

In Focus Careers

April 2026



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Supplement -
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Section 1 for Students and Families

Career News

Funding Priorities Increase Access to University and Change Education in Australia



Significant changes to Australian university funding and equity, driven by the Australian Universities Accord, are to increase access for underrepresented groups, including low SES, regional, and First Nations students.

Key changes include a new "needs-based" funding model, the introduction of FEE-FREE Uni Ready courses and a shift in how universities are funded for student places.

Key Equity Funding & Access Reforms

- **Needs-Based Funding (Starts Jan 1, 2026):** Public universities will receive extra funding to support students from low socio-economic status (SES) backgrounds, First Nations students, and those in regional areas, aimed at improving completion rates.

- **FEE-FREE Uni Ready Courses (Starts Jan 1, 2025):** The government is funding 30,000 places by 2030 in preparatory courses, aimed at boosting access for disadvantaged students, with funding per place increasing to \$18,278.
- **Outreach Funding (\$44m/year from 2026):** A new fund focused on improving pre-access for underrepresented groups.
- **Regional University Study Hubs (RUSH):** Funding for 71 total hubs across Australia (53 currently operating) to support regional students.

Student Financial Support and Debt Relief



- **Commonwealth Prac Payment (From July 1, 2025):** A \$319.50 per week payment for eligible teaching, nursing, midwifery, and social work students during mandatory placements.
- **Tertiary Access Payment (TAP):** \$5,000 for eligible regional/remote students who relocate for study.

See how your university will be impacted by this new funding [HERE](#).

What does this mean for Western Australia?

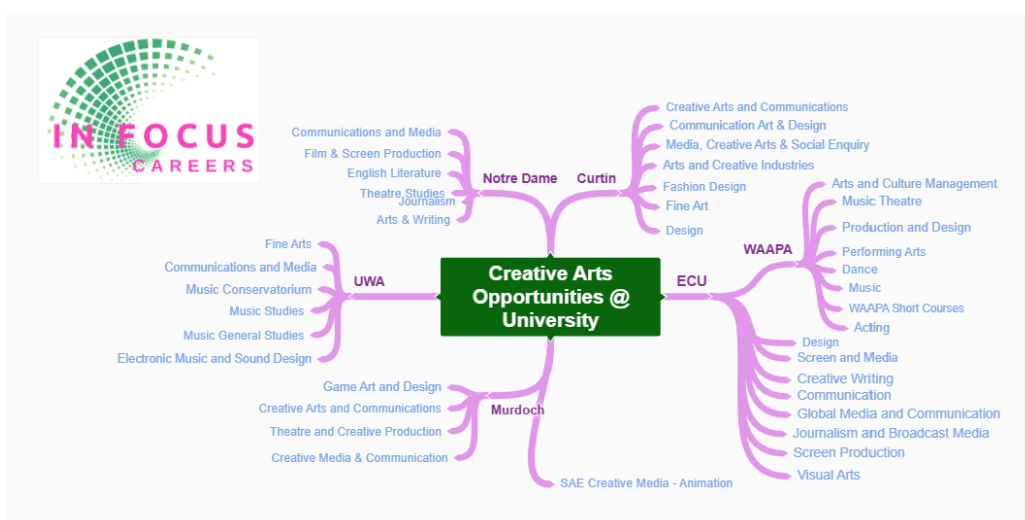
<p>Fee Free Uni Ready Courses</p>	<p>Universities will encroach on traditional high school-based learning.</p> <p><i>I would like to ask whether a schools' purpose is to prepare students for university, or to educate them to understand and participate in civil society.</i></p>
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Needs based funding	There will be more academic and social support to improve completion rates.
Outreach Funding	This is only \$44m/year so roughly \$5m for WA. This will have little impact on services to underrepresented groups across all of WA.
Regional University Hubs	These are designed to address the disadvantage RRR students experience when trying to do university study. Students using these hubs are giving good reports. You can find them HERE .
Commonwealth Prac Payments	If you have to do prac as part of your degree you are now eligible for payments during your prac. Only for teaching, nursing, midwifery or social work.
Tertiary Access Payment	A relocation payment of \$5k is available to RRR students.

Creative Arts Careers

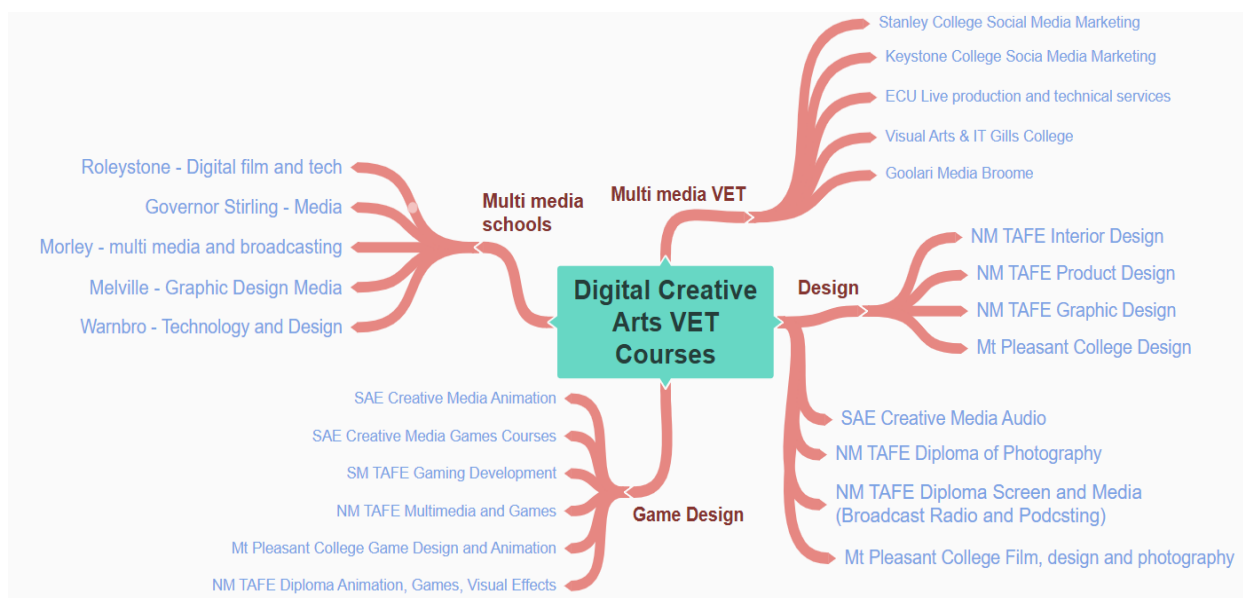
The WA Government is heavily investing in our creative industries, aiming to grow the sector into a \$3.3 billion-plus contributor to the economy and create sustainable, long-term careers for local talent.

