





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

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

Friday was to be our annual Marian College St Brigid's Day celebrations. The afternoon was always reserved for our annual Marian's Got Talent, a fundraising event for the Fred Hyde (Co-Id) Foundation supporting our kindergarten in Bhola, Bangladesh. I am sure we will find some way to celebrate all that is good about Marian College with gratitude for our long history guided by the example of St.Brigid and the Brigidine Sisters.

Celebrating St. Brigid's Day.

Prayer to St. Brigid

You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world...

From Ireland to Ararat

From the Brigidine Sister https://

Our story begins in 1807 when Daniel Delany, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland, invited six women to form a religious community in Tullow, Co Carlow on the first of February. He named them the Sisters of St. Brigid, after the great 5th century Saint of Kildare.

In 1883, from the "Land of the Southern Cross" came a cry for help in Christian Education, when Bishop Murray of Maitland diocese, requested sisters. Six sisters from Mountrath set sail for Australia to found the first Brigidine convent in Coonamble, New South Wales. From there other foundations were made in the Dioceses of Sydney, Bathurst, Canberra Goulburn, Perth and Brisbane.

In 1886 a second Australian foundation was established in Echuca, Victoria, with the Sisters coming direct from Tullow. This was followed by a group from the Abbeyleix community to a number of locations including a combined group from Abbeyleix and Goresbridge that went to Ararat in 1888, Victoria.

Daniel Delany wished to teach rich and poor alike ... "he had long desired to establish schools where all the children, rich and poor of the parish could be taught."

Happy St Brigid's Day to everyone in our community.

Remote Learning 2.0

Congratulations to the many students who have taken well to our second period of Remote Learning. The feedback from teachers has been very positive to date with most students finding this experience far more manageable than the last. We know from the previous time that around Week 4 some students became disengaged. We also know that online learning can be more stressful and energy depleting for students, staff and parents. With just under three weeks in with another three to go of Remote Learning, I would like to announce an Off-Line / Catch Up Day for Friday 4th September.

Students who are up-to-date with their work and have submitted all required tasks are able to have an off-line day. This is a day to recharge the batteries and do something for your wellbeing before we begin the final genuine hard work leading into the school holidays. For students who have fallen behind or who have struggled to remain motivated, this is a day to catch up. No new work will be set for the day. Students do have almost two weeks to ensure they are progressing at the expected pace and submitting all work required. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the individual subject teacher or Teacher Advisor.

Year 7 Enrolment 2021

We have almost completed the final interviews for Year 7 2021 enrolments. Thank you to the many Year 6 students and their parents for this very positive experience for our staff. We look forward to meeting these new people on site shortly for our Orientation/Formation Day. If you know of any families who wished for a Marian College education for their child we ask them to contact the College Office as soon as possible. If you need further clarity about the support available please contact the Principal or College Business Manager.

Have a wonderful week.

Carmel

brigidine.org.au/about-us/our-story/



From the Head of Learning & Teaching



Learning & Teaching Remotely, Second Time Around

The first time we entered Remote learning there was a feeling of 'unknown' about what was happening, how this would work and that we were all in this together. This was wonderfully supported by our Senior Leaders with their uplifting video that received 'rave' reviews over social media.

This second time is different. My feelings (during the early part of the term) were basically that we as a State were waiting for the inevitable. A sense of 'dread' hung over schools for weeks as we watched numbers rise and schools close. Then we received the news that no one wanted.

The feeling of 'in this together' disappeared as State leaders from all over the country shut their borders to us, not wanting the spread to widen. Even our own State separated into Melbourne and Rural.

However, in this together we are, at least here at Marian. I've been pleasantly surprised on a daily basis by the creativity and ingenuity of our students across subjects and year levels as they grapple with new tasks. I've seen wonderful photos of food, entire house walls painted, Ned Kelly's and suspension bridges.

I too have grappled with fractions, researched into the Apostles, water salinity levels and the like, in an effort to support my own children in remote learning, whilst continuing to teach

yours about the Courts & Parliament and Large Scale Organisations, all the while watching the numbers grow.

