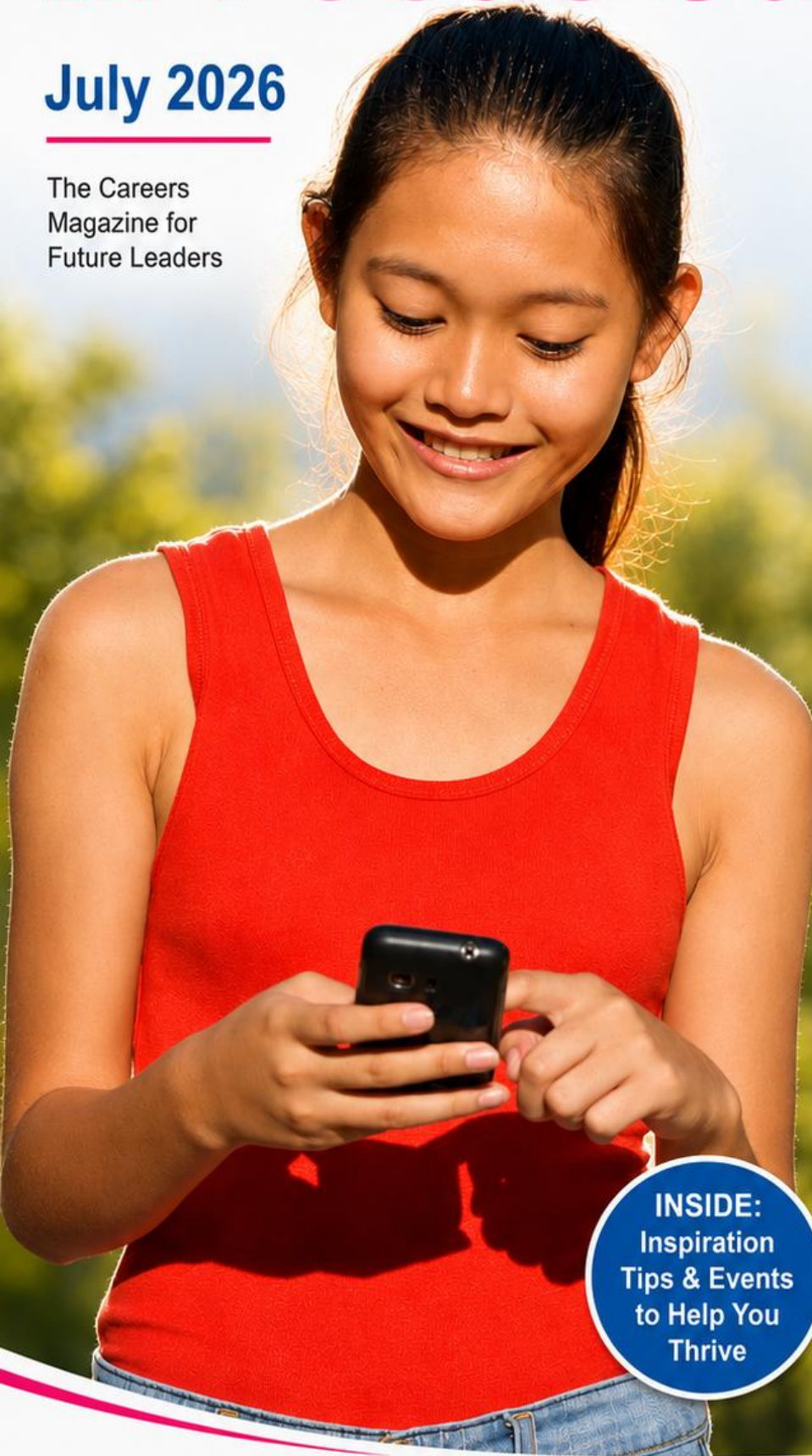


In Focus Careers

July 2026

The Careers
Magazine for
Future Leaders



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Thrive



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Finding balance in
a digital world.



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What's new and
what matters.



It's Scholarship Time

Tips to help you
apply and succeed.



School Holiday Programs

Fun, learning and
new experiences.



SkillsWest Careers Expo

Explore. Connect.
Create your future.

Make your world
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Section 1 for Students and Families

Career News

SkillsWest Careers & Employment Expo



The big careers event in July is the SkillsWest Careers and employment Expo.



South Metro TAFE had a scary robotic dog last year.

There are lots of practical demonstrations of technical and trade skills.

It is on at the convention Centre. Entrance is free.

23-25 July. Find details [HERE](#).

Soft Skills = Sophisticated Skills for Your Career

Do you have an AI friend???? 33% of Australian teenagers do.

If you want a job, or friends, or even just a turn, you need to be nice.

Your AI bot is NOT your friend. Your screen does not care if you are nice. People do.

If you pivot away from people towards your screens, you will not develop your ability to be nice.

Being nice is a sophisticated skill.

Learning to be nice takes time and practice. You need to notice and respond to subtle changes in how people around you react to your behaviour.

Friction Helps You to Learn

You will not always get it right, and you will feel the consequences. That friction is how you learn.

If you are a screen junkie, do the “Are You Nice?” self-assessment. Pick two skills to work on and start to strengthen your capacity to be nice.

If you don’t know how to do better, ask your friends and family!!

• SELF-ASSESSMENT •

Are You Nice?

Take every task you already bring to school, work and life!

- 01 **Consideration of others**
I think about how my actions affect the people around me.
- 02 **Adaptability**
I adjust when plans change or things don't go as expected.
- 03 **Emotional intelligence**
I notice how others are feeling and respond with care.
- 04 **Communication skills**
I express myself clearly and listen as much as I speak.
- 05 **Conflict resolution skills**
I work through disagreements calmly and find common ground.
- 06 **Teamwork**
I show up for my team and help everyone cross the finish line.
- 07 **Self-motivation**
I get things done without needing someone to push me along.

 **IN FOCUS**
CAREERS

**MAKE YOUR
WORLD
BIGGER**

Being nice is a sophisticated employability skill.

Redkite Education Grants



Cancer treatment can mean months or years of disruption to a child's development and education. Redkite's Dare to Dream Scholarship is open to any teenager (aged 13-17 years inclusive) in Australia who has cancer or has had cancer at any point in their life.

help children build their best possible futures.

The grants can be used for:

- Tutoring or coaching
- Courses
- Classroom support
- Materials and equipment such as books and laptops
- Pursuing an interest area such as music, art or dance
- Developmental therapy that isn't available through your hospital

Register your interest to get information when grants are opened [HERE](#).

New Career Quiz at the Construction Futures Centre

The Construction Futures Centre team has launched a new Career Quiz for students, teachers and those looking for a career change. It has a bias towards the different career pathways across the construction industry, from trades to design, to planning and management. It's fun to see where a career in construction could lead.

Check out the quiz [HERE](#).

CONSTRUCTION
FUTURES
CTF

Ready to Find Your Perfect Role?

Answer these quick questions to discover your ideal path. Be honest. There are no wrong answers.

Take the CTF quiz

Career Events

27 June College of Electrical Training Open Day

If you are one of the MANY who want to become an electrician, you need to go to the College of Electrical Training (CET) Open Day.

The CET is the biggest trainer of electricians in Western Australia. Lecturers and current students can give you insider information about how to get an apprenticeship.

BUDDY SYSTEM

Go with a friend or family member who can help you to remember what is on show and what people tell you.

ASK:

- Are there any opportunities for pre-apprenticeships or school-based traineeships? If so, what should you do to get a place in one of those programs?
- Can they recommend any employer or union connections where you might get work experience?
- What maths skills should you focus on to improve your chances of getting an apprenticeship?
- What sort of hobbies and work experience do employers value most?



