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Career News for Students & Families

Career Events

Ag College Open Days

The Western Australian College of Agriculture offers a great alternative for young people in Years 10 - 12. Studies lead to employment or further study at TAFE or university.

There are 5 residential campuses located near <u>Cunderdin</u>, <u>Denmark</u>, <u>Harvey</u>, <u>Morawa</u> and <u>Narrogin</u>. Each campus is located on a commercial-sized farm, and they all have residential facilities.

5 September **Cunderdin Ag College**



12 September Narrogin Ag College

SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2025

10AM - 3PM



12 September Insight Creative Writing Competition for High School Students

Competition closes 12 September

This competition is open to high school students around Australia as

we aim to ignite a passion for creative writing and inspire the voices of the future.

Entering the competition is free and all

entrants will have the chance to share in over \$3000 worth of cash prizes!

The optional theme for 2025 is: Soulmates. See details HERE.



13 and 14 September RoboCup State Event



Come along to the RoboCup State Event at ECU to see the remarkable abilities of teams of young robotics engineers from schools across WA.

It's on in Building 3 at ECU Mt Lawley Campus. Doors open at 8.30am. See details HERE.

Applications Open: Mindscape - Youth Awards Surrealism

Competition

MINDSCAPE is a Surrealism, Visionary, and Fantasy Art Competition open to West Australian high school art



students ages 14 to 18 (year 10-year 12). Entry is FREE and finalists will be invited to exhibit.

Closing date - Friday 26th September 2025.

Mindscape - Youth Awards - Exhibition

Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 14th November 2025. More information and entry forms are available <u>HERE</u>.

27 September UWA Day of Percussion

Led by some Australia's finest percussionists, including UWA Chair of Percussion Paul Tanner, the UWA Day of Percussion is jam packed with masterclasses, workshops and performances for percussionists of all ages and skill levels.

There will be 3 streams on the day, if you are unsure which level is best for you, please get

in touch!

- SENIOR: Percussionists studying for their ATAR exams, or high school students who feel comfortable learning new concepts.
- INTERMEDIATE: High
 school students who have been learning for 2 years or more
- **JUNIOR:** Students learning for less than 2 years, including primary school students.

UWA Day of Percussion

Find details and register **HERE**.

1 - 3 October Wander Out West Music and Drama Eisteddfod

Festival Schedule

- Wed, 1 Oct 9.30am to 5pm Piano,
 Arrangement & Composition
 Competitors
- Thurs, 2 Oct 9.30am to 5pm
 Instrumental Competitors, including
 Ensembles
 & Section Overflow
- Fri, 3 Oct 9.30am to 5pm Voice & Drama Competitors



Location

Recital Hall in Zenith Music at 309 Stirling Highway, Claremont, Western Australia

Find details and register **HERE**

4-5 October Mandurah's Got Talent

4 & 5 October Mandurah's Got Talent! is open to solo acts as well as groups, ensembles and choirs.

Competitor Schedule

- Sat, 4 Oct from 10.30am to 5pm Drama, Instrumental & Ensemble Competitors
- Sun, 5 Oct from 10.30am to 5pm Piano, Voice and Arrangement & Composition Competitors

Each solo act, group, ensemble and choir will be allocated a timeslot to showcase their talents, and we welcome all artists to perform works at all stages of development – from its first time in front of an audience to seasoned, polished works and performances.

For details go HERE.

Career News

Artificial Intelligence is NOT coming for your job



That's the story in August 2025.

Gen AI technologies are more likely to enhance workers' efforts in completing tasks, rather than replace them in 2025.

Our <u>Gen Al Transition</u> identifies that future workers will need to have a solid grasp of how to do their job so that they understand how to apply new work practices and maintain quality.

See: Jobs and Skills Australia <u>Our Gen Al Transition</u> in work and skills. Get a copy <u>HERE</u>.

How to prepare for Al

- Become good at what you do so that you know how to adapt.
- know who to trust so that you don't get emotionally manipulated and ripped off,
- learn to judge what is real and what is fake,
- accept the need to adapt to change.

Ideas from Western Australia presented to the Economic Reform Roundtable

#1 Beyond output per hour: Productivity measurement in an Al-driven economy

We don't measure the value to the economy of education, care and health. The Bankwest

Curtin Economics Centre provided the <u>Economic Reform</u>
Roundtable ideas to reflect the true value of our service sector to the economy.

They make the point that without paid and unpaid caring, great education and healthy population, productivity will suffer.

Read the Redefine productivity: Embedding long-term value creation in Australia's economic measurement framework HERE



#2 Beyond output per hour: Productivity measurement in an Al driven economy

In a second submission BCEC argued for an enhanced productivity measurement framework to include information and data, care and human services, and Al.

Having such informed and clever ideas available to the



Roundtable gives hope for our future economy.

You can read that submission HERE

Employment Statistics

Australian Bureau of Statistics Employment Data for July

- Unemployment remained at 4.2% in July.
- Employment increased by 24, 600 people.
- Youth unemployment increased to 9.8%
- Underemployment rate remained at 5.9%

Get the July data HERE.

Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre (BCEC) July Update

The July figures are more consistent with a gradual softening in the labour market rather than a pronounced downturn.

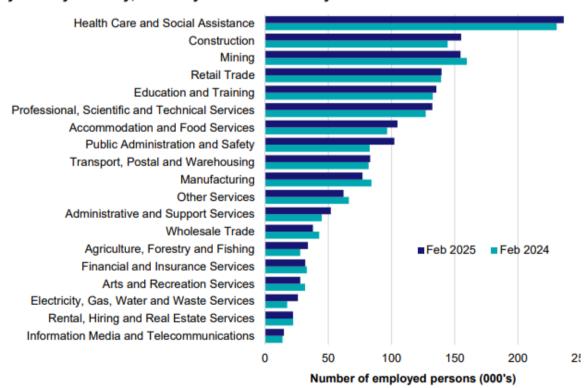
- Rebound in employment in July. The number of persons in employment increased by a modest 24,600.
- job vacancies and hours were also up.
- Female participation rate hits record 63.5 per cent.
- Real wage growth in positive territory, but yet to claw back losses since 2020.

Download the July report HERE.

Biggest Employer - Health Care and Social Assistance

The health care and social assistance industry is the biggest in Western Australia. As long as our populations keeps growing and ageing there will be constant demand for workers in this industry.

Employment by industry, February 2025 and February 2024



Jobs and Skills Australia Industry Profile.

