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Information for future students

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Ngala kwop biddi.
Building a brighter future, together.



Acknowledgement of Country

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

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

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



Your Murdoch Mail

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

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

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

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[2024 WA Schools Contact List](#)

2024 / 2025 Engagements – Book Now!

Our Future Students Team and Outreach Team are looking forward to engaging with you, your students and wider school communities for the remainder of 2024 and into 2025.

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

Please contact our teams to request a bespoke, tailored engagement.

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

Future Students Team: engage@murdoch.edu.au

Outreach Team: outreach@murdoch.edu.au

Year 9 Career Tasters

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

Limited spaces available for Term 4 only so we encourage those who wish to inspire their students to uncover future possibilities, to make a booking for Murdoch Career Tasters NOW!

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

We have availability to come to your school for a full or half day or alternatively, depending on availability, we're able to host your students on campus. This is a free program, with absolutely no cost to your school. For all details, including structure of the program, please see attached flyer. For more information or to make a booking, please contact becca.collay@murdoch.edu.au.

Scholarships

Ngala Kwop Bididi Brighter Futures Scholarship – NOMINATE NOW!

It's time to nominate your School's Brighter Futures (Ngala Kwop Bididi) Scholarship recipient. Each WA school has been allocated a \$12,000 scholarship to award to a year 12 demonstrating leadership and making a positive impact, either in your School or local community, in the areas of Sustainability; or Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; or for a First Nations student showing leadership in your school or community. This is a scholarship that acknowledges and rewards leadership that aligns with Murdoch University's strategic themes, and your nominee can be on any pathway to uni – from ATAR, Cert IV, Enabling Program, Experience Based Entry etc. Scholarship recipients will not only receive \$12,000 cash across the life of their Undergraduate degree studies, they will also have access to a leadership development program to further develop their advocacy and citizenship skills.

The *non-public* Secondary School webpage with detailed information and the link to nominate is [here](#).

A link to the public facing page for you to share with your students and parents is [here](#).

2024 saw our first intake of Brighter Future Scholarship recipients, and they were awarded for activities that included but were not limited to:

Sustainability:

- Volunteering at a Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre and contributing to online support and rehabilitation of sick and injured native wildlife.
- Actively promoting recycling activities in their School and leading the Containers for Change initiative.
- Establishing a bird rescue organisation, and funding same via the sale of aviary furniture made from recycled goods.
- Leading changes in School food options to reduce plastic waste.
- Leading School planting and rehabilitation programs / establishing School vegetable gardens.
- Establishing a School thrift store to reduce fashion waste.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- Running an all-School campaign advocating for greater inclusion of the LGBTIQ+ community and establishing a Rainbow Club for students.
- Leading a school 'Sleep out for the Homeless'.
- Leading a School 'Do it For Dolly' fundraising initiative to raise awareness about the impact of bullying on mental health and also creating student resources.
- Creating an App to raise awareness of, and to support for people suffering mental health disorders.
- Leading the School's first disability awareness week and raising \$1000 for a support group.
- Leading activities in their School to inspire more female students to engage in STEM and creating resources for staff to utilise lesser understood online programs.
- Establishing and leading an all-female team in First Lego League and qualifying for National finals and Global Innovation Awards.

First Nations

- Leading cultural awareness activities for NAIDOC week and acting as a role and mentor for younger students.
- Being recognised as an exemplary Student leader in both the STARS program and Aurora Academy.
- Creating and selling artwork to raise money for a special school in Malaysia.
- Leading First Nations cultural activities for local primary schools.

To discover more scholarships and review eligibility criteria visit:

<https://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/scholarships>

Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIPS OPENING SOON!

Explore your Scholarship options prior to applications opening in September.

Murdoch University Access Engineering Scholarship

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

Murdoch University Indigenous Engineering Pathway Scholarship

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

Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship

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

George Alexander Foundation Scholarship

The George Alexander Foundation's main point of focus is supporting access to education for promising young people, particularly those from rural and remote areas. Their aim is to help overcome barriers and make it possible for talented students to achieve their potential and go on to contribute to the Australian community. George Alexander believed in the notion of 'planting seeds and hoping they grow into pretty big trees'. The scholarship is to be used for accommodation and living expenses in Perth, with students encouraged to consider accommodation at Murdoch University Village. Total value of this scholarship is \$24,000.