If we only learn one lesson from all of this, what would yours be? Mine, is the value of school. Not just for the learning, but also the community, the events, the friendships and yes sometimes even the 'trouble'. I miss the events. Last week would have seen us celebrate St. Brigid's Day and Fred Hyde Friday culminating in a wonderful Marian's Got Talent, where the students have for many years shown their wonderful skills, all for a good cause, our Kindergarten in Bhola.

But alas not this year. We will again, one day. The beauty of traditions is that they endure.

Stay safe and please remember that the subject teacher, TA teacher, House Leader, Faculty Heads and support staff are all here. Don't hesitate to contact us. We will do what we can. We are all in this together.

Matthew Summers

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the Synnott Report (the online version).

I'm sitting here writing this article not entirely sure what to write! Usually the school is a buzzing environment full of events and student success to report on. At the moment, we are missing all that within the school environment. No school sport, no Fred Hyde Day, no St. Brigid's Day as a community on site. It makes me a bit sad as these days are the best days of the year. Full of fun and laughter and raising funds for a great cause. I really look forward to things getting back to normal in that sense.

In saying that, I am hearing and seeing many success stories of students working hard and succeeding in online learning. I think we are much better at it this time around. The key is to remain positive and get the best out of the situation. I encourage all students to endeavour to keep some sort of routine in order to be productive and make the most of each day.

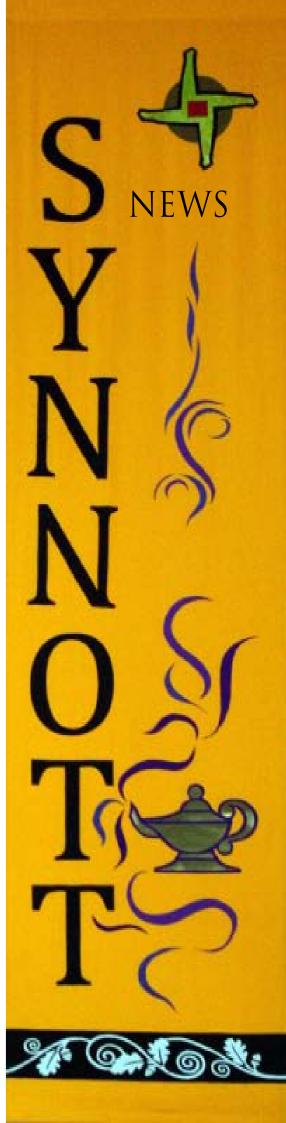
There are currently some ideas in the works from our Year 12 leaders to run some activities online with junior students. We hope we can get this up and running. This is a great initiative by one of our Year 12 students in Synnott. Well done Bridget. Stay tuned for information regarding this over the coming days. I know some other Year 12's have jumped on board to help with this. Well done, great spirit!

One area of concern during this time is the amount of time spent looking at screens. I know it is unavoidable at times, but try and find the time to get away. This has been said many times already before, but it is important to ensure you don't end up feeling like a zombie.

I look forward to the return to school.

Until then, stay safe and look after each other.

Nick Lloyd



What's new on the Hub?



Link to site: https://sites.google.com/mcararat.catholic.edu.au/mariancollegewellbeing/home

COMMUNITY: Links to 'Resilient Ararat' Flyer - Free Wellbeing Zoom sessions in August/ September (Mindfulness and meditation, yoga, nutrition and mindful eating, resilience, youth mental health, tai chi).

COMMUNITY: FREE GUIDE from Megan Ward, 'The Ultimate Guide to Surviving and Thriving in a Pandemic'.

COMMUNITY: Link to WISA wellbeing article, 'Anxiety: Tips for Parents and carers'.

The Community Wellbeing
Hub can now be found on the
Marian College website
Homepage



What's new on the Hub?

