

In Focus Careers

November '19

Hi All

As 2019 winds down I am getting fired up and idealistic about the future of careers education in Western Australia after speaking with Michael Openshaw.

Michael has been to the [Career Guidance for Inclusive Society](#) conference in Bratislava. He is doing his PhD in careers and went to the conference as part of his studies.

His key observation was that other countries are more serious about career education than we are in WA.

He said the greatest outcome for him was the network of fantastic career trailblazers he met from around the world. Hopefully he will tell us about it at the 2020 CDAA/Notre Dame conference.

He has sent me a copy of the UK's [Gatsby Benchmarking Toolkit](#) from the [Careers and Enterprise Co](#). It is yet another awesome system designed to support the transition of students from school onto their best possible pathway.

I am optimistic that the WA launch of the [Future Ready Career Education Strategy](#) on 31 October will provide us with a framework that supports powerful career outcomes for our students in 2020.

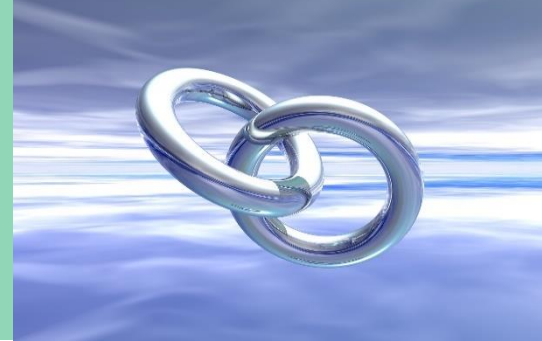
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Section 1: Students and Families

Career News

Applications Open for 2021 Primary and Secondary Scholarships



The ACER Scholarship Tests are academic ability tests used to select primary and secondary students for scholarships to participating independent schools.

The dates for the tests for the 2021 academic year are now available. Independent schools choose a testing date that best suits their needs.

There are primary and secondary school scholarships.

You can see a list of West Australian schools [HERE](#).

To find out more about the scholarships, test dates and alternative test dates [HERE](#).

Applications Open for Gifted and Talented Program 2021

Your child can discover a world of opportunities in the West Australian Education Department [Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs](#).

There are presentations about the program being conducted NOW. You can find details [HERE](#).



[Apply now for entry in 2021](#). Applications close Sunday 9 February 2020.

Jobs Outlook

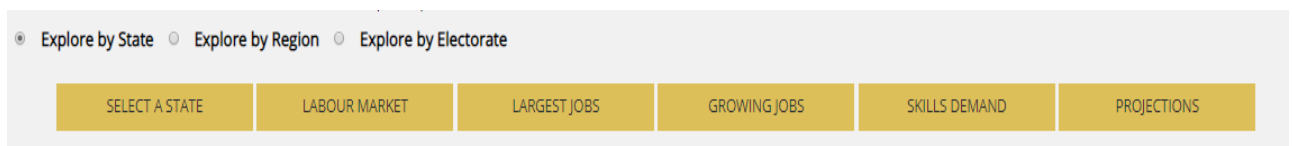
The [Jobs Outlook site](#) provides information that helps you to explore:

- where the jobs are,
- job tasks,
- future prospects,
- training pathways,
- pay.

The Career Quiz can help you to understand your work preferences and explore career options suited to your interests.

[Job Outlook](#) also now makes it easier to discover how to get job ready. It provides easy-to-understand information about:

- which qualifications workers need or typically have
- registration and licensing requirements
- links to useful job specific resources and study and training options.



Rotary Youth Exchange Australia

Applications are open for the [Rotary Youth Exchange](#) program for 2021.

Senior high school students are selected by their Rotary district as an ambassador of Australia. The student travels to another country where they live and go to school for a year.



A host Rotary family in your selected country becomes your host family. This is a remarkable experience.

You can discover more [HERE](#).

