

IN FOCUS CAREERS

April 2019

Hi All

The [deregulation of VETis Consulting](#) after the start of the 2019 academic year caused bedlam across many West Australian schools. Between 12,000 and 13,000 VET in Schools students were impacted and VET coordinators across 130 schools are desperately trying to put things right.

I first heard news about VETis Consulting at the Notre Dame CDAA Networking Day on 12th February. By the Future of Youth Employment Conference on the 20th, those who had already been impacted were sharing survival strategies with those who had just got the news.

A senior person from South Metropolitan TAFE was more than helpful, telling people to contact their local TAFE and register their issues. There was no crisis management plan in place at that stage, but she assured people that TAFE WOULD do whatever it could to help.

[Shenton College has been quoted](#) as telling parents:

If any Year 12 Shenton College student, as a result of this deregistration, is at risk of not achieving the WACE, the school will apply for special consideration to the School Curriculum and Standards Authority, who will grant WACE if all other conditions are met.

SCASA has not released a statement on this. Special consideration will need to be given by them on a case by case basis.

If you have any survival strategies to share with other VET Coordinators, please let me know so that I can publish them.



Make Your School the Hub of Your Village

Blog Posts

In Focus Careers Blog Posts
for March:

- [Creating your village to raise your students](#)
- [Getting together with Employers – the Prenup](#)
- [Getting into medicine – UMAT to UCAT](#)



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Career News

2019 Careers Expo



The 2019 Careers Expo is on at the Convention Centre from 16 – 19 May.

There are so many exhibits at the Expo that it is easy to miss something. You can check out the exhibitors [HERE](#) (in pink near the bottom of the screen) and

decide which ones are a MUST SEE. for you.

Tips on how to make the most of your visit can be found [HERE](#).

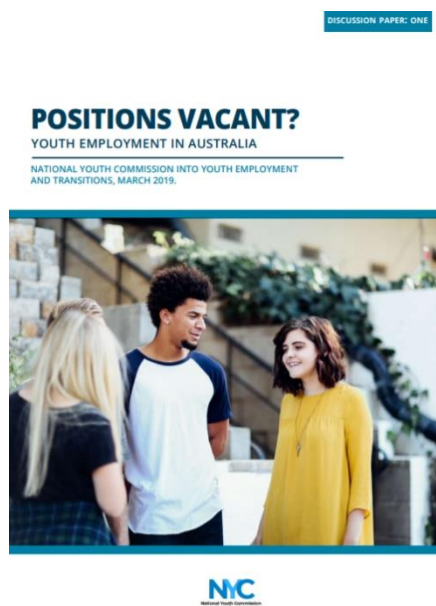
National Youth Commission Consultations First Report

The National Youth Commission is gathering evidence from young people and organisations that will inform policy decisions for the future. They will be coming to Western Australia to gather views from young people themselves and from those concerned with the future that young people face.

There are still no dates fixed for WA consultations but they have released their first Discussion Paper on [Youth Employment in Australia](#).

Young people are exhorted to get an education and be prepared to work hard to gain a secure job and lead a comfortable life. This paper shows that this connection is breaking down, with income and job prospects for younger people increasingly under threat in a rapidly changing economy and labour market.

You can sign up to the National Youth Commission newsletter [HERE](#).



Uni News

Big Uni? Small Uni? Understanding WA Student Cohort

Big uni, smaller uni? High school students or mature aged people? These figures give a snapshot of the profiles of WA's key universities.

Semester 1 2018 Cohort					
	Notre Dame	UWA ¹	ECU	Murdoch	Curtin
Total number of undergraduate students 2018	10,960	25,837	26,441	24,138	48,263
Total number of first year students	1,846	4,327	4,572	2,982	11,114
Direct from higher education background including bridging and enabling	474 (26%)	721 (17%)	2125 (46.48%)	1240 (42%)	3932 (35%)
ATAR result entry	173 (9.4%)	2,610 (60%)	1,059 (23%)	917 (31%)	4,245 (38%)
Proportion of undergraduates who come from VET	99 (5%)	42 (1%)	490 (11%)	267 (9%)	491 (4%)
Total international students	2 (0.1%)	691 (16.0%)	501 (11%)	346 (12%)	1762 (16%)

¹ UWA Data is from Semester 1 2017. 2018 course entry data is available [HERE](#).

Getting into Medicine Churchlands SHS Regional Presentation

The Churchlands SHS Career Advisor, Clare Slodeki, invited schools from the region to a Getting Into Medicine expo where presenters from UWA, Curtin and Notre Dame presented information about their courses and where information about the new UCAT external admissions test was delivered.