New mindful stretching clip-(Ararat Physio)

New fitness workout video-(Felini Health and Fitness)

New recorded Yoga session with Zaiga (Felini Health and Fitness)



"Inner Strength" - with Kylie Plunkett, Ararat Physio (video No. 3)



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ACTIVE WELLBEING: INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS



IN MY WORDS with Lara Rusden

On the 28th of March 2002, Sandra and Miles Rusden welcomed their second daughter into the world, me, Lara Rusden, completing our family of four with my older sister Emma. It turns out it was a bit of an inconvenience the day I was born, as Emma wanted to go straight back to school because she couldn't miss out on 'money maths' (apparently that was way more important than the birth of her only sibling).

As my dad was born in England, we have a lot of family on the other side of the world



both Emma and I were extremely lucky to grow up traveling backwards and forwards, across the world, to spend time with our family. I have the most amazing memories with my family overseas, ones that I will cherish forever. In saying that, airport visits are both a happy and sad place for my family, because knowing that we are going to see them always means there will be a goodbye soon after. There can be many years between visits, and it is hard not knowing when the next time will be, but the quality time always makes up for the time missed.

Growing up I attended Ararat West Primary School where I gained so many friends, ones I still have today. I will forever argue that West is the best as I believe they helped shape me into the person I am today. During my schooling I was in the Junior School Council for two years, Blue House Captain in Grade 6 and a member of the skipping team. The skipping team was partnered with the Jump Rope for Heart Foundation and we traveled around performing at different schools as well as being in a competition with other schools at events.

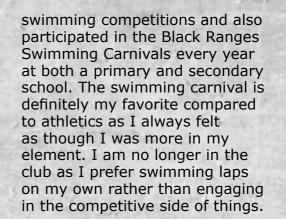
Outside of school, at a young age, I joined the Ararat Swimming Club where I developed my love for swimming. I attended many











Moving from Grade 6 into Year 7 was definitely a massive change for me, one that was scary but also really exciting. I can remember being very eager to make friendships with the people I had met on the orientation days. Fast track to now, and I have formed some of the most amazing relationships during my time at Marian and met my now best friend, Inika Shalders whom I am very grateful for. Being in Year 12 now seems completely surreal. It feels as though I've only just started, but I'm also really excited to see what my future holds. I am most grateful for the student / teacher relationships I've gained during my time at Marian and seeing how much the teachers really do care about each and every single one of us. I will admit it's hard to acknowledge when you are in Year 7 - 10, but as I became a senior student I began to notice all of their hard work and that's why I'm so especially thankful for Mr Hunt and Mrs Shea in helping me better myself each





As for my future, I'm not sure what it holds but I think that's the most exciting part. I don't have any intentions of going to uni at the moment but that doesn't mean I won't eventually. I was planning on spending the end of this year and the start of the next in England with my family and possibly travel around Europe whilst I was there. This will definitely not be the case (thanks corona), so now I will just have plenty of time to work and save money for whatever the future may hold.

I wish the rest of the Year twelves nothing but the best of luck, I hope you achieve all of your dreams and goals.

Lots of love, Lara x



After already having three children (Seean, Joe and Cayley) my parents, Russell and Camille knew it was right that they had one more child to call their favourite. And so, it all began on 1st October, 2002 where I was born at the Ballarat Base Hospital. My parents recall my older brother Joe not being too happy about my arrival as all the attention wasn't on him and he refused to come to the hospital and see me... he eventually got over it. Ever since then it's been a big, crazy, almost eighteen years. And I wouldn't have been able to do it without my family and friends by my side.

After being born we lived in Ballarat for less than a year then my parents decided to make the move to a big city known as Beaufort. With a massive population of what feels like fifty people, you have to be creative when it comes to entertainment and that's when golf in the backyard sounded like a good idea until a golf ball went straight through the front window. It's fair to say mum wasn't too happy about that one.