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Training News

Events

13 November South Metropolitan TAFE - Tourism and Events Information Evening

A Tourism and Events Information Evening will be held at Fremantle Campus of SMTAFE. You will learn about:

- Career pathways
- Course content
- Employment opportunities

You can speak to lecturer and have your questions answered.



5.30 pm Wednesday 13 November

Maritime Campus, 1 Fleet Street Fremantle

For more information contact Tiffany.Young@smtafe.wa.edu.au or go to the Facebook page [HERE](#).

6 December Applications close for rail focused careers

As public and private investment continues to grow in the rail industry, demand for skilled workers will increase. METRONET will need 3,000+ skilled workers at the peak of the project. To meet this demand, in 2020 the North Metro TAFE Midland campus will transform into the METRONET Trade Training Centre.

There will be a variety of courses in [manufacturing and maintenance](#) to students interested in trades and technical pathways. Applications to study these courses in Semester 1, 2020 close on Friday 6 December 2019 – [apply HERE](#).

News

COURSE FEES REDUCED FOR 2020–21

From 1 January 2020 through to 31 December 2021, you'll pay only half of the standard course fees for 34 specially selected priority qualifications.

Your course fees will be capped so that the maximum you'll pay each year for your qualification will be \$1,200, or only \$400 if you're aged 15–24 or eligible for a concession.

Follow the links to find out more.

- [What qualifications are half price?](#)
- [Find a qualification near you](#)
- [View the full *Lower fees, local skills* qualifications list](#)
- [What kind of jobs could these qualifications lead to?](#)
- [What will the discounted course fees be?](#)

Future jobs will be in areas such as allied health and social assistance, defence, science, technology and education, and on big projects like MetroNet.

(This information is from <https://www.jobsandskills.wa.gov.au/lowerfees>)

You can't double dip – VET in schools subject choices

If you do a Certificate III or IV at school, you can't do the same qualification again as a traineeship.

Clearly students don't understand that they may be cutting their options by choosing a VET qualification that they may want to take as a traineeship or pre-apprenticeship when they leave school.

EXAMPLE: If you do a Certificate III in Business at school you cannot then apply for a Certificate III in Business traineeship when you finish school.

Students are going to the [Australian Apprentice Support Network](#) providers (the ones that provide information and advice about the apprenticeship and traineeships) wanting a traineeship or pre apprenticeship when they have already done the qualification at school. Those applicants cannot be offered a position in that field.

VET in schools provides students with options to broaden their horizons, but they can also limit the choice of courses taken after school.

The Heights commissioned for a second season



You may already know that the ABC series *The Heights* is made in Perth.

You may not know that students and lecturers from North Metro TAFE work on the production.

Filming of the second series started in August and the show's producer is working with the North Metro staff and students again.

North Metro Managing Director, Michelle Hoad is so proud of her staff and students.... And praying for a third season!!

Apprentices and Trainees

Scott Cam to Promote Tradie Careers

Scott Cam has been employed to promote trade careers.



With the number of apprentices and trainees dropping by half in recent years it will be interesting to see what impact the advertising campaign will have.

The VET sector has had \$3 BILLION cut from its budget in recent years as funding to universities has boomed.

An advertising campaign, without adequately resourcing VET courses, will not address the drift to university.

Nor will an advertising campaign assure that there are on-the-job training places for apprentices and trainees. Subsidies for employers to take on apprentices and trainees won't work unless there is work for the apprentices and trainees to do.

South Metropolitan TAFE How to become an apprentice or trainee Part 1

An apprenticeship or traineeship may be the best option for you. But how do you begin?

South Metropolitan TAFE has put together [this handy guide](#).



Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service (AATIS) Information

At the AATIS site you can find out about apprenticeships and traineeships in Australia.

- You can discover job descriptions across thousands of jobs [HERE](#).
- There is a career interests explorer [HERE](#).
- There are jobs pathways charts that show where a job can lead [HERE](#).
- You can do a literacy and numeracy quiz to see if you have the skills required. These are available for each industry [HERE](#).

