# Careers Corner Weekly

## Events 5th June to 18th June



#### Monday 05 June 2023

#### ACU - Postgraduate Psychology Courses at ACU

This webinar provides an overview of the three postgraduate psychology courses available at ACU – Master of Psychology (Clinical), Master of Psychology (Educational and Developmental) and the Master of Professional Psychology. Hear directly from our teaching staff on the structure and requirements of these courses, the campuses they are offered at and more importantly why students seeking a career in psychology should enrol at ACU.

Time: 2:00 PM Location: Online Details and Registration: https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2023/june/postgraduatepsychology-courses-at-acu? redirect=%26FilterBy%3dUpcoming%26Year%3d2023%26PageNumber%3d1 MONDAY 29 MAY | #18

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#### Murdoch University - Mandurah Campus Open Evening

Discover Nursing at Murdoch University and explore alternative entry pathways into uni at our Mandurah campus!

Join us at Murdoch University's Mandurah Campus and discover our enabling pathways into university bachelor degrees or explore your future career in Nursing.

Time: 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Murdoch University, Mandurah Campus Details and Registration: https://www.murdoch.edu.au/events/allevents/murdoch-university-mandurah-campus-openevening-590740910967

## World Education Program - Online Info Sessions

WEP info sessions are free and provide students and parents the opportunity to meet some of our WEP staff, hear all about student exchange opportunities and ask us any questions!

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AEST Location: Online Details and Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_3vLU4j IuTBaTXCT0WTNDuQ#/registration

#### Thursday 08 June 2023

#### Edith Cowan University - Year 11 and 12's Engineering Showcase

We are pleased to invite you to attend one of the three School of Engineering courses and careers information session so you can discover why engineering is such a great profession and how ECU can provide you with an excellent start to a highly rewarding career.

You will get to hear from some of our current engineering students and graduates about their experience at ECU and their transition into exciting industry roles.

Time: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Location: Joondalup Campus Details and Registration: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing? eid=1027836&





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### Saturday 10 June 2023

#### University of Western Australia - Personal Development Workshop for Entry Into Medicine and Dentistry

Are you a year 12 student at a Broadway UWA or regional high school? Join us on Saturday 10 June for a free Personal Development Workshop for entry into Medicine and Dentistry.

You will need to book your UCAT ANZ test prior to registering your attendance.

Registrations close Sunday 4 June at 11.59pm AWST.

Time: 9:00 PM - 2:00 PM Location: UWA Campus Details and Registration: https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/Events/Regional-Student-Information-Webinar

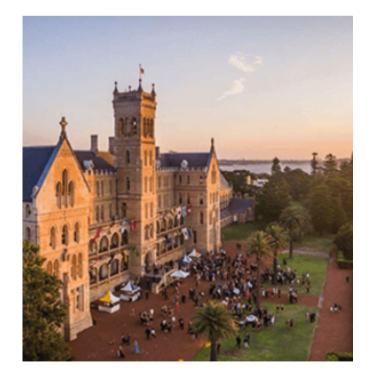
### Friday 16 June 2023

#### ICMS - Year 10 Subject Selection Evening

ICMS invite parents, teachers, and students in Year 10 to join us at this information session to help students to navigate the High School Certificate (HSC) subject selection process.

This will be the perfect opportunity to gain valuable tips from a representative of the University Admissions Centre (UAC), who will guide you through the application process and offer insights on how to maximise the chances of admission to your desired university.

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Location: Bankstown, 628 23-25 Airport Avenue, Bankstown Airport Details and Registration: https://www.icms.edu.au/event/year-10-Subject-Selection-Evening/







