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Dear Year 9-12 Parents/Caregivers,

Studies confirm that 'parents and families have the greatest influence on students' career-related decisions at the senior secondary level. They must be engaged, fully informed and supported in the advice they provide to their children.' (Shergold Review, pg. 17)

In light of this, we are excited to extend an invitation for you to attend the upcoming Cardijn College Careers and Pathways Expo.

A significant community event, the Careers and Pathways Expo is an opportunity for students and families to access the most current information from expert providers to help shape informed decisions for the future.

Whether a student is transitioning to the senior years of education, considering a campus transfer, or preparing to transition into life beyond Cardijn, this event will provide an opportunity to engage with specialists in industry, education and training.

Early next term:

- Students in Years 9-11 will be required to make subject selections which may ultimately shape their future pathway. Starting with the 'end in mind', is often helpful in making wise subject choices as students consider their strengths and interests in addition to pre-requisite subjects. Incorporating a VET course into their study program may also be a consideration. In the graduating class of 2022, over 50% of students graduated with dual certification, their SACE and a VET Certificate. This event provides the only opportunity where all providers of VET Certificates will be present for parents/caregivers and students to discover more about specific programs.
- The class of 2023 will begin the SATAC process, where they will be required to lodge their preferences for further study. Gaining information from tertiary providers will be a crucial element in this process. If work or training is the preferred pathway, then having access to industry representatives, training providers and group training organisations will be crucial in ensuring the 'first steps' beyond Cardijn are considered, well planned and informed. This event will cater for all these options.

NDIS providers will also be in attendance, providing information and guidance regarding the services they provide and how these services can be incorporated into pathway planning for NDIS recipients.

Inspiring the best

This year we have 2 key presentations which you are warmly invited to attend. At 3:00pm, The University of Adelaide will present 'Jobs of the Future' where you can hear about emerging technologies and industries, as well as the skills that will be needed to thrive in an ever-changing workforce. At 4:00pm, specialist post-school service providers will present to interested students and families who can access the NDIS, allowing connections to be made for future pathway supports. Both presentations will occur in the Music Performance Suite, adjacent to the Gym.

We are most excited about this event and the key role it can play in helping students gain a better understanding of what is possible and how it can be achieved.

If required, I have included a list of FAQs on page 3. In addition, should you wish to discuss any aspect of this event further, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College on 8392 9500.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event where students and families can access important information to support informed decision making.

Lastly, please remember that the Marist Centre Café will be operating throughout the Expo and for a gold coin donation you will be treated to a hot beverage of your choice!

Kind Regards

Tina Kavanagh, Wes Parker and Jaqui Moroney

## Frequently Asked Questions Careers and Pathways Expo

- **How does the 'Careers and Pathways Expo' work?**

Students and families are welcome to attend any time between 2:30pm and 5:00pm. Each provider will have their own 'stall' where you will be able to ask any questions and collect any relevant material. You can stay for 5 minutes or the entire time, whatever works best for you.

- **Can I attend both the expo and the presentations in the Music Performance Suite?**

Yes, these presentations are offered as an 'extra' and have been specifically selected to provide additional information for students/families to access to help guide informed decisions.

- **Do I need to register to attend the Expo or the presentations?**

No, you are not required to register your interest, rather, you are invited to attend when convenient between the times of 2:30pm and 5:00pm. If you plan to attend the presentations in the Music Performance Suite, then you are encouraged to make your way from the gym (or directly to the Music Performance Suite) for the start of the presentation.

- **What type of NDIS supports can the visiting services provide?**

The services that will be present at the Careers and Pathways Expo may assist students who are in receipt of NDIS in the following:

- a. Finding and Keeping a Job
- b. Increased Social and Community Participation
- c. Improved daily Living
- d. Co-ordination of supports

- **My child has 'no idea' what they want to do. Is it worth still attending?**

YES! It is OK not to know what you want to do, but it is not OK to do nothing about this! This event has a diverse range of offerings to help refine choices, understand new possibilities, and have access to experts. A goal is to help move students who are 'unsure' above the horizontal line (and a little to the right!) by providing opportunities for exploration to help shape decisions!

