones**

During the first week of school holidays, all teaching staff and learning support officers will be participating in intensive professional development. Two of these days will involve workshops in *Responsive Teaching Practices*, the focus of which will be instruction in cutting edge responsive

pedagogies delivered by renowned education consultant, Bronwyn Ryrie Jones.

Key areas to be addressed include:

- Describing key insights from cognitive science research and explaining the link to responsive teaching.
- Articulating an argument for more explicit, responsive instruction.
- Describing the limitations of working memory and the implications for practice.
- Explaining the three fundamental principles of responsive teaching.
- Naming and describing responsive teaching techniques that can be adapted across Hubs, Learning Areas and year levels.
- Practising and refining responsive teaching techniques for use in classrooms.

2023 has been a positive year for targeted professional learning of the staff, with engagement in high quality professional development being crucial to attaining and maintaining improved student outcomes. We look forward to 2024 and the continuation of this important work.

I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to all members of the Marian College community for welcoming me so warmly to the school this year. It has been a happy, rich and rewarding time for me.

I trust you will find the reading contained within this week's newsletter to be informative, affirming and energising, and I wish you and your loved ones well for the Festive Season and summer holiday period.

Alexandra Abela

Assistant Principal,

Head of Staff Development



## GROWING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SCIENTISTS, SCIENCE TEACHERS, AND SCIENCE EDUCATION RESEARCHERS



Marian College would like to congratulate and also thank our Assistant Principal, Alexandra Abela for her achievements and dedication to science education throughout the state, most especially in regional and rural Victoria.

At a function at Government House in September, Ms Abela addressed science educators from across Victoria on the critical importance of science teachers as curriculum makers, innovators, interpreters of science and sources of inspiration to their students. The event was hosted by her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC Governor of Victoria and was a celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the Science Teachers Association of Victoria (STAV). Ms Abela also spoke on the long history of STAV and its enduring commitment in the support of teachers in the teaching of Science across Victoria since 1943.

In October, Ms. Abela attended the Prime Minister's Prizes for Science at Australian Parliament House Canberra, in her capacity as the President of The Science Teachers Association of Victoria (STAV) and board member of the Australian Science Teachers Association (ASTA).

And on Thursday 2 November, Ms Abela was a guest panellist at an event jointly hosted by the Royal Society of Victoria (RSV), ATSE and STAV. 'Aiming Higher: Improving Science Education in Victorian Schools' explored the important question of how to support and value our teachers in their practice, while also meeting the needs of our students.

Ms. Abela is passionate about excellence in education and is deeply committed to opening up pathways for regional and rural students to become Australia's next generation of leaders, influencers and educators.



# BARRON

## NEWS

### FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

This week:

The students' final week of classes (Early Start) is this week. A handful of students are attending a Leadership Camp at Saltbush (Balnarring). We are celebrating students' successes at the awards night on Monday at Astor Cinema. 2024 Year 7 students have their transition day on Tuesday. The 2023 Year 11 cohort finishes on Tuesday with a BBQ celebration. The 2023 Year 10 cohort has a leadership training day and lunch in the gardens on Wednesday, after which they can apply to be peer support leaders. The 2023 Year 9 cohort finishes on Thursday with a careers/work experience session and a BBQ. The 2023 Year 7 and 8 cohorts finish with Gap Day on Friday in Halls Gap. Students' semester and TA reports will go live to parents late in the week. (Pretty quiet week, eh?)

Farewells:

This is the time of year to farewell outgoing staff. Barron House is farewelling three of our TA teachers this year. Barron is sad to lose Elysia Weir as she changes pace, heading off for a year of adventure. Ms Weir has been a very caring and supportive TA teacher, ensuring that everyone feels comfortable being who they are. She has also headed up DnD and gaming groups at lunchtimes for several years, creating safe spaces and new social opportunities for a myriad of kids. She will be missed, but her legacy remains (and no one can beat her costumes!). Thank you for all of your care and time for students over the years.

Barron farewells Mark Rodney, who took over the TA early this year and has worked with students to set goals as a TA group and individually. He encouraged students to hold themselves to a high standard and behave with maturity. Thank you for your encouragement of students during 2023.



Barron farewells Emily Lindsay as she returns to Ballarat. Ms Lindsay came in as a compassionate TA teacher who enjoyed working with TA students and ensuring that their wellbeing needs were met. Her TA group is going to be dismantled for 2024, with students joining one of the other four TA groups. Despite the changes, Barron will remain a close-knit community (RED is best).

We will also be welcoming two new TA teachers to Barron for 2024! Mr Rodney and Ms Weir's groups will receive some new student additions, as well as new TA teachers. Welcome to all of the incoming 2024 Year 7 students as well! I look forward to getting to know you all next year.

Finally, **congratulations to Asha Dale and Zoe Buckingham, Barron's 2024 House Captains!** We cannot wait for an energy-filled, fun, and very RED 2024. Additionally, congratulations to Barron's **Emma Smith, the 2024 STEM Leader.** I have no doubt that these three will lead the way with grace and integrity.