You can ring the AATIS on Free Call:1800 338 022 for information and advice.

Positions in Electrical Pre-Apprenticeships for Females

The College of Electrical Trades is committed to increasing the number of females in the electrical sector.

Positions are available for the electrical pre-apprenticeships in 2020.

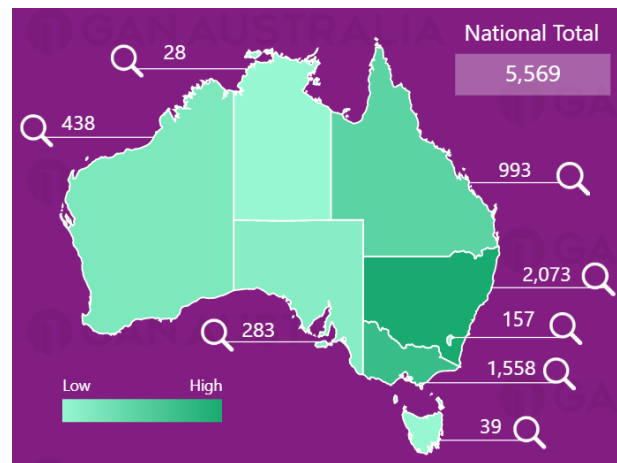
For information go to [College of Electrical Training](#).



Research

Apprenticeship Vacancy Index

An interactive infographic by GAN Australia showing the number of advertised apprenticeship and traineeship job vacancies. [Click on the respective states and get quick stats](#), the top ten industries and occupations. Find information [HERE](#).

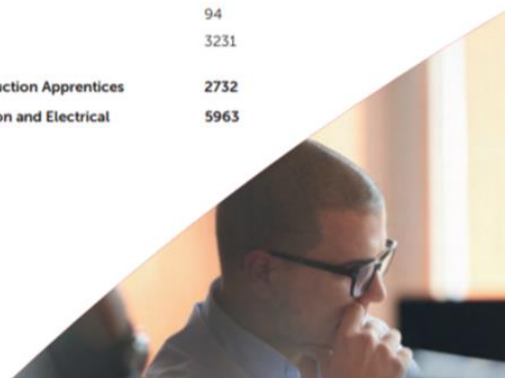


Construction Training Fund Snapshot

Apprentices in Training

The following chart shows the number of apprentices 'In Training' as at the end of June 2019.

Industry Area	# of Apprentices
Bricklaying	114
Carpenter	7
Carpentry and Joinery	977
Concreter	17
Painter and Decorator	234
Plastering	49
Plumbing and Gasfitting	925
Roof Plumbing	103
Roof Tiling	13
Wall and Ceiling Fixing	110
Tilelaying	94
Electrical	3231
Total Building and Construction Apprentices	2732
Total Building, Construction and Electrical Apprentices	5963



The [CTF 2019 Industry Snapshot](#) has been published. It is a story of swings and roundabouts.

Numbers have gone down in construction but up in resources.

Construction numbers are down but electrical is given as a separate item and numbers are up.

The Snapshot gives a good quick overview of the state of

the industry in WA over the past year.

You can find it [HERE](#).

Completion Rates for Group Training Organisations and Direct Employers: how do they compare?

This is interesting.

Apprentices and trainees employed via a Group Training Organisation are more likely to complete their qualifications than those employed directly by small and medium sized businesses. This is according to newly published NCVER research.



Group Training Organisations have been going for a long time and have lots of experience providing pastoral care and ongoing support to apprentices and trainees. I guess they know what to look for and how to swing in to support apprentices and trainees when they look at risk.

There are a range of factors that have been considered. You can read the report [HERE](#).

University News

26 November ECU Information Evening Mt Lawley

ECU information Evenings introduce you to our wide range of courses and the excellent support services you can expect as a student. We'll cover course admission pathways, how to apply, fees and scholarships, and flexible study options like online or part-time.