MyFuture provides comprehensive details about careers across these industries.

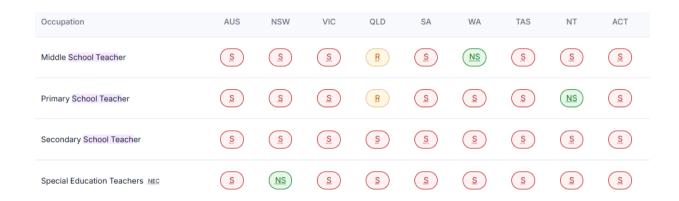
Internet Vacancy Report July 2025



Job ads increased by 0.03% in July. This is a change as ads are down 1.4% over the year. Most of the downturn was in capital cities while regional areas continue to

have difficulties finding staff.

All people involved with schools may be interested to see that teacher shortages are being experienced across Australia.



University Events

27 August WAAPA Production Tour

ECU's Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) is one of the world's leading performing arts academies and we're giving you the opportunity to explore our behind-the-scenes production and design facilities.

6 - 7.30pm Mt Lawley Campus Register HERE.

27 August Nursing Open Night



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

Gain hands-on experience as you rotate through a number of engaging activities including a tour though our state-of-the-art facilities including our Simulation Lab.

The Simulation lab is modelled off a real-life hospital ward and provides Nursing students with an immersive experience whilst gaining confidence in their nursing skills.

Take part in a vitals workshop, meet our *High Fidelity Sim Man* and learn how students are using virtual reality technology to improve clinical care, under the guidance of experienced staff.

5.30pm Registration is essential due to capacity limits. Register HERE.

28 August Science and Mathematics Showcase Evening

If you're passionate about Biological Sciences, Horticulture, Physics, Mathematics, Data Science, Chemistry, Sustainability, Conservation Biology, Environmental Management, or Marine and Freshwater Biology, this event is for you!

6 - 7.30pm Joondalup Campus Register HERE

31 August Closing Date Veterinary Science Murdoch



The integrated **Bachelor of Science / Doctor of Veterinary Medicine** course prepares students for a career as a veterinarian.

Eligibility for the award of Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Biology) is achieved after the first six semesters of the course and is a prerequisite for entry into the final two years of study, which lead to award of the internationally recognised, Masters-level degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM).

All domestic students (school leaver and tertiary pathways) must apply through TISC.

Find details HERE.

1 September Early Offers for 2026



Early offers for 2026 start to be made on 1 September and carry on until the end of the year.

For ECU Early Offers information go HERE.

2 September Computing and Security Showcase Evening

Our Computing and Security programs include a broad choice of major subjects and cover dynamic areas such a computer science, cyber security, information technology, counter terrorism, security, intelligence, and software engineering.

6:00pm - 7:30pm Joondalup Campus Register HERE.

2 September Health & Education Open Night

Discover Murdoch University's wide range of Health and Education courses! Join us to see how a degree from Murdoch University can prepare you for a career within health industries or teaching the next generation of thinkers. Learn how you can use your passion for sport, rehabilitation, language, science, leadership and compassion to improve the lives of others. Murdoch's degrees are designed by specialist academics and industry partners to ensure that our students are prepared for emerging industry and global trends.

5.30 Boola Katitjin Building Register HERE.

3 September STEM Open Night



Explore Murdoch University's wide range of STEM, Environmental and Life

Join us for a night of innovation, as we explore how a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics degree from Murdoch University equips students with the skills and knowledge needed to solve complex problems, think critically, and adapt to new technologies. Murdoch's degrees are designed by specialist academics and industry partners to ensure that our students are prepared for emerging industry and global trends

5.30pm Boola Katitjin Building. Register HERE.

4 September Westpac Technologists Scholarship applications open



Westpac Young Technologists Scholarships are designed for high school graduates who are passionate about technology to explore its potential for good.

Receive up to \$20,000 in fully flexible funding for your undergraduate studies to put toward your



course, degree materials or living expenses. This funding comprises of \$15,000 awarded directly to scholars over three years, plus an additional \$5,000 to cover the cost of attending our Disruptive Leaders Program.

For details go HERE.

25 September Online Information Session 2-3pm

- InfoThe session will be recorded and everyone that registers for the information session will receive a recording.
 - Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vvCSZ0NSQkqRqQQFLc5o-Q#/registration
- If your students have any specific questions they might like answered during the session, please send them through to this email address prior to 25/09. We will include them in the Q&A section of the webinar.
- Students that register their interest for the scholarship will receive a suite of emails containing helpful resources.
 - Link: https://scholars.westpac.com.au/register-form

Register HERE.

4 September Business, Law, HaSS and Creative Media Open Night



Immerse yourself in Murdoch University's Business, Law and Criminology, Humanities, Arts and Social Science Courses! Join us to see how a degree from Murdoch University could inspire you to use the power of analysis, communication, creativity, and storytelling to challenge the way we think about, look at and understand the world. Murdoch's degrees are designed by specialist academics and industry partners to ensure that our students are prepared for emerging industry and global trends.

5.30pm Boola Katitjin building. Register HERE.

4 September Curtin Undergrad Course Expo



This is your chance to find out what life at Curtin is really like. Our team are ready to answer all your questions about courses, pathways, scholarships and campus life.

This event is your opportunity to:

- discover your course options
- get personalised admissions and application advice
- attend faculty info sessions
- learn about the different pathways to uni
- get help with your portfolio application.

Curtin University, TL Robertson Library (Level 7) 3.30pm - 7pm

Register now.

5 Sep ECU Nursing and Midwifery Showcase Evening

Explore our state-of-the-art facilities, learn about our courses and the excellent support services you can expect as a student. You can speak to our Future Student Engagements Team about admission pathways, how to apply, fees and scholarships and flexible study options like online or part-time.

Register now

5 September ECU Year 11 and 12 Engineering Showcase



Tour of our state-of-the-art engineering facilities and hear from current students and alumni. Plus, you'll have the chance to engage with our

Register now

9 September Teacher Education Information Evening.

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

Register now

9 September UWA Open Night: STEM



If you're a current Year 11 or Year 12 student interested in **engineering**, **computer and data science**, **chemistry**, **biological sciences**, **agriculture**, **geology** – or anything else related to STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), this event is designed with you and your future in mind.

6.30 - 8.30 Register <u>HERE.</u>

10 September Business and Law Information Evening

If you aspire to a career in business or see yourself as a lawyer, this event is a great place to start. As well as highlighting some of our popular courses and career opportunities, we'll introduce you to where you'll be studying – our incredible new city campus.