Have a safe and restful Christmas and holiday season.

Erica McConachy  
Barron House Leader



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# MARIAN COLLEGE AWARDS EVENING

## All Welcome

Nominated students please arrive 15 minutes prior to commencement - Full School Uniform required

DATE: Monday 4th December, 2023

VENUE: Astor Cinema Ararat

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

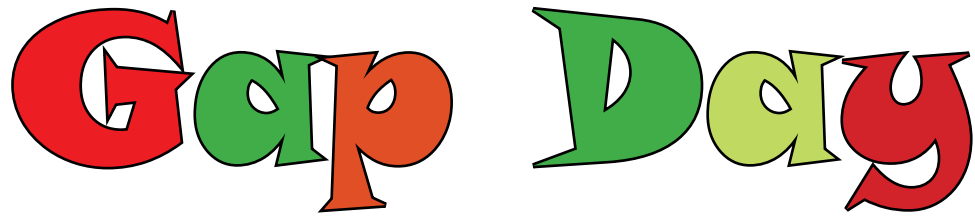
Years 10 & 11 - 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm

### END OF SEMESTER REPORTS ONLINE

The end of Semester Reports will be available online from 12.00 noon on Thursday 7th December, 2023.

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.





**Friday 8th December  
Year 7 and 8 2023 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)**

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# CAREER NEWSLETTER

## YEAR 12 STUDENTS - CLASS OF 2023



Friday 1 December 2023

Congratulations on completing Year 12! Whatever your plans are for 2024 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 on 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 careers 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](http://www.workforceaustralia.gov.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 earlier this year. You can start your application now and work through the steps.

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](http://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 2025 intake, [www.unsw.adfa.edu.au](http://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](http://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.
- 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 while 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 to search for TAFE providers, visit [www.yourcareer.gov.au/](http://www.yourcareer.gov.au/)







## 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 11 December  
NSW students: Thursday 14 December

### FINALISING COURSE PREFERENCES

The moment is almost here! If you'd like to change your course preferences, will need to do this 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 and her strong study scores she receives equity and academic ATAR adjustments.

Her selection rank for courses is now:

72.5 for Deakin University  
71.8 for La Trobe University.

#### Excellent resources

This video explains selection ranks and ATAR profiles, <https://bit.ly/3GiSJFX>

This video explains the preference system and course offers. Although it is for VTAC, the information is similar for each state-based Tertiary Admission Centre, <https://bit.ly/46H52Xs>



## 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 the support Victorian institutions are providing, visit <https://bit.ly/3GagKCK>

Note: Many of the expos are running on 11, 12 and 13 December, so plan early.

#### Webinars

VTAC is running two information sessions in December:

5: ATAR, scaling, and offers release  
12: Getting ready for offers

Register via <https://vtac.edu.au/events>

## 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](http://www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html)

NSW/ACT courses  
Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)  
[www.uac.edu.au/key-dates](http://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 2025, 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 Australian Apprenticeship Support Network Providers and Group Training Organisations as they will be able to assist you with your search. You can find their contact details via [www.apprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.au)

## GAP YEAR

### What is a gap year?

Traditionally a gap year was taken by Year 12 students who deferred their universities 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](http://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 in the left hand column, the following websites are great to bookmark and check regularly

[www.seek.com.au](http://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](http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au)

### Rights and responsibilities

Know your rights and responsibilities when starting a new job, [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org)



# CAREER NEWSLETTER

## NEWS, RESOURCES, EVENTS



Friday 1 December 2023

### FOCUS ON SUMMER SCHOOLS

The following programs are running during the Christmas break.

#### 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/45jdxrc>

#### INSIGHTS PROGRAM

NIE and Immerse Education offers an amazing 11-day residential program in Sydney for students who are passionate about academics. The program will run between 3 – 13 January 2024.

Streams cover study areas such as medicine, business, creative writing, veterinary studies, international studies, and psychology. The cost is over \$10,000 and students will stay on campus at a University of Sydney College. For information and to apply, visit [www.niecareers.com.au](http://www.niecareers.com.au)

#### FILMMAKING SUMMER SCHOOL

Filmmaking for the Digital Age: this intensive summer school is taught by Australia's leading film industry professionals and is suited to people from all ages and backgrounds. The event will be held between 12 -14 January 2024 at Dancehouse, Carlton North, Vic. [www.summerfilmschool.com/](http://www.summerfilmschool.com/)



#### CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

This immersive four-day program provides the opportunity to reside on campus and interact with like-minded peers. Students will engage in a fun-filled program including movies, trivia, dancing, and sports, as well as sample lectures from history, literature, philosophy, and theology professors. Applicants must be 16 – 20 years old.

When: 9 – 12 or 16 – 19 January 2024.

