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# Opportunities & Pathways

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# Welcome



Welcome back to Northside Christian College for the 2020 academic year. We look forward to supporting the Senior School students at the College through the provision of a wide range of resources and support structures throughout the year. The Opportunities and Pathways newsletter is a valuable resource to assist students with pathway planning.

A wide range of external opportunities and resources to support our Senior School students at Northside Christian College will be published in this newsletter throughout the year, including information on career events, open days, expos, scholarships, university lectures and career planning. Students with more specific questions about

careers and work studies are requested to speak with Mrs Lenna Waters, who is the Director of Learning - Senior School and the Careers and Work Studies Coordinator for the College.

We look forward to working with our College Community to support our Year 10 - 12 students throughout their Senior years.

Working together,

Mr Michael Bond  
Deputy Principal / Head of Secondary School

# Careers Support



## Careers Support at Northside Christian College

“Empowering informed career decisions in a changing world”

Northside Christian College provides Senior School students with support and information sessions and encourage students to make careful decisions about their future pathways based on their capabilities and learning styles.

Students and their parents are provided with up-to-date information about tertiary study and post school opportunities through a dedicated Schoology page.

For more information about the Careers program at Northside Christian College, please contact Mrs Lenna Waters at [lwaters@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:lwaters@ncc.vic.edu.au).

## Aims of Careers Services at Northside Christian College

The aim of the Careers Service of Northside Christian College is to provide an inclusive and accessible service in which young people are enabled to:

- make informed career and study decisions based on a realistic understanding of personal gifting and contextual life story;
- gain an understanding of the enterprise skills required for the 21st Century world of work;
- connect with current print and community resources (including data and web-based resources) that will facilitate informed decisions about career pathways;
- develop skill sets that will enable resilience and confident future career management in a continuously changing labour market; and
- engage in meaningful and purposeful missions in the world (both global and local) through volunteer and/or career opportunities which integrate the core values of the school: Grace, Community and Service.

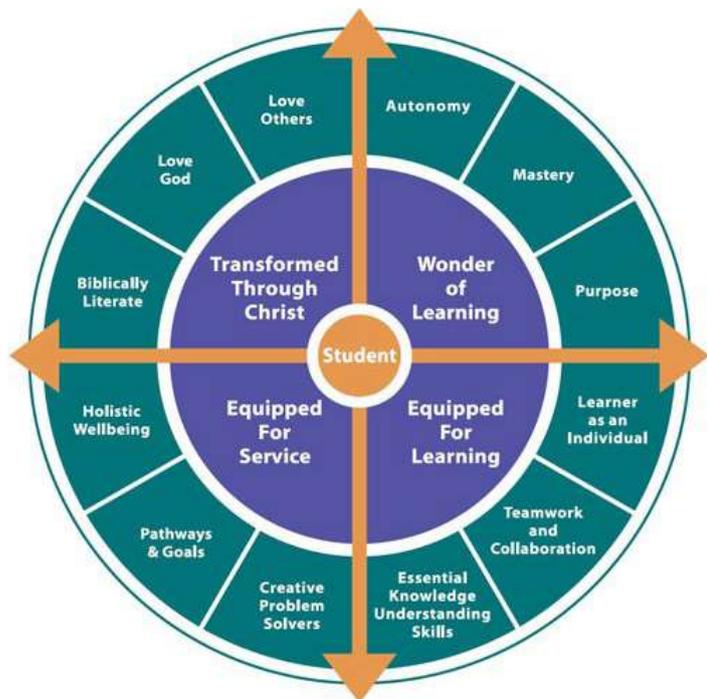
Classroom and small group instruction as well as individualised counselling sessions will assist students to identify personal goals and the resources needed to move forward in career development. Differentiated services will be needed for a number of students; therefore, a collection of resources targeting various groups will be developed or acquired to meet differing client needs. Community involvement will be encouraged through both on and off-site involvement with local universities and TAFE providers, local businesses through work experience opportunities, and involvement in activities provided through the local LLEN support. Parents will be supported through an open door policy for appointments and targeted sessions.