## Events 5th June to 18th June

Defence Careers Australia					
Date	Event	Description	Time/Location/Registration		
Tuesday 06 June 2023	Indigenous Pathways Virtual Information Session	Join the thousands of Australian Defence Force members who enjoy financial security, rewarding work and personal development in jobs that proudly represent their communities. Join us for a virtual info session to learn about Indigenous opportunities in the Navy, Army and Air Force.	Time: 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM Location: Online Details and Registration: https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/event s/events-detail/krl8r6u		
Tuesday 06 June 2023	Perth: Defence Careers Information Session	Consider a career like no other and represent Australia with pride in the Navy, Army or Air Force. Speak with current serving personnel at our upcoming info session and ask your questions - is a career in the Australian Defence Force for you?	Time: 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM Location: Defence Force Recruiting Perth Details and Registration: https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/event s/events-detail/fzyjy1v		
Thursday 08 June 2023	Women in Defence Virtual Information Session	Consider a career in the Navy, Army or Air Force and work alongside likeminded, supportive, proud serving men and women. Tune in for a virtual info session to speak with current serving women in Defence to learn more.	Time: 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM (ACST) 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM (AEST) 04:30 PM - 06:30 PM (AWST) Location: Online Details and Registration: https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/event s/events-detail/kut14b5		
Tuesday 13 June 2023	Kununurra: Defence Careers Information Session	Consider a career like no other and represent Australia with pride in the Navy, Army or Air Force. Speak with current serving personnel at our upcoming info session and ask your questions - is a career in the Australian Defence Force for you?	Time: 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM Location: Kununurra NORFORCE Depot Details and Registration: https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/event s/events-detail/9ky5itp		



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## **Electives Years 7-9**



## Get excited because subject selection is your time to explore and experiment through electives!

#### How To Make Good Choices

Approach choosing your electives with an open mind and as an opportunity to discover new passions.

To make really wise elective choices, try this quick activity: Think about the feedback your teachers provide on your work and reports and of what you enjoy, are good at, and find challenging at school. This information will help you identify your interests and strengths which makes choosing subjects that suit you easier.

Before Year 11 most subjects won't require 'prerequisites', meaning subjects you must take first to ensure you have the right knowledge and skills. The exceptions to this can be LOTEs and practical subjects like music. So if you want to take a break from these, check if you'll be able to pick them up again, or if you need to continue.

Keep in mind that you'll be in the subjects you pick for some time, so if you're unsure whether you will enjoy one of your choices, talk it through with your family and teachers who can help you understand what the subject is about and if it will be a good match.

#### What If I make a 'Bad' Choice?

If you find yourself in a subject you don't love or aren't doing well in, use it as a chance to develop:

- Perseverance by giving it your best anyway.
- The attitude that you get out what you put in.
- Skills in something doesn't come naturally this demonstrates maturity and self-discipline.
- A growth mindset by realising that learning what we don't like or what we're not good at helps us know ourselves better.

Use your new self-knowledge to inform your future decisions. For example, if you thought you'd love Food Tech but just found yourself in a mess, cross it off your list and confidently know careers in a kitchen aren't for you.

Your elective choices are a chance to work out what you like and are good at so when the time comes, your senior pathway, subjects, and plans for life beyond school are clearer.

To learn more about your senior school options log into the your careers website, dip into the Post School Options and Planning Journey and do the After Yr 10 What Are My Options? Activity and speak to your Careers Advisor.



## **Electives in Years 10-12**



In Years 10-12 you get more options, but the stakes are higher than in Years 7-9, as your subject choices can broaden or narrow your post school pathways.

You may also have the option to choose a Vocational Education and Training (VET) subject and/or accelerate in a subject which are great opportunities but mean you have to think your subjects through with a longer-term plan in mind.

#### **VET Subjects**

A VET subject may be a good choice if you:

- Like hands-on learning.
- Have interest in a specific subject area.
- Think you might like to do an apprenticeship or traineeship one day.
- Might want to study VET after finishing school.

#### Acceleration

Acceleration means starting a Year 11 subject when you're in Year 10. If you're mature, academically capable, and well organised, accelerating can provide you with a:

- Chance to study a subject you're good at at a higher level.
- Taste of senior subjects so you know what to expect.
- Sixth or seventh subject which may contribute to your ATAR.

These tips will help ensure you make smart subject choices for your senior school years:

#### One: Select subjects you enjoy

You are more likely to put your full effort in if you like what you are learning. Simple, but true.

#### Two: Select subjects you're good at

When you give your best effort, you're more likely to do well. If you're choosing a subject because it's a prerequisite, reflect on whether your previous learning indicates you're likely to succeed.

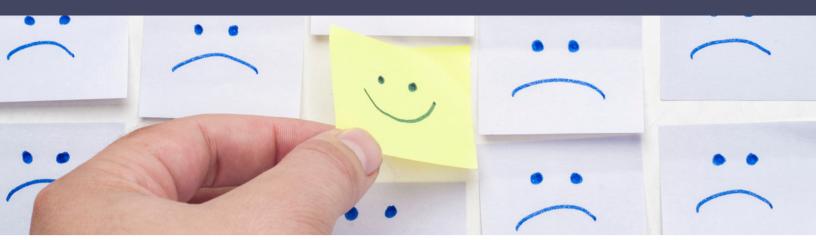
#### Three: Select subjects to reach your goals

If you're unsure about your future pathway, choose subjects to keep your options open. If you have some idea of your direction, you need to know which school subjects are prerequisites or assumed knowledge for the VET and/or Higher Education courses you're interested in. Even if a subject isn't a prerequisite, consider how it could support your preferred pathway. For example, Biology isn't usually a prerequisite for Medicine or Nursing, however, what you learn in it will be an advantage if you want to study or work in a health-related field.