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

Veterinary Medicine

Entry requirements and Application closing date

Veterinary Medicine Entrance Requirements:

Selection Rank – 94+

1. Earlier application closing date:

- The application deadline for all applicants has been moved up to **August 31, 2024**.
- The **last Casper situational judgement assessment date** for students is **August 8, 2024**. Please see all test dates here: <https://www.murdoch.edu.au/schools/veterinary-medicine/study/admissions/casper-situational-judgement-assessment>.

2. New application form:

A new [application form](#) has been created to capture all the essential information relating to an applicant.

3. Interview component:

- As part of our commitment to selecting the best candidates, applicants may be required to undertake an interview component as part of the selection process. Further details will be communicated directly to applicants.

Experience working with animals is not required for admission into the Vet Science degree for school leavers.

New Experienced Based Entry Pathway

Murdoch's new Experienced based entry assesses your academic and vocational and life achievements, in combination. We take into consideration evidence of extracurricular and life experiences, such as employment, volunteering, work experience, sports coaching, and school and community leadership because these are great indicators of your interests, motivation, commitment, and desire to succeed and contribute.

Depending on what you have achieved, we will assign points based on your academic and extracurricular experiences. You will need a minimum of 3 academic points and 1 experience point for this pathway.

Most of our undergraduate courses with a selection rank of 70 are available via our experienced based entry pathway, with the exception of Nursing, and Laboratory Medicine.

For more information, visit [Experienced Based Entry](#)

School Leaver Experience Based Entry Combinations Minimum Requirements



Scenario 1

3 ATAR passes

Scenario 2

3 'B' grades in General subjects

Scenario 3

2 ATAR passes + 1 'B' grade in General subjects

Scenario 4

2 ATAR passes + Cert III

Scenario 5

1 ATAR pass + 2 'B' grades in General subjects

Scenario 6

2 'B' grades in general subjects + Cert III

Scenario 7

1 ATAR pass + 1 'B' grade in General subjects + Cert III

At least 1 point of evidenced experiences (e.g. employment, volunteering)

At least 4 points* = Eligible for Experience Based Entry Assessment

Plus English language competency

* Each of the illustrated scenarios will generate 3 academic points. Additional points can be awarded to strengthen your application. Please see the [Experience Based Entry page](#) on the Murdoch University website for more details.

FlexiTrack High – Good news for 2025!

What is FlexiTrack High?

FlexiTrack High is an award-winning enabling program run by Murdoch University for Year 12 Students. It provides a pathway for aspiring students who may not be on track to achieve an ATAR. Students get the chance to gain essential skills for University, whilst still studying at school.

How does it work?

- FlexiTrack High works with the student's year 12 school timetable,
- Students take core units focussed on preparing them for academic success, and get to choose from electives in **Health Professions, Education/Teaching or Criminology and Digital Media**
- Successful completion leads to the students attaining the equivalent to a 70 ATAR, and 4 WACE points

Is it affordable?

In recognition of the success and the benefit that students gain from participating in FlexiTrack High, Murdoch University is keen to increase access to the program to all eligible students. For 2025 we have **reduced the fees to \$300**. Students experiencing financial difficulties or students from regionals and remote schools may be able to secure a place free of charge.

Who can apply?

Current Year 11 Students can apply to commence in Year 12 applicants must be:

- Completing Year 12 in 2025 at **a partner school**
- Students not on track to receive an ATAR
- Scoring B Grades in General English or English Literature (or D or higher in ATAR English or English Literature)
- Applicants must be either an Australian Citizen, a Permanent Resident or holder of a Permanent Humanitarian Visa

Do other Universities accept FlexiTrack High?

Yes. Curtin, ECU and UWA all accept applications from FlexiTrack High Students, and Murdoch University accepts applications from students who have studied enabling programs at the other universities.

What other support do the students receive?

Our aim is to build aspiration, and confidence in the students, to let them know that University is **for them!** Students get to take part in large Uni Taster days, where they meet other FlexiTrack High Students, participate in real University activities and hear what it's like to study at University from our own students! In addition to this they have access to our Pathways Officer, Gemma Phanupen, who helps them with anything from applications, course counselling, subject choice, and enrolments.

What do teachers say about FlexiTrack High?

Teachers are partners in making FlexiTrack such a success. Some feedback from teachers can be seen below:-

"FTH works with students on a personal level to reach their full potential and break down preconceived ideas on their capacity to learn".

"the changes in students' self-esteem and respect are a pleasure to see... they take great pride in their growth, especially as they look back to compare their earlier writing to the later".

"in a demographic where university is often not known and therefore not really considered as an option, FTH is not just giving students opportunities that weren't available to them, it is beginning to show students that it is a viable and worthwhile option".