EVENT DETAILS

Date: Saturday, 27 June 2026

Time: 9.00am - 11.30am

Venue:

- CET Joondalup Campus - 20 Injune Way Register [HERE](#)
- CET Jandakot Campus - 5 Avior Ave, Register [HERE](#).

Various Dates WA Department of Education Career Conversations

Join Education Department experts for a Career Conversations event near you, or online, select one of the following sessions to book your place.

The in-person events are from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.



<p>North Metropolitan</p> <p><u>Thursday 6 August 2026</u> in Hillarys</p>	<p>South Metropolitan</p> <p><u>Wednesday 19 August 2026</u> in Harrisdale</p> <p><u>Wednesday 9 September 2026</u> in Armadale</p>
<p>Events in the Pilbara</p> <p><u>Tuesday 15 September 2026</u> in Hedland</p>	<p>Events in the South West</p> <p><u>Tuesday 25 August 2026</u> in Busselton</p> <p><u>Wednesday 26 August 2026</u> in Bunbury</p> <p><u>Tuesday 1 September 2026</u> in Albany</p>
<p>Events in the Wheatbelt</p> <p><u>Wednesday 29 July 2026</u> in Northam</p>	

30 June 2026 School Summit

School Summit gives a glimpse of the future of work, innovation and new ideas. It's designed to help you to understand new developments in career opportunities.

- **High school students** hear from young people who have unearthed surprising career paths.
- **Parents** gain confidence about the skills and strengths that will lead to successful futures.
- **Teachers** hear from industry innovators about emerging careers.



Murdoch University 9am -3pm Register [HERE](#).

Ag College Open Days



The Ag Colleges are an institution in WA. Narrogin was the first to open in 1906 and are deeply embedded in our agriculture industry.

They offer specialized education and training in agriculture and related trades for students in years 10, 11 and 12. They provide both vocational programs and pathways to university. Students gain practical skills and knowledge for future careers.

2 July	<u>Morowa Open Day</u>
4 September	<u>Cunderdin Ag College</u>
5 September	<u>Denmark Ag College</u>
11 September	<u>Narrogin Ag College</u>

It's two hours' drive from Perth. Accommodation in Dowerin is already booked out but you can contact the [Dowerin Visitor Information Centre](#) to find somewhere to stay in a nearby town.

Check out the Dowerin Field Days [HERE](#).

ECU July School Holiday Workshops School of Science Computing and Security Science

All workshops are hosted at: [Edith Cowan University, Joondalup campus](#), 9am – 3pm.



Monday July 6 Cracking codes: An Intro to cryptography

<https://www.trybooking.com/DMLLS>

ECU School of Science is proud to provide this full day workshop on cryptography for high school students and teachers. Learn about cryptography, why and how we encrypt, vulnerabilities and the underlying math. Learn tools that you can use to encrypt your own data at home. End with a game of sending and breaking encrypted messages between you and your peers.



Themes: cryptography, mathematics, cyber security, encryption, critical thinking

Cost: \$18.50. Open to secondary students and teachers. Book [HERE](#).



Tuesday July 7: Website Development

<https://www.trybooking.com/DMLLV>

ECU's School of Science is proud to offer this workshop for high school students and teachers to learn how to build your own website using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, as well as how to integrate AI in web development for improved productivity.



Please note that this workshop is a repeat of previous offerings.

Cost: \$18.50. Open to secondary students and teachers.



Wednesday July 8: Open-Source Intelligence

For high school students all ages. <https://www.trybooking.com/DMLLW>

In an age where technology, digital information and social media is everywhere, open-source intelligence gathering can be a very useful skill! In this workshop for secondary students, we'll cover how to use different tools, search for and scrutinise information that is openly accessible online. Through critical thinking, research and teamwork, you will learn how to extract information from emails and accounts, analyse photos and how this is useful in investigations.



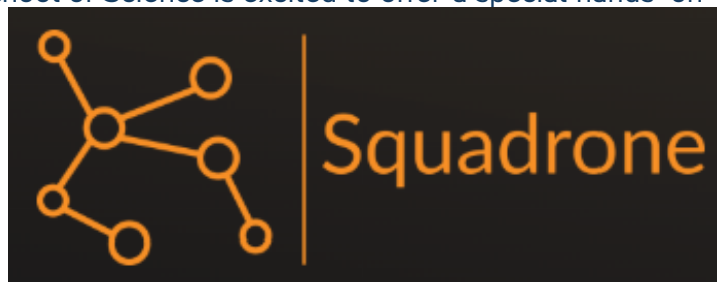
Cost: \$18.50. Open to secondary students.

Thursday July 9: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence YEAR 7-10 (Sold Out)



Friday July 10 Flight Lab with Squadrone: Drones, Code, Safety and Mission Design

In collaboration with Squadrone, ECU School of Science is excited to offer a special hands-on drone coding workshop for secondary students. Learn how drones work, explore basic Python programming logic and use code to design and test drone flight paths. You'll also explore



real-world considerations around drone technology, including safety, responsible use, spatial awareness, connected devices and basic security thinking.

Cost: \$149. Open to secondary students.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DMXFE> Join the Waitlist to be notified **when tickets are live.**



Monday July: 13: Exploring Network Security with micro: bits

<https://www.trybooking.com/DMLMA>

ECU's School of Science invites you to explore network vulnerabilities and network security. This workshop for high school students and teachers will look at the vulnerability in digital and communication networks encountered in everyday life through a micro: bit environment. Figure out ways to keep your micro: bit protected from threats.

Cost: \$18.50. Open to secondary students and teachers.



Tuesday 14 July: Licence to Skill: A Security and Intelligence workshop

This ECU School of Science workshop for secondary students offers a hands-on opportunity to step into the world of security and intelligence. From analysing the environment in which threats emerge to thinking like an intelligence analyst, discover how much skill, strategy and critical thinking goes into keeping places and people safe. Through interactive activities, explore concepts, including security risk context, intelligence analysis, threat assessment, physical security vulnerabilities and access control.

Cost: \$18.50. Open to secondary students. Register [HERE](#).



Wednesday 15 July: Intro to Cyber Capture The Flag

Thinking of competing in the [PECAN+ Capture The Flag](#) cyber security competition, but not sure where to start? ECU School of Science invites high school students and teachers who are curious about CTF

competitions to join us for a 'beginners guide' to competing in a Capture The Flag (CTF) competition. Open to anyone with a cyber security interest, not just competitors! Build your understanding, confidence and cyber security skills.

Cost: \$18.50. Open to secondary students and teachers. Register [HERE](#).



13 – 17 July WAAPA Short Courses for Term 2



Winter School for Years 7 – 12

- [Acting for Camera](#)
- [Acting for Stage](#)
- [Dance Squad](#)
- [Music Theatre Kickstarter](#)

Earlybird Price closes 1st June 2026

Weekend Workshops Music



Whether you're a singer or instrumentalist, a classical musician, jazz musician or contemporary musician, WAAPA's staff present a range of workshops to help you prepare for your WACE exams, WAAPA audition, master your instrument or

just have fun.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contemporary and Jazz Audition Preparation Course Dates: Tuesdays 28 July 2026, 4, 11, 18, 25 August 2026 1 September 2026 Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm Age: 15 years and older Cost: \$410 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Music Production Dates 13, 20, 27 August 2026 3, 10, 17 September 2026 Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm Ages: 16 years and older Cost: \$410
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classical FastTRACK 2.0 Date: 26 July 2026 Time: 1.00pm - 4.00pm Age: For classical musicians in high school years 10, 11 & 12 Cost: FREE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contemporary Music School Dates: 13, 14 and 15 July 2026 Time: 9.30am – 4.00pm Age: High school years 8 to 12 Cost: \$675
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jazz Workshop Date: 18 July 2026 Time: 2.00pm - 3:45pm Age: Yrs 10 - 12 Cost: FREE 	

14 – 17 July School Holiday Program at Barking Gecko

Louder than Words is our theatre-making workshop for teens aged 13 to 17, held at Downstairs



at the Maj, Perth's intimate performance space nestled beneath the iconic His Majesty's Theatre in the heart of the city.