## Strategic Significance of Careers Services at Northside Christian College

A look through the history, the core values, and the objectives of Northside Christian College demonstrates support for the "preparation for meaningful and purposeful engagement in every area of their lives." (NCC website, 2018).

Objectives listed in the Strategic Plan (2018-2021) specifically outline developing learners who have skills such as critical thinking, leadership, ability to serve the community, work interdependently with others to solve problems, and the establishment of productive partnerships in the community. All of these are skills necessary to developing a well-rounded approach to career and pathway decision-making. In addition, Operational Goals 4.6 and 4.7 target developing partnerships with local universities, business and commerce. (NCC Website, 2018)

The Strategic Teaching and Learning Framework (pictured below, NCC 2017) supports direct inclusion of many of the 21st Century skills needed for our current work world. Departments across the school, not only the Careers Service, will be working to integrate these critical skills as personal resources in the lives of students throughout their learning years P-12. (NCC website, 2018)



## Support and Advice



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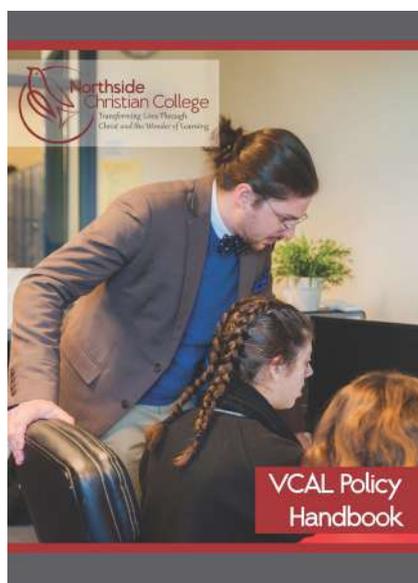
## Senior School Resources



### VCE Student Policy Handbook

The VCE Student Policy Handbook provides helpful advice for Northside Christian College Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) students and parents. It will provide you with invaluable information as you proceed through the VCE. This handbook provides policies related to the VCE; make sure you read them carefully. Keep this document on hand and in a safe place as you will need to refer to it throughout the year. Parents and students are required to read this document and complete the Parent and Student Declaration Form at the commencement of each academic year. These policies outline the requirements that students must adhere to in order for the VCE to be awarded. Further clarification and explanation is available on the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) website or by appointment with the VCE Learning Coordinator.

[www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/NO-4-VCE-Student-Policy-2020-online.pdf](http://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/NO-4-VCE-Student-Policy-2020-online.pdf)



### VCAL Policy Handbook

The VCAL Policy Handbook provides information for VCAL students and their parents. It covers Senior School policies and important information about VCAL studies at Northside Christian College. VCAL students are encouraged to read this document in conjunction with the VCE Policy Handbook and the Subject Selection Handbook. VCAL is administered by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). Further clarification and explanation is available on the VCAA website or by appointment with the VCAL Coordinator.

[www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/NO-59-VCAL-Policy-2020-online.pdf](http://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/NO-59-VCAL-Policy-2020-online.pdf)



### Subject Selection Handbook

The VCE Subject Selection Handbook plays one part in the process of bringing students to a position in which informed decisions can be made about subject selection. Students and parents are urged to take full advantage of the opportunities offered for information and career and subject counselling. It is hoped that by the end of Term 3, students will have selected their subjects for the following academic school year.

[www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/2020-Subject-Selection-Booklet-online.pdf](http://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/2020-Subject-Selection-Booklet-online.pdf)



# Career Planning

## Career Action Plan

This Career Action Plan from the Victorian Government is useful for all Senior School students to help plan their futures, and includes handy checklists of things you should do to be prepared for applying for jobs and tertiary study.

[www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/careers/carframe/Pages/cap.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/careers/carframe/Pages/cap.aspx)

## Course Seeker

Course Seeker is an Australian Government initiative that has been funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (the Department).

This interactive, searchable website displays course information, entry requirements, admission processes and student satisfaction and graduate survey results at the study area and institutional level.

The aim of this website is to help students make informed decisions about their future study by allowing them to access clear, meaningful and transparent information on ATARs/OPs, prerequisites and enrolment policies.

There are currently over 70 institutions listed on this website with many more to be added soon.

