

# CAREERS DEPARTMENT

## VCE RESULTS AND OFFERS SERVICE

### Dear Year 12 families,

This document is for students planning on pursuing TAFE or university study in the future and who will be receiving an ATAR and/or VCE results. The Careers Department has a long tradition of offering individualised support services to our students and their families and offers some of the most comprehensive post VCE results and university offers support service programs in Australia.

Working in conjunction with key staff in the College such as Wellbeing, Learning Support, Learning Mentors, Learning Community Leaders, the Senior Studies Coordinator, VET and VCAL Leaders, Deputy Principals and Learning and Teaching Leaders, the Careers Department strives to ensure that each student transitions smoothly from the College into further education, employment, and training.

We also enjoy close working relationships with TAFE and university institutes, apprenticeship and group training centres, local industry, and small business. This ensures our students are given timely access to current labour market information, new employment and training programs, changes to university programs, work experience and employment opportunities.

The Department contacts our Year 12 graduates twice in the year after they graduate and over 200 past students access careers services each year.

We are a College that cares about our graduates and our graduates often speak fondly about their time at Catholic College.

December 2017 - February 2018 will be very busy months for those who have applied for university and TAFE courses. I encourage all families to utilise the services on offer during this time period and we wish you success in your future endeavours.

Remember - careers are no longer 'chosen', and change is constant. You are on a lifelong career journey which may encompass study, training, volunteering, travel, and changing occupations. The next step in your pathway after school is just that - a step. Your career development will grow as your interests, passions, knowledge of the world, strengths, skills, and values do.

**Sandie McKoy, Career Education and Development Leader**

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# ATAR AND RESULTS RELEASE

## ACCESSING YOUR RESULTS

VCE results will be released on Friday 15 December at 7am. Please click on the following link to find out how to access your results, <http://bit.ly/1GXrEWX>

## PRE ATAR RELEASE SUPPORT

If you are unsure about the courses you have applied for, or your post school plans, I encourage you and your family to make a time to see me before Thursday 14 December.

As the change of preference period is very busy and appointment times generally run for only 40 minutes, it is essential that you have explored your ideal courses before then. Please contact Mercy Centre Assistant Carmel O'Brien to make an appointment time - [carmel.obrien@ccw.vic.edu.au](mailto:carmel.obrien@ccw.vic.edu.au)

## RESULTS RELEASE SUPPORT

I will be available to answer enquiries from 7am, Friday 15 December. Contact details are as follows:

- E: [smckoy@ccw.vic.edu.au](mailto:smckoy@ccw.vic.edu.au)
- F: [www.facebook.com/CCWCareers](http://www.facebook.com/CCWCareers)
- P: 02 6043 5500

VTAC sends Career Practitioners ATARs the day before so we can be prepared for student counseling. I will be ready to assist all students with their pathways so please don't hesitate to make contact from the 15th onwards.

## CHANGE OF PREFERENCE SUPPORT

Friday 15 – Wednesday 20 December is commonly referred to as the 'Change of Preference' period. During these dates you will be able to change your Victorian university preferences. You can also change preferences for other states. For information on Change of Preference, key contacts and a list of information sessions, go to <http://bit.ly/2ALo0OZ>

I will be available during this period to meet with students and families to:

- Finalise your preference list/s
- Assist you to add in back up and pathway courses if needed
- Assess alternative options.

## RESULTS RELEASE LUNCH - ALL WELCOME

A pizza lunch will be provided on Friday 15 December between 12.30 - 1.30pm (venue TBC). All Year 12 students and their families are welcome to attend. The lunch is a great opportunity to catch up with your teachers and Learning Mentor, and also to see each other post graduation.

The following are snippets of feedback from some of our 2015 grads about their satisfaction with the Careers Department

“used all forms of communication which was effective in reaching lots of people”

“I found face-to-face meeting the most effective medium of communication. However, Facebook and email was also very effective”

“always going above and beyond what they are expected to do to ensure everyone is happy”

“constant stream of fantastic and relevant information”

“has always gone over and above with every student that seeks their help, even those ones who don't”

“was always engaged in conversation and I felt they genuinely cared. Always had great knowledge regarding any possible career path I confronted them with and I always walked out of a meeting feeling more confident about my future (which at times I was quite concerned about)”

“has helped, and continues to help countless students with their future, but also with the present”

“really understood me and the process to achieve my goal. I couldn't have done it without them”

“exceptional service- approachable, helpful and wonderful to talk to”

“always walked out of a meeting with better understanding and wider knowledge on pathways for me”

“couldn't have asked for a more informed, patient, organised and accommodating careers advisor”

“knowing that their knowledge and genuine interest in you as a person only makes their service invaluable”

# UNIVERSITY OFFERS RELEASE

## ACCESSING YOUR RESULTS

I will be available to assist with all offer rounds for all states via Facebook and email during the holidays. I will be returning to the College on Wednesday 17 January and will be available to meet to assist you with:

- Accepting/deferring your offer
- Enrollment
- Alternative pathways

Please encourage your parents/guardians to attend appointments with you- they are always welcome.

## VTAC OFFER ROUNDS

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) processes applications for Victorian university and TAFE institutes. There are three key offer rounds.

- 1. Tuesday 16 January (main round):** You must have your preference list finalised by Wednesday 20 December 12 noon. If you received an offer, you can accept it and you will still be eligible for offers in the second round. You can change your preferences after this round.
- 2. Round 2:** Friday 2 February
- 3. Other rounds:** Late February

## UAC OFFER ROUNDS

University Admissions Centre (UAC): processes applications for universities in NSW and Canberra. There are two key offer dates.

- 1. Thursday 16 November:** This is only for students who have received an unconditional offer from University of Wollongong or Charles Sturt University. You can accept the offer, move the preference to the bottom of your list and potentially receive a second offer in the main round.
- 2. Thursday 21 December:** This is the main round for all other applicants. You must have your preference list finalised by Sunday 17 December. All institutions make offers during this round.

Further offers may be made in subsequent rounds

The following are snippets of feedback from some of our grads about their satisfaction with the Careers Department

“despite having to look after the whole year level's needs, they still treated our meetings with the highest level of engagement and attention”

“taught me about various different career prospects, and what needed to be done to achieve them - feeling valued by them made the process of year 12 not so daunting - support - a clearer vision of the future”

“Introducing new ideas in regards to options for tertiary studies. If it hadn't of come from them, I would most likely be studying in Melbourne and not Canberra.”

“they go above and beyond to help you with your career choice, whether that's Uni, a trade or having a gap year and doing an exchange program. I would definitely encourage any current students to make the most of the services they provide as they are second to none and will help ease the stresses of Uni”

“overall I am very pleased with the careers support I got in high school as well as the continual ongoing support I have received”

“thanks for still keeping in contact after graduating”

“the post school assistance has also been fantastic, even just checking in with the past students.”

“they will always be someone I go to for career and life advice regardless”

“when I was unable to accept my offers on my own due to being overseas I was able to converse back and forth with them and have them help me with the entire process”