Dates & times: Tuesday 14 July -
Friday 17 July, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

daily

Venue: **Downstairs at the Maj, His Majesty's Theatre, 827 - 905 Hay St, Perth**

Price (before discount): \$401.95 (including \$5.95 transaction fees)

Find details [HERE](#)

July 24, 25 and 26 Perth SkillsWest Career and Employment Expo

This Expo features vocational education displays, particularly by TAFE colleges.



It's on at the Exhibition Centre.

Thursday July 23, 2026 - 9am to 3pm

Friday July 24, 2026 - 9am to 3pm

Saturday July 25, 2026 - 9am to 4pm

Entry is free. You can register [HERE](#).

15 August UWA Day of Brass – Beginners to Advanced



Enjoy an afternoon of performances, workshops and masterclasses led by WA's leading brass musicians. Build your technique and tone, learn effective practice strategies, care for your instrument, and rehearse in ensembles before a fun group performance for family and friends. Open to beginners through to advanced players.

[Book your tickets](#)



Employment Statistics

Australian Bureau of Statistics Labour Force Statistics for May

ABS statistics for May are not available until 24 June. Some schools will be on holidays by then. You can find the data from Wednesday [HERE](#).



Seek Employment Report May

Western Australia Job Ads Up

- Annually, job ads in Western Australia have grown 0.4% y/y, while all other states and territories have recorded a decline.

National Statistics

- Job ads fell 0.8% month on month and have declined 4.5% year on year
- Applications per job ad have jumped 3.6% m/m and are now 5.5% higher y/y.

Industry Insights

- Ad volumes rose in Engineering and Science & Technology (both up 2.0% m/m), and Hospitality & Tourism and Legal (both rising 0.1% m/m).
- Job ads in Engineering (16.0% y/y) and Science & Technology (7.0% y/y) have grown annually, along with Construction (7.8%), Mining, Resources & Energy (5.6%) and Manufacturing, Transport & Logistics (3.1%).

Find the report [HERE](#).

ABS Tourism jobs decrease

The ABS has released labour market statistics for tourism. Overall, there has been a 1.1% decrease

West Australia: According to the [Tourism WA Industry Survey](#) published in late April 2026, two-thirds of state operators reported a highly positive outlook due to resurgent international flight capacity. Find information [HERE](#).

Recruitment Insights Report April

Unfilled vacancies up. Recruitment due to staff turnover.

These are the first statistics to be released since the start of the US-Iran war.

Hiring eased slightly in April, but recruitment conditions remained tight, with difficulty filling roles still elevated and employers' short-term staffing intentions subdued.



- **Hiring activity softened:** The national recruitment rate fell to 46%, down 2 percentage points over the month and over the year.
- **Recruitment became harder:** Difficulty increased to 45%, up 2 percentage points from March and 8 points from April 2025.
- **Staffing expectations stayed weak:** Just 15% of employers expected to increase staff over the next three months, unchanged over the month and 8 points lower over the year.
- **Unfilled vacancies rose:** The share of employers unable to fill vacancies within a month increased to 39% in March, up 3 percentage points from last month.
- **Turnover continued to drive recruitment:** Most hiring employers (62%) were replacing departing staff, while 28% were recruiting for new positions only.

For more information, read the full report [HERE](#).

International Labour Market Update

Unemployment still at historic lows.

Key insights include:

- Youth unemployment remains elevated in parts of Europe.
- Australia recorded comparatively strong productivity growth.

The update also explores how artificial intelligence is influencing productivity and employment, the continuing challenges faced by younger workers, and uneven wage recovery across OECD countries. Find the report [HERE](#).

Youth Unemployment Internationally

February:

- The OECD youth unemployment rate (aged 15–24) was 11.5%.
- The highest rates were in Spain (23.8%) and Finland (23.7%),
- The lowest rates were in Japan (3.8%) and Mexico (6.2%).¹

March

- In the EU the youth unemployment rate in March was 15.4%.²
- Youth unemployment in Australia in March was 10.1%.³

Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre Labour Market Update – April

The April figures are the first to be impacted by the US-Iran conflict.

To the extent that weakening in the labour market reflects the fall-out from the conflict and the jump in oil prices it was relatively modest, although the worst might yet to be seen.

- Unemployment rate rises from 4.3 per cent to 4.5 per cent in April.
- Employment down by 18,600, with women bearing the brunt of job losses.
- The rise in unemployment may buy some time on another interest rate rise, but the upcoming inflation figure for April will be the critical factor.

[Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre Report April 2026](#)

¹ OECD – [Labour Market Situation](#) – 16 April 2026

² Eurostat – [Euro indicators: Euro area unemployment at 6.2%](#) – 30 April 2026

³ [Australian Bureau of Statistics](#)

University Events

30 June Year 12 Parent & Carer Information Evening Online



For parents of students in Year 12, navigating the conversations about life after high school can be daunting. ECU's online information session is designed to alleviate your concerns and provide all the information you need to guide them through Year 12 and beyond.

6pm – 7.30pm [Register](#)

28 July University Application Support Session



The Murdoch University Future Students Team will walk you through the university application process step-by-step.

The session will include a presentation from TISC which processes applications for universities in WA. It also includes information about courses at Murdoch.

Find information [HERE](#).

University Opportunities

UWA New Courses



UWA has posted more information about new courses that it has coming online.

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

- [Bachelor of Landscape Architecture \(Honours\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Nursing \(Honours\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Sciences \(Honours\)](#)

Scholarships for 2027



Check the [Good Universities Guide](#) for scholarships and for information about financial assistance, like travel grants and accommodation assistance while at university.

- [Australian Disability Clearinghouse on Education and Training](#) has links to different scholarships that might interest you.

Scholarships at Each University



[Scholarships at Curtin](#)

[Scholarships at ECU](#)

[Scholarships at Murdoch](#)

[Scholarships at UWA](#)

[Scholarships at Notre Dame](#)

AI and Scholarship Applications



Although you will use AI to polish your scholarship application, make sure you:

- Address the criteria. Find out about the scholarship. Who were past winners?

Make it clear that you are the best candidate against each criterion.

- Make it personal... authentic.... About you!
- Take out all the weirdly correct vocabulary that AI has put in.

Study Australia has [Five tips for a strong scholarship application](#).

Australia Award Scholarship

Australia Awards Scholarships are long-term awards administered by the Government



Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. They aim to contribute to the development needs of Australia's partner countries in line with bilateral and regional agreements.

They provide opportunities for people from developing countries, particularly those countries located in the Indo-Pacific region, to undertake full time undergraduate or postgraduate study at participating Australian universities and Technical and Further Education (TAFE) institutions.

Find details [HERE](#)

Tour UWA residential colleges in the school holidays



UWA residential colleges offer tours all-year round, but the July School Holidays provide an ideal opportunity to tour more than one.

Tours take about 30 minutes per college, and you'll get to check out the rooms and facilities, chat to current residents and staff and find out just how close to campus your new home will be!

Book directly with your preferred college(s):

- [Trinity Residential College](#)
- [St Catherine's College](#)
- [University Hall](#)
- [St Thomas More College](#)
- [St George's College](#)

Visit the [website](#) or email residentialcolleges@uwa.edu.au for more details.