I have collated many of the creative career pathways into a variety of mind maps.



These maps collate information about creative careers into categories. Explore Creative Careers at:

- [WA unis](#)
- [Specialist creative arts programs in high schools](#)
- [Specialist creative arts programs for Aboriginal people](#)
- [Mainly analogue courses](#)
- [Digital arts creative courses](#)
- [Film and Acting - out of school](#)
- [Scholarships for Creatives](#)
- [Backstage ideas](#)



The Mind Maps to Creative Careers in Western Australia are available for FREE on my website.

Boost to sheep industry since ban

\$20m worth of grants has been awarded to 40 WA sheep producers and processors to bolster our capacity to process sheep on shore, now that live sheep exports have been banned. Each of these facilities will provide jobs for West Australians agriculture workers.

Homepage / Businesses / Grants and support / Supply Chain Capacity Program

Supply Chain Capacity Program

The Supply Chain Capacity Program will assist Western Australian sheep producers and supply chain businesses to adjust to the removal of live sheep exports by sea and moderate the impact of the change.



This is the first round of \$139.8m Sheep Transition Assistance Package.

The second round of grants opened on 27 February. Find details [HERE](#)

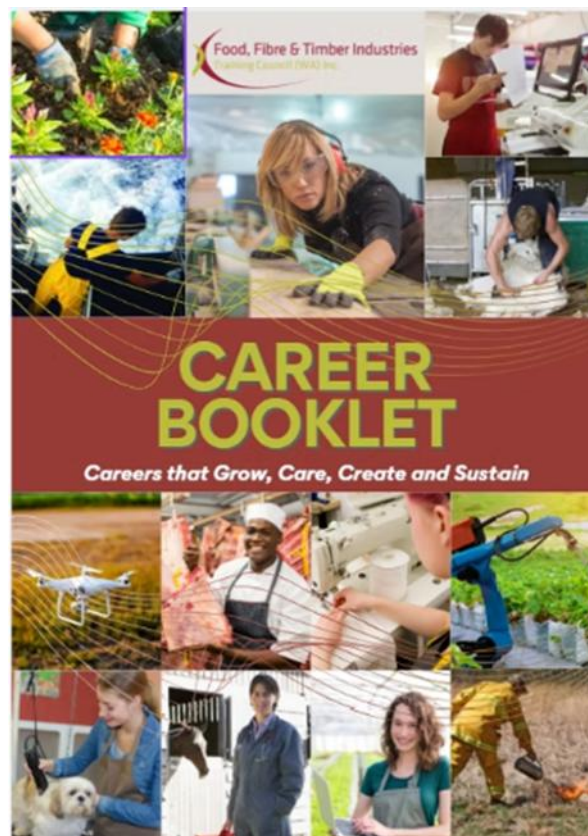
Agriculture Needs You

Western Australia is a world leader in many types of agriculture. Our research and development of agriculture as climate change evolves, is world class. If you're interested in a career in an industry that makes a difference check out the new [Career Information Hub](#) Career Booklet

Occupational profiles include:

- Agronomist
- Ag Tech Specialist
- Agricultural Worker
- Precision Ag Operator
- Careers in the Agriculture Supply Chain

Check it out [HERE](#).



Career Events

14 – 17 April Youth Holiday Song Program

Vocal Artistry Classes

The Youth Holiday Song Program is on 14 – 17 April from 10.30am – 12 noon at the Recital Hall, Zenith Music, 309 Stirling Highway, Claremont.

Find details [HERE](#).

17 – 19 April See Resi-Scape Awards for Landscape Architects at Perth Garden Show

Finalists in Small to Medium Residential Landscaping Awards will be on display at the [Perth Garden Show](#) at McCallum Park, near the Boorloo Bridge in Victoria Park.



For a career in Landscape Gardening See:

- [Landscaping courses at South Metro TAFE](#)
- [Landscaping courses at North Metro TAFE](#)

Filmbites Animation Skills for Age 9 – 18



Dive into the work of animation with our 2D Animation course designed for kids aged 9-18!

Learn fundamental skills like creating walk cycles, mastering motion, designing characters with unique personalities, and telling compelling stories through animation.

- Beginner Animation Ages 9 – 13.
- Intermediate 11-14
- Advanced 14+

At [Filmbites](#) Malaga 4.30 – 6pm Tuesdays. Check out the April holiday courses [HERE](#).

22 April Engineering Showcase



The Engineering Showcase Evening at Joondalup campus begin with light refreshments at 4:30 PM, followed by a presentation at 5:00 PM.

Afterward, we'll take you on a tour of our state-of-the-art engineering facilities. You'll also hear from current students and alumni who will share their experiences at ECU and discuss their smooth transition into exciting industry roles. Plus, you'll have the chance to engage with our academic staff.

Register [HERE](#).

3 May UWA Day of Music Theatre



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Whether you're preparing for a show, ATAR Music, AMEB exams, or simply love music theatre, you'll have the chance to sing with others, gain expert feedback and connect with fellow performers in a relaxed, supportive setting.

Callaway Music Auditorium. 2pm – 5pm. Register [HERE](#).

14 – 17 May Careers Expo

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Careers Expo is where students come to get ideas and information about possible future pathways.

If students don't go to the Expo with school, they can go on the weekend.

Find out more [HERE](#).



ECU WAAPA 2026 Short Courses Announced



Weekend Workshops (Some start in May)

- [Acting Audition Masterclass](#)
- [The Actor's Lab](#)
- [The Screen Actor's Lab](#)

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.