Bring family or friends and explore the campus and our great facilities.
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4 December ECU Information Evening Joondalup

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11 December CQUniversity Medical Sonography or Echocardiography Applications Close

Thinking about applying for Medical Sonography or Echocardiography at CQUniversity Perth? Applications for these courses close on the 11th December for Term 1, 2020 intake.

Applications for CQUniversity can be made for free. Apply [HERE](#)

19 December CQUniversity Change of Preference Drop-in Session

Didn't get the ATAR you thought you would or changed your mind about what course you want to study in 2020? We're here to help you make the right choices.

Drop into campus and have a chat with our team about your options.

When: Thursday, 19 December 2019, 1 - 5 PM

Where: CQUniversity Perth

10 William St, Perth WA 6000

Register [HERE](#).

UWA Engineering Scholarship

For entry into the Engineering Direct Pathway the ATAR requirement is 80.

Students can complete a Master of Professional Engineering through any one of UWA's five bachelor's degrees, provided Engineering Science is one of their majors.

For example, a student could graduate with a Bachelor of Commerce with Engineering Science as their second major and then go on to complete a Master of Professional Engineering. The UWA course structure, which has been developed in consultation with industry, gives students the ability to explore their passions and opens opportunities in their future career.

Students who choose the Engineering Direct Pathway at UWA as their first preference and have an ATAR of 96 or above, may be eligible for a scholarship of up to \$25,000. No application required.


Find out more [HERE](#).

Year 12 News



Dates from SCSA for WACE Students

This information is taken directly from the School Curriculum Standards Authority [HERE](#).

30 October – 19 November	ATAR course written examinations.
21 November	Last day for completed sickness/misadventure application forms to be received by the Authority.
18 December	 Year 12 students' results available online via the Authority's student portal.
January 2020	In mid-January 2020 login to the Authority's student portal to print your folio of achievement for 2019.

Need a Job When You Finish School? Boot Camp to Employment

The 3-day WA Farmers Boot Camp to Employment is being run early in 2020 at Muresk College.

From doing the course you will learn:

- To operate precision control technology,
- Machinery application for agronomy,
- Data based decision making.

You will also meet employers looking to employ apprentices and trainees.

For more information contact Prue Jenkins at Muresk on 9690 1556 or

Prue.Jenkins@dtwd.wa.gov.au



Year 11 News

CQUniversity

Going into year 11 or 12 next year? Get a taste of what studying at uni is like with Start Uni Now (SUN)

If you are getting an average B grade and would like to experience studying university units, get a sneak peek into tertiary studies with SUN which will help you transition from high school to university. Some subjects can also provide credits for your WACE.

Applications for studying SUN in Term 1, 2020 must be in by Friday, 14 February 2020.

View our [SUN brochure](#) online for more information!

Online Chat Session

Have any questions about CQUniversity, join our team on Facebook on:

- Tuesday, 26 November, 1 – 4 pm
- Saturday, 14 December, 6 – 11 am
- Monday, 16 December, 7 – 11 am

[Register](#) for an Online Chat Session to receive updates and instructions on how to join.

2020: Murdoch Horizons Year 12 Summer School Applications are now open!

Applications will be received until Friday 13th December 2019.

If you are a current year 11 student interested in exploring new perspectives and learning strategies and knowledge for year 12 you are encouraged to apply.

Horizon Program Dates

Monday 6 January to Friday 24 January 2020

Classes will run between 9:30am and 4pm on the Murdoch Perth Campus.

Cost

The cost of the program is **\$450**

Fully funded scholarships are available to equity students and students from [Murdoch RISE Schools](#).

Eligibility

There are no pre-requisites.

How to apply

Submit your application online

- http://murdochlearn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cAaJXKd60YcoCLX

For more information go [HERE](#).

Year 10 and Middle School News

15 & 22 November North Metro TAFE Launch Pad for 15+ Year Old's

Specially designed for students aged 15-17, Launch Pad is a program for young people to come together on their learning journey and find a path that suits them.

