



WELCOME TO THE TERM 1 CAREERS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Term 1 newsletter as we leave a challenging 2020 behind us and look forward to a successful 2021. Term 1 has rushed by and hopefully all students are settled into their courses, focussed on doing their best and involved themselves in all the opportunities EC has to offer.

If you'd like to have a careers chat with Dave:

- Drop into the Careers Centre in the library
- Visit the Careers and Pathway Counselling page under "For Students" or "For Parents & Community" on the College website. Simply select a date and time on the calendar and entering your name and email (with option to enter mobile). There is also an option to enter any specific information for the appointment, such as wanting help with a resume or help applying for university. This helps Dave prepare information for the appointment. Appointments are scheduled for 30 minutes and availability varies from day to day due to Dave's commitments at our feeder high schools. Students and parents/carers can use the booking appointment function to arrange a time to meet with Dave for help with any career-related matters.



The Careers and Pathway Counselling page also has a range of resources to help students, including:

- Study and exam tips
- Career exploration websites
- Career quizzes to help identify potential careers
- University and TasTAFE guides
- Scholarship information
- Applying for a Tax File Number
- Defence Force and Emergency Services career links
- Post College Destination Survey

We encourage students to complete this survey after Year 12 to map destinations. The responses will help provide critical information on education and training pathways, attainments and destinations of Elizabeth College students. This will be another source that will help to inform us when providing careers advice.

Book an Appointment with Dave


Careers Chat
30 minutes

March 26, 11:00 am

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	9:00 am	9:30 am	10:30 am
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Careers & Pathway Counselling at Elizabeth College



DAVE NEWCOMBE
Careers Counsellor

Dave Newcombe is the Careers Counsellor at Elizabeth College and he is available to provide advice on various career related matters such as university and TasTAFE courses, apprenticeships and traineeships, part-time/casual job applications and resumes, as well as offering general career planning advice. Dave can help explain career pathways, course options, ATAR and Tasmanian Certificate of Education requirements. Career-related activities offered at Elizabeth College include:

- individual and group conversations;
- subject selection counselling;
- Careers Expo;
- visits by Australian Defence Force Recruiting personnel;
- career talks from experts in their chosen fields;
- visits by group and training organisations to assist transitioning to traineeships, apprenticeships and the workforce;
- University of Tasmania workshops;
- Visits by representatives of various mainland universities;

English



ARE YOU CONNECTED & ON TRACK?

Some students have changed courses since the start of the year and perhaps you have been reassessing options beyond college. Now is a good time to explore those options and make sure you have the information you need, or at least know where to find it. It has been great to talk to a number of students already who have sought guidance and reassurance about their career and pathway plans. Maybe you found a subject too hard, changed to a different level and now you are concerned about the implications for further study or employment. Perhaps you're thinking about a vocational pathway and not sure what training is best for you or where to find information. Be sure to ask questions and find out so you can clarify any concerns you may have!

Apart from having a chat with Dave, teachers, family, friends and others in your network, there will be various opportunities during the year to gather information through visits by Universities, TasTAFE, Defence Recruiting and Apprenticeship/Traineeship organisation representatives, guest speakers, work experience opportunities and from our Careers Expo which will be held on 28th July.

Remember that it's ok if you don't have a particularly clear idea of your future options. The end of Year 12 does not have to determine the rest of your life and what you can achieve! It's great to have goals and a plan, but if things don't work out as you'd hoped, there are always alternative pathways. You will very likely have several jobs, potentially across various career areas, so be flexible and keep your options open!

UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS

To gain an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Ranking), students need to attain the Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) and pass a minimum of four, but preferably five, pre-tertiary subjects. At least three of these must be studied, and passed, in Year 12. This would all have been discussed in course counselling.

Students should be aware of pre-requisite and recommended subjects for the degree they're interested in, bearing in mind they can vary across the different states and universities. Remember to research the many available scholarships which can provide financial and accommodation assistance. There will be information provided about mainland universities throughout the year, and students can see Dave for help they need, particularly in relation to course requirements and applications.

UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA RECOMMENDATION PROGRAM

The UTAS Schools Recommendation Program will run again in a similar way this year as it did in 2020 in response to the disruption caused by Covid-19. Year 12 students can submit applications for undergraduate degrees, double degrees and associate degrees from 31st May and receive offers in July. Following mid-year assessments, college teachers will provide recommendations, and these will be considered together with Year 11 results. This means students do not have to rely on a particular ATAR and know they have their place confirmed, subject to completing Year 12 with satisfactory results. University staff will visit the college regularly to help students choose the right course and to assist with their application. See the link below for more information. <https://www.utas.edu.au/undergraduate-study/your-path-to-2022>



UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS

UNIVERSITY CLINICAL APTITUDE TEST

The UCAT is a two-hour computer-based test to assess a range of abilities for students wishing to study medicine or dentistry. Universities/degrees requiring UCAT are listed at: <https://www.ucat.edu.au/ucat-anz/universities/>
Testing dates are between 1st July and 11th August and students need to book a test before 17th May. The UCAT link has more information including explanations about the test format and has practice tests: <https://www.ucat.edu.au/ucat-anz/>

VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS

If you're considering a practical course that will lead to a career in the workforce or a pathway to higher education, then TAFE or an apprenticeship/traineeship might offer what you're looking for.

Qualifications include certificates (from levels I to IV), diplomas and advanced diplomas, which can be completed on their own or in combination with on-the-job training with an employer. This training may be part of an apprenticeship or traineeship. They are available in a range of areas, from trades to business, health, creative arts and hospitality.

AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

For students considering an apprenticeship or traineeship, the Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website is a great place to find relevant information and resources. It has "career interest" and "work type" explorers to help find the occupations and courses to suit your interests: <https://www.aapathways.com.au/>

Look at the TasTAFE website for information about vocational courses: <https://www.tastafe.tas.edu.au/>

CAREER TASTER OPPORTUNITIES

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE GAP YEAR

Are you interested in a career in the ADF but perhaps not sure about making a long-term commitment? The ADF Gap Year might be for you!

You'll be paid while you experience life in the Army, Navy or Air Force and gain valuable skills and work experience as well as the opportunity to see more of Australia. There is a variety of roles to choose from in each service including combat and security, administration, engineering, logistics and engineering. See the Defence jobs website for more information: <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au>

TASMANIA POLICE

Any Year 11 or 12 student with an interest in a career with Tasmania Police is invited to a free information session at the Police Academy, Rokeby on Sunday, 11th April. Choose either the 9am or 1.00pm session and book your place at:

<https://recruitment.police.tas.gov.au/recruitment-process/info-sessions/>

There are also sessions in Launceston, Devonport and Burnie for students who may be in those areas during the holidays.



USEFUL CAREER EXPLORATION RESOURCES

MY BIG TOMORROW

Have a look at the interactive *my big tomorrow* website for information about potential careers, experience a day in the life of someone doing that job and find out how they got there. You can match areas of interest with things that are important to you such as working outdoors or caring for others, and subjects you enjoy. Have a look at the excellent videos of people talking about their occupation and gain some valuable insights: <https://mybigtomorrow.com.au/>

OCCUPATION SKILLS SPIDERWEB

Different occupations require a range of skills and the skills spiderweb is an interesting way to look at 12 skills which are common to many jobs. Select an occupation from the drop-down box and the size of the web towards each skill indicates the level required to perform well in that job: <https://tinyurl.com/skillsspiderweb>

SKILLSROAD

The Skillsroad website is a career resource specifically aimed at young people. It has useful tools such as a career quiz to help identify your skills, and job fit test which shows how those skills stack up against over 300 specific careers.

There is also information about apprenticeships/traineeships, university study and handy tips on applying for jobs: <https://www.skillsroad.com.au/>

