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2016 VCAA & VTAC Results:

All Year 12 students should have received a letter from me, outlining important information on Change of Preference. Should you require assistance and guidance during this period, I will be available to discuss any issues that you may have with making decisions about “Where to now!”

Year 11 students who may have sat Unit 3/4 exams, are reminded that the study scores come out on Monday 12 December 2016. To access these results students can:

- Log on to Results and ATAR any time from 7.00am, Monday 12 December to 5.00pm on Friday 18 December (AEDST). This service is free and operates 24 hours a day.
- Type in your VCAA student number and where a PIN is required, type in the first four digits of your birth date, e.g. 22 August = 2208

I would like to thank all the students and families for a great year and I look forward to continuing the journey of discovery with you in 2017. Also, to the Class 2016 best of luck as they wait eagerly for their results.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and their families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year - filled with special times shared with friends and loved ones. Keep safe!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on +61 3 9851 1545 or visit the Learning and Pathways Centre (A06) or via email at dora.karas@marcellin.vic.edu.au.

Regards
Ms Dora Karas

VTAC DATES TO REMEMBER:

VCE Results and ATAR
Monday 12 December 2016
Change of Preference closes
Tuesday 20 December 2016
Round 1 offer: 18 January 2017

Tax File Numbers
Students planning on tertiary education require a TAX File number when they start. Current Year 12 students are reminded that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Support Place) course at university/Tafe without a Tax File Number.

Students must now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office. To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit Tax File Numbers.

Appointments to see the Careers Practitioner:
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"Determination and perseverance move the world; thinking that others will do it for you is a sure way to fail"
Where can I get assistance during ‘change of preference’ week?
The week after you receive your ATAR is generally known as Change of Preference (COP) week (Mon 12 – Tue 20 December). During this time tertiary institutions run information sessions, COP Expos, have phone assistance available and will assist you in any way they can. You can also obtain assistance at school. These institutions are offering the following support (check online for more details).

- **Australian Catholic University** – Hotline: 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228); COP event on Tuesday 13th December.
- **Box Hill Institute** – Hotline: 1300 BOX HILL (1300 269 445); 5-7pm, COP Night 14 December (all campuses)
- **Charles Sturt University** – Hotline: 1800 334 733
- **Chisholm** – Hotline: 1300 244 746
- **Deakin University** – Hotline: 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733); Chat online with staff and ask questions: [http://choose.deakin.edu.au/](http://choose.deakin.edu.au/); Information Evenings: 4-7pm, 15 December, Level 2, Building BC, Burwood Campus; 4-7pm, 16 December 1 Gheringhap St, Geelong Waterfront Campus; Register: [http://choose.deakin.edu.au/](http://choose.deakin.edu.au/)
- **Federation University** - Hotline: 1800 333 864
- **Holmesglen** – Hotline: 1300 693 888
- **Kangan** – Hotline: 13 8233
- **La Trobe** – Hotline: 1300 135 045; Advisory Day: Tues 13 December (Bundoora 10am-2pm), (Bendigo 11am-2pm).
- **Melbourne Polytechnic** – Hotline: 9269 1200
- **Monash** – COP Expo: 3-7pm, Wed 14 December, Building H, Caulfield campus, 900 Dandenong Rd, Caulfield East; COP Hotline: 1800 MONASH (1800 666 274); see [www.study.monash](http://www.study.monash)
- **RMIT** – Hotline: 9925 2260; Visit Info Corner, 330 Swanston St, Melbourne (Cnr. La Trobe St); COP Expos: Arts, Design, Communication, Justice, International & Community Services courses 11am-1pm, 14 Dec; Business courses 3-5pm, 14 Dec; Science, Engineering & Health courses 11am-1pm, 15 December; [http://inspired.rmit.edu.au](http://inspired.rmit.edu.au).
- **Swinburne** –Hotline: 1300 275 794; COP Expo: 11am-4pm, 14 December (Hawthorn campus); See: [www.swinburne.edu.au/choose](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose).
- **University of Melbourne** –Hotline: 13 MELB (13 6352), email 13MELB@unimelb.edu.au
- **Victoria** – Hotline: 1300 VIC UNI (1300 842 864) ; Book appointment: [www.vu.edu.au/change](http://www.vu.edu.au/change); COP Expo: 3.30-6.30pm, 14 December (Footscray Park)
- **William Angliss** – Hotline: 1300 ANGLISS (1300 264 547)

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**Career as a Paediatric Nurse**

*Paediatric nurses care for babies, children and adolescents.* Children are not small adults; they have special needs and specialist paediatric nurses understand these. There are a diverse range of specialty areas within paediatric nursing. Nurses may work in schools, hospitals or community centres and work with families to provide optimal health. Several specialty areas also exist within paediatric nursing. For example, paediatric nurses may become specialised in intensive care, oncology (cancer nursing), mental health and child development.  Visit [Career as a Paediatric Nurse](#) to find out more!