Register now

11 September UWA Open Night: Medicine and Dentistry



Step into the clinical world of Medicine and Dentistry. You'll hear from our highly regarded academics and current students as they provide insights into both fields and what makes studying these programs unique at UWA. You'll also have the chance to ask our specialist admissions team any questions

about securing a place in our highly competitive programs. Finally, you'll get hands-on with activities and tours of the state-of-the-art medical and dental school facilities at the UWA Health Campus!

Find details and register HERE.

16 September Bachelor of Arts Information Session

If you're curious about society, people, cultures and ideas, but haven't yet decided on a career direction, this highly flexible degree is a great place to start, opening your eyes to possible future directions.

Register now

16 September UWA Open Night: Law and Criminology



If you're a current Year 11 or Year 12 student interested in Law & Criminology, this event is designed with you and your future in mind. On the night, you'll be able to immerse yourself in our school community, connect with academics and students, and explore the opportunities available to you when studying at

UWA.

Find details and register **HERE**.

17 September UWA Open Night: Business and Commerce



If you're a current Year 11 or Year 12 student interested in Accounting and Finance, Economics, Management and Organisations, Marketing – or anything else related to Business and Commerce, this event is designed with you and your future in mind.

On the night, you'll be able to immerse yourself in our school communities, connect with academics and students, and explore the hands-on-learning opportunities available to you when studying at UWA.

Find details and register HERE.

17 September Medical and Health Sciences Showcase Evening

Join us for this interactive event that will showcase courses offered in our major disciplines of Allied Health, Medical and Exercise Science and Public Health and Occupational Safety & Health.

Register now

20 September UWA Music Auditions for 2026



Auditions: Saturday 20 September & Monday 1 December 2025

UWA's flexible, innovative course structure gives music students the opportunity to

tailor their study pathway and achieve their unique goals, guided by some of Australia's leading musicians and artists! Whether your passion is Performance or Composition/Songwriting, Classical, Contemporary,



Music Theatre or Electronic Music, UWA has a tradition of supporting outstanding artists to succeed. Apply for an audition HERE.

24 September Social Change Leadership Information Session

Want to make a meaningful difference, driving positive social change in communities? If you're passionate about social justice and want to become a leader in an organisation who shares.

Register HERE.

29 September ATAR Revision Sessions start



If you're a Year 12 ATAR student, you shouldn't miss our free revision sessions.

Register HERE.

30 September Notre Dame Medicine Information Session

I have this listed as being on 30 September but there is already an online information session available.

Students who apply for medicine at Notre Dame need to already have a degree with a high Grade Point Average to be competitive, You can find the presentation <u>HERE</u>.

University News

New Bachelor of Business Analytics

New to ECU City in 2026, this course is designed to meet the increasing demand for skilled professionals in the rapidly evolving field of business analytics. Students will gain hands-on experience through industry partnerships and innovative initiatives.

Find out more HERE.

Book a tour of UWA accommodation



UWA has five residential colleges that offer tours all-year round. Tours take about 30 minutes per college, and you'll get to check out the rooms and facilities, chat to current residents and staff and find out just how close to campus your new home will be!

Book directly with your preferred college(s):

- Trinity Residential College
- St Catherine's College
- University Hall
- St Thomas More College
- St George's College virtual tour

ECU Parents' Guide to University Study

This easy to follow guide provides guideance so that parents understand how they can support their kids.

Although the information is focused on ECU, parents of student who want to go to a different university will find the information helpful.

You can download it HERE.



Training News

2026 TAFE Applications Open 4 September

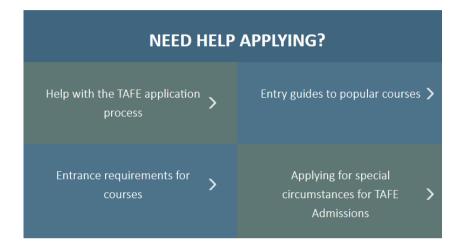












TAFE Applications for 2026 open on 4 September. To find information go HERE.

WA Training Award Finalists Announced

Congratulations to the outstanding <u>finalists in the 2025 Training Awards</u>. There are 43 finalists across 12 categories.

School Based Apprentice of the Year

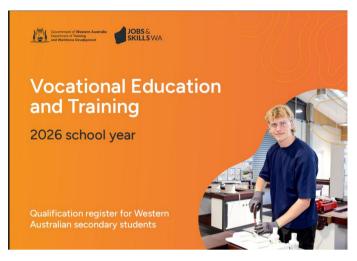
This award is presented to a student who is undertaking a Certificate II or above qualification as a part-time Australian school-based apprentice or trainee. It recognises the student's commitment to their formal studies at school, and in the workplace.

The 2025 finalists are:

- Sienna Bennett
- Cadie Doyle
- Leonard Golding
- Lucas Grieve.

The presentation ceremony is on 5 September. See the results in all categories <u>HERE</u>.

VET Qualification Register for 2026



The 2026 register of VET courses recommended by industry for secondary students has been released.

You can explore courses by industry.
It names the course and provides a short description, and it colour codes them according to a range of conditions. You can quickly pick

which courses will be best for you.

Colour codes

Each qualification is assigned a colour based on industry's support for the available delivery options as stated above

These qualifications are not supported by industry for delivery to secondary students because they are:

- at a level which requires substantial and relevant industry experience that generally cannot be achieved through a VET program delivered to secondary students;
- unsuitable due to the nature of the qualification and/or industry environment; and/or:
- have regulatory/licensing requirements that may prevent delivery to secondary students.

Note: Where industry advice is not available, no flag colour has been allocated



Not all delivery options are supported or industry has concerns about a delivery option. For example, IBT is not supported or auspicing is considered high risk

Please read all associated advice for specific requirements related to delivery and assessment.

All available delivery options are supported, subject to industry advice

Please read all associated advice for specific requirements related to delivery and assessment

Check it out HERE.

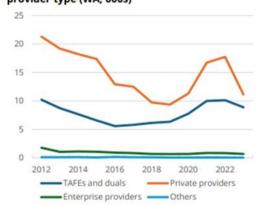
Big report with recommendations on how to improve apprenticeships and traineeships

MEGT's Productivity Prospectus (2025) Unlocking productivity and prosperity through Australia's Apprenticeship system.