Students are encouraged to spend some time browsing and familiarising themselves with the website:

[www.courseseeker.edu.au](http://www.courseseeker.edu.au)



## WIRL Career

WIRL Career is an up-to-date database of interesting and relevant careers information, and has been designed to operate as a partnership between young people, study-seekers, education providers, career advisor, community groups and industry associations.

The creators behind WIRL Career realised that many important career decisions (including course selection and study) are based around personal ideas of what students imagine a job will be like, rather than by first-hand experience. WIRL Career is an online tool that can help school-leavers explore different careers visually.

You can search the website by broad career fields, or specify which segment you are interested in - for example: you can look for all careers in ARTS, or you can be as specific as a Small Animal Vet. Once you have begun your search, you are presented with videos to watch that are relevant to your selection. In these videos, those already working in your field of interest can share their experiences in the industry, as well as providing links to job descriptions, career pathways and study options.

For those who are unsure of their possible career pathways, there is even an online Career Quiz Tool, in which the answers you give to select questions help point you in the direction of the job that may be right for you.

[www.wirl.com.au](http://www.wirl.com.au)



## Myfuture

On the Myfuture website you can build a career profile, discover different occupations, search for courses and much more!

[myfuture.edu.au/](http://myfuture.edu.au/)



## Job Outlook Website

Job Outlook can help you make decisions about study and training, your first job, or the next step in your career.

[joboutlook.gov.au/](http://joboutlook.gov.au/)

## Grow Careers

Grow Careers provide resources for current and former students, parents and staff as people who support the career development of students and as people with their own career development concerns. The career information and resources that can be accessed from this site are targeted to the particular needs of the different users of this website. Select your category from the menu above to access the information and resources relevant to your needs.

[www.growcareers.com.au](http://www.growcareers.com.au)



## Job Jumpstart

Job Jumpstart is a resource from the Australian Government's Department of Employment that can help you find a job, explore your study options, and plan your career.

[jobjumpstart.employment.gov.au/](http://jobjumpstart.employment.gov.au/)



## My Big Tomorrow

Students can investigate a range of career pathways with this interactive website. You may find out about a career you didn't know existed and see what a day in the life of your dream job is like.

[www.mybigtomorrow.com.au/](http://www.mybigtomorrow.com.au/)





# VTAC Updates

## Key VTAC application dates 2020

Key VTAC application dates for 2020 are listed below to assist in planning for the year:

Applications open for courses, SEAS, scholarships	Monday 3 August 2020
Timely course applications close	Wednesday 30 September 2020
SEAS and Scholarships applications close	Friday 9 October 2020
Late course applications close	Friday 6 November 2020
Very late course applications close	Friday 4 December 2020

Other dates are not yet available and will be published once they have been finalised and approved.

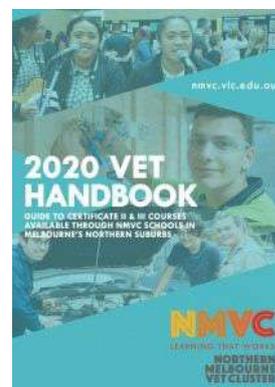
# Northern Melbourne VET Cluster

Northside Christian College is a member of the Northern Melbourne VET Cluster (NMVC). The NMVC is a consortium of secondary schools that have joined forces to improve the provision of VET programs in the Northern Region of Melbourne. The NMVC has 48 member schools from the State, Catholic and Independent education sectors. For more information, please refer to: [nmvc.vic.edu.au](http://nmvc.vic.edu.au)

## Features of VET

- It is an accredited vocational education and training program (usually over two years).
- It enables students to complete a nationally recognised vocational qualification (e.g. Certificate II in Hospitality) and a senior secondary certificate such as VCE and/or VCAL at the same time.
- It allows students to go directly into employment or receive credit towards further study.
- It focuses on students developing industry specific and workplace skills.
- It is a vocationally oriented school program designed to meet the needs of industry.

Source: Northern Melbourne VET Cluster



The 2020 Handbook outlines the Northern Melbourne VET Cluster's extensive selection of VET programs available to students of member schools.