Free weekend music workshops

• ATAR Designated Works: Performed and Unpacked Live Onstage	• Advanced Music Production
• Classical FastTRACK 1.0	• Contemporary and Jazz Audition Preparation Course
• Classical FastTRACK 2.0	• Contemporary Music Winter School
• Jazz Workshop	• Contemporary Vocal Performance Workshop
• Massed Sax Festival - Day One	• Easter Jazz School
• Massed Sax Festival - Day Two	• Imagine Songwriting
• Percussion Pandemonium	• Introduction to Music Production
• WAAPA Jazz Showcase- Young Artists Ensemble	

13 – 17 July Winter School for Years 7 - 12

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

Earlybird Price closes 1st June 2026

Employment Statistics

Australian Bureau of Statistics February Labour Force Statistics

Key statistics

In trend terms, in February 2026:

- **unemployment rate decreased to 4.2%.**
- participation rate remained at 66.8%.
- employment increased to 14,721,400.
- employment to population ratio increased to 64.0%.
- underemployment rate remained at 5.9%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 2,009 million.



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Employed People went up by 0.3% but this must have been balanced by migration as the rate of unemployment didn't change from 4.1%

Jobs and Skills Australia Internet Vacancy Index – Ads down 5%

Over the month, online advertisements decreased by 5%, with decreases across all major occupation groups, skill level groups and states and territories.

In **Western Australia** there were 240 fewer jobs advertised in February than in January. That is still 660 more jobs than in February last year.

You can read the report [HERE](#).

Jobs and Skills Australia Occupation Shortage List

Each month [Jobs and Skills Australia](#) identifies jobs where there is a shortage of skilled workers. I tried to refine the list for you but there are 27 pages (268 categories) of jobs listed in the [current skills shortage data](#). Everything from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker through to Youth Worker.

There are many entry level jobs identified in the list.

See the list of Occupation Shortages [HERE](#).

Jobs and Skills Australia First Nations VET Workforce Research Paper

Key insights include:

- **Strong growth, ongoing underrepresentation:** The First Nations VET workforce grew 18% between 2016 and 2021, outpacing the overall workforce, yet representation remains 2%, below the 3.8% population share.
- **Better learner outcomes:** Evidence indicates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learners have stronger engagement and better completion outcomes when taught by First Nations educators.
- **National priority and regional impact:** Strengthening the First Nations VET workforce supports Closing the Gap Priority Reforms, builds local workforce pipelines, and helps address skills needs, particularly in regional and remote Australia.

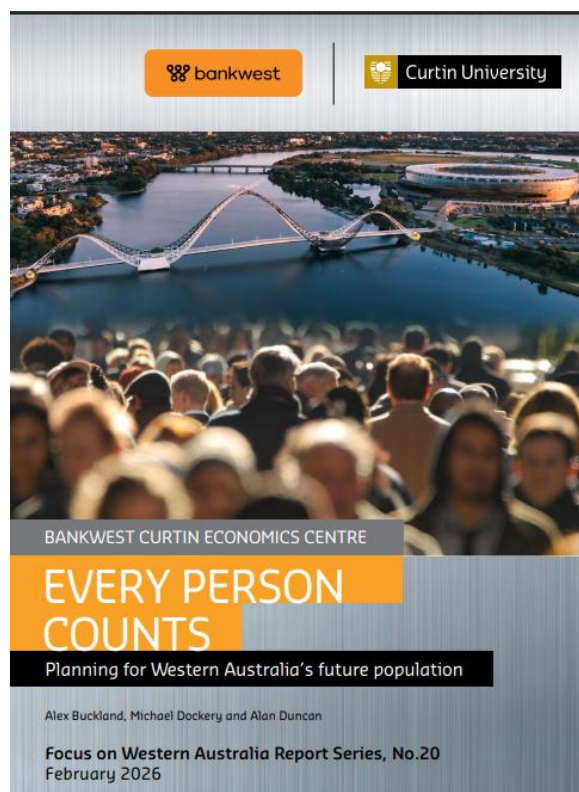
Find the report [HERE](#).

Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre: Migration into Western Australia is driven by economics

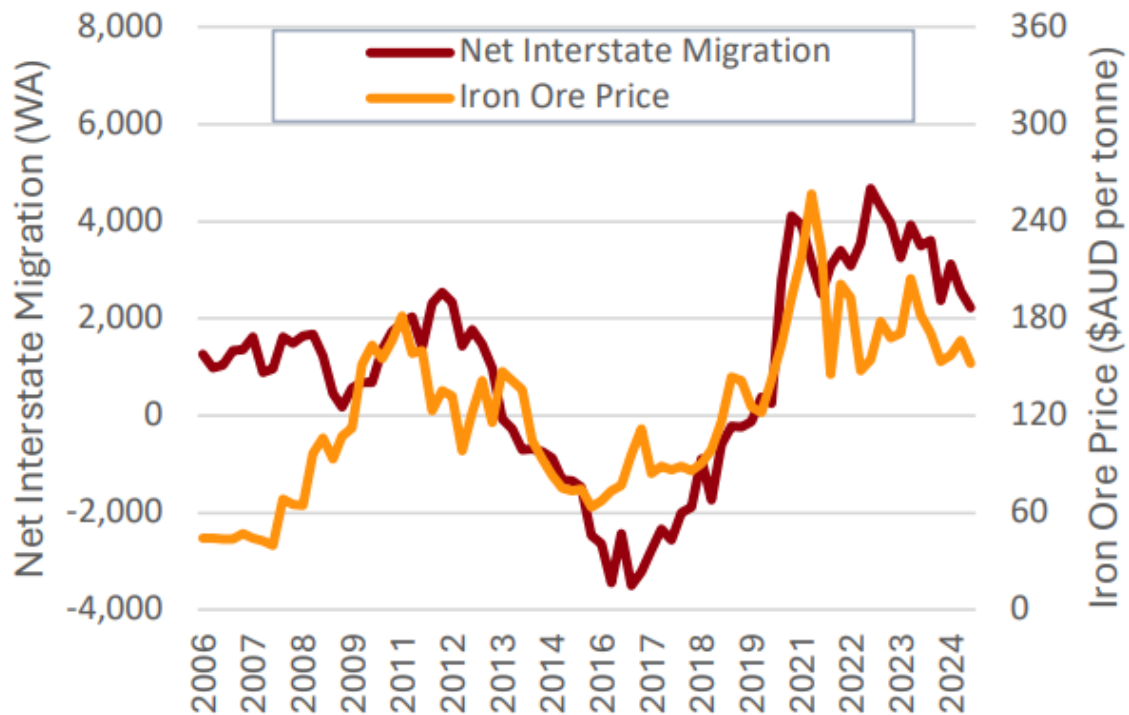
[Every Person Counts: Planning for WA's future population](#), finds that when iron ore prices rise, interstate migration rises. When prices fall, migration slows. The lag time is typically 12-18 months, and this relationship tells us that migration in WA is economic, responds to opportunity and is measurable.