Tests and interviews for the 2020 intake take place on Friday 15 and 22 November for both the Career Start and Study Start streams. Students must be 15 years of age by June 30, 2020 to apply for these programs.

For more information go [HERE](#).

Aboriginal News

28 November Year 9 UWA Djinanginy



Djinanginy (A Noongar word which means looking) is an opportunity for Year 9 students to experience what it's like to be a UWA student for a day.

For more information go to [Year 9 Djinanginy](#)

For more information about other UWA School of Indigenous Studies Outreach Programs please click [here](#).

Year 8 Discovery Days

Year 8 students can attend one of five Discovery Days which are held in late November each year. Students will have a one-day experience to introduce students to the university environment through a diverse range of hands-on activities at different departments on campus. This could include testing someone's athletic ability like an AFL talent scout, applying plaster to a forearm like a doctor or working out what minerals are used to make a car like a geologist. Information will be sent to schools in Term 3. If you are a teacher that would like information about registering students for this program, please email outreach-sis@uwa.edu.au.

For more information go [HERE](#).

UWA School of Indigenous Studies Excursion Programs

The UWA SIS school excursion programs allow students to enjoy a broad range of hands-on activities and meet Indigenous students currently studying at UWA.

The programs are free for Indigenous students to participate.

Tours provide high school students with a great opportunity to meet Indigenous university students who as role models can discuss the various aspects of university life.

Schools are welcome to view the facilities and resources available to students at SIS anytime of the year. Excursions normally take two to three hours and are best suited to mornings. Places of interest to visit on campus include Winthrop Hall, the [Sport and Recreation Centre](#), [Residential Colleges](#), Lecture Theatres, [Guild Village](#) and Prospective Students Office. Visits to individual departments to do activities can also be arranged.

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Jobs and Skills Centre support

If you're an Aboriginal person looking to get into training, find employment or further your career there is a range of culturally sensitive training, employment and career support services available to assist you.

Your local Jobs and Skills Centre has experience helping Aboriginal jobseekers in Western Australia choose a training course or find their career path and employment.

FOR INDIVIDUALS AND JOBSEEKERS

Are you thinking about doing some study, or a training course, and wondering what your options are? Maybe you're trying to choose your path – wondering what kind of job or career you should go for. Or are you a jobseeker, looking for work? The following quick links will take you directly to useful information and resources.

- [Figure out how to choose your path, and read other people's stories](#)
- [Need to skill up with some training? Find out what options are out there](#)
- [Get help with your CV or resumé , writing job applications and going for job interviews](#)
- [Check out the free Aboriginal services jobs board, and see if there's something for you there](#)

You can also [browse through the Jobs and Careers section of this website](#).

[Find your local Jobs and Skills Centre](#)

[Call your nearest Jobs and Skills Centre 13 64 64](#)

ABORIGINAL SERVICES JOBS BOARD

Jobs and Skills Centres work with employers all over Western Australia to find employment opportunities for Aboriginal people, and post them on the Aboriginal services jobs board.

[Check out the Aboriginal services jobs board](#)

Boost to Aboriginal employment opportunities in the Goldfields



Carey Mining, the Australian Aboriginal Mining Academy (AAMA) and Curtin University are to work with the State government to establish an Aboriginal Mining Academy, offering Aboriginal vocational training and employment pathways unique to Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

Earlier this year, Carey Mining received a \$166,980 McGowan Government Regional Economic Development Grant to undertake a study on current and future education and training needs of the Goldfields resources sector, a first step towards establishing an Aboriginal Mining Academy. The study is underway and will be completed by March 2020.