There were a couple of hundred students and parents at the event. One of the best tips from the evening was to follow UCAT on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to keep up with the latest news. You can find videos, which include tips from high scoring students, on [YouTube](#) and [Vimeo](#). If you would like a copy of a PDF of the UCAT presentation, Clare has sent it through for me to share. Email me at Bev.J@infocus-careers.com.au for a copy. Thanks Clare.

Medicine Information Sessions

The medicine information sessions at Notre Dame and Curtin are always very well attended so it is wise to arrive early to get a good seat.

- 24 March Notre Dame [Medicine Information Session](#)
- 27 March Curtin [Medicine Information Session](#)
- UWA is not having a special health industry information event this year.
People wanting to know about medicine at UWA may contact the Medical Admissions Centre for more information on (08) 6488 4646.

Training News

What's a Pre-Apprenticeship and where can I find one?













A pre-apprenticeship is entry level training that can provide a pathway into the industry of your choice. Generally, they are offered in the traditional trades industries, such as carpentry, electrical, plumbing and automotive.

The term pre-vocational or pre-traineeship may also be used when talking about entry level training in non-traditional trade industries, such as hospitality, animal care and management.

Pre-apprenticeships can assist in improving literacy and numeracy skills as well as focusing on developing some essential work-related skills. These skills can help you be better prepared for work and be a stand-out job candidate.

You can find out more about pre apprenticeships and search for courses near you [HERE](#).

Differences between apprenticeships and traineeships

Apprenticeships are mostly traditional trades	Traineeships were developed to reduce youth unemployment
 Typically 4 year 'contract of training'	 Typically 1 year or less 'contract of training'
Examples of apprenticeships	Examples of traineeships
 Commercial cookery	 Retail
 Carpentry	 Hospitality
 Hairdressing	 Administration
 Plumbing	 Childcare
 Electrical	 Aged care

Source: [Finding the Truth in the Apprenticeship Debate](#)

Your ride to fame and fortune!! WA Training Awards 2019.



Getting a WA Training Award is a recognition of excellence and can lead to doors opening, particularly for those who win the individual awards.

They are now open for 2019. You can learn more about them [HERE](#)

Get Value from Your Training Dollar

APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

The Department of Training and Workforce Development subsidise ALL apprenticeships and traineeships. You can find a list of apprenticeships and traineeships [HERE](#).

PRIORITY COURSES

The Department also subsidises courses where there is a skills shortage. The [Skills Priority Occupation List](#) shows which courses are being subsidised.

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

The Department funds programs for those who are not catered for in other systems:

- Foundation Skills – developing language, literacy, numeracy and employability skills.
- Equity Courses – for disadvantaged job seekers
- Existing Worker Traineeships

Go to your local [Jobs and Skills Centre](#) to find a subsidised program that meets your needs.

Women in Trades

Mining companies and large government organisations in Western Australia are leading the way in recruiting women into these fields and frequently have affirmative action plans in place.

Many of the best paid jobs are in trades. School girls are unlikely to look at these well-paid jobs, even when they have female family members who are electricians, painters, mechanics and plumbers.

- You can read about women in non-traditional occupations at [Tradeswomenaustralia](https://www.tradeswomenaustralia.com.au/).
- To address concerns that the work environment will not welcome women, the Human Rights Commission has developed a [Women in Male Dominated Industries](#) toolkit.

Megan Feaver

[Megan Feaver](#) is a West Australian electrician with Western Powers who won the 2018 national award for Apprentice of the Year. She is working with Women in Male Dominated Industries to attract more women into these well-paid jobs.



ABC Podcast -School Based Traineeships

Heywire is a young person's story telling competition run by the ABC. Ebony Williams from Pemberton recently won the competition with her story about looking after endangered species while doing a school-based traineeship with the Department of Parks and Wildlife.

You can find her story [HERE](#).

Defence News

2 April Defence Information Evening

There are many opportunities to make the most of your potential with a career in the Australian Defence Force.

Discover how your future in the Navy, Army or Air Force could look by coming along to the next info session at Defence Force Recruiting, Level 7, 66 St George's Terrace, Perth on Tuesday, April 2nd 6:30pm.

Please note that doors close at 6:30pm so please allow sufficient time for arrival.

Register [HERE](#).

GERALDTON

Defence Force Recruiting will also be holding an Information Session at the Army Reserve Centre in Geraldton at 6.30. Register [HERE](#)

10 April Women in the Army, Navy and Airforce

Enjoy a career in the Australian Defence Force that supports the life choices you make.

Head to Defence Force Recruiting, Level 7, 66 St George's Terrace, Perth on Wednesday April 10th 6:30pm to see if a career in the Australian Defence Force has the work/life balance for you.

Please note that doors close at 6:30pm so please allow sufficient time for arrival.