9 August ECU City Campus Open Day



You can tour the new ECU City Campus on 9 August. It is worth checking out.

They are expecting a big crowd so please book in. Get your tickets [HERE](#).

Training News

Construction Careers Scholarship Program



Each year, Construction Training Fund (CTF) awards scholarships to Western Australian students passionate about the building industry. The CTF Construction Careers Scholarship provides students with the best chance of securing an apprenticeship and career in building and construction.

Find information [HERE](#).

PRE APPRENTICESHIP COURSE OVERVIEW

The Construction Careers Scholarship Program involves completing a fully funded pre-apprenticeship course.

Industry trainers, CTF's Industry Training Advisors, and past trainees provide students with support and advice. Additionally, students receive free mentoring, job readiness training, uniforms, and personal protective equipment.

Students will complete theory and practical training, as well as on construction site work-experience.

Who can Apply?

The program is for Year 10 or Year 11 students interested in completing a pre-apprenticeship at school during Years 11 and/or 12.

Applicants require consent from their school and parents to participate

Find details [HERE](#).



Women in Trades Scholarship Semester 2



If you have a female friend in a trade, let them know.

Applications are open for women in trades scholarships.

These \$5000 scholarships can be used to cover training costs, cost of tools and travel.

Applications close 7 August. Apply [HERE](#).

See Women in Trades Scholarships

- [Central Regional TAFE](#)
- [North Metro TAFE](#)
- [North Regional TAFE](#)
- [South Metro TAFE](#)
- [South Regional TAFE](#)



Nursing Training Prac Payments



If you undertake the Diploma of Nursing, you may be eligible for prac payments. These are designed to help you to cover costs of travel and accommodation. You can only apply if you are in full time employment or receiving some sort of income support like Youth Allowance or Austudy. Check it out [HERE](#).

SALT (Supporting and Linking Tradeswomen)

This organisation creates opportunities for women and girls to enter trades.



The easiest way to contact them and find out what they do is [via their Facebook Page](#).

Training Events

2027 KIC Pre-apprenticeships in Schools Applications are Open

Are you a current Year 10 student interested in a trade pathway in industry?

KIC's 2027 Pre-Apprenticeship Programs are two-year programs completed while students remain at school, giving them the opportunity to:

- Gain a Certificate II qualification
- Learn real trade skills at TAFE
- Complete 150 hours of workplace learning in industry
- Get a head start into an apprenticeship.

KIC pre-apprenticeships available in 2027:

 Engineering

 Female Engineering

 Heavy Diesel

Applications open 22 June – 21 August 2026. See the Facebook page [HERE](#).

South Metro Jobs and Skills Centre Events

The South Metro Jobs and Skills Centres are running workshops and interviews across the region. Check out how you can become job ready at one of the opportunities below.

ARMADALE JOBS AND SKILLS OUTREACH CAREER ADVICE	
23 June - Byford Youth Space - 3pm-4:30pm	Briggs Rd, Byford
29 June - Armadale Library - 9am-12pm	Shop 64/10 Orchard Ave, Armadale
30 June - SJ Library - 9am-12pm	858 South Western Highway, Byford
THORNLIE JOBS AND SKILLS CAREER ADVICE (AFTER SCHOOL)	
23 June - The Underground Youth Centre - 3pm-4:30pm - YOUTH ONLY (15-25) 2 Holmes St, Southern River	

Senior School Events

WA Young Innovators of the Year Award

CLOSING DATE 24 JULY

The Western Australia's Young Innovators of the Year Award recognises secondary school students who have developed an outstanding product, technology, or service.

The innovation must demonstrate an economic, social, and/or environmental benefit to Western Australia.

Winners receive \$1000 and professional help to take your invention to the next stage.

Check out the Award [HERE](#).



Senior School Resources

Part Time Army Reserves for 17+ year olds

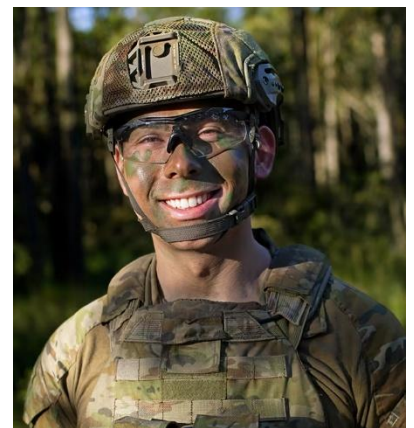


If you are studying and on Youth Allowance you can still get paid for working part time in the Army

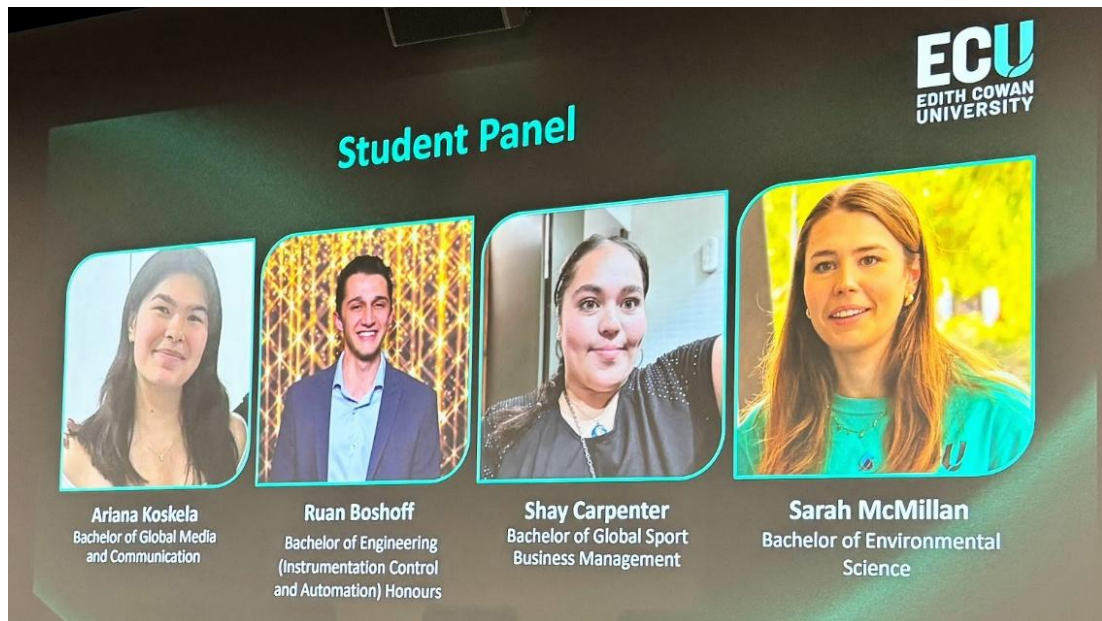
Reserves. Reserve service is flexible and can fit around your family, life and work commitments.

You can begin your application when you are 16 years and 6 months old if you provide parental consent.

Check out what is involved [HERE](#).



Advice from ECU Students - Engage Early and Often



A panel of ECU students recently gave presentations to career educators. Key messages from all of them where:

- Engage early with lecturers and opportunities.
- Look for opportunities to get MORE from uni than just a degree.
 - **Ariana** was here from Portsmouth University where ECU has a sister university partnership.
 - **Sarah** had studied in Portsmouth as part of her degree and talked of a short study tour they did in Malta that only cost 90 Pounds.
 - **Ruan** is a student ambassador who goes and speaks about uni at schools.
 - **Shay** had entered uni via UniPrep and said work integrated learning had helped to build her confidence and networks.
- Look for little opportunities to say yes.
- Volunteer. Try to stand out.
- Building your network takes time.