It also demonstrates how interconnected WA's industry sectors are - this is overall interstate migration, not just into mining.

Read the research [HERE](#).



Iron Ore Prices Up? Migration Up!



Gender Pay Gap Narrows

Australian companies have improved their gender pay gap compared to last year. But for every \$1 a man earns, a woman, on average, still earn only 88.8 cents. This is down 0.9% since last year.

The gender pay gap is not about "equal pay for equal work", but rather aims to quantify the difference between the earnings of women and men in the workforce

Construction and Mining

Employers with the largest gender pay gaps are often in large industries dominated by men, including construction and mining.

There are higher average wages across the sector, but an uneven distribution of women and men throughout the pay brackets.


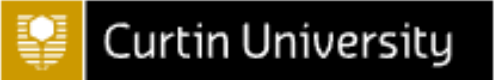



In construction, just 10 per cent of women are in the top quartile of pay, while they make up 37 per cent of the lowest pay quartile. [.\(ABC News\)](#)

University Events

8 Open Tips to make the most of Open Day

MyFuture provides these 8 tips on how to make the most of open days at universities.

To make the most of the open days that you visit check out [these 8 tips](#).

University Open Day Calendar 2026	
<p>28 March South Street 10am – 3pm Saturday Get details HERE</p>	
<p>29 March 10am – 3pm Get details HERE.</p> <p>Plan your personal Curtin Open Day experience HERE.</p>	
<p>2 May 9am – 3 pm Find details HERE.</p>	
<p>3 May ECU South West, Bunbury Get details HERE.</p>	
<p>9 August ECU City Get details HERE.</p>	

UWA Music Masterclasses – check various dates



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Masterclasses give students a unique opportunity to develop their skills, hone their craft, and succeed in their musical endeavours. We are delighted to offer a variety of masterclasses with national and international guest artists.

Here 's a small selection of our 2026 classes:

- WASO Chamber Music Coaching (winds & brass) **24 & 31 Mar**
- MusicaViva - Kristian Winther (violin) | **14 May**
- MusicaViva - Nicolas Altstaedt (cello) | **5 Aug**
- WASO Chamber Music Coaching (winds, brass & strings)| **8 Sept**

Further information: concerts@uwa.edu.au

15 April UWA ATAR Music Bootcamp for Years 10 – 12



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Dive into practical workshops led by some of Australia's leading musicians. Our program is carefully designed around the ATAR Music syllabus, with sessions on practice strategies, aural and theory skills, performance etiquette, composition and more. Masterclasses and Performance

Workshops give you the chance to perform for an expert panel and receive tailored feedback, including guidance on practice techniques, exam etiquette and managing nerves. For information go [HERE](#).

22 April Engineering Showcase Evening



Discover why engineering is such a great profession and how ECU can provide you with an excellent start to a highly rewarding career.

The evening will begin with light refreshments at 4:30 PM, followed by a presentation at 5:00 PM. Afterward, we'll take you on a tour of our state-of-the-art engineering facilities. You'll also hear from current students and alumni who will share their experiences at ECU and discuss their smooth transition into exciting industry roles. Plus, you'll have the chance to engage with our academic staff.

Joondalup 4.30 – 6.30 Register [HERE](#).

23 April UWA NextGen Music



Build confidence in your music studies with this engaging WASO concert, conducted by John Keene and presented by Dr Ashley Smith, with UWA music students performing side-by-side with WASO. Designed to support secondary music students, the concert explores the ATAR set works through clear discussion, highlighting key compositional techniques and providing detailed analysis to help students connect with the music and their learning.

BOOKINGS: WASO.COM.AU

28 April UniPrep Information Evening



ECU's University Preparation Course – or UniPrep – is a free program that gets you ready for university level study by teaching you the skills required for academic success – with an emphasis on you becoming an independent learner.

UniPrep is open to anyone who hasn't been at school for a while, to students who are currently completing high school, or to recent school leavers who didn't get the result they'd hoped for.

Joondalup 6pm – 7.30 Register [HERE](#).

5 May applications close Fogarty Foundation



A UWA Fogarty Scholar is a high school graduate who has distinguished themselves in various pursuits and has shown potential and high achievement relative to opportunity, in one of the below ways:

- a combination of significant academic achievement and accomplishments in three or more other areas; or
- exceptional talent in one specific area while maintaining outstanding academic outcomes; or
- has been faced with significant challenges and been successful academically and in other areas.

Find details [HERE](#).

UWA Accelerate! Music Scholarships for Years 10 - 12



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Accelerate! are UWA Music's free scholarship programs for talented secondary students in Years 10-12, who want to elevate their performance skills. Across the year, participants work with leading UWA staff and guest artists through workshops, masterclasses and bootcamps, with a focus on practical skills you can apply straight away. Accelerate is a full scholarship program, so there is no cost to participants.

- [Accelerate! Guitars Applications](#) close 9 April
- [Accelerate! Percussion Applications](#) close 15 August

Accelerate! Voice get information from concerts@uwa.edu.au

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UWA Open Music Workshops



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During the school holidays, UWA warmly invites school students to attend performance workshops at the Con, as the opportunity to hear UWA students perform and receive feedback, in turn helping to refine personal practice & technique.

Further information: concerts@uwa.edu.au

University News

Non-ATAR Pathways

There is a new focus on universities providing support to students from equity backgrounds. Universities are keen to qualify for this funding.