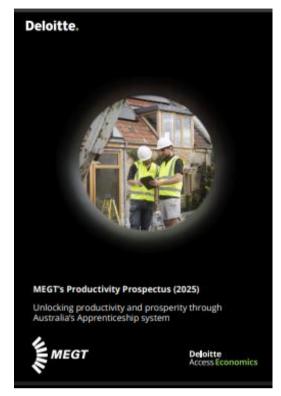
We keep hearing that WA is the engine driving Australia through mining our resources. I thought huge resources companies would be training significant numbers of apprentices and trainees.

If they are, the figures don't show it.

Chart A5.5: Apprenticeship commencements by provider type (WA; 000s)



Source: Deloitte Access Economics analysis of NCVER, Apprentices and trainees (2024).



MEGT is one of the big companies that connects people to apprenticeships and traineeships in WA.

It has produced a report called <u>Unlicking</u>

productivity and prosperity through Australia's

Apprenticeship System which has strong
recommendations to expand the engagement and support services available to employers and to apprentices.

A Quick Lesson in Outsourcing

When government had a significant role in training apprentices there were Masters of Apprentices and training managers and strict training regimes.

It was believed that employers would do it better.

Group Training Organisations were set up to manage apprentices to work across several small businesses and get experience in all aspects of the trade.

At first companies like BHP copied government systems, then they also outsourced to Group Training Organisations.

The Group Training Organisations were paid by apprentice/trainee. By working for one main employer the need to coordinate apprentices across a number of employers was unnecessary. Small businesses gradually lost support. This may not be the only reason small businesses have difficulty employing apprentices and trainees, but it must be seen as a significant cause for the downturn in apprentice/trainee numbers.

MEGT Recommendations in this report will help to address some of the gaps in our systems. Youn can find it <u>HERE.</u>

5 September 2025 Training Awards Presentation

Schools and students who entered the 2025 Training Awards will be interested in the Award Presentation evening. I watch the Training Award Facebook page to see the results as they are announced. You can find it <u>HERE</u>.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) Explained

Ever wondered what the difference is between apprenticeships, traineeships and ordinary, mainstream VET courses?

Apprenticeships	Traineeships	Mainstream TAFE
Traditional jobs –	Newer jobs – childcare,	Courses like youth
construction, chef,	arborists, bank workers,	workers, vet nurses,
hairdressing.	business.	fashion designers, IT
		workers, lab technicians.
On the job training under a	On the job training under a	Practical on the job
qualified professional	qualified professional	assignments.
Classroom instruction	Classroom instruction	Classroom instruction.
through structured off the	through structured off the	Some courses have
job program.	job program	practical components
Earn as you learn – <u>see pay</u>	Earn as you learn – <u>see pay</u>	Classroom based learning.
<u>rates</u>	<u>rates</u>	See if you can find a
		traineeship in your field. *
3 – 4 years	1 – 2 years	1 – 3 years depending on
		level.
You get an apprenticeship	You get a traineeship by	You get a Certificate II (like
by applying for a job as an	applying for a job. Many	year 9 - 10)
apprentice.	jobs require a qualification,	Cert III (like year 10 – 11)
	like child carer. The	Cert IV (like year 12)
	traineeship provides that	Diploma – many unis give
	qualification.	credit for first year.
For more information go	For more information go	For more information go
HERE.	HERE.	HERE.

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

31 August Applications close for Construction Careers Scholarship

Who can Apply?

The program is for Year 10 or Year 11 students interested in

completing a pre-apprenticeship at school during Years 11 and/or 12.

Applicants require consent from their school and parents to participate.

Find information HERE.



Apprenticeship and Traineeship Opportunities

Apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities are posted regularly on the <u>Jobs</u> and <u>Skills Centre jobs board</u>.

You can also check the jobs boards that the WA Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) providers offer via their websites.

AASN provider jobs boards

- The Apprenticeship Community
- Apprenticeship Support Australia
- MEGT Apprenticeship Network Provider

Senior Student Events

23-24 August Pecan National Cyber Security Competition

The <u>Pecan Cyber Security Capture the</u>
Flag competition is for Year 10 – 12s.

Students are invited to solve a series of cyber security challenges across a two-day event in August.

For current information on this year's competition please see the PECAN+ CTF Competition website.

This annual event is free and is run in locations across Australia, with sponsorship and support from a number of Industry bodies.



PECAN+ CTF <u>Practice challenges</u> can be found here. Please reach out to request access to our guide to solving PECAN+ CTF practice challenges.

For further information please contact Karina Price (Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, Computing and Security Science) on k.price@ecu.edu.au

25 August Applications Open for Get Into Mining Field Trip



The Get Into Mining Field Trip runs during term 3 holidays, from 6 – 9 October.

Students from years 10 – 12 will meet industry experts and visit Alcoa, Talison Lithium Mine, Albemarie Lithium refinery.

Barminco and Murray Engineering.

The Field Trip starts at Redpath Mining in Burswood and ventures south. Students will be staying at Myalup Pines Cottages.

Find details and apply using this QR Code from 25 August.



6-7 or 20 - 21 September Head Start Medical Interviews & Communication Skills Workshop

The medical school interview is not a casual conversation – it's a crucial opportunity to showcase your skills, experience, and commitment. Start preparing now to ensure you are ready for the challenge! Find details about this workshop HERE.

13 September Esports and Experience Day for High School Students

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High school students are invited to Murdoch University's Esports & Experience Day on Saturday 13 September, from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Take part in our Rocket League tournament and compete against other schools for prizes and trophies. Beyond the competition, enjoy activities such as drone racing, virtual reality immersion, Fortnite and Valorant challenges, campus tours and much more.



For information go HERE.

Pinnacles Foundation Scholarship Open for 2026 Applications Close 31 August



Value \$8.400

You need to be 18 on 20 January 2026, undertaking fulltime studies at a public tertiary institution (including TAFE or university) and identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community.

We provide educational scholarships, mentoring and opportunities for young LGBTQIA+ Australians to realise their full potential. Scholarships are awarded for fulltime study at public institutions of higher education in Australia, for the purpose of gaining an educational or vocational qualification in any profession, trade or the arts.

Applications Close 31 August. Get details and apply HERE.

Senior Student Opportunities

IDEAcademy to open new learning hub in Fremantle

IDEAcademy offers alternative pathways for senior students. It is run by passionate educators who are creating new pathways for senior students who seek an alternative to

traditional schools. Their paths lead to work or TAFE or uni, in the same way as more traditional schools.

