

# What's New, Murdoch 2023



## Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that Murdoch University is situated on the lands of the Whadjuk and Binjareb Noongar People.

We pay our respect to their enduring and dynamic culture and the leadership of Noongar Elders past and present.

The boodjar (Country) on which Murdoch University is located has, for thousands of years, been a place of learning. We at Murdoch University are proud to continue this long tradition





## TISC Hints and Tips

Navigating TISC for the first time can be daunting, here are some hints and tips to make it easier:

- Don't know where to start, read our [step-by-step guide](#) on how to apply through TISC and visit the TISC Website for more [resources](#).
- Take the time to understand how [TISC Preferences](#) work and how to use them to your advantage.
- Prepare your supporting documents for uploading, if required. Confirmation of Year 11 final and Year 12 final results will be provided to TISC automatically, so you will not need to upload them separately, however, if you would like to use your mid-year Year 12 results, you will need to upload these to TISC. Statements of Enrolment for RTO, TAFE and Enabling programs will need to be uploaded to TISC as well as supporting documents for Portfolio Entry.
- Explore all of the [Entry Pathways](#) available to you, not just ATAR.

## Ngala Kwop Bididi Brighter Futures Scholarship Launched

Murdoch University is proud to launch the 'Ngala Kwop Bididi Brighter Futures Scholarship', which will enable every School in WA to nominate one of their graduating Year 12 students for the \$12,000 award. These scholarships will support incoming students who are raising awareness and motivating others to support three crucial pillars of a cohesive community; **Sustainability; Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; and First Nations recognition.**

The Scholarship was officially launched at a function for Secondary School Principals, hosted by the Vice Chancellor Professor Andrew Deeks in the new Boola Katitjin teaching and learning facility on Thursday 15 June.

At the event, Zahra Al Hilaly - a first generation Australian from a Palestinian and Iraqi family, Murdoch Law and Communications graduate, and recent finalist in the youth category of the Western Australian of the Year Awards – reflected on her wonderful experience as a Murdoch University student and the opportunities her studies had afforded her. She spoke about her own journey as a champion for gender equality, youth policy and refugee rights. Zahra added her support to the Scholarship and what it represents.

The scholarships will be available to one Year 12 student from each Secondary School who is making a positive contribution to the world we live in, and who will be commencing their studies the following year. The Scholarship is inclusive of all entry pathways, and applies to all undergraduate courses.

Information on eligibility criteria, the nomination and award process, FAQs, and a link to submit a School nomination, has been sent to all Secondary School Principals. Information for students and their families can be found [here](#).

**Nominations are now open,  
and will close on Fri 15 Sep 2023.**



## Meet Murdoch

### Spotlight on Environment, Conflict and Security.

Exploring the Intersections of Climate Change, Natural Resources and Peace: A Pathway to a Sustainable Future

**Are you considering a career in Foreign Affairs, Defence, Journalism, environmental protection/conservation, or Peacebuilding? Are you passionate about understanding and addressing the causes and impact of climate change? Our major in Environment, Conflict and Security could be the perfect degree for you.**

In an era defined by increasing levels of geopolitical competition and armed conflict, graduates with expertise and understanding of the interlinkages between the environment and security have become increasingly sought after by International organisations like the UN, the Australian government, private companies, conservation agencies, research institutes and media outlets.

To address this need, Murdoch University has launched a new major on Environment, Conflict and Security. This major is unique in Australia as it provides interdisciplinary insights from the environmental sciences and social sciences. Students delve into topics such as environmental politics and law, armed conflict, climate-induced migration, environmental diplomacy, peacebuilding, resource conflicts, and sustainable development.

Our students learn from international experts like Dr Tobias Ide, a leading academic with over ten years' experience in research on climate, the environment, peace and conflict. Tobias, who was recently appointed a climate and security advisor for NATO, is frequently consulted by decision makers in government and industry, foreign ministries, the EU, think tanks and NGOs, including being asked to speak United Nations in March 2023 on environment and peacebuilding.

Find out more about Dr Tobias Ide in the attached Flyer.



## Engagement Opportunities

The Future Students and Outreach Teams provide a number of free services, from university presentations tailored to specific year groups, to one-on-one course counselling sessions in which we provide guidance to students related to course information and pathways into Murdoch University as well as hands on immersive experiences and workshops. We can even organise on-campus visits for groups of students.

Space in our calendars is filling up quickly so we strongly encourage bookings to be submitted as soon as possible to avoid missing out on your preferred dates.

See the attached flyer for details and a full list of our engagement opportunities.