If you think you might fit an equity criterion, or even if you don't think you fit, it's worth asking for bonus points.

Apply for consideration for bonus ATAR points even if you don't go to a school [classified as disadvantaged](#). All the unis recognise that the classifications are broad and that many students may qualify due to their personal circumstances.

Also check out [First in Family](#) to see what else you might be eligible for.

Curtin 2026 Course Guides



Curtin's 2026 course guides have been published. The [Undergraduate Course Guide](#) provides a good overview of all the faculties.

- [Undergraduate Courses](#)
- [Humanities](#)
- [Business, Innovation and Law](#)
- [Science](#)
- [Engineering](#)
- [Health Sciences](#)



Portfolio – Experience Based Entry



Students must start preparing for Experience Based Entry now. Students frequently get their application wrong. Curtin will come to school to show students how to apply. The application is digital. It must be sent to TISC.

What students struggle with most in first year

This is from the Curtin event delivered to school-based career advisors.

- Checking for emails (I heard of a student who didn't check her emails and missed her scholarship interview.)
- Learning to be autonomous.
- The daily commute.
- Making friends
- Navigating uni timetables/expectations
- Knowing where to get help – **and overcoming reluctance to ask for help.**
- Balancing uni life and fun
- Knowing how to reference

Tips

From UWA career advisors' day

- Say Yes to opportunities.
- Don't regret NOT taking part in uni opportunities
- Talk to other students
- Look for support
- Get organised – sort out your timetable and diary
- Find lecture theatres
- Check out your guild for opportunities

Curtin resources for High School Students



- Visit the [high school resources page](#) to find helpful info to share with your students.
- Explore our [future students events page](#) and keep an eye out for upcoming events that may be relevant to your students.

New Curtin science building to open in 2027



A new \$200m, six-storey science building is under construction at Curtin. It will house the School of Mines and John de Laeter Centre. It is due to open next year. Check it out [HERE](#).

New UWA course | Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Honours)

Introducing our new Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Honours), the only course of its kind in WA. This course prepares students to shape the future of our natural and built environments by developing skills in landscape design, ecology, community planning, and creative problem-solving. It's an ideal option for students interested in sustainability, urban spaces, environmental planning or design.



Find out more [HERE](#).

UWA Contemporary Popular Music Major



Nick Allbrook (POND, Tame Impala) has joined UWA this year - offering students and the wider community the opportunity to engage with and learn from one of WA's leading contemporary artists. Nick brings extensive experience in international touring, recording and songwriting to the UWA Contemporary Popular Music course.

[Find out more about this course](#)

New Parents' Guide to University Study released

ECU Each year ECU published the [Parents' Guide to University Study](#). It is easy to read and useful for families who have young people going to any university.

Check it out [HERE](#).



UWA Career Services Open Now



The UWA Future Students team is available from Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm. To get in touch submit an enquiry through [askUWA](#), call us on 131 UWA (131 892) or [book a virtual appointment](#)

Training News

10 April 2026 Training Award Applications Close



The WA Training Awards recognise excellence in vocational education and training and the achievements of Western Australia’s students, apprentices, trainees, practitioners and training providers, organisations and employers.

Individual winners receive a \$3,000 cash prize, and organisation winners gain statewide media and marketing opportunities. Western Australians can nominate across 13 award categories, showcasing excellence, innovation

and the vital role training plays in our growing economy. Categories include

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WA Apprentice of the Year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WA Trainee of the Year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WA Vocational Student of the Year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WA School-based Apprentice of the Year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WA Trainer of the Year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WA Cultural Diversity Training Award.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WA International Student of the Year.

Applications close on 10 April. Apply [HERE](#).

SM TAFE Prepares for AUKUS

South Metropolitan TAFE (SM TAFE) and United Kingdom’s City College Plymouth have formed a new international partnership, supported by the WA Government, to strengthen defence industry skills and support future AUKUS workforce needs.

This partnership builds on joint State and Commonwealth investment in the Defence Industry Skills Centre of Excellence at SM TAFE.

The collaboration will focus on sharing expertise and aligning training in key naval and defence areas.

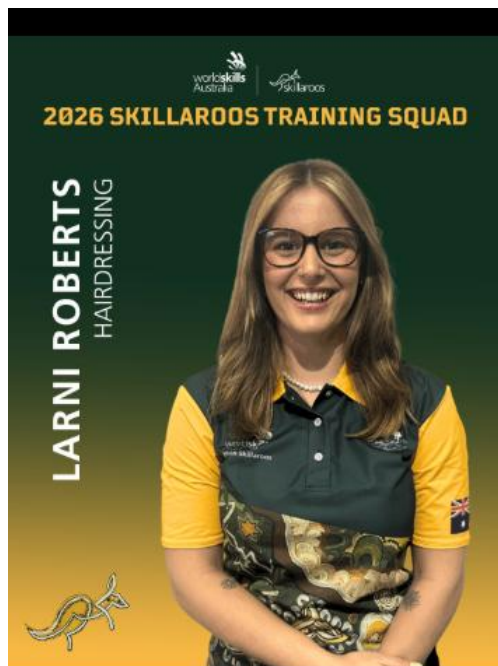
Australia's Skillaros Team 2026

The Skillaroo team to represent Australia at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 has been announced.

The 38 Skillaros will compete against more than 1,400 competitors from over 70 countries in Shanghai, from 22-27 September. The WA representatives are:

- Lachlan Basc (3D Digital Game Art, North Metropolitan TAFE)
- Jason Seiler (Bricklaying, Trade Academy WA)
- Daniel Peto (Cybersecurity, North Metropolitan TAFE)
- Larni Roberts (Hairdressing, South Metropolitan TAFE)

Read all about it [HERE](#).



Training Events

March South Metro Jobs and Skills Centres Outreach Calendar

Find career support at Jobs and Skills Centres.