In 2026 they are opening a new campus in Fremantle in 2026

Enrolments are open for the campus in the Perth CBD or in Fremantle.



You can book an information session or go to .ideacademy.com.au for more information.

Defence Work Experience Program for students 15+

Defence work experience activities are designed to be hands on and interactive so that young people can make informed career decisions.

Available Defence work experience placements are advertised on the <u>Defence Work</u> Experience <u>Program Jobs List</u>.

Job Name	Closing Date	Action
Air Force Careers Day: RAAF Base Pearce (October) Job Ref - WEP/00669/25 • Air Force • Bullsbrook, WA • 21 October 2025 Information Pack (PDF)	07-Sep- 2025 11:30 PM (AEST)	 Start New Application Access Existing Application Preview Application Form

A Day in the Life of a Soldier: Irwin

Barracks (November) Job Ref
WEP/00785/25

- Army
- Karrakatta, WA
- 20 November 2025

Information Pack (PDF)

05-Oct-2025 11:30 PM (AEDT)

- Start New
 Application
- Access Existing
 Application
- Preview Application
 Form

Study Overseas - Contact Crimson Education to apply for a place at a US or UK University

<u>Crimson Education</u> helps Australian students to apply for places at top universities in the US or UK.

Find information about support services and how to apply HERE.

Applications are open Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) Scholarships

VET or Uni

Children and grandchildren of ex-serving veterans are invited to apply for AVCAT scholarships.

All bursaries and sponsored scholarships are for tertiary education and are \$4000-\$6000 per year, for up to three years.

Applications close 31 October. Find details and apply HERE.

Volunteer for September Awesome Festival

Do you have a passion for the arts? Love to work with kids or maybe just love to

volunteer? We want to hear from you!

Running annually in the September school holidays, volunteering at the AWESOME Festival offers opportunities to gain real experience in all aspects of the arts and event management.



We accept volunteers aged 15 or older. Volunteers aged 18 or older must hold a current WA Working with Children Check (can be obtained through Barking Gecko Arts).

Volunteer registrations for the 2025 AWESOME Festival are now open! Register HERE.

8-9 October Business Innovation Bootcamp

Register Now School Holiday Program

Curtin is hosting its two-day Business Innovation Bootcamp for students in years 10–12 who are interested in entrepreneurship, planning for their start-up, already running their own business or anywhere in between.

Day one explores the fundamental entrepreneurial skillset, from idea generation to business planning and market research. Day two introduces advanced concepts and gives students practical experience in developing and showcasing their own idea or prototype.

Tickets are \$20 and include the full program, workshop resources, and morning tea and lunch on both days.

Find information and register HERE.

Year 12 Events

26 August Perth Army Reserve Information Session



Experience flexible commitment in an Army Reserve role and earn money as you study for your degree or VET qualification.

Come to the upcoming information session to speak with current serving members



about their own experiences and advice. It is at Irwin Barracks in Karrakatta at 7.30 on 26 August.

Check details and book HERE.

28 August Closing Date for Elevate: Boosting diversity in STEM

Boosting diversity in STEM program will award undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships to women and non-binary people in STEM. Elevate aims to address inequities in STEM through comprehensive scholarships enabling more diverse women and non-binary people to access tertiary STEM education, professional skills development and STEM leadership opportunities with industry and academia.

The Elevate program provides:

- A scholarship
- Access to events and networking
- Mentoring
- Wellbeing support during scholars' university studies

Find details and apply HERE.

Curtin Medicine Casper Test



If you will be applying to Curtin University Medicine (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery), apart from the UCAT, applicants will also need to register and complete the Casper Test.

Available Casper test dates for Curtin Medicine:

- 11 Sep 2025 at 7:00 PM (AEST)
- 5 Oct 2025 at 10:00 AM (AEDT)



All admission information for domestic and international students, including details about the requirement to sit the Casper Test can be found via the <u>Curtin University School of Medicine</u> webpage.

Casper Test Preparation

- 24 August 2025 from 11am until about 3.30 pm
- 20 September 2025 from 11am until about 3.30 pm

28 August Arts Fellowship for Young People Close



Fellowships of \$26,000 are available for individuals aged 18 - 25 to grow their participation in the arts and develop

pathways for a creative future.

Funding may support research, skills development, residencies, creation of new work, mentorships, artist fees/living allowance, materials, and travel.



Up to 5 Arts Fellowships for Young People will be awarded each year.

Find details **HERE**.

1 September TISC Early Offers

TISC TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS SERVICE CENTRE

The first round of Year 12 Early Offers will be released on Monday 1 September 2025.

There will be three or four further rounds of Early Offers – confirmed dates will be available shortly on the TISC website. Most early offers will be conditional, so students should carefully read their offer letter so that they know what is required.

September UCAT Results Delivered to Universities

Students applying for medicine courses will have undertaken University Clinical Aptitude Tests in July-August. The results of those tests will be delivered to universities in early September.

4 September Curtin Careers Expo



If you're thinking of starting uni next year, this is your chance to find out what life at Curtin is really like. Our team are ready to answer all your questions about courses, pathways, scholarships and campus life.

This event is your opportunity to:

- discover your course options
- get personalised admissions and application advice
- attend faculty info sessions
- learn about the different pathways to uni
- get help with your portfolio application.

There are booths with information about courses and study options. You can get one on one advice. There is a schedule of 15-minute information sessions from Business and Law, Health Sciences, Humanities, and Science and Engineering. Hear about the courses each faculty offers and careers they can lead to.

3.30 pm - 7pm. Find information HERE.

Year 12 Opportunities

Applications are open Australian Tax Office (ATO) School leaver Program

The ATO School Leaver Program offers Year 12 graduates a permanent, full-time career, with a competitive salary and training and development opportunities. It's a fantastic opportunity to develop skills, earn a Certificate III in IT or business and start your career.

A competitive starting salary of \$56,681 plus 15.4% super. After successfully completing the program, you'll progress to a role at the next level with a salary of \$61,749 plus 15.4% super.



Learn more HERE.

29 September - 3 October ECU ATAR Revision Program

ECU will once again be offering **FREE ATAR revision sessions** both on campus and also streaming live for our regional and remote students. The sessions will be delivered by engaging teachers currently delivering the 2025 syllabus.

Each session comprises a four-hour seminar covering: the Year 12 syllabus, exam techniques and revision tips, a Q & A session and a copy of revision notes. The 2025 Year 12 subjects are Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry, English, Maths Applications, Maths Methods, Maths Specialist and Physics.