For more information or to make a booking, please contact [engage@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:engage@murdoch.edu.au)

## Year 12 One on One Course Counselling

**Do you have Year 12 students with questions about University, or students who need support with choosing a course of study or entry pathway?**

We can provide one on one course counselling sessions at your school to discuss course information and pathways into Murdoch University. All you need to do is provide a space for us to meet with your students, either an empty classroom or a corner in your library and assist us with allocating your students to a 15 minute appointment time slot. The length of time we spend at your school is dependant on the number of student appointments required, and we tailor this engagement to your schools needs.

Parents are welcome to join the session if they wish, with after school appointments being an option.

For more information or to make a booking, please contact [engage@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:engage@murdoch.edu.au)

## Biokemon Challenge 2023 – On Now!

Aligned with the Year 7-9 Science curriculum, students will be challenged to explore a unique WA ecosystem and the diverse organisms within it. You can work at your own pace during Term 2 and 3. Great prizes will be won by the best performing classes and individuals. To find out more, please email [outreach@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:outreach@murdoch.edu.au)

# Biokémon Challenge

## Year 7-9 Ecology Competition

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**Great prizes  
to be won!**

Places available in Term 2 & 3.

<https://murdochoutreach.survey.fm/biokemon-challenge-2023-registration>



## Year 9 Career Taster Program

**Inspire, educate, and prepare your Year 9 students for their future!**

As we head into the second half of the year, we encourage those who wish to inspire their students to uncover future possibilities, to make a booking for a Murdoch Career Taster.

Through the Career Taster (CT) Program, Student Ambassadors provide a unique opportunity to students by sharing their own journeys and providing a taste of what students may be able to do as a course and career. By focussing on students' passions, desires to enrich their own and others' lives, and by igniting their curiosities, we aspire to show students how one day they may change the world.

This is a free program, with absolutely no cost to your school, with options for you to come onto campus or we come out to your school, for either a full or half-day. We have limited bookings available for the remainder of the year, so if this is something that you are interested in for your students, please get in touch asap!

For all details, including structure of the program, please see attached flyer. For more information or to make a booking, please contact Becca - [becca.scollay@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:becca.scollay@murdoch.edu.au).

Places are strictly limited and will fill up fast. Secure your preferred date now.



# Upcoming Events – Term 3

**July 25<sup>th</sup>**

## **Regional & Remote Student Online Q & A Session**

Attend our Online Regional & Remote Student Q & A Session and find out everything you need to know about making the transition to uni and studying as an undergraduate at Murdoch.

You'll have the opportunity to explore the wide range of courses we offer, and hear the real experiences and support from our staff and students.

You'll also have the opportunity to ask our staff and student advisers any questions you might have about studying, student experience, accommodation, support and much more.

Register for the event [HERE](#)

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**

## **Murdoch University Open Nights**

Join us as Murdoch University opens its doors welcoming you and your family to discover, explore and immerse yourselves in our amazing courses. Split over four nights, prospective students can experience how a degree from Murdoch University will equip them with the skills and knowledge needed to solve complex problems, think critically, and adapt to new technologies. Murdoch's degrees are designed by specialist academics and industry partners to ensure that our students are prepared for emerging industry and global trends.

Experience our new building, Boola Katitjin, as you visit exciting expo stalls from each of our course areas and engage with speakers throughout the evening by attending our TEDx style 10 minute information sessions.

With over 280 courses, there is a degree for everyone at Murdoch University.

Find out more, register and reserve your place by clicking on your desired night below:

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>** [Nursing](#)

**August 24<sup>th</sup>** [Sciences, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics](#)

**August 29<sup>th</sup>** [Business, Law, Humanities, Art & Social Sciences, Education](#)

**August 30<sup>th</sup>** [Health & Education](#)

## **Enabling Program Information Evenings**

**August 8th**

[FlexiTrack High Information Evening](#)

Join us for an information evening for prospective and current partner schools, teachers, parents and Year 11 students interested in learning more about the FlexiTrack High enabling program.

FlexiTrack High is an in-school enabling program for year 12 students who aspire to go to University but who may not be guaranteed an ATAR selection rank.

**August 21st & 23rd**

[TLC Learning for Tomorrow – Rockingham Campus](#)

[TLC Learning for Tomorrow – Mandurah Campus](#)

Join us for an information evening for prospective and current schools, teachers, parents and Year 11 students interested in learning more about the TLC Learning for Tomorrow enabling program.

TLC Learning for Tomorrow is an after school enabling program held on the Mandurah and Rockingham Murdoch Campuses, designed for Year 12 students who aspire to go to University but who are not guaranteed an ATAR Selection Rank.

Keep an eye on our Events Page [Murdoch.edu.au/events](https://Murdoch.edu.au/events) for more.