Your Careers Advisor or Tertiary Admission Centre are the best sources to learn more about prerequisites and assumed knowledge.



## **Make Smart Selections**



Electives let you shape your school experience and help you stay motivated which is why they should reflect your interests and aspirations. While it's valuable to consider others' advice, your subject choices are a chance to exercise independence and take responsibility for your learning. These tips will help you choose your subjects confidently:

#### Know what you're signing up for

Speak to teachers who teach the subject, read the textbook, talk to students taking the class, read the subject selection handbook, and attend 'taster' lessons or subject selection information sessions so you really know what the subjects involve and if they're for you.

#### Seek guidance from your allies

Your teachers, coordinators, and Careers Advisor can help you develop a plan aligned with your aspirations. Ask them questions and listen to their advice, as they really are there to help you!

#### Keep your options open

If you're unsure about your pathway, keep your subject choices broad and diverse so you have flexibility in your future studies and career choices.

#### Value knowledge and skills

You're a budding entrepreneur, but your school doesn't offer an entrepreneurship subject? Think about how the subjects your school does offer connect to your interests and goals more broadly. In this case, business or economics electives will help you start your own business one day.

#### **Balance your workload**

Aim for a combination of subjects that challenges you without overwhelming you. For example, you may love art, design, and media but can you realistically do your best in three folio subjects?

#### Consider your pathway

Are you aiming for a high ATAR or developing practical skills for the workforce? Multiple options exist beyond school, including vocational training, apprenticeships, or university via ATAR or non-ATAR pathways, so choose subjects to support your pathway.

#### Remember the big picture

School isn't just about academics. Consider other opportunities such as extracurricular activities, sports, arts, or community service which provide valuable skills and learning, contribute to personal growth, and enhance your overall school experience.



## Subject Selection Myths and Facts



# Myths & Facts

Myth	Fact
You will enjoy your subjects more if your friends are in your classes.	There is no guarantee your timetables will align, and if you're prone to distractions, you may learn more independently.
It's a good idea to choose a subject because it has a reputation for being 'easy' or a 'bludge'.	All subjects require effort to do well, even if you're naturally talented in the area. You're better off choosing a subject you enjoy and will be engaged in rather than one that doesn't really interest you, but that you think will be easy.
You should choose a subject because a teacher you like will be taking it. You shouldn't choose a subject because you don't like the teacher.	Subjects are allocated to teachers based on the demands on the timetable, and changes can be made at the last minute. This means you can't guarantee who your teacher will be.
Choosing 'hard', higher level subjects or ones that 'scale up' because they will lead to a high ATAR. Thinking 'easy' subjects or subjects that 'scale down' will lead to a low ATAR.	Scaling ensures that you are neither advantaged nor disadvantaged based on the subjects you choose. Whether they scale up or down, you still need to do well in your subjects to get a high ATAR.



All competitions and challenges are free/have low entry fees and are open to students nationwide.



Competition	Open To	Closing Date
SmartFoneFlickFest SF3 Enter Australia's smart phone film festival. Entry is \$8-\$35 depending on category and deadline.	All	From 1 June - 1 September
<b>Capture the Weather Photo Competition</b> Take a striking, authentic weather image showcasing the drama and beauty of Australian weather. Submit via email.	Everyone	Reopens 1 July 2023
<b>Robert Menzies Institute Speech Competition</b> Video a 5 - 7 min. speech addressing the theme and referring to Menzies' involvement in the ANZUS treaty.	Years 9 - 12	9 July 2023
Young ICT Explorers Solve real-world problems and showcase your passions using technology to make the world a better place.	Grade 3 - Year 12	14 July 2023
<u>Australian STEM Video Game Challenges</u> Work in a team to develop a game on the theme of construction and destruction.	Grade 4 - Year 12	17 July 2023
<u>Wool4School Design Competition</u> Design a unique outfit featuring pre-loved items and 70% Merino wool.	Most students in Years 7 - 12	20 July 2023