Book your place [HERE](#).

11 April Sub Mariner Career Information Session

Want to work with advanced technology in an environment like no other? Life as a Submariner in the Navy could be for you.

Come along to Defence Force Recruiting, Level 7, 66 St George's Terrace, Perth for an info session on Thursday April 11th 6:30pm and get your questions answered.

Book your place [HERE](#)

Joining the ADF



The Australian Defence Force has collated all of the information they think people might want to know about joining the army, navy or air force on the [ADF Recruitment Page](#).

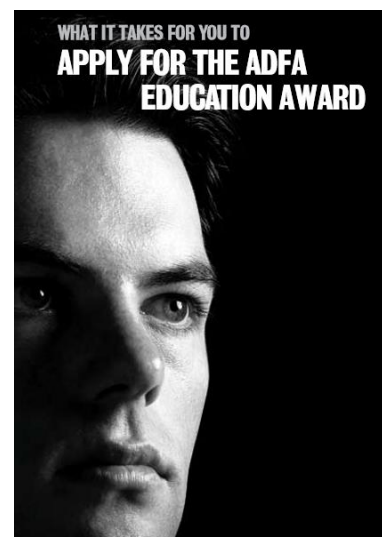
You can see if you have got what they are looking for and learn about the recruitment process by going [HERE](#).

ADF Gap Year

School leavers can get 12 months paid gap year experience in the ADF. You will get full job training that will be valuable for future careers in the ADF or for work outside the ADF. You can find more information [HERE](#).

ADFA Education Award Applications

Australian Defence Force Academy Education Award is presented annually to Year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential, and academic and sporting achievements exhibited during Year 11. The award comprises of a laptop computer and certificate for you, along with a plaque of recognition for your school. It is presented to you on behalf of the Navy, Army or Air Force if you're one of the 120 most suitable applicants who have applied for entry to the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA). For information go [HERE](#).



Year 12 News

EVENTS

10 April ECU Psychology, Counselling, Criminology, Social Work, Social Science and Youth Work,

Get detailed information from ECU career advisors, lecturers and students and this ECU Arts and Humanities course information evening. Register [HERE](#).

10 April Murdoch Health Open Night

Whether you're passionate about caring for others or curious about how the human body works, a Health degree from Murdoch will help you discover how people think, function and move. Learn about our Sport Science course, ranked amongst the best in the world, and experience our specialist Nursing and Chiro facilities. Register [HERE](#).

16 April ECU Mt Lawley Campus Tour

Join your tour guide and check out the facilities on-campus and in some of our schools. The WAAPA facilities alone are worth exploring. Register [HERE](#).

23 April ECU Campus Tour Joondalup

Join your tour guide and check out the facilities on-campus and in some of our schools.

Joondalup Campus Tuesday, 23 April

11.00am - 12.00pm

Register [HERE](#).

1 May Pizza Night for Year 11s and 12s

Students and parents can unravel the mysteries of university entry, regardless of ATAR.

People with or without an ATAR at the end of Year 12 are invited to attend. Please register to attend below and we'll remind you as the event gets closer

Joondalup Campus 6.00pm - 7.30pm Register [HERE](#).

High Achieving Students

It seems like every second top student is competing for a place to become a medical doctor.

The Medicine Information Sessions are packed out events.

There are alternative careers for high performing students that will challenge your intelligence, creativity and problem-solving abilities as they deliver rich and exciting careers.

Some of the fabulous courses for high performing students in WA are:

UWA BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY (HONOURS)



The [Bachelor of Philosophy \(Honours\)](#) is an inspiring, holistic four-year degree comprising a three-year bachelor's (chosen from UWA's Arts, Biomedical

Science, Commerce or Science degrees) and a fourth year of honours.

The innovative curriculum provides an individually designed academic program, focusing on your chosen area of specialisation, coupled with unparalleled access to UWA's leading researchers and research facilities, international exchange programs, professional skills development workshops and a network of talented peers and alumni. Bachelor of Philosophy (Hons) students can study any undergraduate major on offer at the University, as long as they have met prerequisite requirement for the major.

CURTIN BACHELOR OF ADVANCED SCIENCE (HONOURS)

The [Bachelor of Advanced Science](#) is designed for talented science students who seek a course which offers them the opportunity to develop their research and/or entrepreneurial skills from the first year of their course.

It is unique in Western Australia in its combination of discipline focus with the capacity to specialise within that discipline or pursue other interests, and research and work experience within the course.

You will develop a distinctive set of skills and experience that lay the foundation for a career as a scientist able to work across a range of 'science' jobs: from pure research to translational and entrepreneurial science. It offers you the flexibility to tailor research and industry experience in a way that works for you, and gives you access to advanced level courses leading to an Honours degree.