School Leavers Information Kit

Government information is usually good and doesn't favour any companies. The [School Leavers Information Kit](#) is revised each year to help you to survive once you leave school.



This Kit includes:

- [Further study and training](#)
- [Take a gap year](#)
- [Build your career](#)
 - [Find your career](#)
 - [Get job ready](#)
 - [Industries in Australia](#)
 - [Thinking about starting your own business?](#)
 - [More resources to help you land that job](#)
 - [Explore different journeys for school leavers](#)

Seek Career Advice

You can personalise your career advice at [Seek](#). You can sign in for an account to get career advice delivered to your inbox.

A dark blue banner for 'Seek Career Advice'. On the left, the text 'Career advice made for you' is in large white font, with 'Sign in to get salary insights, job trend data and skills analysis personalised to your career.' below it. At the bottom left are two buttons: a pink 'Sign in' button and a white 'Create profile' button. On the right, there is a circular graphic containing an illustration of diverse people and a dog. Overlaid on this graphic are three data visualization elements: a lightning bolt icon with 'Time management', a bar chart with 'Communication' and 'Teamwork', and a progress bar with '100%', '120%', '100%', and '180%'.

AgCareer Start – Gap Year Opportunity



If you're 17-25, this unique gap-year program provides you with a paid job, training and development, not to mention the opportunity to build your networks within the agriculture industry. Applicants can indicate which farm type they'd prefer from a wide variety, and also where in Australia they would ideally like to go.



- Full-time paid farm job with a passionate host farmer
- A \$3,000 Training and Engagement Bursary to upskill yourself.
- Engagement with industry events
- A dedicated support team
- A network of peers across the country

Check it out [HERE](#).

Year 12 Events

1 July Pinnacle Foundation Scholarships Open



The Pinnacle Foundation provides educational scholarships, mentoring and opportunities for young LGBTIQ+ Australians to realise their full potential and overcome challenges arising from their identity.

Scholarships are awarded for fulltime study at public institutions of higher education in Australia, for the purpose of gaining an educational or vocational qualification in any profession, trade or the arts.

Get more information [HERE](#).

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for consideration for a Pinnacle Foundation Scholarship, you must meet every one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Australian citizen or permanent resident (proof required during application stage)
- At least 18 years of age and younger than 27 years of age on 31 August (the closing date for applications)
- Have achieved good or reasonable scholastic results given your circumstances
- Will be undertaking fulltime studies at a public tertiary institution (including TAFE or university)
- Identify as a member of the LGBTIQIA+ community

1 July Elevate: Boosting Diversity in STEM Scholarships Applications Open for 2027



Elevate aims to address gender inequities in STEM.

The program will award up to 500 undergraduate and post graduate scholarships to women and non-binary people in STEM for 2027.

It is open to women and non-binary people who aim to start university next year. You can apply whether you have your university application in or not.

For guidelines go [HERE](#).



7 July Year 12 ATAR Economics Conference

Get ready for our annual ATAR economics conference designed to elevate your revision game and prepare year 12 students for success! We're bringing together industry leaders to share their expert insights and knowledge with you.



We have an exciting line-up of speakers, including renowned economist Paul Bloxham (Chief Economist HSBC) and Steven Kemp (Chief WACE marker and author of your textbook).

The conference will cover strategies for success, data interpretation, balance of payments, tactics for section 2 of the exam, and how to master those tricky multiple-choice questions. Alongside captivating speakers and interactive workshops, your ticket includes morning tea, light lunch, snacks, merchandise, and car parking.

Register [HERE](#).

What is the Casper Test for Curtin Medicine and Murdoch Veterinary Science?

Casper is an open-response situational judgment test that measures aspects of your social intelligence and professionalism, like ethics, empathy, problem-solving and collaboration.

It is an essential requirement for Curtin Medicine and Murdoch Veterinary Science.

Find out about Casper Tests and book in for your test [HERE](#).

26 July Casper Test Preparation

1pm – 5pm

The Casper Test is used by Curtin for entrance into Medicine and by Murdoch for Veterinary Science. The Casper assessment itself is the same for all applicants.

The Casper Test Preparation webinar will be conducted by a senior NIE facilitator ([Rebekah Ramsey](#)) as a 4-hour interactive and informative program, designed to provide students with the guidance and support they need to prepare for the Casper Test.

Check out details and register [HERE](#).

St Catherine's College UWA and Curtin Mini Open Days

VARIOUS DATES



[26 June](#)

[31 July](#)

[28 August](#)

[25 September](#)

[30 October](#)

[27 November](#)

31 July Applications Close Veterinary Medicine



The [2027 Veterinary Medicine Admissions Guide](#) is now available and all applicants should review it before applying. It outlines key requirements for entry into Murdoch's BSc/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program, including completion of the Casper assessment and submission of the official application form.

All applications to this program are to be submitted through TISC and are due by **31 July 2026**.

See information about the Casper Test for Murdoch Veterinary Medicine above.

ECU 2026 ATAR Revision Sessions – 29 September – 2 October



Registration not yet open.

If you're a Year 12 ATAR student, don't miss ECU's free revision sessions.

You can choose from a variety of subjects, each one delivered by a teacher familiar with the 2026 syllabus.

Select one subject and order 1 ticket. You can book for multiple subjects by repeating the process and selecting a different subject.

	Tuesday, 29 September	Wednesday, 30 September	Thursday, 1 October	Friday, 2 October
Joondalup				
9.00am – 1.00pm	Chemistry	Human Biology	Maths Methods	Maths Applications
2.00pm – 6.00pm	English	Biology	Physics	Maths Specialist

Sessions run between Tuesday, 29 September and Friday, 2 October 2026

To find more information go [HERE](#)

Year 11

24 June Applications Close National Youth Science Forum



The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Year 12 Program gives students who are about to start year 12 a broader understanding of study and career options available in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

In January 2027, the NYSF Year 12 Program will run two summer sessions at:

1. The Australian National University, Canberra – **January 6-14, 2027, or**
2. The University of Queensland – **January 13-21, 2027**

Check details [HERE](#).

National Mathematics Summer School

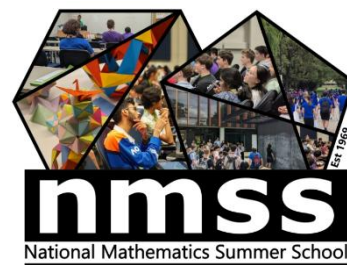
The NMSS is for mathematically gifted high school students who have just completed year 11.

Some students say going to the Summer School changed their lives.

It's on from January 10 – 23 in Canberra.

Applications close 28 August.

Check out the opportunity [HERE](#).



Year 10 – 11 Opportunities

Applications Open for Fogarty Futures Leadership Conference

The Fogarty Futures Leadership Conference is a four-day overnight camp for Year 10 and 11 students run from 2-5 October. It is designed to develop leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills. The program focuses on building authentic, courageous leaders passionate about social justice and community engagement.

If you are interested in attending, consider going with a buddy.

Check out details [HERE](#).

Year 10 Opportunities

22 June applications open for 2027-28 School Based Traineeships



Applications for the 2027-28 intake open on 22 June 2026.

Over 18 months trainees gain real experience working part time in a government agency, learning valuable workplace skills and being paid while finishing Years 11 and 12.

Trainees:

- work 2 days a week (usually Thursday and Friday) in a public sector agency and this counts towards their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)
- complete the nationally recognised [PSP20122 Certificate II in Government](#)
- receive support from a workplace supervisor to develop workplace skills for future employment.