Where: Campion College, Toongabbie, NSW. [www.campion.edu.au](http://www.campion.edu.au)

#### FUTURE DOCTORS PROGRAM

NIE offers a 4-day intensive work experience program for students interested in medicine. Cost is \$2,290 and doesn't cover transport or accommodation. The Melbourne program will run between 19 – 22 January 2024 and is currently 88% full. For information and to apply, visit [www.niecareers.com.au](http://www.niecareers.com.au)

#### 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](http://www.open.nida.edu.au)

#### MONASH UNIVERSITY – ENGAGE ENGINEER

This program is now full.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE - VCE SUMMER SCHOOL

This summer school has been cancelled for 2024.



### UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS

#### NATURAL HEALTH

##### 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 an open day for prospective students and their families on Saturday 20 January. For information and to RSVP, visit [www.endeavour.edu.au/events](http://www.endeavour.edu.au/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](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events)

#### ENDOTA WELLNESS COLLEGE

Endota Wellness College is located in Melbourne and offers courses in Beauty, Massage, and Salon Management. An open day will be run on Saturday 9 December for prospective students and their families. For information, visit <https://endotawellnesscollege.edu.au/>





## YEAR 11 STUDENTS

### MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, ORAL HEALTH

If you will be in Year 12 next year and are planning to apply for medicine, dentistry and/or oral health to start in 2025, you may need to sit the UCAT ANZ (University Clinical Aptitude Test).

You will sit the test mid-year and selected universities will use your UCAT ANZ results as part of the selection process, in conjunction with your ATAR and Year 12 results, and in some cases an interview.

You will only have one chance to sit the UCAT ANZ in 2024 and you will be able to receive your results straight away.

Please go to [www.ucat.edu.au](http://www.ucat.edu.au) for more information about the UCAT ANZ, to see if you have to sit the test and to access free preparation materials. Registrations will open on 5 March 2024.

### UCAT Preparation Sessions

You have the choice to start preparing for the test early. There are several private companies that offer commercial preparation programs such as:

NIE, [www.nie.edu.au](http://www.nie.edu.au)  
Med Entry, [www.medentry.edu.au](http://www.medentry.edu.au)

It's important to note that private companies are not endorsed by the universities that use the UCAT.

## ALL STUDENTS

### UNIVERSITY COURSE SEARCH

#### Course Seeker

There are many university courses at various institutions across Australia. It can be a daunting task to research your options, but the Course Seeker website has been designed to make this an easy process for you.

It contains a national course comparison tool which enables students to search, select and compare higher education courses and filter search results by ATAR, study area and location, [www.coursesseeker.edu.au](http://www.coursesseeker.edu.au)



## EMPLOYMENT

If you are keen to find a casual job, now is the perfect time to start looking for employment opportunities. The following are resources to get you started.

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## BUILDING YOUR RESUME

To build your resume for future opportunities such as employment, traineeships, apprenticeships, scholarships, university accommodation, and leadership positions, it's crucial you take up career development opportunities during your high school years.

The following are activities you may consider:

- Secure casual or part time employment
- Play sport and volunteer for your club
- Participate in volunteering and community service activities
- Participate in fundraising activities.
- Participate in school and community leadership programs
- Join public speaking and debating clubs
- Get tutoring to improve your writing and oral presentation skills
- Join service clubs such as Scouts, Cadets, Guides, St Johns.
- Undertake work experience.
- Participate in competitions.
- Strive for academic awards.

Add to your resume to keep it up to date.



## VICTORIA POLICE INTERESTED IN A CAREER WITH THE VICTORIA POLICE?

Victoria Police has four different roles available for students who might be interested in pursuing a career in policing.

- Police Officer
- Protective Services Officer
- Police Custody Officer
- Victorian Public Servant

For a brief overview of each role and to watch recruitment videos, visit - <https://bit.ly/2N5vhUu>

### Experience and attributes the Force is looking for

Not every 18-year-old will be ready to apply but those who are gathering life experience whilst they are in high school will be more competitive throughout the recruitment process. For example:

#### Employment in a customer service role

Provides exposure to people of all works of life and develops communication, teamwork, and conflict resolution skills.

#### Volunteer experience

Develops a sense of community-mindedness and communication skills. For example, working at the local surf lifesaving club or community centre.

#### Sporting club experience

Develops teamwork, communication, and leadership skills, not to mention the healthy level of fitness that is a requirement of the role.

#### Overseas travel

Provides exposure to other cultures, religions and languages and fosters a sense of independence and assertiveness.

For information on eligibility criteria and the recruitment process, visit [www.police.vic.gov.au/careers](http://www.police.vic.gov.au/careers)

### Information sessions

Bookmark the following page and check regularly for upcoming career information sessions, <http://bit.ly/3uBvCOQ>

# December 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 AWARDS EVENING	5 YEAR 7 2024 ORIENTATION DAY  YEAR 11s LAST DAY	6 YEAR 10s LAST DAY	7 YEAR 9s LAST DAY	8 YEAR 7 & 8 GAP DAY  LAST DAY

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

**TERM 1  
2024**

23rd January 2024 - Office Opens

30th January, 2024 - Years 7 and 12 commence Term 1

31st January, 2024 - Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 commence Term 1

31st January to 2nd February, 2024 - Year 12 Retreat