MURDOCH VETERINARY SCIENCE

For those who already know that they want to do [Veterinary Science](#) and have an ATAR of about 98, Murdoch University is the place to go.

NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame has an [early entry program](#) to attract outstanding students with ATARS over 90 (or 93+ for Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Physiotherapy). Students are encouraged to apply for positions at Notre Dame in July. Notre Dame has a holistic approach to education which does not just rely on academic performance, so potential applicants should check the program requirements [HERE](#).

2019 Information Handbook Published.

The Year 12 Information Handbook is out. It has information like important dates, WACE requirements and exam information., SCSA provides the information to help Year 12s to understand the education system they are part of.

You can get a copy [HERE](#).



Year 11 News

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) 2020 Applications Open

The National Youth Science Forum is a meeting place for our future top scientists.

In January 2019, seventy students from Western Australia attended the National Youth Science Forum.

The aim is to inspire young Australians to value science and past participants report that the experience is transformative.

Students currently studying in Year 11 have until 31st May 2019 to apply for the 2020 Year 12 program.

For more information go [HERE](#). You can see a video of the Forum [HERE](#).

15 May Drone vs Dog Trials at Muresk



In 2018 there were nine schools that competed in the Dog vs Drone Trials at Muresk.

The Trials are back for 2019 with the event taking place on 15 May 2019.

Go [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Schools can book in tours of Muresk at any time. Go [HERE](#) to make enquiries. (TIP: Spring is lovely at Muresk when the lambs are being born!)

Year 9 – 10 News

31 March Maths Association Expo

The Maths Association is running a free event for students and families that aims to encourage love for maths.



There will be lots of stalls and exhibitors with interactive events designed to engage students as they learn to play with maths.

Time: 9am – 4pm

Crown Convention Centre

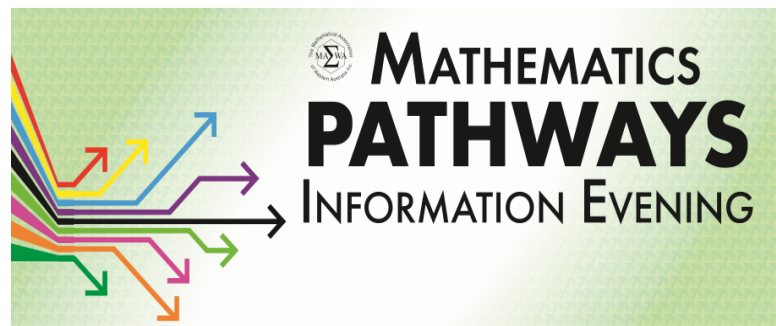
The event is free. To find out more go [HERE](#).

10 April Maths Pathways Evening Years 9 – 12

The Maths Association is keen to let students know the rich world that opens up for those who take maths pathways. You can discover what is possible at the Maths Pathways Information Evening at Murdoch

Time: 5.30 Murdoch University. Robertson Lecture Theatre, Building 245

Register [HERE](#).



Curtin 2019 FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC)

FRC is resource intensive and is a challenging project where teams of students are challenged to raise funds, design a team “brand”, hone teamwork skills, and build and program robots to perform prescribed tasks against a field of competitors.

Volunteer professional mentors lend their time and talents to guide each team.

It’s as close to “real-world engineering” as a student can get. [Check out last year’s Curtin FRC journey here.](#)

If you are interested in joining the 2019/20 Curtin FRC Season starting in September 2019, you can [register your interest here.](#)

RRR News

2 April Defence Force Recruiting Geraldton

Defence Force Recruiting will be holding an information session at the Army Reserve Depot at 6.30. Register [HERE](#).

17 April ECU South West Bunbury Campus Tour

Join your tour guide and check out the facilities on-campus and in some of our schools. South West (Bunbury) Campus. Register [HERE](#).

30 April ECU South West Mid-Year Entry Information Evening

Learn about our mid-year 2019 intake, including courses and entry pathways. South West (Bunbury) Campus 6.00pm - 7.30pm Register [HERE](#).

Western Power Electro Technology Pre-Apprentices at South Regional TAFE



A group of 12 electrotechnology pre-apprenticeship students at South Regional TAFE Bunbury Campus have been awarded Western Power scholarships.