**Technical Trades in the Defence Force**

The Navy, Army and Air Force need highly trained technicians and tradespeople to ensure that every piece of equipment, from ships, jets and tanks, through to missile systems and telecommunications networks, are maintained in peak condition. The Defence Force provides training to fulfill these roles. The facilities are excellent and offer the best trade qualifications possible, that are nationally recognised and highly sought after in the civilian world. The wages are great during training – with subsidised meals and accommodation – plus there is the bonus of having a guaranteed job when the apprenticeship is finished. To find out more about the recruitment process, basic training, starting salaries, etc. visit [Technical Trades in the Defence Force](#)

**Careers in Retail**

Students often ask about the range of careers in retail, which is one of the largest industries in Australia! What qualifications does one need to have? What opportunities are there? [Retailworld Resourcing](#) has an excellent website – [Retailworld Resourcing](#) – and features useful information about the range positions out there.

**What's the Right Health Job for You?**

*Are you considering a career in the health industry but are undecided about the range of careers you may be suited to?* [Health Heroes](#) and browse the various videos and numerous jobs in the health industry from *acupuncturist* to *youth worker* and many in-between!

**Careers that started in Science**

The scientists profiled at the University of Queensland link below used their qualifications to get them into rewarding and diverse roles throughout the world. In their day-to-day work many contribute towards solving global challenges such as *climate change, curing illnesses, exploring space frontiers, developing new, life-saving drugs and protecting the environment*. Bu browsing the various profiles, students will learn about their career path, salary range, qualifications and experiences of these scientists. Visit [Science Career Profiles](#)

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**Life Sciences Computation**

Computational biology is a new field that brings together mathematics, science and computation to solve some of the world’s big problems, such as cancer. In other words, biology, technology, mathematics and information & computing sciences are brought together and the new field of Computational Biology is formed. Life Scientists who specialise in Computational Biology study biological, behavioural, and social systems. This field is for students who have strengths and interests in biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, technology and computation. Students keen on a career in this new field are encouraged to study a Bachelor of Science, focusing on mathematics and biology, and then continuing to postgraduate studies. Browse the following website to find out more - Career in Life Sciences Computation.

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**Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS)**

Could you be an intelligence officer? Working for the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) is most certainly a career with a difference – ‘extraordinary work for extraordinary people’.

ASIS functions include -

- collecting foreign intelligence, not available by other means, which may impact on Australia’s interests;
- distributing that intelligence to the Government, including key policy departments and agencies;
- undertaking counter-intelligence activities which protect Australia’s interests and initiatives; and,
- engaging other intelligence and security services overseas in Australia’s national interests

To succeed as an Intelligence Officer, applicants will need to demonstrate:

- superior interpersonal and liaison skills in order to build strong relationships with people;
- personal presence and impact, with a proven ability to interact effectively with people from diverse cultures and backgrounds;
- excellent written communication skills;
- high levels of maturity and self-management skills, with excellent judgment and the ability to assess risks;
- resilience and self-motivation, with a determination to achieve results in difficult and high-pressure environments; and
- the highest levels of personal integrity and professionalism

Candidates also require one, or a combination of, the following to be eligible to apply for the Intelligence Officer role:

- Australian citizenship
- a current drivers licence
- a minimum three-year university degree

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• currently undertaking tertiary studies and due to complete these studies within the next 12 months
• significant relevant work experience with/without tertiary or equivalent studies and/or
• overseas, in-country experience

For more information, visit Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS).

Automotive Modern Apprenticeship Program
Applications are now open to those students considering a career in the motor industry and seeking an apprenticeship. Successful candidates will be offered full time employment at a dealer close to their home, and will also receive block training. Dealers involved in this program include Audi, Volkswagen, Jaguar, Land Rover, Mazda, Volvo, Subaru and Renault. For more information on the dealers participating in this program and to access the application form, visit Vantage Automotive Apprenticeship Program.