Disability News

Tuesdays 12 November to 17 December FASD Training

Online Zoom training sessions FASD 6 pm – 7.30 pm AEST- 6 sessions

- *Understanding the impact of FASD.*
- *Interventions and strategies that work with individuals and families*
- *Self-care, parental survival, managing stress, building family strengths and resilience*
- *Dealing with systems of education, health, welfare and justice*
- *Accessing supports and getting on with professionals*

Contact: 1800 860 613 to register your interest

Disability Programs courses for 2020

NMTAFE offers a range of [specialist programs](#) for people with an intellectual or learning disability or mental health condition at our Leederville and Joondalup campuses. The programs include additional support such as; workplace literacy and numeracy, workplace requirements and job seeking skills, introduction to computing, tutorial support and a structured work placement. Students need to attend only one interview, even if they are interested in more than one course.

To book an interview simply go to [programs for people with a disability](#) click and click [book interview](#).

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12 December Notre Dame Broome Diploma of Nursing Information Session

A Diploma of Nursing information evening will be held at the Broome Notre Dame Campus at 5.30pm on 12 December.

Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Venue: The University of Notre Dame Australia's Broome Campus, 88 Guy Street, Broome

To RSVP please email broome.courses@nd.edu.au.

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Section 2: News for Insanely Great Careers Teachers



Events

31 October Launch of Future Ready Career Education Strategy

The National Career Education Strategy is going to be launched on 31 October.



It will be good to be in on the ground floor to discover how the State government plans to engage with this

strategy.

Tickets have booked out. You can go on a wait list [HERE](#).

October Applications Close for 2020 Science Week Grants

The [grant round](#) for National Science Week 2020 is now open. Grants of between \$2000 and \$20 000 are available to support events across the country. National Science Week will be held from 15 - 23 August in 2020.

Be sure to read the grant guidelines carefully before applying. Each application will be assessed for merit by an external committee and then ranked in comparison to all of the other applications.

Applications will close at 5.00 pm AEDT on 22 October 2019.

Apply [HERE](#).

6 November What Job Seekers Need to Succeed – Ivan Neville Webinar

A couple of years ago I suggested that insomniacs should register for the Ivan Neville webinar!!

NOW the Ivan Neville webinar is a fixture on my professional development calendar. He works to create warm data as he explains his statistics in contexts that help us to understand the issues facing job seekers.

In this webinar he will present recent trends in the Australian labour market and insights into what employers are looking for in job seekers.

I **KNOW** it doesn't sound riveting, but he is great!! You can register [HERE](#).

Don't forget that's 1pm our time.



Join CDAA for the webinar:

What Job Seekers Need to Succeed in the Australian Labour Market

Presented by Ivan Neville
Manager of the Labour Market Research & Analysis
Branch for the Department of Employment

Wednesday 6 November | 4pm - 5pm AEDT
\$20 CDAA Members, \$30 Non-Members
Register at www.cdaa.org.au

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The graphic features a hand holding a row of stylized human figures in various shades of blue and white, symbolizing job seekers or a diverse workforce.

(Watch Nora Bateson talk about “warm data” and why it is important [HERE](#).)

13 November Careers Networking Breakfast

Each month the CDAA has a breakfast for members and non-members at Dome in East Vic Park.

It is a great place to meet practitioners from outside schools. It starts at 7am and there is free parking behind the Balmoral hotel.

Contact Lisa Laing lisalaing@yahoo.com for more information, or just turn up.

26 November 11am AATIS Webinar

For those who couldn't attend the face to face sessions, AATIS will be hosting a [free webinar](#) for those who work with potential apprentices and trainees. This webinar will cover the same content as the information sessions, and attendees can ask questions and interact with AATIS staff through the webinar chat functions.

To register go [HERE](#).

26 November 4pm CICA Career Education: Design, Delivery and Diversity

In this webinar, we will explore how best to make career education impactful and innovative for students, teachers, parents/carers, employers/employees and other interested parties.

This webinar will:

1. Examine the international evidence-base underpinning career education, drawing on a robust literature review of quasi-and experimental-quasi studies and other employer engagement studies.
2. Consider the implications for the effective design, delivery and diversity of career education, including at least two UK case studies of theory into practice
3. Discuss ethical and technological considerations that can inform and guide career development policies and practices
4. Explore ways to assess and measure the impact of career education drawing on examples of 'tried and tested' toolkits and resources.