Here is the Southeast Metro Jobs and Skills Centre Outreach Calendar:

Career Advice
• 23 Mar - Armadale Public Library- external site , 9am-12pm
• 25 Mar - Champion Centre- external site , 9:30am-12:30pm
24 Mar (Youth 15-25) - The Underground Youth Centre external site , 3:30pm-4:30pm

Apprenticeship and Traineeship Information

A practical VET Pathway into the Electrical Trades

From Apprenticeship Support Australia

The **Certificate II in Data and Voice Communications (UEE20720)** offers students a practical and industry-aligned VET pathway



into the electrical field. Through hands-on learning, students develop core capabilities such as installing and maintaining telecommunication cabling, working safely with extra-low voltage systems, assembling components, and interpreting technical drawings—skills that closely support the early stages of electrical trade training. The qualification also includes training aligned with ACMA open cabler registration, giving students a valuable edge when approaching electrical industry intakes and apprenticeship opportunities

For more information on electrical apprenticeships go to [*So, you want to be an electrician. Here are some suggested pathways into electrical trades.*](#)

Start Electrical Apprenticeships Early

Apprenticeship Support has joined the clamour to find pathways for students to go into electrical trades. They recommend:

- Cert II in Sustainable Energy
- Cert II in Electronics
- Cert II in Computer Assembly and Repair.



Electrical apprenticeship Maths Skills

(From AI) Electrical apprenticeship maths tests focus on Year 10–11 level applied mathematics, covering basic arithmetic, algebra, fractions, decimals, and geometry, with a typical duration of 1 hour 45 minutes. Key areas include Ohm's Law, cable calculations, and unit conversions. Calculators are generally allowed, and these tests are often used to identify the need for extra support.

I have updated the maths practice tests on the [So, you want to be an electrician](#) blog post.

Try-a-Trade and Pre-Apprenticeships increase success

Try-a-Trade programs are an important first step that helps young people to explore multiple trades before committing.

Students use awareness gained through try-a trade to choose their pre-apprenticeship, Pre-apprentices are then more likely to finish their qualification. (From School Based Training Newsletter – Apprenticeship Support)

EVERTHOUGHT College of Construction
CTF Construction Futures
Try-A-Trade is a fully funded program with CTF

**BUILD YOUR FUTURE
TRY-A-TRADE PROGRAM**

Try-A-Trade is an opportunity for you to dip your toes into a construction trade. There are no fees for participants or schools, as this is a fully funded program with CTF.

- Carpentry
- Wall and Floor Tiling
- Bricklaying

And many more trades available!

Why join Try-A-Trade?

- Enjoy a fun, interactive experience with real construction tasks.
- Discover various roles in the construction industry and the skills they require.
- Learn from trade professionals and industry leaders for valuable insights.
- FREE** All this experience comes at no cost!

[Program dates and times](#)

For Try-a- Trade information go [HERE](#).

TAFE partnerships get \$1.4m boost for clean energy jobs

Everyone who missed out on an electrical pre apprenticeship or apprenticeship, the government heard you. It is trying to take the pressure off current infrastructure by putting \$1.4m towards:

- Developing virtual reality training for apprentices in remote areas
- Creating culturally appropriate training for Aboriginal people
- Streamlining assessment of tradespeople moving into clean energy jobs
- Training for electricians switching to wind turbine installations.

Senior School Events

31 March Applications Close Rotary Youth Exchange



Please consider this life changing opportunity to study in a foreign country through a supported, low cost exchange program. Rotary Youth Exchange is run through Rotary clubs around the world. To find

details about how to apply for 2027 go [HERE](#).

Applications Close 5 April Girls + Engineering Tomorrow (GET)



This doesn't start until May, but places fill early.

The GET Network is a ten-session program designed to support and inspire girls and non-binary students in Years 11 & 12 interested in exploring engineering. The program runs over Terms 2 & 3 at Curtin University on Saturday mornings, providing study support and opportunities to explore engineering through engaging workshops, mentors and study pathways.



Find information and register [HERE](#).

14 - 17 April Get into Mining Field Trip to Collie

The WA Mining Club is running a free camp for year 10 -12 during the Term 1 break.

Students will travel to Collie, visit mine sites and talk with experts over the 3-day camp.

Find details [HERE](#).

[April Get Into Mining - Application](#)



CAMP 1: APRIL 2026
CAMP 2: JULY 2026
CAMP 3: SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2026

GET INTO MINING CAMP

MULTI-DAY FIELD TRIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The WA Mining Club has developed a free camp for high school students in Years 10 to 12 to get a first-hand look at what the mining industry has to offer. Students will have the opportunity to rub shoulders with industry veterans whilst visiting some state-of-the-art facilities.

Day 1: Introduction and Travel
Students will gather at a meeting point and will be taken on site tours before travelling to their overnight accommodation

WA Government Kickstart Program

About a third of Australia's jobs are in government. Whether you want to work in agriculture or the arts, there could be an opportunity that will be perfect for you.



The State government has opportunities for:

- Traineeships
- Work experience
- Internships and vacation programs
- Graduate cadetships.

Explore opportunities to do work experience in a government office [HERE](#).

Year 12 Opportunities

2026 Medicine - University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) Bookings Open



If you want to apply for medicine for 2027 you will need to undertake a UCAT assessment.

These are the important dates for UCAT in 2026:

Deadline times are 11.59pm AEST - Australian Eastern Standard Time

BOOKING OPENED	3 March 2026
Concession application deadline	11 May 2026
Access Arrangements application deadline	15 May 2026
BOOKING DEADLINE	15 May 2026
Late booking deadline Late Access Arrangements application deadline	29 May 2026
FINAL late booking deadline	5 June 2026
Cancellation deadline	12 June 2026
Testing begins	1 July 2026
Last testing date	5 August 2026
Results delivered to universities	early September 2026

Sign up for notices on the [UCAT ANZ website](#).