Please refer to: [nmvc.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2020-NMVC-Handbook-FINAL.pdf](http://nmvc.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2020-NMVC-Handbook-FINAL.pdf)



The list of 2020 programs is available by clicking on the following link:

[nmvc.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2020-NMVC-Program-List-FINAL.pdf](http://nmvc.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2020-NMVC-Program-List-FINAL.pdf)



# Helpful Resources

## Tax File Number (TFN)

Any student planning to start work (part-time and full-time) or study in tertiary education will need a tax file number.

Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Supported Place) course at university without a Tax File Number, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early!

Students must 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 [TFN Application](#).



## University Clinical Aptitude Test

The University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) is an admissions test used by the UCAT ANZ Consortium of universities in Australia and New Zealand for their medical, dental, and clinical science degree programs. Universities requiring the UCAT are listed at this link - [Universities requiring the UCAT](#). Students intending to apply for courses requiring the UCAT at any of these universities are reminded that they will need to book a test.



Bookings will open on 2 March 2020 and close 11 May 2020 at 11:59pm AEST. The testing dates will be within the month of July 2020.

Students who are preparing for entry into any of these courses are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the format of the test at UCAT Test Format and the practice tests and preparation material provided at [UCAT Preparation](#)

Find out more at [UCAT](#)

## Flight Centre Travel Academy

Wondering what to do after you finish high school? Do you love to travel? Do you want to work in an industry full of opportunities and lots of travel? If you answered yes, then the Flight Centre Travel Academy is the place for you.

Flight Centre Travel Academy offers two courses with its partner Torrens University. The one-year [Diploma of Travel and Tourism](#) has been designed to provide graduates with a broad base of travel and tourism knowledge and skills suitable for employment.

This diploma offers insight into the diverse tourism industry from knowledge provided firsthand from Australia's largest travel company. The content delivered and systems students train on, are always current and in-line with the ever changing industry - providing graduates the edge when applying for a role. Throughout the course, when opportunities arise, students are invited to work at industry events like travel expos and tourism body showcase nights. This experience gives students the chance to learn about different opportunities in the industry and create industry contacts.

The Diploma is also the first year of the second course offered by Flight Centre Travel Academy with Torrens - [Bachelor of Business \(Tourism Management\)](#).

Find out more at [Flight Centre Travel Academy](#)



### Tuckwell Scholarship

Australian National University (ANU) launched the Tuckwell Scholarship Program in 2013. The Tuckwell Scholarship Program at the ANU is the most transformational undergraduate scholarship program in Australia. A Tuckwell is not just about a student's intellect. It is also about their desire and determination to use their natural abilities to realise their full potential so that they can make a difference in the world. All up one could say, this is no ordinary scholarship!

Tuckwell Scholar students will receive:

- \$21,850 per annum (2019 rate) (increasing with inflation) for each year of their degree, for up to five years, to cover on-campus residential costs, books and general living expenses
- priority access guaranteed to ANU-approved student accommodation
- an annual allowance of up to \$2,000 to assist with their move to Canberra and to support two annual return journeys (e.g. airfares) between their home and the University for each year of their degree. The allowance will be dependent on the proximity of their family home to ANU.
- a domestic economy return airfare, or other transport costs, for their parents to visit at the start of the program, and
- an ANU Fitness Centre membership for the length of their degree.

Scholarships are awarded based on four criteria:

- academic potential and achievements to date;
- other significant achievements to date, of any type;
- demonstration of the [Attributes of a Tuckwell Scholar](#);
- a [desire to eventually give back to Australia](#).

Applying for a Tuckwell Scholarship is a three-stage process which commences with an initial application from yourself and a recommendation from your school teacher. Shortlisted applicants will complete a more detailed application in stage two (including a recommendation from your school Principal) and final candidates will be interviewed during July for stage three.

Key dates for the Tuckwell Scholarship application process for students Year 12 in 2020 are now available.