Sessions will run between Monday, 29 September and Friday, 3 October 2025. Choose your on campus workshops <u>HERE</u>. Register for online sessions <u>HERE</u>.

Curtin Equity Scholarships for 2026



There are many scholarships available in 2026 with varying benefits. Some scholarships provide cash payments (one-off and continuing), others provide support for fees or potential site visit and vacation work opportunities.

Below is a list of scholarships for consideration within the 2026 - Semester 1 - Equity Scholarship Program (Future Students):

- Curtin Enabling Program Bursary
- Curtin STAR Scholarship
- Doreen Fyfe Nursing Scholarship
- Harry Perkins Memorial Scholarship
- Curtin Rural WA Medical School Scholarship
- Sir William Tyree Scholarship in Engineering
- Sir William Tyree Women in Engineering Scholarship

If you are successful in more than one scholarship, you will be awarded the highest value scholarship. In some cases, you may have the opportunity to select your preferred scholarship.

For information go <u>HERE</u>.

Arts Fellowships for Young People

The **Arts Fellowships for Young people** offers fellowships of \$26,000 to 5 young Western Australian people aged 18 to 25 to kickstart their careers.

Funding may support research, skills development, residencies, creation of new work, mentorships, artist fees/living allowance, materials, and travel.

Find details and apply HERE.

Year 10 & 11

3 – 6 October Apply now for Fogarty Futures Leadership Conference

Fogarty Futures Leadership Conference empowers Year 10 and 11 students with leadership skills for the future. Students to develop a passion for social justice and benefit their local communities. Soft skills such as leadership, communication and interpersonal skills are not taught in schools, despite being vital to living in a modern globalised world; Futures aims to fix this gap.

Past Student Testimony -

The Fogarty Futures Leadership Conference was one of the best experiences and one that I would never forget.

Zhenyang Year 11, Lynwood Senior High School

Location: Ern Halliday Recreation Camp (Hillarys)

Cost: Approx. \$100 (travel grants for students living in regional/remote areas, and financial aid is available) Find out more and apply <u>HERE.</u>

Year 10

30 September and 1 October A Day in the Life of a Murdoch University Student

Do you want to experience a day in the life of a Murdoch University student?

If you are currently in Year 9 or 10, A

Day in the Life of a Murdoch

University Student is the perfect



opportunity for you to explore your interests and where these might lead you. You will create a customised university timetable based on subjects of interest, speak with current Murdoch University students about their study journey and be inspired by our academics.

You can go to either day. Register HERE.

Defence Work Experience

There are opportunities to undertake work experience within various roles in the Defence industry. You can find opportunities below. <u>HERE.</u>

Job Name	Closing	Action
A day in the Life of a Solider: Irwin Barracks (October) Job Ref - WEP/00781/25 • Army Karrakatta, WA • 23 October 2025 Information Pack (PDF)	31-Aug- 2025 11:30 PM (AEST)	 Start New Application Access Existing Application Preview Application Form Email A Friend
Navy Careers Experience: HMAS Stirling (November) Job Ref - WEP/00661/25 Navy Garden Island, WA 3 - 5 November 2025 Information Pack (PDF)	07-Sep- 2025 11:30 PM (AEST)	 Start New Application Access Existing Application Preview Application Form Email A Friend
Air Force Careers Day: RAAF Base Pearce (October) Job Ref - WEP/00669/25 • Air Force Bullsbrook, WA • 21 October 2025 Information Pack (PDF)	07-Sep- 2025 11:30 PM (AEST)	 Start New Application Access Existing Application Preview Application Form Email A Friend
Exercise First Look: Indigenous Youth Placement - Soldier: Army Logistics Training Centre (October) Job Ref - WEP/03747/25 • Army Bandiana, VIC • 20 - 24 October 2025 Information Pack (PDF)	07-Sep- 2025 11:30 PM (AEST)	 Start New Application Access Existing Application Preview Application Form Email A Friend
A Day in the Life of a Soldier: Irwin Barracks (November) Job Ref - WEP/00785/25 • Army Karrakatta, WA • 20 November 2025 Information Pack (PDF)	05-Oct- 2025 11:30 PM (AEDT)	 Start New Application Access Existing Application Preview Application Form Email A Friend

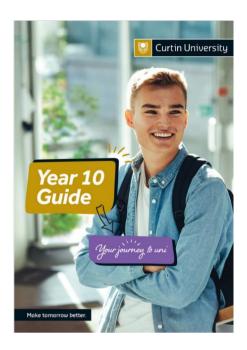
For queries about the Defence Work Experience Program please email Defence.WorkExperienceProgram@defence.gov.au or, click here.

Year 10 Guide



This Guide is not just for those students who are thinking about studying at Curtin. It provides information about career pathways, what course to choose, university vocabulary,

You can download it HERE.



Primary to Middle School

1 September Applications Close: Harding Millar Scholarship open for girls in government schools



Smart girls in government schools who are experiencing economic hardship can apply for a <u>Harding Millar scholarship</u>.

Applications close on 1 September.

Find details HERE.

6-9 October Years 6-8 Explore STEM - Girls + STEM



Explore the world of STEM through engaging holiday programs designed for curious minds. Each multi-day workshop lets you explore different aspects of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through hands-on activities

and creative projects.

What to expect

- Interactive workshops exploring various STEM areas
- Creative problem-solving workshops

- Guidance from university student STEM presenters and STEM professionals
- A fun and supportive environment to explore STEM

Location: Canning Eco Education Centre (CEEC), Wilson

Price: \$150*

Find more details and register HERE.

Year 8 - 9 Discovery Program



This is a three-day exploration of research, innovation, and STEM at Curtin University. Students engage with cutting-edge research, participate in hands-on workshops, and meet inspiring Curtin innovators to discover diverse STEM career

pathways.

January 2026 (TBC) – (The 2025 program sold out straight away)

Curtin University Cost \$160 Find more information HERE.

Primary Student Opportunities

7 September Applications Open for Wild at Art competition

Students aged 5 - 12

Applications close 24 October

The Australian Conservation Foundation invites students aged 5 – 12 to enter the World at Art competition

- Entries must depict native fauna or flora species that are listed as threatened under state, territory or federal law.
- Artworks must be created solely by the child.



There are different age group categories. Find more details and apply HERE.