To find out more about South Regional TAFE scholarships go [HERE](#). To find out more about pre apprenticeships at South Regional TAFE go [HERE](#) or call Student Services on 9780 7245

CQU Regional Facilities

CQU is growing its number of regional campuses. Each centre has:

- a dedicated Study Hub Coordinator
- free WiFi
- student computers
- printers, copiers and scanners
- café-style amenities
- pick up/drop off library and bookshop services

There are now regional centres in

Busselton,

38 Peel Terrace Busselton 6280 Student Enquiries Ph: 13 27 86

Broome

Room 4, North Regional TAFE Broome WA 6725 Student Enquiries Ph: 13 27 86

Geraldton Universities Centre

33 Onslow Street Geraldton WA 6530 Student Enquiries Ph: (08) 9920 4400 or 13 27 86

Karratha

Lot 2598 Dampier Highway Karratha WA 6714 Student Enquiries Ph: 13 27 86 .

Global Goals Challenge

The Global Challenge helps schools to develop awareness and solve problems related to sustainability. Curtin coordinates it in WA.

Schools in the metro, Kimberley and south west have registered for this year but Curtin is still looking for schools to host the Global Goals Challenge in:

- Peel
- Wheatbelt
- Goldfields
- Central West
- Pilbara
- Gascoyne

IT'S TIME TO
CHANGE
THE WORLD



The program is ACES recognised and all participants become eligible to apply for SHAPE Awards.

Go [HERE](#) for more information.

Disability News

Understanding Your Study Requirements

People with a disability who are considering studying at TAFE or uni will be more aware of issues they may face by completing the Understanding Your Study Requirements worksheet which is available through the [Australian Disabilities Clearing House](#)

UNDERSTANDING YOUR STUDY
REQUIREMENTS
WORKSHEET

Aboriginal News

CSIRO Indigenous STEM Awards



The CSIRO runs Indigenous STEM Awards.

There are categories for schools and teachers.

Not many West Australians are mentioned in the 2018 Awards... but the STEM Champion Award went to Marcus Lacey.

He is the son of a friend of mine so clearly, I can claim some credit for his win!!

To find out more about the awards go [HERE](#).

International Student News

South Metropolitan TAFE International Recognition

In late 2018, the Asian Education Forum named [South Metropolitan TAFE](#) one of the 50 best vocational colleges in the Asia Pacific region.



South Metropolitan TAFE has delivered training to international students since the 1980s when it developed outstanding pastoral care support to supplement its academic programs and it developed partnerships and pathways for international students to get credits at university.

You can check out some of the South Metropolitan TAFE social events on its [Facebook Page](#).

Semester 2 International Student Enrolments for Open Now

If you are interested in studying at any TAFE in Western Australia in Semester 2 you can explore courses and get information [HERE](#).

Outback Adventures for International Students

International students at many of the West Australian universities and TAFE colleges get to experience the West Australian outback through university organised camping tours.

Students from Europe, the USA, South America, Asia and Africa get to know each other as they explore the West Australian outback.



These tours are not always predictable. Cyclones, floods and other weather events can mean a sudden change of plans!

You can enquire about these tours at your university or TAFE international student office or go to [HERE](#) to find the contact at your institution.

Career Professionals' News

Events

27 March MyFuture Webinar– the data that drives myfuture

This *Insight* webinar can provide valuable information for anyone thinking about how to support clients of any age in their future career pathway and showcases a way to use big data to inform careers education and development.

12:30pm - 1:30pm Register [HERE](#)

3 April Women in Technology WATechXChange

Find out what a social engineer does, the tools and attacks they use to get into systems (and our heads!), and how an awareness of these techniques can be used to build better, more secure organisations.

Following the presentation by Cyber Security Risk Advisor and WiTWA 20in20 Award Winner Cairo Malet, four talented Perth cyber security specialists – Rachel Brennan, Laura Davis, Bex Hirdman and Lauren Junior - will share their stories in a Q&A panel discussion covering their career journeys so far, advice and predictions for this fascinating and ever-evolving industry.

Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Venue: Mia Yellagonga (Woodside) 11 Mount Street, Perth

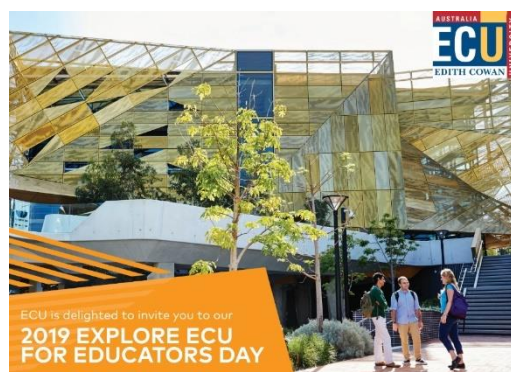
Cost: \$20 (plus booking fee) Tickets: Secure your tickets via [Eventbrite](#) here

5 April ECU Explore Education for Educators (EEE Day)

Career educators get a great insight to behind the scenes work at ECU at these professional development days.

