

# MurdochMail

Information for future students

**MU** Murdoch  
University

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Ngala kwop biddi.  
Building a brighter future, together.



## Acknowledgement of Country

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

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

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



## Welcome

Happy New Year and welcome back for Term 1, 2024. This year is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever, with both our Future Students and Outreach Teams full, meaning we have 12 dedicated staff ready to support you and your students throughout the year. We welcome Aimee Lonsdale back from maternity leave and new Outreach Officer Emma, who started with us at the end of 2023.

We have a full calendar of engaging events, starting with Open Day on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March and including on-campus experiences, parent information evenings and open nights just to name a few. See the printable calendar attached.

We hope you can join us as we build a brighter 2024, together.

## Our Teams

The Murdoch University Future Students & Outreach Teams are your go-to for support and engagement for years 7 – 12. Each team offers unique engagement opportunities to suit your students' needs. To see a full catalogue of engagement opportunities, please see the attached flyer.

### Future Students Team

The Future Students team provide information and support to Year 10 – 12 students, their families and the wider community through information sessions, presentations, course counselling, pathways advice, expos and events.



From left to right: Amy Henderson, Aimee Lonsdale, Sam Macauley, Jason Jancey, Gemma Phanupen, Rhianna Jones

### Outreach Team

The Outreach team provide curriculum aligned workshops and engagements tailored to your students' requirements. Workshops are available during school hours as excursions or incursions and cover subject areas such as STEM, HASS and Creative Arts.

For more information, contact [outreach@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:outreach@murdoch.edu.au).



From left to right: Jason Dohle, Andrew Schembri, Emma McClelland, Stephanie Wong, Anna Pryor, Becca Scollay

## Your Murdoch Mail

New to your role, want to stay in the loop, or have colleagues who would also benefit from updates? Then Murdoch Mail is for you.

Filled with important updates, tailored information and support, and interesting highlights, Murdoch Mail is the perfect reading material for busy Career Practitioners and high school staff. Delivered straight to your inbox, Murdoch Mail provides you with exciting and important information to share with your students and wider school community.

Want more from Murdoch Mail? Complete our short survey and let us know what you'd like to see included, and how we can best support you.

[Murdoch Mail Survey](#)

### Subscribe

Ensure your details are up-to-date by completing the form below, you can also share this link with anyone who would like to join our mailing list.

[2024 WA Schools Contact List](#)

## 2024 Engagements – Book Now!

Our Future Students Team and Outreach Team are looking forward to engaging with you, your students and wider school communities in 2024.

With a large range of support services and engagement opportunities, our teams work closely together to provide informative and exciting experiences for students currently in secondary school.

Please see the attached flyer for a list of our services, or contact our teams to request a bespoke, tailored engagement.

Our calendars can fill quickly, to ensure you don't miss out on your preferred dates, please send your booking request through to:

Future Students Team: [engage@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:engage@murdoch.edu.au)

Outreach Team: [outreach@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:outreach@murdoch.edu.au)

## Year 9 Career Tasters

Inspire, educate, and prepare your Year 9 students for their future with the Murdoch University Career Taster Program!

As you begin a new start to the school year, we encourage those who wish to inspire their students to uncover future possibilities, to make a booking for Murdoch Career Tasters.

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

We have availability to come to your school for a full or half day or alternatively, depending on availability, we're able to host your students on campus. This is a free program, with absolutely no cost to your school. For all details, including structure of the program, please see attached flyer. For more information or to make a booking, please contact [becca.scollay@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:becca.scollay@murdoch.edu.au). Places are strictly limited and will fill up fast. Get in early to secure your preferred date.

# Scholarships

## Ngala Kwop Biddi Brighter Futures Scholarship

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

Details have been sent to all Principals or their nominated delegate, along with the link to a *non-public* webpage and the portal to nominate. For enquiries regarding this program, email [brighterfutureschol@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:brighterfutureschol@murdoch.edu.au)

## Murdoch University Access Engineering Scholarship

A \$12,000 Scholarship for students from equity, underrepresented, or marginalised groups, namely: Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI), Low Socio Economic ( Financial Hardship) Regional and Remote, First in Family, Women in STEM, and LGBTQIA, to study the Bachelor Engineering Honours.

## Murdoch University Indigenous Engineering Pathway Scholarship

A Scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to access engineering study or careers via the Bachelor Engineering Technology. Students can choose to complete the 3-year Bachelor of Engineering Technology program and receive \$9,000, or transfer to the 4-year Bachelor of Engineering Honours during the program to receive \$12,000, over the duration of their study.

## Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship

The Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship is open to school leavers who are starting a tech-based undergraduate degree in 2025. Students could be eligible for a scholarship valued at \$15,000 and includes access to paid internship opportunities and inspiring mentors, and an international learning experience in Asia. You will also have access to unique networks of people who would otherwise be out of reach. Best of all, you'll become a lifelong member of Westpac 100 Scholars Network, an inclusive group of some of the brightest minds in Australia.