Applications close Wednesday 5 August

Agencies taking part in 2027 -28 are:

- [Department of Education](#)
- [Department of Health](#)
- [Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety](#)
- [Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage](#)
- [Department of Training and Workforce Development](#)
- [Insurance Commission of Western Australia](#)
- [Mental Health Commission](#)

Regional locations

- [Central Regional TAFE \(Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Northam\)](#)
- [Department of Education](#)
- [Department of Housing and Works \(Albany\)](#)
- [Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage \(Kununurra, Broome\)](#)

Find information [HERE](#) and contact your school-based VET Coordinator for help.

Jobs List - Defence Work Experience Program



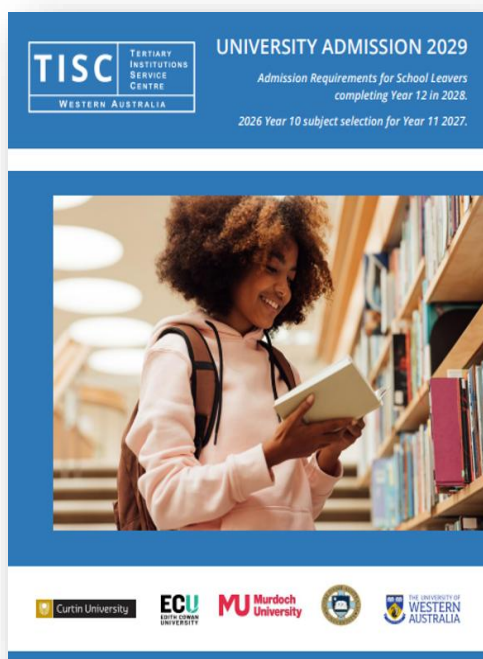
The [Defence Work Experience Program](#) gives young Australians the chance to explore life in Defence and discover careers in the Australian Defence Force (ADF). It's a unique opportunity to learn, gain hands-on experience, and see what a career in Defence could look like.

Need help?

For assistance or questions, email defence.workexperienceprogram@defence.gov.au

Job Name	Closing Date	Action
<p>Air Force Careers Day: RAAF Base Pearce (September) Job Ref - WEP/00032/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Force • Bullsbrook, WA • 15 September 2026 <p>Information Pack (PDF)</p>	<p>02-Aug-2026 11:30 PM (AEST)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start New Application • Access Existing Application • Preview Application Form • Email A Friend
<p>Air Force Careers Day: RAAF Base Pearce (October) Job Ref - WEP/00035/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Force • Bullsbrook, WA • 20 October 2026 <p>Information Pack (PDF)</p>	<p>23-Aug-2026 11:30 PM (AEST)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start New Application • Access Existing Application • Preview Application Form • Email A Friend

2029 School Leavers Admission Requirements Out Now Online



The Admission Requirements for School Leavers for **2029 booklet** (2028 Year 12 students) is now available on [the TISC website](#). The brochure encourages this resource to be used by Year 10 students and their parents, who are interested in a university pathway, and to assist with the consideration of their subject choices for senior school.

Find it [HERE](#).

2026 Year 10 Information Handbook Out

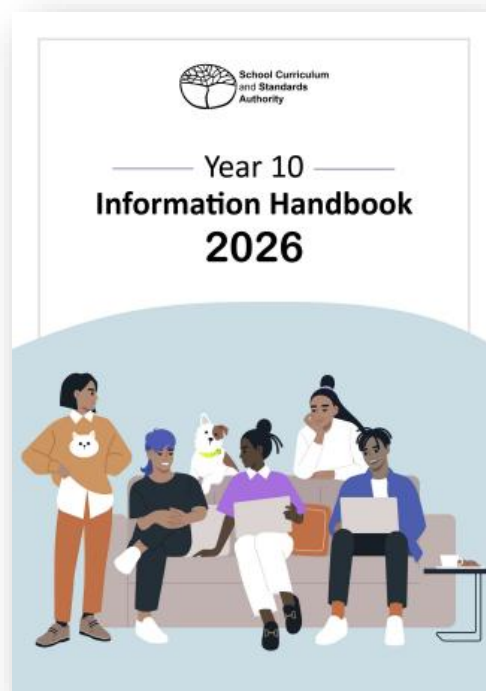
The School Curriculum and Standards Authority say what to do to achieve the WA Certificate of Education (WACE).

What they say defines what subjects you should take in Year 11 and 12.

There are changes to WACE completion in 2028 that will impact on the achievement pathway for current Year 10s.

Teachers and counsellors at your school will have up-to-date information about the WACE requirements that are currently in place.

Get your copy [HERE](#). Check out the PowerPoint [HERE](#)





WACE requirements in 2028

1. General requirements

You must:

- demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy (reading and writing) and a minimum standard of numeracy
- complete a minimum of 20 units, or equivalents
- complete
 - at least four Year 12 ATAR courses **OR**
 - at least five Year 12 General courses and/or ATAR courses or equivalent **OR**
 - a Certificate II VET qualification (or a Certificate III, or a Certificate IV qualification that is on the *Certificate IV Specified List*) in combination with ATAR, General or Foundation courses.

2. Literacy and numeracy standard

For the WACE literacy and numeracy standard you may:

- prequalify through the reading, writing and numeracy tests of the Year 9 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), or;
- demonstrate the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy by successfully completing the relevant components of the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) in Year 10, 11 or 12.

3. Breadth and depth

You must complete a minimum of 20 units, which may include unit equivalents attained through VET and/or endorsed programs. This requirement must include at least:

- a minimum of ten Year 12 units, or the equivalent
- four units from an English course, post-Year 10, including at least one pair of Year 12 units from an English learning area course
- one pair of Year 12 units from each of List A (arts/languages/social sciences) and List B (mathematics/science/technology) subjects.

4. Achievement standard

You must achieve at least 14 C grades or higher (or equivalents) in Year 11 and Year 12 units, including at least six C grades (or equivalents) in Year 12 units.

5. Unit equivalents

Unit equivalents can be awarded through VET qualifications and/or endorsed programs. The maximum number of unit equivalents available through VET and endorsed programs is four Year 11 units and four Year 12 units with a maximum of four units with endorsed programs – two in Year 11 and two in Year 12.

GET YOUR ONE-PAGE WACE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY [HERE](#)

Years 9 – 11

16 July STEM Careers: Energy



Curtin
University

This event helps young people to understand where a STEM pathway can lead. Explore the growing job opportunities as Australia moves towards energy security and renewables.

9am – 3.30 Curtin Campus Find STEM Careers: Energy [HERE](#).

Years 7 - 10

23 June Inspire in 5 STEM Careers

These events features a rapid series of five-minute presentations from our Women in STEM Mentors. They share their study pathways, career journeys, and what their day-to-day work really looks like. After the presentations, students can ask questions in a relaxed, facilitated panel discussion.



These women volunteer their time so please go along if you are interested in science and maths.

Hosted at Melville Senior High School 6pm – 7.30pm Find details [HERE](#). Register [HERE](#).

Year 6-8

Explore STEM (Years 6 – 8) School Holiday Program



Multi-day school holiday programs for years 6-8 students to discover the exciting world of STEM. These workshops combine hands-on, creative challenges where students explore the world of STEM alongside mentors in a supportive environment.

What to expect

- Learn coding basics through fun, hands-on activities.
- Creative projects using programmable micro: bits – that you'll get to keep!
- Connect with like-minded peers and STEM role models.
- Build confidence and skills in technology and coding in a supportive environment.

Explore STEM – Code & Create (Kalgoorlie)

When: Tuesday 7 July – Thursday 9 July

Time: 9.30 am – 3.30 pm daily **Who:** Years 6 – 8 girls!