- 5 April Mount Lawley Campus: 8.30am to 2.30pm
- 24 May Joondalup Campus: 8.30am to 2.30pm

To register go [HERE](#).



10 April CDAA Networking Breakfast

On the second Wednesday of each month Lisa Liang from the CDAA hosts a breakfast at [Dome in East Vic Park](#).

You can register on the [CDAA Events page](#) or email [Lisa](#).



Holidays!!

6 May Curtin University Big Day Out for Career Advisors

Curtin is growing so quickly that attending the Big Day Out for Career Advisors is a quick way of catching up with what is going on. They do not have the registration page up yet. You will find Curtin information for career advisors [HERE](#).... soon?

7 May 2019 BiG Day In IT Careers Conference



If you are planning to take students to the Big Day In you will need to book soon. Over 400 students are registered already.

This year it is at Murdoch and they have speakers from Microsoft, Bankwest, WiseTech Global, Defence Force Recruiting, Westpac talking about the future of technology & how students can get involved in shaping the future.

Tickets: \$10 per student No charge for teachers to attend Go [HERE](#) to book your tickets.

7 May Career Educators Australia WA AGM

The CEAWA will be holding its AGM at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry at 180 Hay Street East Perth at 4.45pm.

Can you please RSVP to Robyn Ekberg robyn.ekberg@aquinas.wa.edu.au by Thursday 2nd May, 2019

13 – 19 May National Careers Week

National Careers Week aims to celebrate careers, career development and career development practitioners and to promote the economic, social and personal benefits of career development. You can find out more and locate promotion resources [HERE](#).

If you are planning an event, please let me know so that I can spread the word throughout the network.

16 May Career Educators Association WA

To celebrate National Careers Week
CEAWA is hosting a breakfast focusing
on careers education in primary school.



Come and hear about ways to engage
with primary students, to help them
explore their environment, learn to problem solve, make decisions, and thrive in an ever-
changing world. You can register [HERE](#).

18 June Notre Dame Symposium

Teachers wishing to enroll Year 11 and 12 students in for the 2019 Symposium lectures will need to book soon to secure places.

Students get the opportunity offer the opportunity to hear presentations from university lecturers on topics related to their ATAR syllabus. This year the Symposium will host streams in four ATAR subject areas:

- Politics & Law
- Philosophy & Ethics
- Accounting & Finance
- Economics

A full program and registration forms will be sent out in early Term 2, 2019. The person to contact at Notre Dame is Michael Wade. michael.wade@nd.edu.au

3 May Training Awards LLN Practice Awards

The Training Awards are open, and school based teachers are well placed to go for the [Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy \(LLN\) Practice Award](#) which recognises innovation and excellence by an individual involved in improving LLN skills in an educational, community or workplace context.

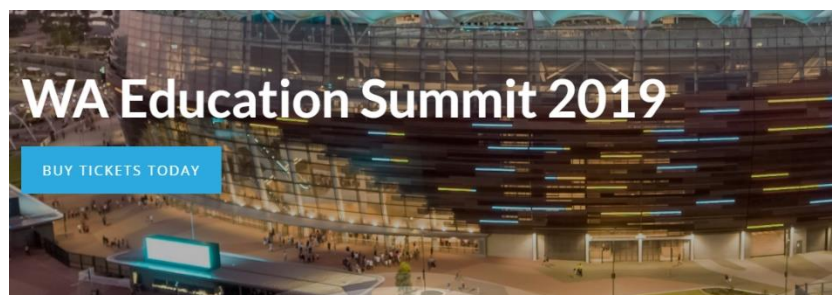
Applications can be made by relevant individuals or organisations (eg colleagues, professional bodies, students, employers, industry or community representatives); or through self-nomination. Find more details [HERE](#).

Schools Pathways to VET Awards

You can find the Schools Pathways to VET Awards information [HERE](#).

24 May How are we preparing students for the next digital revolution?

The 2019 WA Education Summit focuses on preparing students for the next digital revolution. This event will provide strong examples and



strategies to help schools prepare our students for tomorrow's world. Via three streams, this event will bring extraordinary school case studies from across the nation, inspirational and ground-breaking keynote speakers as well as hands-on workshops that provide new and transferable skills to the classroom. You can register [HERE](#).

Teaching Resources

Offer from Institute of Public Administration of Australia (IPAA)

Based on our request for career support Andrew Dunkin from IPAA is putting a request for agencies to host work experience into his next bulletin.