When I was three Mum took me to my first ballet class and I fell in love and was constantly asking mum "do I have ballet today". Mum and Dad were very excited to see me at my first, end of year concert however they didn't get to see very much because I just stood on the stage doing not very much while everyone else was dancing. I think they were really happy with all the money they had spent on classes and were glad to see it had paid off. One of the many memories from Ballet class was when I was five and before class, I saw a patch of grass that was covered with tiny polystyrene balls. Five-year-old me though it would be an amazing idea to put three of the balls in my left ear and two in my right. I didn't tell anyone I had done this, and I still don't know how I heard anyone or the fact that it didn't hurt. However, a few weeks later mum decided to clean my ears and that's when she found what I had done. After seeing three doctors and getting rushed to surgery, it's safe to say I never did it again.

In 2006 I began kindergarten at Elizabeth Watkins in Beaufort and that's when mum and dad soon realised, I would never stop talking and distracting others in class. I've never understood why I always get into trouble for this, yet I still continue to do the same. At Elizabeth Watkins, I made lifelong friendships that I still have to do this day. I then made the journey to Beaufort Primary school making even more friends and memories. It came to the end of Grade 4 at Beaufort Primary when Mum and Dad decided it would be best if I moved to St Mary's in Ararat as I would be going to Marian College in Year 7 and this would be the best way to make the transition easier. So, I made the move and that's when waking up at 6 am and getting home at 5 pm became my routine for the next 8 years. I made an interesting first appearance at St Mary's. In my first week, I broke my arm in T-Ball and everyone who was there still likes to remind me of it today. I am forever grateful that mum and dad decided to move me. I made some incredible friends and I can't thank the school enough for shaping me into the person I am today. During this time, I stopped dancing and started gymnastics in Ballarat. After my first lesson I was sure that I would make it to the Olympics ... yeah, that went well. Yet again, sorry mum and dad for wasting your money.

And then began high school at Marian College where I made some of the most amazing friendships that I will forever cherish, you know who you all are, and I hope that I will carry these friendships with me for years to come. In Year 7 I began netball after I realised my gymnastics career to the Olympics wasn't taking off. In Year

9 I decided to move to Ballarat Grammar only to come back to Marian College a year later after deciding it wasn't the right school for me. During this time, I sadly lost my Pop in 2018 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. My Pop was very important to me and I would visit him every week, it was a really hard time saying goodbye and I still miss him every day. Fast-forward to Year 11 which I would say was one of the most exciting years when I went on exchange to America as part of the G' day USA program. I travelled to LA, San Francisco, Seattle and stayed with the most incredible host family where I met my host sister Olivia. I'm so thankful for the opportunity to travel to America and meet such incredible people. It was an eye-opening experience and I would highly encourage anyone who's considering this to be involved; you won't regret it (after COVID-19 obviously). So here we are in Year 12 in what is one of the most bizarre situations I would never think I would be in. Trying to finish Year 12 in COVID has been interesting to say the least but I'm very thankful for the teachers that have supported us through this time.

It's fair to say that it's been a very interesting year filled with highs and lows and I can't believe that my schooling is finally coming to an end. It's true when they say it goes so quickly so treasure these years while you still can. Next year I plan on taking a gap year to save money so I can pursue my dream of travelling to as many countries as I possibly can. Then after that to hopefully live in Europe for a while. I am so excited to see what my future holds and enjoy the roller-coaster of a ride that is life!



Covid Cooking Week #1







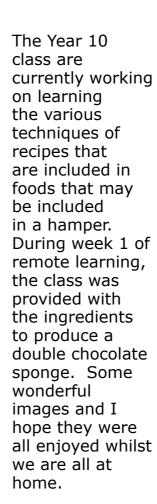


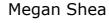


Hope everyone is keeping well. I have had a number of photos sent to me of students' productions of cooking from home. They are all amazing and too good not to share. I really appreciate the efforts that the students and families are going to to provide ingredients and opportunities for students to continue their curriculum in the kitchen. Well done everyone. Please find attached photos of both Year 11 "VCE Food Studies" and Year 10 "My Kitchen Hamper" work. The Year 11 girls are currently working on their Food Diary which includes productions that contain on trend, new and local ingredients.