Location: Curtin University, Kalgoorlie

Cost: \$150* [Book Here!](#)

Explore STEM – Code & Create (Perth)

When: Wednesday 15 July – Friday 17 July

Time: 9.30 am – 3.30 pm daily

Who: Years 6 – 8 girls

Location: Curtin University, Bentley

Cost: \$150* [Book Here!](#)

Year 5-6

July 16: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (YEAR 5-6)



ECU School of Science, in collaboration with Day of AI Australia, are pleased to offer this Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI) for students (yrs 5-6) and teachers. You will get hands-on with different AI tools and explore what AI is, how it works, ethical implications, and ways to apply AI.

Please note that this workshop is a repeat of previous offerings.

Cost: **FREE** (places limited). Open to students in **years 5-6** and teachers. Book [HERE](#).

Applications are Open: First LEGO League



Engage your students in developing coding, programming and essential STEM skills through this exciting robotics challenge. Students work in teams to design and build autonomous LEGO® robots and tackle research projects that solve real-world problems.

Program timeline

- May: team registration opens
- August: First LEGO League Challenge kits arrive
- Terms 3 and 4: teams work on challenges
- Term 4: regional tournaments
- December: state finals held at Curtin University.

Find details and register [HERE](#)

Years 5-6

Binar X Space Program



The BinarX School Holiday Program (SHP) will run in 2026 in the July school holidays at Curtin's Kalgoorlie Campus. Eager students in years 5 and 6 learn how to build and launch their own payload in a model rocket that they personalise (and get to take home!). This rocket allows the students to use sensors to explore their natural environment in new and exciting ways.

Find details and register [HERE](#).

Disabilities

Autism Academy



The Autism Academy for Software Quality Assurance (AASQA) is an Australian social innovation initiative with the vision of harnessing the special talents of people with Autism for the collective benefit of those with Autism, industry and the wider community.

The AASQA provides high-level expertise and services in assessment, training, education and work placements for individuals with Autism in the software testing industry. The primary key components of the AASQA include:

1. **a training academy** with links to tertiary education bodies, to train and certify software inspectors with Autism (the Academy)
2. **an enterprise** to provide graduates of the Academy with employment opportunities to meet the market need for organisational level software testing (the Enterprise).

Find details [HERE](#).

Maple Equality and Inclusion Scholarship



The Maple Equality and Inclusion Scholarship has been established to help provide people with a disability greater access to affordable educational opportunities. This Scholarship is open to any individual within the Australian Community who identifies as having a disability.

Applications for 2026 have not opened yet. You can view the old guidelines [HERE](#).

Louisa Alessandri Memorial Fund



This scholarship is for a student living with a physical disability, or with vision or hearing loss and residing in Western Australia. The scholarship is intended to assist a student to achieve their career aspirations. Funds may be used for a variety of purposes, including course fees, equipment, support, interpreters, transport etc.

Find information [HERE](#).

Vision Australia's Further Education Bursaries



Each year, Vision Australia awards Further Education Bursaries to a select number of students who are blind or have low vision. The bursaries provide adaptive technology to help the students fully participate and succeed in their chosen studies.

Students of any age can apply for a Vision Australia Further Education Bursary if they meet a number of criteria including: be, or become, a client of Vision Australia; have a current (within the last 12 months) eye report on file with Vision Australia; be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, or be living or moving to Australia; and, be enrolling to study at an institution in Australia. Applications close around the end of September.

Find details [HERE](#)

Rural Regional Remote

Notre Dame Broome Open Day



Whether you're a student or a graduate, come experience life at Notre Dame. Join us for a full day of workshops, tours, info sessions and more.

Register [HERE](#).

11 August ECU SW Teacher Education Information Session



Are you thinking of pursuing a career in Teacher Education at ECU South West? If so, our online information evening is perfect for you. This session will cover course details, admission pathways, application processes, fees, scholarships, and flexible study options such as online or part-time learning.

6-7pm Register [HERE](#).

Relocation Scholarship



The Government provided Relocation Scholarship is an annual payment for eligible Youth Allowance and ABSTUDY Living Allowance recipients who have to live away from the family home to study. You'll receive this scholarship at the beginning of the academic year to help with the costs of living away from home.

Country Education Foundation – 10 pages of Scholarships



The Country Education Foundation has 10 pages of scholarships listed.



There are a lot for those going into health careers, there are sports and singing and sustainability scholarships and scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Surely there is something in there that you can apply for. Check them out [HERE](#).

Centrelink: Living Away from Home Support



Students who are eligible for Australian government income support payments and who also need to live away from home to undertake higher education study may be eligible for additional financial support. These include:

- [Fares allowance](#)
- [Higher payment rates when living away from home](#)
- [Relocation Scholarship](#)
- [Rent assistance](#)

UWA Regional Students' Webpage



If you missed the information session for regional students go to the Regional Students' Webpage for information about

- Courses
 - The Broadway Scheme
 - Support services
 - Accommodation

Find the page [HERE](#).

Regional Public Sector Traineeships Applications open all year.



The 'Public sector traineeships in Government (Public Administration) will give you the opportunity to work in a regional WA public sector agency full time for 12 months or part time for 18 months while earning a trainee wage. On successful completion of the traineeship, you will attain a nationally recognised qualification of a *Certificate II, III or IV in Government (Public Administration)*.



Public Sector Commission
Public sector trainee - regional

For more information go [HERE](#).

Shaping the future of employment services Discussion Paper

The new Shaping the future of employment services. Discussion Paper is making special consideration of people in remote Australia.

Reforms to mainstream employment services will build on the steps already taken by government to reform the broader employment services ecosystem, including:

- *the introduction of Remote Australia Employment Service (RAES), reforming the operation of employment services in remote areas of Australia.*

If you are concerned about the provision of employment services in remote areas check out this opportunity to improve the services available. You can find the discussion paper [HERE](#).

Consultation closes 31 July.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Career

4-19 July WACE Revision



This weeklong program is designed for Year 12 students undertaking an ATAR-pathway. Students receive specialist subject tuition and learn exam preparation techniques designed to boost their subject grades and increase their potential for direct entry into UWA.

The School of Indigenous Studies supports Indigenous Year 12 students to attend the July WACE revision program for free. All accommodation and travel costs are covered for regional Year 12 students.

To be eligible, students should be taking 4 or more ATAR subjects.

For final dates and to register go [HERE](#).

National Indigenous Business Summer School



Register Now for 14 – 17 December.

The National Indigenous Business Summer School – Western Australia (NIBSS-WA) is a free, fun, 3-night, 4-day residential program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students in Years 10, 11 and 12 from across Western Australia. High school teachers are also welcome to accompany a group of students, with teacher accommodation, travel and meals included as part of the program.

Hosted at the Curtin University Bentley campus in Perth, on Whadjuk Noongar Boodja. NIBSS-WA introduces students to the worlds of business, innovation, entrepreneurship and university life in a supportive and inspiring environment.

Find details [HERE](#)

25 July Applications Close - BGC First Nations University Scholarship & Internship



Available at: Any university

Available for: Any study area

[BCG First Nations Scholarship & Internship](#)

Closing 24/07/2026

Introducing ECU City Campus

What's New at ECU

Educators and Influencers Day

This was the biggest career practitioners' event that I have ever been to.

People were there on their long service leave and on their days off, all to tour the gorgeous new ECU city campus.