If you have a request for support contact andrew.dunkin@ipaawa.org.au . If you would like to explore ideas about how to work in partnership with the public sector to enrich your students' career education contact me Bev.J@infocus-careers.com.au

Careers Hub

The Good Education Group has released a free-to-access [Careers Hub](#) making career resources easily accessible for career advisers and students. To find Careers Hub resources go [HERE](#)

Complimentary Access to myfuture for CDAA Members

The CDAA and Education Services Australia (the government owned not-for-profit organisation that manages myfuture), is pleased to be able to offer all CDAA members unrestricted access to the myfuture service
myfuture users in WA are currently restricted from accessing the occupation profiles, course data, and results from the *My career profile* activities.

Please [contact the myfuture team](#) should you have any questions.

Careers Expo Materials for Teachers

The Careers Expo is on in May. This Year they have created promotional posters and artwork which can be downloaded [HERE](#).

Go to [THIS PAGE](#) to register and find teacher resources on where to park and other practical information.

Request for Help

Hi Bev,

I'm not sure if you are able to help me here. I'm trying to get a better structure for our Years 10-12 Subject Selection and Career Guidance. The Pastoral Care class time is only 20 minutes which is why there are 2 sessions a week instead of set classes.

Some questions I have:

- Can you suggest any additional activities / speakers etc?*
- Are you aware through your contacts of someone / school who does this stuff really well that I could go and visit and learn from?*

Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

I have published the school's Career Counselling and Information Process [HERE](#).

Please feel free to add ideas to the document.

- I have written posts on Year 11 subject selection [HERE](#)
- Alice Sounness from John Curtin has given advice to teachers on Year 11 subject selection [HERE](#).
- Clare Slodeki has shared Churchlands Year Books last year. She has published them for 2019 but hasn't adjusted the content yet. [Middle School](#), for [Year 11](#) and for [Year 12](#).

Learning Futures Network

I am a member of the Learning Futures Network led by Kim Flintoff and he is working his butt off designing and implementing programs that help schools align to the future. He is a tireless explorer of ideas and networker. You can subscribe to his newsletters [HERE](#).

Australian Apprenticeship Pathways

Australian Apprenticeship Pathways has these teaching resources available to download:

- Job Pathways Charts
- Aptitude Quizzes
- Fast Facts

and other [helpful resources](#).



VET Infographics

These infographics promote VET.

They are intended to expand awareness of what VET has to offer.

You can check them out [HERE](#).

VET in Schools – Seeking a Better System

The demise of VETis Consulting has made me think about how clunky the whole VET in Schools machine is.

I have spent time this month trying to find tips to help VET teachers and coordinators

reduce their workloads as they attempt to straddle the Education and the VET silos.



- **Practicing VET Coordinator:** *I wish I had some tips on the improving the workload. Possibly the best way would be if all the RTOs that we auspiced with had the same expectations and the same templates. That's more of a request rather than a tip. The workload is heavy for teachers who are also teaching general subjects and working across DoE and DTWD and all the different requirements make it really hard to get a more streamlined system. In fact each year the requirements are more or at the very least templates have been changed. That was more of a rant!*

- **Former Education Department Regional VET Coordinator**

Unfortunately VET has ever increasing “paperwork” requirements. The regulations and controls are very high and people/schools new to VET are not always aware of this. The extra paperwork and all the other requirements (lots) goes with the job and that is why it is so important schools properly resource their VET staff (an ongoing challenge).

There is actually really good support for DoE schools and VET Practitioners. Practitioners (..need to link..) into the existing supports.

The best thing any school VET practitioner can do is to network, network, network, Make sure they have signed up to all relevant online networks, information sources etc.

- **NCVER** were not able to point me towards any tips but identified these documents.

The below publications may be of interest to your teachers in terms of taking some of the learnings and applying it to the WA environment

Vocational education and training guidelines for ACT government high schools

<http://hdl.voced.edu.au/10707/84994>

Making VET in Schools work: a VET student teacher's perspective

<http://hdl.voced.edu.au/10707/423721>

Teaching teachers about VET in schools (VETiS) programs

<http://hdl.voced.edu.au/10707/241703>

You could also conduct some further searching of the [VOCEDplus](#) database using keywords such as: VET for secondary students, VET in schools, Vocational teachers, Teachers.

VOCEDplus also has a podlet on VET for secondary students as part of its Pod Network resource. You might want to review this to see if anything is of use <https://www.voced.edu.au/podlet-vet-secondary-students>

- **NCVER** also said that their librarian was trying to work on how to classify VETiS documents as the two systems don't even share a language. Through links that they gave me I was able to find [this research](#) which gives insights to some of the problems experienced by NSW teachers.

- **TAFE Directors Australia**

I contacted Craig Robertson at [TAFE Directors Australia](#) complaining about the lack of collaboration between the two sectors. He has promised to get back to me.