Careers in Water
The Australian water sector is looking for the next generation of water scientists to take on the important role of managing and securing Australia’s water supply in the future! By clicking on the following link - Careers in Water - students will note that there are a wide variety of roles in the Australian Water Industry from science, engineering, policy making, trades, etc. To find out more, visit H2Oz.

Looking for Work?
Students considering looking for part time or casual work over the Christmas and New Year break, might like to browse the following links:

Woolworths & Big W
Coles
Kmart
Target

Students are reminded to not limit themselves to the above links, but to also think about places near to their homes – think about things that are close by, the shops they go to, the places they eat, etc. Remember, there are so many different ways to keep busy during school holidays, and activities do not have to always be paid work. For example, volunteering for local charities is a great way to contribute to the community.

Australian Jobs
In 2016, the Australian labour market is markedly different from that experienced by workers in past decades. The Australian Jobs publication presents an overview of the current labour market and highlights the major changes which have occurred, including for industries and occupations. The report is based on...
largely on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) figures but also uses data from other Government and related agencies. More detailed information is available and Australian Jobs includes links to help you explore the labour market further.
Browse Australian Jobs to find out more!

**Australian Council for Educational Research**

**UMAT2017**

Students commencing Year 12 in 2017, and planning to apply for any of the following university courses - [Courses requiring the UMAT](#) - are reminded that part of selection into these courses requires that students sit the UMAT – Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test. Applications open early in December 2016.

For more information, and/or to apply visit [UMAT2017](#) or call (03) 8508 7643.

**Useful Tips for Successful Interviews**

Many candidates lose the job in the first minute of the interview by not thinking carefully about their initial impact. John Lees shares his expert interview tips.

1      **Don’t waste the opening moments**

Many candidates lose the job in the first minute of the interview by not thinking carefully about their initial impact. Interviewers make a quick initial decision about your personality from the moment you arrive, based on how you look and sound. Dress as if you already work there and you’ve just been promoted. Make those initial seconds relaxed and upbeat as you can, even if you’re just talking about your journey.

2     **Don’t over-deliver**

Most candidates say too much. Interviewers are not that interested, and will usually accept a short, positive answer and move on. Practise compressing your evidence into good short stories no more than 3 minutes long setting out what problem you were handling, what you did, how you did it, and what the result was.

3     **Don’t act like a stranger**

Leave your coat, umbrella and bag in reception. Just take in a slim folder into the interview room containing the documents you need, and you will look like an employee rather than a visitor.

4      **Don’t try to wing difficult questions**

Don’t duck predictable questions about your know-how and skill level – think carefully about good examples. Equally predictable questions cover things like strengths (talk about qualities that match the job) and weaknesses (talk about skills you are improving, and make it clear that you’re a fast learner).
**Work Experience Opportunities in 2017**

Students considering applying for a Work Experience placement in a hospital next year might like to explore the following options:

1. **Royal Women’s Hospital**
   
   Year 10 Secondary School Work Experience places will only be available to students who can participate in the program on the available dates offered by the Women’s Hospital. Students participating in the program are given the opportunity to spend one week working within available departments to observe and participate in the daily activities of those departments. The Women’s strongly promotes involvement in the program and encourages students from all areas of Victoria to apply. Areas of the hospital offering general work experience placements may include: Nursing, Midwifery, Pathology, IT and Administration/Clerical.

   Students are encouraged to check the following website regularly for updates! For more information call (03) 8345 2080, or access the careers website at [The Women’s Work Experience](#).

2. **St Vincent’s Hospital**

   St Vincent’s Work Experience placements provide secondary school students in Years 10 and 11 with the opportunity to explore possible career options within the healthcare industry. The program offered is geared towards students who are interested in Nursing and Midwifery careers.

   Students are encouraged to make a note to check regularly for updates and/or to apply at [St Vincent’s Work Experience](#).

**YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE**

As part of the 2017 Year 10 Curriculum, you will participate in the Year 10 Work Experience program - “Exploring the world of work”. All Year 10 students will have the opportunity to explore ONE week of Work Experience placement during term two.

The week for Work Experience in 2017 is Monday 8th May – Friday 12th May.

In the meantime I urge all students to actively obtain a place by going out to meet employers, talking to family friends etc. It will be your son’s responsibility to secure his Work Experience placement and return the form by March 17th 2017. Any queries please phone me in the Careers Office.

I am sure your son will find Work Experience a most enjoyable and rewarding experience. Please ensure he starts now to secure a place as leaving it to the last minute will result in disappointment, as places will be taken.