Interested in becoming a Partner School?

23 schools are already on board!

We are careful to offer this program in a way that does not deter students from ATAR success. That's why we only offer the program to Year 12 students, instead of Year 11 students. Participating schools tell us that they like the fact that our program provides an alternative to ATAR for those students who have tried ATAR and encountered problems, or those students who have performed well in General in Year 11.

The program is very flexible, our 'Small Schools Project' has worked with schools who only have 1 or 2 students wanting to participate (they have quickly increased numbers of students in subsequent years).

If you think that this could work for your students, please let us know.

Contact – Gemma.Phanupen@murdoch.edu.au

Events

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

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

Murdoch University Open Nights!

28th & 29th of August and 4th of September

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Murdoch University invites you to join us for our 2024 Open Nights.

Spread over three nights, prospective students, their families and the wider community are invited to Explore, Discover and Immerse themselves in everything that Murdoch University has to offer.

- Hear first-hand from our students and academics about what to expect when studying at Murdoch.
- Explore double major and double degree combinations and possibilities
- Tour our state-of-the-art facilities
- Find out where our courses can take you in your career
- Learn from current students about the practical experiences and opportunities available while you're studying
- Find out how to gain entry through portfolio and enabling pathways
- Ask questions about the application process, scholarships and support services

Register for your preferred nights now!

[Wednesday 28th August](#) [Health & Education](#)

[Thursday 29th August](#) [Sciences, Information Technology, Engineering & Maths](#)

[Wednesday 4th September](#) [Business, Law, Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences](#)

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5:30 – 7:30pm



Sciences, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

29 August 2024
5:30 – 7:30pm



Business, Law, Arts & Social Sciences

4 September 2024
5:30 – 7:30pm

Register online at murdoch.edu.au/events

Enabling Pathways to Murdoch University Information Evening

Wednesday, 9th October
6:00pm–7:30pm

Location:
Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre
Murdoch South Street Campus
and Streamed Online



Murdoch University offers a number of enabling programs for students who aspire to go to University however may not be on track to achieve the required ATAR.

**OnTrack Sprint
OnTrack Flex
FlexiTrack High
TLC Learning for Tomorrow
K-Track**

Join us for an information evening for prospective students, their parents and high school teachers interested in learning more about our enabling programs.

Students who successfully complete Murdoch's enabling programs are eligible to apply for an undergraduate course at Murdoch University with a selection rank of 70.

For more details about the Enabling programs please email: Engage@murdoch.edu.au

To register for the event:



FlexiTrack High Information Evening

**Tuesday 13 August,
6:00pm-7:30pm**

Location: Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre



Murdoch University's FlexiTrack High program can help provide an entry pathway for aspiring students who may not be on track to achieve ATAR.

Join us for an information evening for prospective partner schools, teachers, parents and Year 11 students interested in learning more about the FlexiTrack High program.

- Students can now specialise in an elective area relating to the course they want to study.
- The program utilises both online independent study and class time.
- Murdoch tutors guide and assess the student learning experience.
- Fully funded scholarships are available to equity students.
- You will be eligible to apply for an undergraduate course at Murdoch Uni if you successfully pass.

For more information:
murdoch.edu.au/course/enabling/n1101

“ The changes in students’ self-esteem and respect are a pleasure to see... they take great pride in their growth, especially as they look back to compare their earlier writing to the later.”

– FLEXITRACK HIGH TEACHER

For more details about the program please email:

Anita Olds

a.olds@murdoch.edu.au

Live-stream option available upon registration

To register for the event:



TLC: Learning for tomorrow

Information Evenings

Murdoch University invites parents and teachers of students commencing Year 12 in 2025, to come and learn more about our enabling program, TLC Learning for Tomorrow, which can help students who are not guaranteed an ATAR, to study at Murdoch University after high-school.

Learn how this free program provides non-ATAR Year 12's with a direct entry pathway to Murdoch University. Students are required to commit to two hours after school each week for 30 weeks of the school year.

To register for an Information Session, click on a below link:

We look forward to welcoming you to the Murdoch University campus and answering any questions you may have about our Learning for Tomorrow enabling program.

For more details visit:
goto.murdoch.edu.au/TLCLearningForTomorrow



Rockingham Campus Session

Date: Monday
9 September 2024

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Dixon Road,
Rockingham
Lecture Theatre 1

Mandurah Campus Session

Date: Thursday
12 September 2024

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Education Drive,
Mandurah
Lecture Theatre 1