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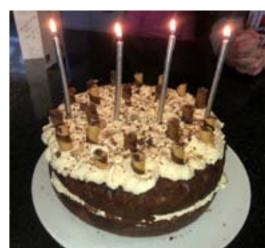




















GamEd



FREE EVENT



THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST

Online @ www.gamed.eventbrite.com/

Start Time: 9.30am Finish Time: 11.00am

REGISTER OF INTEREST TO: info@luggarrah.com.au









SAMURAI PUNKE









The event highlights the potential career options and transferability of skills to

HIGH-TECH CAREER OPTIONS COULD INCLUDE:

Agriculture - Drones, mapping,

Health Industry - 3D imagery, training

Multimedia - Video and movie editing,

Defence Force - training simulations,

Public transport - Computerised

EVENT RUNDOWN

9:30am GamEd Opening

9:40am Acknowledgment of Country

Luggarrah Presentation 9:40am

9:50am **Presentation First Speaker**

Presentation Second Speaker

10:30am Presentation Third Speaker

10:50am O&A

11:00am Event Close



ELISE MARCHOUBA - Producer at Samurai Punk

Elise has worked as a Producer within the games industry for over 4 years now, accumulating over 15 released titles. After gaining management experience across retail (EB Games, Miss Kitty's Costumes), she completed a Bachelor of Interactive Entertainment with a major in Games Design. Working for 3 years at Big Ant Studios, she came to Samurai Punk to support the team in getting games out on time and

on budget, as well as bringing retail experience to enhance the company's apparel line. Whether it's about cricket or cute gun plushies, she thrives on bringing a smile to people's faces and finding a workplace that allows her to make beer.



REBECCA PETRIE - Manager: People & Product at Common Code

Bec has a long interest in human behaviour & experience in customer service and stumbled into the tech industry in 2016 rather accidentally (whoops!) after completing degrees in Arts and Education. Bec currently works as a Product Manager and team leader at Common Code where staff assist clients to build & design digital products, educate the community and partner with companies to hire vetted tech professionals. Tech as an industry are leaders in creating new ways for people to connect and collaborate, providing opportunities for young people that were not possible for the generations before them. Common Code work with companies, especially startups, to see these possibilities and potential for uplifting digital capabilities as well as building scalable products.



ALEXANDER SWORDS - Narrative designer at Swords Narrative

Alexander is a writer and narrative designer with a background in audience development and arts management. He's worked for indies in Berlin, AAA in Sweden, and is now based in Australia helping forward-thinking developers forge strong relationships with their audiences through stories, narrative systems and player care. With assistance from Creative Victoria's Creator's Fund, he's also developed the Forest Paths Method of Narrative Design helping developers to discover the power of their own stories built on the design pillars of their projects away from Western conventions and with an understanding of player motivation beyond demographics and traditional models.



BEN HARMON - Freelance graphic designer at Gravy Stain Pants

Ben is a freelance graphic designer at Gravy Stain Pants. Ben's design style is quirky, playful and funky in its attitude and visuals. You may be wondering why Ben named and branded his business Gravy Stain Pants. He wanted a business that captured this design-style and philosophy. Gravy Stain Pants started out as a personal graphic design project. It was an exercise that explored alternative and counterculture graphic design principles. The objective was to have fun, experiment and break some rules. After presenting at multiple art and design shows the public response to Gravy Stain Pants was overly positive. This inspired Ben to transition Gravy Stain Pants from a playful project into a serious graphic design business that creates funky designs.



Marian College Ararat



A Kildare Ministries school in the Brigidine Tradition

Applications are invited from suitably experienced persons for the position of

Receptionist / Student Secretary (Maternity Leave Position, FTE 0.80)

commencing Term 4, 2020 until the end of Term 2, 2021

The successful applicant will have an understanding of Catholic education and the safety and wellbeing of children.

Application information including position description is available on the Marian College website.