RRR Events

ECU South West Campus Events

26 August WAAPA Albany Diploma of Music Q&A

Get ready to amplify your music journey because WAAPA is turning up the volume and bringing its Diploma of Music course right to your backyard in Albany! Come along to our Q&A evening where you can learn about the course and have all your questions answered by the WAAPA staff in person.

Register now

27 August Experience Teacher Education

Perfect for students passionate about becoming a teacher in either Early Childhood or Primary and High School students. Registrations open to school groups only – individual registrations are not available. Two sessions available with limited places – 9:30am – 11:30am and 12:30pm –2:30pm.

Please email <u>SWFutures@ecu.edu.au</u> to register.

Download Flyer

9 September Explore Conservation Biology

An immersive on-campus experience for year 10–12 students. Explore the life of an ECU student studying Conservation Biology & Environmental Management and engage with interactive activities in the science labs. Registrations open to school groups only – individual registrations are not available.

Please email SWFutures@ecu.edu.au to register.

Download the flyer

19 October South West Open Day

Join us from 10am - 1pm at Open Day and load up on inspiration. Explore the SW campus and talk to our people about how you could be studying with us in 2026.

Register now

Department of Education Career Conversations



Join us for a Careers Conversations event near you! Select one of the following session dates and locations to book your place.

Events in the Kimberley

• Thursday 18 September 2025 in Kununurra from 5 pm to 6:30 pm

Events in the Midwest

• Wednesday 27 August 2025 in Exmouth from 6 pm to 7:30 pm

RRR News

Country Education Foundation financial support



CEF supports youth through financial grants for education and employment expenses. Grants contribute towards expenses related to apprenticeships, traineeships, cadetships, diplomas, certificate level studies and university qualifications or employment.

CEF grants are based on financial and circumstantial need, not academic success. You will however, need to demonstrate commitment to achieving your goal. The four essential selection criteria are:

- You are aged 16-25 years
- You have a demonstrated need
- You have attended school or currently live in the region covered by your local CEF
- You are able to demonstrate commitment to achieving your goal

Find details of the Local Student Grant HERE.

Students with Disability Opportunities

2026 School based traineeships with Good Sammys

Dare to Dream

To participate in the Dare to Dream school-based traineeship with Good Sammys:

- Must be a Year 11 or 12 student with disability in 2026 enrolled in a WA school
- Must have a current NDIS plan

Discover opportunities **HERE**.

Louisa Alessandri Memorial Fund Scholarship

Applications are now invited for the Louisa Alessandri Memorial Fund Scholarship, valued at \$10,000, which is intended to help students with physical disabilities to achieve their career aspirations. The application period will close Tuesday, 30 September 2025, and the Scholarship will be presented in February 2026. Find out more about the Louisa Alessandri Memorial Fund Scholarship

Active Foundation merge with genU



Active Foundation has been supporting West Australians who live with disability for more than 70 years.

Over the past 12 months, Active and genU have been merging. The merged organisation is now known as genU.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Opportunities

Defence Work Experience

Exercise First Look: Indigenous Youth
Placement - Soldier: Army Logistics
Training Centre (October) Job Ref -

- WEP/03747/25
 - Army
 - Bandiana, VIC
 - 20 24 October 2025

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International Student Opportunities





Scholarships for international students

All international academic scholarships are assessed for

scholarships automatically at the time of application, making it easier for students to apply direct into courses and to be assessed for a scholarship at the same time.

If you have been successful, our Admissions Office will issue a separate letter relating to your scholarship, along with a Letter of Offer for your course. Check them out <u>HERE</u>.

International student scholarships for universities in Western Australia



If you are an international student planning to study in Western Australia, check out the scholarships that are available to you:

- Curtin University
- Notre Dame
- Murdoch University
- University of Western Australia
- Edith Cowan University

Study Perth services to international students

Study Perth provides support to international students in Perth.

They have information on courses, scholarships, jobs and how to apply, accommodation and living in Perth.



• Support Services

StudyPerth supports students with free careers, well-being, and legal aid.

• Incentives and Scholarships

Access a variety of incentives designed to support international students

It has an office in the Flux building at 191 St Georges Ter Perth You can contact them HERE..

SkillsWest Career Expo Report



July 24, 25 & 26, 2025 Perth Convention

& Exhibition Centre

The SkillsWest Expo delivered a great display of VET career opportunities.

The universities were all there, including universities from Adelaide and Tasmania, and there were organisations, like the Australian Institute of Architects recruiting

for university students but the practical demonstrations from VET providers made this Expo special.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

State and Federal governments are doing all they can to encourage people to go into construction trades. There is significant funding available for employers to take on apprentices.

David Cunningham, from the Construction Futures

Centre is usually at the Expos promoting scholarships
and funding for employers, but this time he was
promoting office based construction career
opportunities.

Check out:

- Architect
- Designer
- Building Surveyor
- Contract Administrator
- Interior Designer

Find more career opportunities **HERE**.



NORTH METRO TAFE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES



The Creative Industries lecturer from North Metro TAFE told me that the housing boom had lead to a growth in demand for <u>interior decorators</u>.

North Metro TAFE offers

VET for Secondary Schools:

Cert II in Creative industries

Certificate III in Design Fundamentals

Design Taster and Industry Ready Courses

Cert III Design Fundamentals Product and Jewellery Design

Cert IV In Design (Product Design.)

Diploma Visual Arts (Product Design)

If you want a career using your creative skills, speak to a career counsellor at <u>North Metro TAFE</u>.

NORTH METRO TAFE ELECTRICAL TRADES

North Metro TAFE Electrical Trades were represented.

Students were shown pathways leading from <u>Cert II in Electronics</u> through to the <u>Diploma of Electronic and Communication Engineering</u>.

<u>South Metro TAFE</u> was also there promoting their electrotechnology qualifications.

The <u>College of Electrical Training</u> is in Joondalup and Jandakot. It now the biggest provider of electrical skills to school students.



NORTH METRO TAFE PAINTING AND DECORATING PRE-APPRENTICESHIP

The artistic skills of painters and decorators were being explored at the North Metro TAFE Painting and Decorating stand. Students can start this pre apprenticeship at school.

VET IN SCHOOLS NORTH METRO TAFE LABORATORY OPERATIONS – SAMPLING FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

Lecturer Lukas Martens, from North Metro TAFE, said that students who don't necessarily have advanced science skills, can find successful pathways by starting with <u>Certificate II in Sampling</u> and Measurement while at school.

These skills can lead to careers in agriculture, health care and the environment.