4 March 2020	Stage 1 Applications open: 12.00pm (AEDT)
25 March 2020	Stage 1 Applications due: 3.00pm (AEDT)
2 April 2020	Character Reference and Academic Reference due: 3.00pm (AEDT)
11 May 2020	Shortlisted applicants notified by email and invited to complete Stage 2 Application
21 May 2020	Stage 2 Applications: 10-minute Video Interview due by 3.00pm (AEST)
21 May 2020	Stage 2 Principal Detailed Reference due: 3.00pm (AEST)
	Candidates notified by email if they have made it to Stage 3
10 - 12 July 2020	Stage 3 Interview Weekend (ANU, Canberra)

For more information about the Tuckwell Scholarship Program visit [Tuckwell Scholarship](#) and [Applying for the Tuckwell Scholarship](#).

# University & Further Study Updates



## Early Leaders Program (ELP) for Year IIs at Swinburne

The Early Leaders Program (ELP) provides secondary students with the opportunity to be recognised for extra-curricular activities, making themselves attractive candidates for future employers. The ELP is open to all students who are undertaking Year II in 2020. Completion of the Early Leaders Program can be a great achievement to include in applications for employment and further study. Undertaking it also provides a range of valuable benefits to students.

Students can:

- Develop life skills
- Grow your confidence
- Increase your employability
- Gain recognition for achievements from a leading university
- Get out of your comfort zone and try something new

In addition to the above benefits, students who successfully complete the Early Leaders Program will be awarded credit towards the [Swinburne Emerging Leaders Program](#), a program for enrolled Swinburne students only.

Applications for the program close on Friday 13 March 2020, and students who are keen on finding out more, or applying, should visit [Early Leaders Program \(ELP\)](#)



## New Course in Partnership with St Kilda Football Club

Holmesglen has partnered with the St. Kilda Football Club to offer a Diploma of Sport Development with Event Management commencing this year. This course provides students with the skills needed to manage and develop sports projects and events, as well as plan and implement high performance training and coaching programs. The program allows students to study and gain hands-on learning at both the Moorabbin campus and the facilities at St Kilda Football Club. The weekly timetable features three days of sessions and classroom-based learning split between Holmesglen's Moorabbin campus and Saints club facilities, PLUS one day of simulated activities.

Through the Diploma of Event Management, students will have the opportunity to attend major events such as the Australian Grand Prix, A League soccer and National Basketball League, visit the Victorian Institute of Sport and gain hands-on experience volunteering at a major event.

There is an Information Session on this program which may be of interest to some.

Date: Thursday 12 March 2020

Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Registrations must be made at [Information Session](#)  
Alternatively, browse [Sport Development with Event Management](#)

holmesglen

### RMIT University - Pathways Tool

The traditional path into university is not the only one. RMIT offers a large range of vocational education courses that lead onto undergraduate study.

Students are encouraged to browse RMIT's new pathways tool to find out more at

[RMIT University - Pathways Tool](#)



### Academic Excellence Scheme

From this year, the University of Sydney has introduced the Academic Excellence Scheme to recognise domestic students who achieve high performance in higher levels of English and mathematics by applying adjustment factors to boost their selection rank for eligible courses.

A student's ATAR will not change, however, their selection rank can increase for particular courses based on these subject-related adjustment factors.

Students considering studying at the University of Sydney in 2021 or beyond, are recommended to find out more at

Academic Excellence Scheme



### VU Information Evenings

Victoria University will be hosting several VU Information Evenings during Term 1 and Term 2 where students can learn more about VU's Block Model, industry connections, pathways and undergraduate courses from a panel of academics and current students. The evenings will run from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.



17 March: Sports and Exercise Science - Footscray Park campus

19 March: Law, Criminology and Legal Services- Queen Street campus

24 March: Business, Tourism, Hospitality and Event Management - Flinders Street campus

19 May: Engineering, Built Environment and IT - Footscray Park campus

21 May: Creative Arts and Humanities - Footscray Park campus

27 May: Youth Work, Criminal Justice and Community Development - Footscray Park campus

28 May: Education and Early Childhood - Footscray Park campus

2 June: Psychology and Social Work - Footscray Park campus

3 June: Sciences: Biomedical, Exercise, Environmental & Biotechnical - Footscray Park campus

Registration is essential and should be made at [VU Information Evenings](#)



## GAP Year Opportunities

### AFX Student Exchange

AFX Student Exchange offers a range of programs including high school or GAP year programs to France. For more information about all the programs offered by AFX please refer to: [www.afxstudentexchange.com/australia/](http://www.afxstudentexchange.com/australia/)