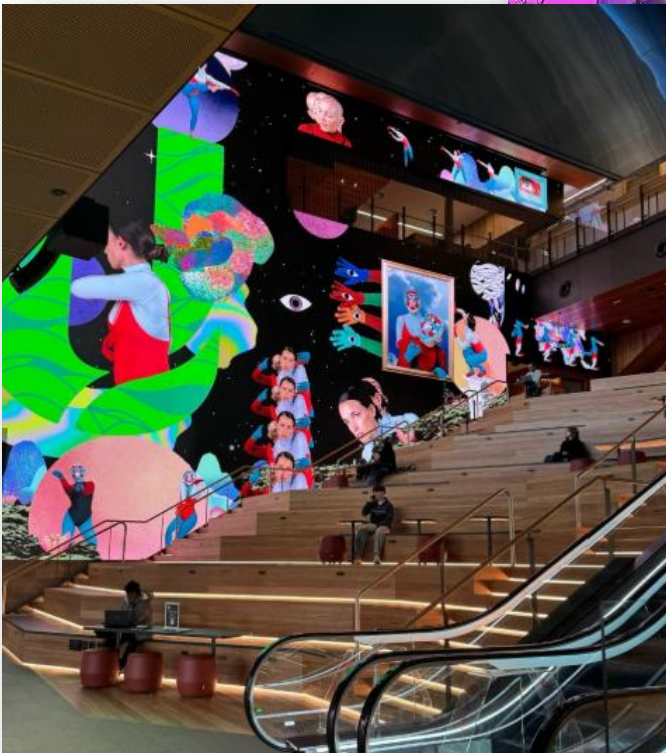
On the left, as you go in, you see a wonderful four storey high, digital screen.



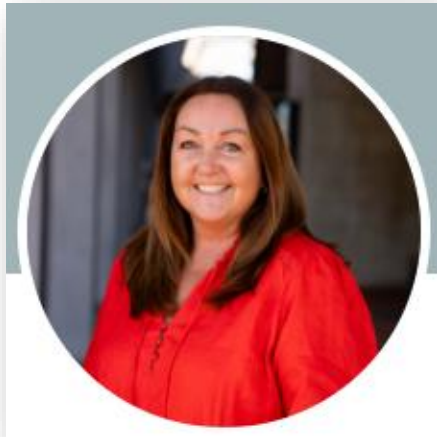
The four storey screen shows different amazing graphics throughout the day.

You can sit on the stairs that face the main doors and watch the screen change.

They are open to the public from 8am – 6pm and have an **Open Day on 9 August** if you would like to go behind the scenes of each faculty and see the auditoriums, broadcasting facilities, the moot court and the library with an archive of vinyl records.



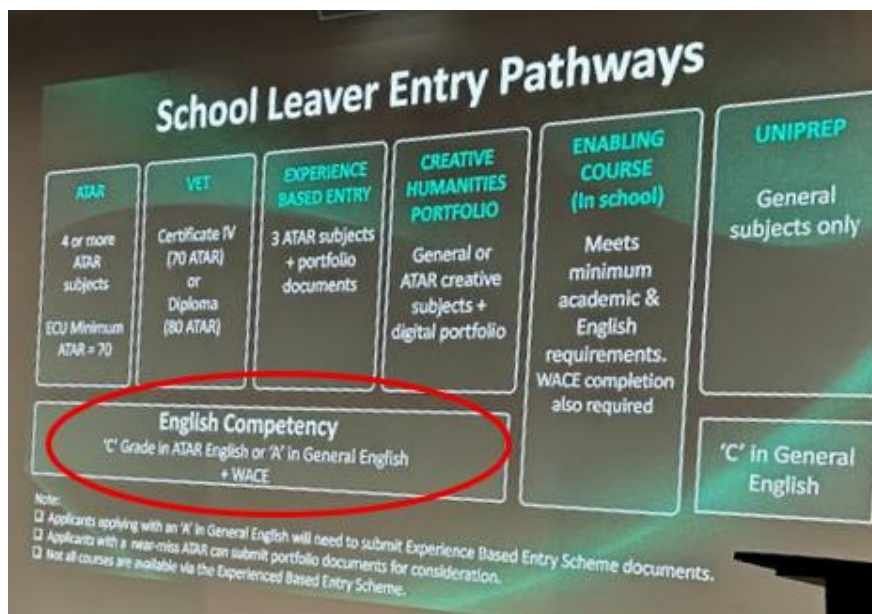
Nerida Williams (CEWA) shared this photo.



Michelle Austin, Manager, Future Student Engagements, welcomed us in a long, curved lecture theatre.

She wasn't using a microphone and warned us that our voices would be picked up by the sensitive sound system if we started chatting. The sound was brilliant as people in the audience could be heard by everyone when they asked a question.

SCHOOL LEAVER ENTRY PATHWAYS



See [School Leaver Entry Pathways](#).

ECU has worked to create a pathway for everyone.

ATAR students have access to all ECU courses.

Non ATAR pathways have access to a more limited range of courses.

All ECU pathways require English competency.

- **Humanities applicants** who don't quite achieve the required ATAR should submit a portfolio that demonstrates their competence.

- **Experienced Based Entry** is a great way of entering uni using your experience at work and through life.
- The **Certificate IV Pathway** was introduced to enable those people with technical qualifications and years of experience to enrol in a degree. It is now possible to use your Certificate IV without experience, as a pathway to uni.
- **All enabling courses are accepted.** ECU accepts graduates from any university enabling course.

5 October First Round Offers. 2 December Second Round Offers.

Should you do UniPrep?

All potential students should engage with ECU Student Hub to find the best pathway to success.

It might be worth doing a uni enabling course before you start so that you know about how to write uni assignments, do referencing, and find your way around the university.

ECU UNIPREP

ECU has a human centric approach to UniPrep. The focus is on face-to-face engagement.

It aims to teach the skills required for academic success, with an emphasis on you becoming an independent learner. That includes:

- Information/communication technology skills,
- Academic research and writing,
- Mathematical concepts and techniques,
- Interpersonal communication skills.

You'll also be introduced to life at ECU and have access to course and career advice to help you make informed decisions about selecting a degree.

1. There is a **Summer UniPrep** course that runs from November to the end of January.
2. A full semester **UniPrep** course that starts the same day as other uni courses.
3. Senior students can do UniPrep for High Schools.

CENTRE FOR EMPLOYABILITY

ECU has a [Centre for Employability](#) to enhance graduates' employment outcomes.

They:

- Build strong networks with industry bodies and organisations and they embed the language of employability into units.
- Work with students on resumes, applications and interview skills.
- Run a jobs board, coordinate career fairs and have jobs on campus sessions.
- ECU has research that demonstrates the benefits of Work-Integrated Learning.
- The Centre for Employability supports successful internship recruitment and delivery.

Student activity	Full-time employment outcomes (Undergraduates)
No WIL	69.6%
Any WIL	76.4%
Workplace-based WIL	79.5%

Students who do Work Integrated Learning have better employment outcomes.

INCLUSIVE EMPLOYABILITY

ECU won the 2025 Accessibility in Action Award. If you are interested in opportunities for someone with disability, [contact ECU HERE](#).

Inclusive Employability

ECU
EDITH COWAN
UNIVERSITY

Accessibility in Action Awards 2025 Winner

Edith Cowan University
Emma Lovegrove, Denise Bertilone and Prof. Justin Brown

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Apple Foundation Program

Learn to become proficient using Apple tools to develop your ideas and solutions.

Anyone aged 16+ can enrol in the FREE Apple Foundation Program. Students use Apple technology to work in small teams to generate solutions to challenges.

You can do it in schools or as a 3-week intensive program @ 4 hours a day.

There are no prerequisites and ECU / Apple will provide you with an Apple computer to use as you:

- Learn about design thinking.
- Develop future focused industry relevant skills
- Build leadership and team capabilities.



They have a course scheduled for the Christmas holidays.

Check it out [HERE](#).