- **Blog Posts.** You need to think about your collaborative arrangements if you are going to survive living across the two systems. I have written two blog posts about how to set up collaborative agreements this month [Getting Together with Employers – the Prenup](#) and [Step 1 Creating Your Village to Raise Your Students](#). I am happy to help any schools that would like advice on how to establish a collaborative agreement with an education or training partner. Contact me if you would like to chat about where to start.

VET Coordinators and teachers cannot continue to be expected to straddle systems that were never designed to work together. Systemic change needs occur so that VETiS has its own systems and processes that are the core business of a purpose build system.

Have a great break everyone.

See you in Term 2.



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April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 March Maths Expo for Families Rotary Youth Exchange Applications Close	1	2 Defence Info Evening Defence Info Geraldton	3	4	5 ECU for Educators Day Mt Lawley and WAAPA	6
7	8	9	10 Murdoch Health Information Night Maths Association Pathways Murdoch Women in the Army, Navy, Air Force	11 Submariner Career Information	12 End of Term 1	13
14 School Holidays	15	16	17	18 UWA Campus Tour	19 Good Friday	20
21	22 Easter Monday	23 Murdoch a Day in the Life Health, Engineering... Murdoch Health, Engineering Science Employability	24 Murdoch a Day in the Life of a creative, law.... Murdoch Parent Power – Media, Law, Creative industries Employability	25 Anzac Day	26	27
28	29 Term 2 Start	30				

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May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fogarty Foundation Scholarships Close May TBA			1	2 Curtin Science and Engineering Information Evening	3 Training Awards Applications Close	4
5	6	7 Big Day In UWA South of the River Roadshow	8 Murdoch Social and Cultural Studies Open Night	9 UWA North of the River Roadshow	10	11
12	13	14 CDAA Careers Week Dinner WAAPA Production Tour	15 Muresk Dogs V Drones	16 Careers Expo Perth	17 Careers Expo Perth UCAT Applications Close	18 Careers Expo Perth
19 Careers Expo Perth	20	21 UWA Engineering and Maths Information	22 Murdoch IT Information Night ECU School of Education Information Night	23 ECU Pizza Night for Year 10 Murdoch Employability Series	24 ECU for Educators Day Joondalup	25
26	26	27 2019 ATAR Exam Table published by TISC	28 ECU Pizza Night for Year 10 (SW)	29 ECU Media Communications	30	31

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June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 West Australia Day ECU SW Mid-Year Information Evening	4 ECU Pizza Night for Year 10	5 Murdoch Engineering Open Night	6 ECU Engineering	7	8 RoboCup Event
9	10 UWA Campus Tour	11	12	13	14	15 RoboCup Event
16	17	18 Notre Dame Symposium	19 Muresk Ag-Tech Day Murdoch Business and Governance Open Night ECU Teaching Information	20 WAAPA Information	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 UCAT Testing Opens	2 ECU SW Information Evening	3 Murdoch Admission Pathways	4 ECU Science Showcase	5 End of Term 2	6
7 ATAR Revision Programs throughout term break.	8 UWA Campus Tour	9 ECU Mt Lawley Tour ECU International Night	10 ECU Joondalup Tour	11 Muresk Winter School - Livestock starts	12 Notre Dame A day in the life of a uni student	13
14 ATAR Revision Programs	15	16 ECU SW Bunbury Tour	17 Murdoch Managing exam stress	18 Muresk Winter School - Livestock ends	19 Notre Dame Day in the Life of a Uni Student	20
21 Curtin Open Day	22 Term 3 begins	23	24	25	26	27
28 Murdoch Open Day ECU Joondalup Open Day	29	30	31 UCAT Testing last opportunity			

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August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 RoboCup Event	10 RoboCup Event National Science Week
11 ECU Mt Lawley and WAAPA Open Day Notre Dame Open Day	12	13	14 Murdoch Science Open Night	15	16 SkillsWest Careers Expo	17 SkillsWest Careers Expo
18 SkillsWest Careers Expo	19 SkillsWest Careers Expo Veterans Scholarships Applications open	20 ECU Psych, Youth Work	21 ECU Medical and Health Sciences Joondalup	22	23 ECU Nursing and Midwifery	24 CQU Open Day
25 ECU South West Open Day	26	27	28 Murdoch Creative Arts and Communications Open Night	29	30	31

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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 10 September Notre Dame Admissions Information	11 Murdoch TISC Information Perth and Peel	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Murdoch Admissions Pathway	26	27	28
29	30					

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October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Day in the Life of a Uni Student Murdoch	3 Day in the Life of a Uni Student Murdoch	4 Murdoch Portfolio Preparation Day	5
6	7	8	9 Murdoch Managing Exam Stress	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 October 30 ATAR Written Exams start	31		

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