NORTH METRO TAFE SKILLS SETS



CAD and 3D Printing Skills Set technicians were setting up the 3D printing display to show students the process and possibilities they learn through this skills set.

Skills Sets are great if you want to bush up on the latest developments in your industry.

North Metro TAFE has a range of Skills Sets, which provide specific industry skills without the underpinning understanding of the industry.

You can check its range of short courses and skills sets HERE.

SOUTH METRO TAFE VEHICLE BODY BUILDING



The South Metro TAFE Vehicle Body Building display was showing examples of truck canopies and trailers and buses.

Students can start with a <u>Cert</u>

II pre apprenticeship in

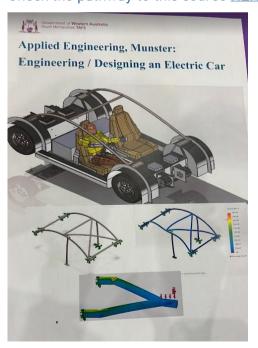
Automotive Manufacturing.

APPLIED ENGINEERING, MUNSTER: DESIGNING AN ELECTRIC CAR

Designing this electronic vehicle was a project for students of Advanced Diploma of Engineering at South Metro TAFE.

The project was designed to develop industry experience for the electrification of the transport industry.

Check the pathway to this course <u>HERE</u> or contact



the South

Metro Jobs

and Skills

Centre for
advice.



SOUTH METRO TAFE AVIATION SKILLS

South Metro TAFE has a significant aviation program.



Cert II Aeroskills Mechanical Preapprenticeships. This is a pathway into an apprenticeship.

Cert III Aviation (Cabin Crew)

<u>Cert IV Aeroskills</u> (Avionics) – aviation maintenance engineer

Cert IV Aeroskills (Mechanical)

<u>Diploma of Aviation</u> (Commercial Pilot Licence)

<u>Diploma of Aviation</u>. (Commercial Pilot Licence – Helicopter)

There is a shortage of workers in the aviation

industry as qualified workers are being snapped up by the resources industry.

CAREER CALENDAR 2025

Everything Else University **VET** Defence First Nations **Professional** Arts Sunday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Week Monday Tuesday 6 24 August 25 August 26 August 27 August 28 August 29 August 30 August **National Skills** Pecan Cyber **Army Reserve** WAAPA **ECU Science and Security** Week Information **Production Tour** Mathematics competition. Session Showcase **Get Into Mining Murdoch Nursing Eventing** Casper applications **WAPPA Albany Open Night Preparation** Arts Fellowship SW ECU Teacher <u>applications</u> Education close Career **Elevate STEM** Conversations **Exmouth** 7 31 August 2 September 4 September 5 September 6 September 1 September 3 September 2025 WA Training A day in the Life of **UCAT Results** Murdoch Health Murdoch Sciences. Murdoch Denmark Ag a Soldier delivered to **Awards** Technology, Business. Law. College Open Day & Education Open universities **Night Engineering &** Arts & social presentation Closing Date for Maths Open Night Sciences Open **Medical Interviews Vet Science First Round Early ECU Computing Night ECU Year 11&12** workshop Murdoch Offers Released and Security **Engineering** Showcase Westpac **Pinnacles Elevate Program Technologists ECU Nursing and** foundation Closes **Scholarships** Midwifery scholarship closes <u>open</u>

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Scholarship for Girls in Government Schools VET Award Nominations			Curtin Undergrad Expo TAFE Applications Open	Cunderdin Ag Open Day	
8	7 September Navy Careers Experience Air Force Careers Primary Wild at Art	8 September Social Science Week	9 September ECU Teacher Education Information UWA STEM Open Night SW ECU Conservation Biology	10 September GeoScience Outreach Day ECU Business and Law	11 September UWA Medicine and Dentistry Open Night Arts Projects Grants Close	12 September Narrogin Ag College Open Day Creative Writing competition close	13 September Good Theory Good Practice PD for career advisors ROBOCUP State Event Esports Day Murdoch
9	14 September ROBOCUP State Event	15 September	16 September ECU Arts Information Session UWA Law and Criminology It Takes a Spark	17 September UWA Business and Commerce ECU Medical and Health Sciences EduFest	18 September Career Conversations Kununurra Indigenous Cultural Awareness	19 September	20 September UWA Music Auditions Medical Interviews workshop

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	21 September	22 September	23 September	24 September	25 September	26 September	27 September
				ECU Social Change Leadership		Surrealism Art Competition closes Army Reserves	UWA Day of Percussion

Term 3 Break

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	28 September	29 September	30 September	1 October	2 October	3 October	4 October
	King's Birthday	ECU ATAR Revision Sessions Start	Awesome Festival Game Changer Awards Close Notre Dame Medicine Information Session. Murdoch Year 9 & 10 A Day in the Life	Murdoch Year 9 & 10 A Day in the Life Music and Drama Eisteddfod		Fogarty Futures Leadership Conference	Mandurah's Got Talent
2	5 October	6 October	7 October	8 October	9 October	10 October	11 October
	A Day in the Life of a Soldier	Girls Explore STEM					

Wee	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Mandurah's Got Talent			Curtin Business Innovation bootcamp	Curtin Business Innovation bootcamp		

Term 4

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	12 October	13 October Start of Term 4	14 October ECU ATSI Information online	15 October ECU ATSI Information online	16 October	17 October	18 October
2	19 October ECU South West Open Day	20 October	21 October Murdoch Year 12 Online Information Session	22 October WAAPA Production Tour	23 October	24 October	25 October
3	26 October	27 October	29 October	29 October	30 October	31 October Veterans Affairs Scholarships close	1 November
4	2 November	3 November	4 November	5 November	6 November	7 November	8 November
5	9 November Astrofest	10 November	11 November ECU ATSI Information online	12 November ECU ATSI Information online	13 November Sidestep Careers Expo for Grownups	14 November Sidestep Careers Expo for Grownups	15 November

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					UWA Year 8 discovery	UWA Year 9 Djinanginy Day CEAWA Conference	
16	16 November	17 November	18 November	19 November	20 November	21 November Engagement Forum	22 November
7	23 November	24 November	25 November	26 November	27 November	28 November Curtin Girls+ Engineering Tomorrow	29 November Girls Programming Workshop
8	30 November	1 December	2 December	3 December	4 December	5 December	6 December
9	7 December	8 December West Tech Fest 8 – 12 Dec	9 December	10 December	11 December ECU ATSI Information Session	12 December ECU ATSI Information Session	13 December