Applications close at 4.00pm on
Friday, 4th September
Email to the Principal - principal@mcararat.catholic.edu.au

The Principal Marian College, P O BOX 314, ARARAT, 3377 Enquiries: 03 53523861

www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au

Employment under the *Victorian Catholic Education Multi Enterprise Agreement 2018.*Marian College is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Looking for Scholarships?



https://www.youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships/uni-scholarships/

http://www.chancesforchildren.com.au/how-do-I-apply/Other-scholarship-Opportunities.aspx

https://www.justice.vic.gov.au/careers/aboriginal-tertiary-scholarship-program

Northern Grampians Shire Council

https://www.ngshire.vic.gov.au/Council-Services/Council-grants/Minor-grants-program

Thank you to Anne-Maree Browne for sharing this information.



Wednesday 19 August 2020

Updates from Collarts

Collarts is an institute in Melbourne that offers courses in:

Animation, VFX
Audio Engineering
Comedy
Content Creation
Entertainment - Journalism
Interior Design
Fashion Marketing
Music Production
Entertainment - Management
Music Performance

Selections based on interview

At Collarts, you are selected on an interview, not your ATAR. Once you submit a VTAC application, Collarts will contact you with information about the interview.

New early entry program

Students can now apply for Collarts courses via a new early entry program called Launchpad.
Students will still need to apply for courses via VTAC, but through Launchpad can get an early advisory letter, https://bit.ly/3h7ZL27

Kickstarter scholarships

Year 12 students can apply for scholarships for the 2021 intake via https://bit.ly/2E8IZBE

Virtual Open Day

Saturday 29 August, https://bit.ly/2Ee4UqQ

Passionate about cooking?

The Nestlé Golden Chef's Hat Award

The Nestlé Golden Chef's Hat Award is Australia's longest running apprentice Chef culinary competition. Each year talented young chefs compete alongside the country's top emerging culinary talent to win the highly sought-after Golden Chef's Hat.

The prize includes a once in a lifetime culinary trip to an exciting overseas destination plus hands-on work experience in the kitchen of a celebrated chef's restaurant

To learn more about the Nestlé Golden Chef's Hat Award check out the amazing video entries of this year's Golden Chef finalists, https://bit.ly/giMRpgUand follow their journey on Facebook and Instagram.

Engineering Careers

Want to get excited about where engineering could take you? The latest issue of Careers with STEM celebrates what engineering is all about and showcases a diverse mix of professionals owning their fields.

Meet the talented problem solvers building the cities of the future, fighting the COVID-19 pandemicand making the world a better, more inclusive and liveable place.

To download the free e-magazine as well as a range of other career e-magazines (e.g., data science, economics, computer science, maths, cyber security) visit http://bit.ly/3gSxV6r

RMIT University - updates

New Pathways Guaranteed program

This new program will secure you a place in a Bachelor degree, as soon as you complete the relevant vocational course. You'll get to study the field of your choice, and graduate with two RMIT qualifications.

There are 85 pathway package options and you apply for the pathway packages via VTAC. This is an excellent option for students who are concerned they may not achieve the required ATAR for their desired Bachelor courses.

Research the available pathway packages via VTAC course search, www.vtac.edu.au

RMIT Yearbook Competition High School class of 2020

Year 11 and 12 students are invited to enter this competition. You will record a short video about what 2020 has been like and what you are planning to do in the future. Applications close 11 September, https://bit.ly/323sBdH

Scavenger Hunt Competition

Year 11 and 12 students are invited to participate in a scavenger hunt on Wednesday 23 September. After you register to take part, you'll be given instructions with a list defining specific items to design and activities to complete.

An 'RMIT Logo' will need to be included in your uploaded items. You will have the chance to win prizes, https://bit.ly/3haQ5E4

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Competitions

Creative Arts

Bright Awards – run by Billy Blue College of Design at Torrens University. Entries are now open for students in years 10-12 and their school to win monetary prizes to help kick start creative dreams.