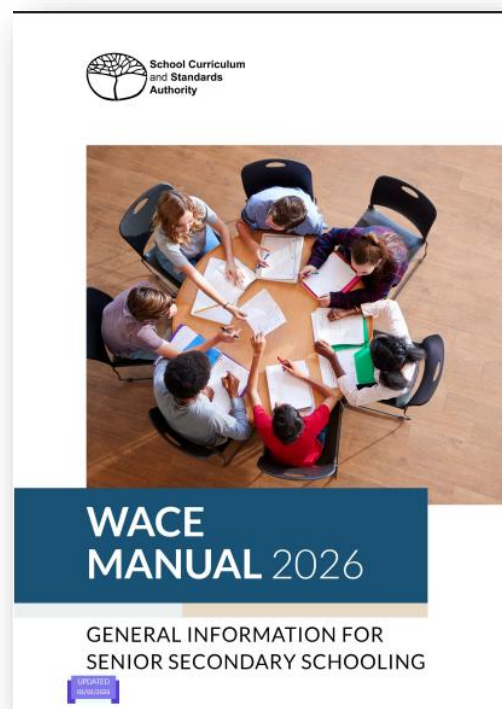
Make sure you meet the WACE requirements

Ask school coordinators and managers if you have any questions.

Your school should have checked what you are enrolled in to make sure that you are studying the right subjects to get a WA Certificate of Education at the end of Year 12.

Download the [WACE Manual](#) and check any bits you are not sure of, or take it to your career counsellor/ year coordinator to check that you are enrolled in appropriate subjects.

Download it [HERE](#).



Year 12 - Become a Swimming Instructor.

Instructors and Coaches in high demand.

Certificates III and IV in Sport, Aquatics and Recreation have been added to the skills shortage priority list. [Australian Apprenticeships Priority List](#).

There is often a shortage of holiday swimming coaches. To get a swimming instructor job with us, you must:

- be at least 17 years old
- have a current CPR certificate
- have a swimming instructor qualification
- have a [Working with Children Check](#), or have applied for one

See details [HERE](#).

Australian Federal Police online information sessions

Australian Federal Police will be at the Careers Expo

If you are interested in the law and law enforcement, consider the Australian Federal Police.

They respond to national and international threats.

They protect critical infrastructure, look after our diplomatic community and respond to national

The pay and conditions look good

- The work would be varied and interesting
- Free training
- Lots of different career paths.

Find more information [HERE](#) Register for an online webinar [HERE](#).



Year 12 Tip

Read Your Emails

I recently heard of a Year 12 who had missed her scholarship interview because she didn't read her emails.

READ YOUR EMAILS

Emails will come from your work, Centrelink, uni and TAFE.

READ YOUR EMAILS.

Year 10 Opportunities

Choosing subjects for year 11 & 12

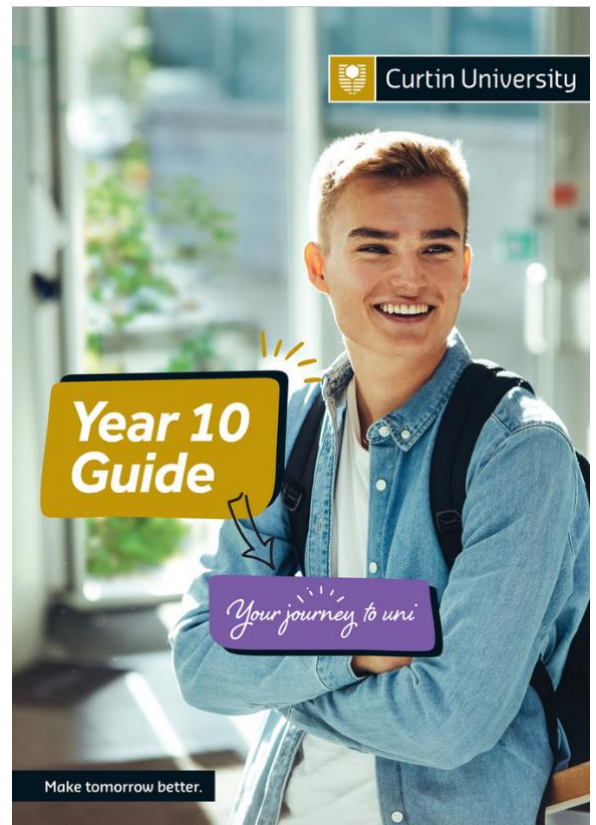


Curtin has released its [Year 10 Guide](#).

This Guide provides a:

- Find U Quiz
- Pathways information
- Information about Curtin
- Course information
- Support available at Curtin

Find the Guide [HERE](#).



Education Department Advice on applying for Apprenticeships and Traineeships



Step 1: School students and their families can find information about apprentices, traineeships and school-based apprenticeships and traineeships at the Education Department site. It gives basic information and links to key sites for further information.

Find the Education Department introduction [HERE](#).

Information and support is available at [Apprenticeship Office](#) and at [Apprenticeship Support](#).

Career Planning Support for Parents



Anyone who is interested in helping a young person to start thinking about their career can find helpful resources at the [Jobs and Skills WA page](#).

Follow the links below, to find out more.

- [The future world of work](#)

- [Starting the conversation](#)
- [Case studies: Career conversations](#)
- [What is career planning?](#)
- [Knowing yourself: Skills and abilities](#)
- [Finding out: Occupations and options](#)
- [Taking action: Setting goals](#)
- [Skilling up: Education and training options](#)
- [Skills Ready — Free training, and more!](#)

Jobs List - Defence Work Experience Program

The opportunities listed below are from the [Defence Careers webpage](#). I have listed opportunities for West Australians, HOWEVER, the opportunities for women and the Cerberus opportunity are all in other states.

It is still possible to apply, check the Information Packs.