## City of Mandurah Scholarship

The City of Mandurah scholarship provides financial support to students from the Mandurah region who are intending to enrol, or are enrolled, full-time in an undergraduate degree at Murdoch University Mandurah Campus or at the South Street Campus. Total value of this scholarship is \$12,000.

## George Alexander Foundation Scholarship

The George Alexander Foundation's main point of focus is supporting access to education for promising young people, particularly those from rural and remote areas. Their aim is to help overcome barriers and make it possible for talented students to achieve their potential and go on to contribute to the Australian community. George Alexander believed in the notion of 'planting seeds and hoping they grow into pretty big trees'.

The scholarship is to be used for accommodation and living expenses in Perth, with students encouraged to consider accommodation at Murdoch University Village. Total value of this scholarship is \$24,000.

To discover more scholarships and review eligibility criteria visit: <https://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/scholarships>

In collaboration with the DBCA

# Fauna At School



## Are you teaching Year 10–11 Science this year?

### Sign your class up to the Fauna At School project!

Through this project, students will be exposed to real-world conservation problems on your school grounds. Based on techniques from conservation experts, students will be taught how to build a wildlife refuge using local materials and to use industry-level tracking equipment to investigate the biodiversity at your school.

This free, eight-week program is run by our staff from Murdoch University and allows students to design, develop, and deploy a fauna surveying program at your school. They are then coached through data management, analysis, and science communication. The lessons are curriculum linked, which can be embedded into the school's curriculum.

#### The project involves the following schedule:

<b>Week 1</b>	Lesson 1 - Introduction to Ecology
<b>Week 2</b>	Lesson 2 - Building the Wildlife Refuge
<b>Week 3 - 6</b>	Monitoring and Data Collection
<b>Week 7</b>	Lesson 3 - Data Analysis
<b>Week 8</b>	Lesson 4 - Presenting the Results



All equipment provided. Limited to one class per school, maximum 30 students.

To register your interest, please contact [outreach@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:outreach@murdoch.edu.au)

## Course Highlight

### Bachelor of Science/ Bachelor of Clinical Chiropractic



**Hi!** I'm Dr. Chiara Tomassoni, and I am a Lecturer in Clinical Chiropractic at Murdoch University.

Aside from working in academia, my career has consisted of working in private practice and being heavily involved with athletes, teams, and sporting events. I discovered my keen interest in becoming a Sports Chiropractor through an outreach opportunity at university, and it set me on a path that has allowed me to travel the world, treating athletes, Olympians, and even celebrities! It's challenging, fast-paced work requiring a level-head and quick-thinking. I enjoy it because I'm able to combine my love for travel with an interest in sports, and it keeps my case-load interesting seeing all sorts of injuries and conditions.

My office has included state-of-the-art stadiums, sporting facilities, and the backstage of concerts, all while experiencing new cultures and meeting colleagues from around the globe. If this type of work excites you and you enjoy a change of scenery from time to time, I would encourage you to consider this as one of the many career pathways available to you!

There are also many other avenues you could pursue with a degree in Chiropractic Science, including private practice, research, vocational rehabilitation consultancy, radiology, and paediatrics. This course allows you to explore your clinical interests, and the best thing is that the teaching staff are here to support your aspirations!

#### **What is Chiropractic science?**

Chiropractic science is a field of healthcare that focuses on the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of musculoskeletal disorders, with an emphasis on the impacts of such disorders on general health. Chiropractic care is often sought for conditions like back pain, neck pain, headaches, and other musculoskeletal issues including sporting and workplace injuries.

Chiropractors use a variety of manual treatments including joint and spinal mobilization, rehabilitation, and soft-tissue therapy targeted to alleviate pain, restore function, and improve quality of life helping people to engage in valuable activities like exercise, hobbies and work. Chiropractors may also provide lifestyle advice and guidance on ergonomics, exercise, nutrition, and other aspects of daily living to promote overall health and prevent future problems.

## Course Highlight

# Bachelor of Science/ Bachelor of Clinical Chiropractic

### What will I study?

The Chiropractic course at Murdoch University provides students with an in-depth scientific foundation, including core units like anatomy, physiology and pathology. You will learn assessment skills including biomechanics, static and motion palpation, orthopaedic testing, and radiological imaging and interpretation.

As a student, you will gain the fundamental skills required for evidence-based decision-making and clinical reasoning and develop proficiency in the practical application of treatment techniques by engaging in regular hands-on technique classes.

### What is the Murdoch University campus like?

The Murdoch campus is a great environment for students to engage in studies, interact with peers, and experience life as a university student. It is surrounded by wonderful native bush and green spaces that allow students the chance to unwind between classes and enjoy the wonderful Perth weather.