It costs \$25. To register go [HERE](#).

News

National Careers Institute Co-Design Workshop

Maureen Johnson from Ursula Frayne attended the National Careers Institute Co-Design Workshop and sent in this report:

In our groups we each completed three worksheets, from our current perspective/job.

We were given a Career Development Service System map which they wanted us to edit, if we thought that there were other stakeholders that needed to be added



Worksheet 1

What are the goals of the Career development system in Australia?

List three goals that we think they should be concentrating on.

- To provide a lifelong framework, commencing in upper primary school
- To develop standards and rate schools (linked to funding) on their career services.
- To ensure that careers is not fighting against other academic areas of study which it is at present.

Worksheet 2

How could the NCI contribute to the Career Development System?

I wrote: Minimum Career Practitioners standards, coordinating data which includes not only where the job shortages are but what skills/qualities etc that you need for these jobs, Rating RTO providers like we do with the uni's.

Who should the NCI serve? – I nominated Careerees (the new term like retirees), Regulated Career Practitioners and Employer/Industry.

You can give your views via the hub at nci.employment.gov.au

Research

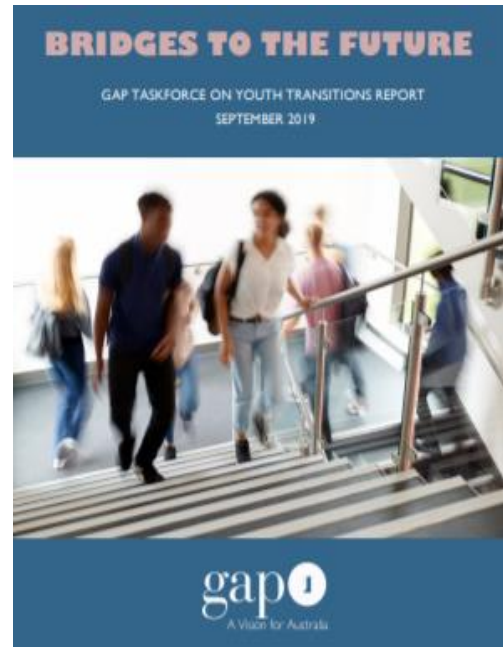
Bridges to the Future - Sent through by Michael Openshaw

The [Bridges to the Future](#) Report is a thorough, thoughtful and progressive report which has some interesting recommendations.

It has been done in the context of the NSW Curriculum Review.

There seems to be a lot coming through about the need for greater integration of practical and workplace learning.

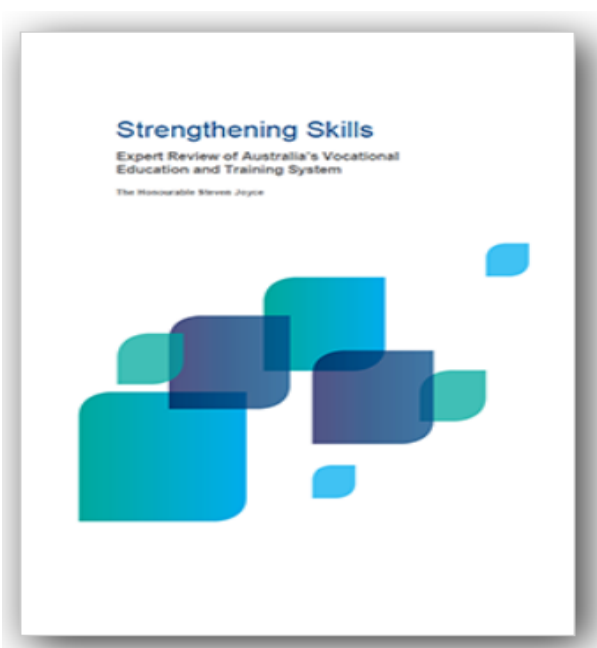
Discussion of the role and skewed use of ATAR is also part of the disruption zeitgeist.