### Au Pair, Volunteer, Exchange Programs

AIFS and its family of companies organises cultural exchange programs throughout the world! Whether students are looking for cultural exchange program, an Au Pair placement, to volunteer or a stint with Camp America, AIFS has a range of opportunities and programs to offer! For more information, please refer to: [www.aifs.com.au/aifs/](http://www.aifs.com.au/aifs/)

### Cultural Care Au Pair

Cultural Care Au Pair is a great way to live abroad for a minimum of 12 months. With this time, you get the amazing chance to study, travel and experience another culture as a family member. By becoming an au pair, you will grow as a person and learn lifelong skills such as; independence, responsibility, communication, and open-mindedness. All skills important for your future! Find out more at [www.culturalcare.com.au](http://www.culturalcare.com.au)



### Gap Medics

Gap Medics offer students interested in healthcare a genuine insight into the hospital work of doctors and nurses in countries in Europe, and the Caribbean. Gap Medics are offering an exciting project for students that are looking to apply for university courses in medicine, nursing, dentistry, community health, or midwifery. Gap Medics is a provider of short-term healthcare work experience placements abroad. Although based in the UK, its programs are open to students from all around the world.

This organisation is dedicated to arranging hospital work experience placements for students who are applying to medical or nursing school in particular.

For more information, please refer to: [www.gapmedics.com/aus/](http://www.gapmedics.com/aus/)



### Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Explore another culture, learn another language, be a family member and an active student in a different country. Experience your world. For more information call 1800 500 501 or visit [www.thissscce.com](http://www.thissscce.com)





### Projects Abroad

For any students keen to learn more about the volunteer and work experience programs offered through Projects Abroad, please refer to:

[www.projects-abroad.com.au](http://www.projects-abroad.com.au)

### Schoolies Unearthed

Antipodeans offers a range of programs, one of which is Schoolies Unearthed - a different way to do schoolies. Newly graduate Year 12 students get to travel overseas with a team of other schoolies, explore new and vibrant parts of the world whilst contributing to a sustainable community project. Accompanied by an Unearthed leader, this is a chance to embrace a totally new culture, discover some incredible food and live like the locals do - all while having the time of your life. Find out more at:

[antipodeans.com.au/schoolies-unearthed](http://antipodeans.com.au/schoolies-unearthed)



### Student Exchange Australia

LOTE students often express an interest in finding out more about short-term exchange programs to countries like Japan, France, Germany, Canada, Spain and many more! To find out more call 1300 135 331 or visit

<https://www.thisisscce.com>



### Volunteer Abroad with WEP

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now offering a range of international programs for people over the age of 18! Programs include volunteer and conservation projects, work and travel and internships, teaching English overseas, international language study and language & volunteer packages.

WEP's GAP programs bring together volunteers from all over the world to help communities in need, and volunteers learn:

- to work through the various challenges of adapting to a new culture
- mature, gain more confidence and develop greater self-awareness
- gain a better understanding of the world and international relations

Find out more by visiting:

[www.volunteerabroad.com.au](http://www.volunteerabroad.com.au) or call 1300 884 733.

### Lattitude Global Volunteering

Lattitude Global Volunteering (formerly Gap Activity Projects) has been offering international volunteering and gap year projects for 17-25-year olds, for over 35 years. A diverse range of projects are on offer in Asia/Pacific, or further afield in Europe, the Americas and Africa.

Please refer to: [www.lattitude.org.au](http://www.lattitude.org.au)

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March 2020

This document includes a wide range of announcements and resources that may be of assistance to Northside Christian College Senior School students and families. Students are encouraged to read the Opportunities and Pathways newsletter regularly and attend relevant events to expand their understanding of course and pathway options.

*Digital copies available at [www.ncc.vic.edu.au](http://www.ncc.vic.edu.au)*

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There are many useful sources to assist students with finding out information about opportunities and pathways for Senior School students. These include:

- General careers websites
- University and TAFE websites
- Pamphlets and booklets available at school and institutions
- University and TAFE Open Days
- Career Expos

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