The Chiropractic course prides itself on its access to quality facilities, such as the anatomy wet lab, technique spaces, diagnostic rooms, as well as the radiology department's equipment and resources. Students will complete their training at the Murdoch University on-campus Chiropractic Clinic, and at clinical outreach placements that set them up with real-world experience to graduate as proficient contributors to the health care system. Students in our program often describe their rural outreach experiences as a highlight of their studies!

The friendly, passionate, and experienced academic staff at Murdoch University are keen to help you along your journey to becoming a member of the chiropractic profession.

To find out more about the Bachelor of Science/ Bachelor of Clinical Chiropractic and other great Allied Health courses offered at Murdoch, visit our webpage:

<https://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/courses/study-areas/allied-health>





## Combined Universities Regional Roadshows

Each year, Murdoch University representatives along with representatives from each of the other WA universities, visit regional and remote towns together as part of the Combined Universities Road Show.

These visits are designed to provide Year 10 – 12 students, their parents and the wider community with information about university and give them an opportunity to ask specific questions to each of the individual universities. Not only do we visit schools to conduct presentations and expos, but we also host public information sessions as part of these visits.

For more details, and specific dates, check with your school, local university campus or Regional University Centre.

19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Southwest Region 1 (Harvey, Australind, Eaton, Bunbury)
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Great Southern (Denmark, Albany, Katanning, Mt Barker, Narrogin)
6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Geraldton
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Southwest Region 2 (Busselton, Dunsborough, Margaret River, Manjimup, Collie)
25 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Karratha & Port Hedland
15 – 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Kununurra & Broome
29 <sup>th</sup> Apr – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Goldfields & Wheatbelt (Kalgoorlie, Coolgardie, Merredin, Cunderdin, Northam, York)
5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Esperance



# Events

Murdoch University has a wide range of events to support students, their families and advisors throughout 2024.

See below for information on events coming soon or to see the full calendar of events for 2024, please visit: [murdoch.edu.au/events](https://murdoch.edu.au/events).

## Careers Masterclass 2024 – Save the Date!

Murdoch University invites career practitioners, teachers and student advisory staff to join us for a morning of networking, learning and sharing at our annual Careers Masterclass.

This event is being offered both in-person and online to increase inclusivity for attendees living in regional and remote areas.

Details:

Date Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Time 7am (In-person), 8:15am (Online)

Venue Boola Katitjin - Building 360, Murdoch University or Online

More information and registration links will be shared in the coming weeks.

We hope you can join us.

## Year 11 & 12 Exploration Day

Are you in Year 11 or 12? Join us for Murdoch's free Year 11 & 12 Exploration Day on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April.

Immerse yourself on our campus and meet our friendly staff and current students, while taking part in interactive workshops specific to your area of interest and explore our unique facilities!

Pick four interactive workshops from a wide range of choices and experience what it's like to be a Uni student for the day.

Registrations are essential, so get in quick.

To register visit: [Year 11 & 12 Exploration Day](#)

## Open Day & Regional Hub

Open Day is the perfect opportunity to explore your future and find out more about all that we offer here at Murdoch University. You can explore our campus, chat with academics and graduates, meet our student ambassadors and find the course you're passionate about.

### Regional Hub

Come and join us for a tea or coffee and some light refreshments, whilst you attend one of our Regional Student Information Sessions. Hear and learn from some of our current students who are from regional areas and let us answer any questions you may have about relocating to Perth and commencing your studies.

Information sessions will be held at 10:30am & 12:30pm.

Find out more about Open Day by visiting: <https://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/open-day>

Explore your future

# Open Day

Saturday 23 March 2024  
10am–3pm

- Attend course and career talks, and live demonstrations
- Learn about our admission pathways
- Find out how to apply for courses and scholarships
- Chat with academics and current students
- Tour our campus



Register for your chance to win 1 of 5 \$1,000 JB Hi-Fi vouchers





## 2024 Future Students Events Calendar



SCAN ME!

for more information on upcoming events and to register or visit: [murdoch.edu.au/events](https://murdoch.edu.au/events)



<b>23 March</b> OPEN DAY 	<b>3 April</b> Year 11 & 12 Exploration Day	<b>22 May</b> Year 9 & 10 and Year 11 & 12 Parent Information Evening
<b>4 June</b> Mandurah Campus Open Night	<b>27 June</b> Over 20s Information Evening 	<b>1 August</b> Regional & Remote Student Online Information Session
<b>28 August</b> Health & Education Open Night	<b>29 August</b> Sciences, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics Open Night	<b>4 September</b> Business, Law, Arts & Social Sciences Open Night
<b>25 &amp; 26 September</b> Year 9 & 10 A Day in the Life of a Uni Student	<b>9 October</b> Enabling Programs Information Evening	<b>15 October</b> Year 12 Online Information Session 