It's an interesting report if you are interested in directions that education needs to take in order to prepare students for the 21st century.

You can find it [HERE](#).

Joyce Review



By now you will have heard of the Joyce Review which is providing direction for VET for this government. It is the Joyce Review which advocated the creation of a National Skills Commission and a National Careers Institute.

The Review's 71 recommendations cover six broad areas:

1. strengthening quality assurance;

2. speeding up qualification development;
3. simpler funding and skills matching;
4. better career information;
5. clearer secondary school pathways; and
6. greater access for disadvantaged Australians.

I will keep an eye on how these evolve into policy and resources.

You can read the Strengthening Skills Joyce Review [HERE](#).

Financial Review Gives Career Teachers a Serve

The Financial Review decided to do a bit of bashing of school career advisors this month with their story about how [School Based Career Advice is Stuck in the Past](#).

I get a bit weary of these news items that treat us like idiots.

It isn't that we don't know that careers education needs to be the centre of the universe. It is that those who have risen to power in the old system are hanging in there, nursing it along into the hospice as kids go out trying to find new ways of being in our volatile world.

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

Resources

North Metro TAFE Support for schools

North Metropolitan TAFE offers a variety of solutions to help schools in the north metropolitan region promote TAFE as a further study option including enquiry management, targeted school tours, attending school career expos and presentations.

[Visit the "Support for Schools" section on the NM TAFE website](#)

VET Practitioner Resource

NCVER has created a resource hub where VET practitioners can conduct research or locate resources for their work. [Read more](#)

The Visible Farmer

49% of all food in Australia is produced by women yet agriculture is often seen as being a man's industry.

This series of 5 documentaries provides case studies of women as they make their contribution to agriculture.

You can find them [HERE](#).



Promoting Careers using occupational profiles

Employers keen to promote careers in their industry can now refer potential applicants to an occupational profiles section that has recently been added to the Jobs and Skills WA website. [Read more](#)

Apprentice and Trainee Aptitude Tests Give Context to English and Maths

Students who think they don't need to study because they are going to get an apprenticeship or traineeship can get a reality check by doing the AATIS literacy and numeracy quizzes. These are short tests that give potential applicants deeper knowledge of the level of skills they will need in each industry.

You can find the tests [HERE](#).

Girls in tech

The Digital Technologies Hub **Girls in tech** page features videos, lesson ideas,



case studies, resources and more. Explore **SciGirls videos** of real-life role models offering girls glimpses of exciting STEM career possibilities, and Google's **Made with Code** – a website designed to inspire teen girls to pursue their passions through coding.

Check them out [HERE](#).

Magic Happens -Year 10 Career Development Handbook

I will send it out the Handbook next week. It is free to all subscribing schools.

Section 3: Calendar for 2019

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACER Scholarships for primary and secondary schools open • Applications for Gifted and Talented programs open. • Rotary Youth Exchange applications open • Pre-Apprenticeship applications for girls into electrical 						
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10	11	12	13 SM TAFE Tourism info session	14 WAAPA Production Tour Know the Answer RRR Teacher Webinar	15 NMTAFE Launch Pad	16
17	18 UWA Year 8 Discovery	19 UWA Year 8 Discovery	20 Notre Dame Broome Nursing info	21 National Training Awards UWA Year 8 Discovery	22 NMTAFE Launch Pad UWA Year 8 Discovery	23
24	25	26 ECU Info Mt Lawley UWA Year 8 Discovery AATIS Webinar CICA webinar	27	28 ECU Arts Humanities Tour UWA Indigenous Year 9	29	30

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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 ECU Info Joondalup	5 ECU Info Bunbury	6 Applications close for Rail focused courses CDAA Ivan Neville webinar	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 TISC Applications Close Horizons summer school applications close	14
15	16	17	18	19 WACE Results CQU change of preference session	20	21
22	23 TISC Offers available online	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31 Happy New Year				

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