Entries close 17 November, https://bit.ly/37w7Auy

Science Writing

UNSW Bragg Student Prize for Science Writing. For students in Years 7 – 10. In 800 words, you will describe some scientific research that has delivered a solution that you believe could change the future for our planet. The theme is 'The Big Ideas Saving the Planet'.

Entries close 28 August, https://bit.ly/3eZJ8VJ

Wildlife photography

2020 Crikey! Magazine Photography Competition. This is a partnership between Crikey! Magazine and the Australia Zoo.

Entries close 31 August, https://bit.ly/2ACCKV2



Westpac Young Technologist Scholarship

This is a fantastic scholarship for students applying for technology related degrees at one of the following universities:

- RMIT University
- University of Wollongong
- Western Sydney University
- Queensland University of Technology
- Murdoch University

The Careers Department has information about the scholarship and profiles of previous recipients on their website. Go to https://bit.ly/2BeteHz



Have a passion for business?

UHack Innovation 2020 online

The University of Tasmania invites students from across Australia to participate in this exciting innovation competition. It's a great way to create new business ideas and develop the skills to fulfil them.

Entrants get to meet industry pros and sculpt their ideas into fully functioning creations, all over three fast-paced days of fun.Register as a team or individual, learn new skills, and meet new people.

Dates:Friday 21 August - Sunday 23 August Information and RVSP: https://bit.ly/2Y9gyeo

Recorded Career Webinars

CareersEvent.com have a series of recorded webinars that students can watch based on their career or course interest areas. Go to https://bit.ly/3oNGJsq

Free HSC and VCE revision lectures

Australian Catholic University is running a series of free HSC and VCE revision lectures. You can access dates and register for sessions at this link - https://bit.ly/3irvVGc

Employment resources

Do you need a Tax File Number (TFN)?

If you are planning to get a job or if you would like to study at university or TAFE next year, you will need a TFN. To start the application process, go to http://bit.ly/zaLCSjJ

Find out about your rights at work

Learn about your rights, responsibilities, how to resolve issues in the workplace and rules about unpaid work, https://bit.ly/15vl7DP

Learn about safety in the workplace

Your rights and responsibilities https://bit.ly/2K2AYPK and how to stay safe https://bit.ly/2VA24j5

Important tips about your first or current job

The team at Careers with STEM asked the following questions: how will the experience of your first job prepare you for your next job, and how do you make the most of your first or current job to prepare you for the future?To read their answers and suggested industries to work in (e.g., pharmacy assistant), go to http://bit.ly/2x8imoh

The University of Melbourne - 2021 admissions update

Guaranteed ATARs for 2021 undergraduate entry

2021 admissions will look a little different at the University of Melbourne. In 2021, all applicants who meet the ATAR requirements in the provided table will benefit from quaranteed entry to the University.

If they meet the course prerequisites and preference their courses appropriately via VTAC, applicants who attain the guaranteed ATAR for their preferred course will achieve a place at the University when they receive their ATAR on 30 December 2020.

Formal offers will be provided through the VTAC on 14 January 2021.

Note, applicants can still achieve a place at The University of Melbourne if their ATAR falls below those listed below via competitive entry.

Students who have experienced disadvantage can qualify for the Access Melbourne program by completing a Special Consideration (SEAS) application via VTAC, https://bit.ly/3hg1ZhZ

Bachelor of Agriculture	72
Bachelor of Arts	88
Bachelor of Biomedicine	95
Bachelor of Commerce	95
Bachelor of Design	88
Bachelor of Science	88

Access Melbourne for 2021- guaranteed entry

Applicants who qualify under SEAS in the following categories

- Resident of a rural or isolated area
- Disadvantaged financial background
- Recognition as an Indigenous Australian

Will be guaranteed entry into courses with lower guaranteed ATARs, providing they meet course prerequisites and preference the courses via VTAC correctly.