The [Defence Work Experience Program](#) gives young Australians the chance to explore life in Defence and discover careers in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and the Australian Public Service (APS). 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>A Day in the Life of a Soldier: Irwin Barracks (May) Job Ref - WEP/00793/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Army • Karrakatta, WA • 21 May 2026 <p>Information Pack (PDF)</p>	<p>29-Mar-2026 03:30 PM (AEDT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start New Application • Access Existing Application • Preview Application Form • Email A Friend
<p>Australian Army Band Perth: Irwin Barracks (June) Job Ref - WEP/08916/25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Army • Karrakatta, WA • 4 x Monday evenings - 08, 15, 22 & 29 June 2026 <p>Information Pack (PDF)</p>	<p>29-Mar-2026 11:30 PM (AEDT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start New Application • Access Existing Application • Preview Application Form • Email A Friend

<p>Air Force Aviation Program for Women: RAAF Williamtown (Week 1) Job Ref - WEP/00702/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Force • Williamtown, NSW • 12 - 15 May 2026 <p>Information Pack (PDF)</p> <p>Be prepared to travel NOT IN WA</p>	<p>12-Apr-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 Aviation Program for Women: RAAF Williamtown (Week 2) Job Ref - WEP/00705/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Force • Williamtown, NSW • 18 - 21 May 2026 <p>Information Pack (PDF)</p> <p>Be prepared to travel NOT IN WA</p>	<p>12-Apr-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>Navy Careers Experience: HMAS Stirling (June) Job Ref - WEP/00754/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy • Garden Island, WA • 09 - 11 June 2026 <p>Information Pack (PDF)</p>	<p>19-Apr-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 (June) Job Ref - WEP/00031/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Force • Bullsbrook, WA • 16 June 2026 <p>Information Pack (PDF)</p>	<p>03-May-2026 10:30 AM (AEST)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start New Application • Access Existing Application • Preview Application Form • Email A Friend

<p>Air Force Aviation Program for Women: RAAF Amberley (June – Week 2) Job Ref - WEP/00534/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Force • Amberley, QLD • 14 - 18 June 2026 <p>Information Pack (PDF)</p> <p>Be prepared to travel NOT IN WA</p>	<p>03-May-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>A Day in the Life of a Soldier: Irwin Barracks (June) Job Ref - WEP/00796/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Army • Karrakatta, WA • 25 June 2026 <p>Information Pack (PDF)</p>	<p>03-May-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 Aviation Program for Women: RAAF Amberley (June – Week 1) Job Ref - WEP/00532/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Force • Amberley, QLD • 08 - 12 June 2026 <p>Information Pack (PDF)</p> <p>Be prepared to travel NOT IN WA</p>	<p>03-May-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>Introduction to Navy Overnight Program: HMAS Cerberus (July) Job Ref - WEP/00016/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy • Crib Point, VIC • 20 - 24 July 2026 <p>Information Pack (PDF)</p> <p>Be prepared to travel NOT IN WA</p>	<p>17-May-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 Aviation Program for Women: RAAF Base Edinburgh (Week 1) Job Ref - WEP/00962/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Force • Edinburgh, SA • 17 - 21 August 2026 <p>Information Pack (PDF) Be prepared to travel NOT IN WA</p>	<p>21-Jun-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 Aviation Program for Women: RAAF Base Edinburgh (Week 2) Job Ref - WEP/00965/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Force • Edinburgh, SA • 23 - 27 August 2026 <p>Information Pack (PDF) Be prepared to travel NOT IN WA</p>	<p>21-Jun-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 (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

Year 9 – 10 Opportunities

8 or 9 April Student for a Day Murdoch University Student



Year 9 and 10 students are invited to explore

their interests and where they could lead through a Day in the Life of a Murdoch University Student. You will create your own timetable of hands-on activities in subjects of interest and speak with current students.

Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre, Murdoch Uni. 8.30am – 3.30pm

Get tickets [HERE](#).

See the variety of potential workshops by scanning the QR code.



Wed 8 April or Thu 9 April
8am – 3.30pm

Murdoch University,
South Street Campus



Scan for more
info or to register.

Year 8 – 9

3 June Murdoch Code Crush IT – Female Tech



This is a Girls in Tech initiative run from June 3 – 6. It is another popular program that will be filled quickly so register soon if you are interested.

Find information [HERE](#).

Rural Regional Remote

New Website for Regional and Remote Students



Murdoch has collated information for RRR students into one place. To find information about how to study from home, how to move to Perth and Regional Study Hubs go

[HERE.](#)



Staying at home



Moving to Perth



Regional University Study Hubs

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Career Opportunities

27 March Arts Grants



The Partnership Acceptance Learning Sharing (PALS) program encourages WA schools to develop projects promoting and advancing reconciliation in their local community.

The PALS program objectives are:

- Partnership between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people based on trust, mutual respect and understanding.
- Acceptance of and respect for diversity and valuing Aboriginal perspectives.
- Learning more about each other, Aboriginal histories, languages and cultures; and how we can build strong partnerships with Aboriginal people.
- Sharing a common journey towards healing and reconciliation.

Term 2 applications open 28 April. Find details [HERE.](#)

Applications close 3 May. Indigenous Australian Engineering Camp



Applications are now open for the 2026 Indigenous Australian Engineering School (IAES), a FREE weeklong residential camp where First Nations students can discover how engineers improve our communities.

The Indigenous Australian Engineering School (IAES) is an exciting week-long program of activities to help you discover how amazing engineering really is, and the role engineers can play in your community.

The camp is run during the July school holidays on the Curtin University Bentley campus and sites around Perth.

Applications are open to Yrs 9-12 students

Find details [HERE](#).

How to apply

- 1 View the application questions and required supporting documents in the **Application Pack**
- 2 **Apply online**
bit.ly/IAESApplication2026
- 3 Any questions?
IndigenousSTEMOutreach@curtin.edu.au
or 9266 2152



Outer Perth GRID Series

GRID builds bridges between early career creatives in outer suburbs and the industries they wish to engage with. It provides an artist development program for emerging creatives.

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



Madalah Secondary Scholarships for 2027



Madalah provides support for Aboriginal students from around Western Australia. It partners with 25 schools to provide educational scholarships to students. You can see the schools that participate [HERE](#).

Applications for 2027 close on 12 June. Find details [HERE](#).

Australian Government Indigenous Apprenticeships

You can register your interest in Australian Government 2027 Indigenous Apprenticeships now. To register your interest in the 2027 program:

1. Send an email to iap.support@servicesaustralia.gov.au.
2. Add 'EOI for 2027 Indigenous Apprenticeships Program' as the subject line.

Disability

CanDo Training

Marilyn Garbin from Can Do training provides education and support to 15 – 25 year olds with learning disabilities.

Her aim is to build the self confidence and independence of students. Students can enrol in:

- Level 1 [Life skills](#)
- Level 2 [Computer Skills](#)
- Level 3 [Get that job](#)
- [Occupational Search](#)

Courses are available one day per week in Willagee, Leederville and Wanneroo.

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