ATARs on the left: rural and financial ATARs on the right: Indigenous Australian

Bachelor of Arts	78	75
Bachelor of Arts (extended)	n/a	50
Bachelor of Biomedicine	90	85
Bachelor of Commerce	86	75
Bachelor of Design	78	70
Bachelor of Science	78	75
Bachelor of Science (extended)	n/a	55

Information - https://bit.ly/3h91ZhZ

University applications open

You are now able to apply for university and TAFE courses across Australia. For most courses, you apply via state-based Tertiary Admission Centres. Below are the weblinks for each state:

Victoria: Victoria Tertiary Admissions Centre www.vtac.edu.au

NSW/ACT: Universities Admissions Centre www.uac.edu.au

SA/NT: South Australia Tertiary Admissions Centre

www satac edu au

Queensland: Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre

www.qtac.edu.au

Western Australia: Tertiary Institutions Service Centre

www.tisc.edu.au

Tasmania: apply directly to the University of Tasmania

www.utas.edu.au

You will need access to a computer or smart phone, your student ID number, and a PayPal account or credit/debit card.

You will be able to apply for special consideration, some access and equity scholarships and some early entry/guaranteed programs via the Tertiary Admission Centres.

Early admission programs

August closing dates for some early admission programs include:

Swinburne University
Early Entry Program
28 August (Round 1), https://bit.ly/2WiPub5

La Trobe University Aspire Program Monday 31 August, http://bit.ly/2v9WOLN

Charles Sturt University
Charles Sturt Advantage
Monday 31 August, https://bit.ly/2UmOlgT



Virtual open day dates

The following are upcoming dates for several Victorian based institutes.

The Hotel School Melbourne 18 – 20 August, https://bit.ly/3jsocZN

La Trobe University Regional campuses Sunday 23 August, http://bit.ly/3chXyPA

University of Tasmania

Tuesday 25 August, https://bit.ly/3j2oHsL

Deakin University
Wednesday 26 August, https://bit.ly/33icNpW
(for those who missed the open day on the 16th)

Kangan Institute
Wednesday 26 August, https://bit.ly/328FzHs

Victoria University
Saturday 29 August, http://bit.ly/2l4uehl

Collarts
Saturday 29 August, https://bit.ly/2Ee4UqQ

Monash University 29 – 31 August, http://bit.ly/386QjH8

SAE Qantm Sunday 30 August, https://bit.ly/3h50KDv

RMIT University

The recordings from the recent open day are available on demand until the 31st of August, https://bit.ly/2CCP4Wp



Upcoming virtual events

RMIT: Discover What's Next Series

RMIT University is running 17 online webinars for students exploring a variety of topics such as:

- transitioning to university and TAFE pathways
- selection tasks for courses such as architecture, landscape architecture, photography, textiles, gaming

For information and to register for sessions, visit https://bit.ly/3h8pS9k

Upcoming virtual events

Federation University - Your Fed Future

Federation University is running the following online webinar for prospective students:

August

19 Bachelor of Biotechnology26 Bachelor of Geoscience

Information and RSVP - https://bit.ly/2WfWfLo

Monash University – Online Information Seminars

Monash is running the following online seminars for prospective students:

August

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19 Information Technology
 20 Science
 26 Debate: autonomous cars are better than human drivers

Information and RSVP - https://bit.ly/2LaE3fA

Careers in engineering webinar

Join Careers with STEM co-founder and journalist Heather Catchpole in an interactive careers webinar as we speed test the latest edition of Careers with STEM: Engineering.

Meet engineers working on fascinating challenges and learn about how they got involved in their exciting careers

Date: 21 August 2020, 12pm – 1pm
Info and RSVP: https://bit.ly/2ZGxpFY

Year13 - Future of Work Expo

Year13 are running another amazing expo for students! The theme for this expo is 'Future of Work'.

You can go into the running to win huge prizes by participating in webinars and there is an impressive line-up of guest speakers such as

- Dr Alan Finkel (Australia's Chief Scientist)
- Janine Allis (the founder of Boost Juice)
- Stephen Scheeler (the former CEO of Facebook Australia and New Zealand)

This is an event not to be missed!

Dates: Tuesday 25 – Thursday 27 August Information and RSVP:https://bit.ly/3oQbDQZ

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