



In Focus Careers



November 2020

Hi All

No amount of amazing career education could have adequately prepared year 12s to enter the world beyond school. Changes are happening too fast to cope with.

Changes

- Free and low cost VET courses are delivering skilled workers to employers who can no longer import skills.
- Uni course fees are being revolutionized.
- There are calls for government to provide services like aged and childcare and create decent pay and conditions.
- Women are moving into trades where there has only ever been 1% of female participation.
- WA is building capacity for defence and train carriage manufacturing.
- ATAR results became less important as unis accepted Year 12s based on Year 11 results.
- Minister for Agriculture, David Littleproud, told Australians of the riches to be made as a strawberry picker!!!

2020 has been a wild ride. Let's hope 2021 brings us a more manageable careers world.

Bev

BLOG POSTS

[School Leaves Work and Wander](#)

[Be So Good They Can't Ignore You infographic](#)

[2021 Year 10 Magic Happens Handbook](#)

[2021 Magic Happens Teachers' Guide](#)

[Year 10 Magic Happens To Do List infographic](#)

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Section 1 Students and Families

News

October 22 – 24 SkillsWest Careers & Employment Expo

The SkillsWest Expo is on at the Perth Convention Centre this week.

I anticipate that the crowds will be significant this year as most other career events moved online or were cancelled.

To find more information or to register your school go [HERE](#).



20 December ATAR Results Out

ATAR results will be out on 20th December.

You will be able to view and download digital copies of your WACE, WASSA, ATAR course reports,

EXAM RESULTS AND AWARDS MID JANUARY

ATAR examination results, and any awards from mid-January 2021. You can present these digital certificates when applying for university, TAFE, employment or training.

Find information [HERE](#).

Uni Fees Dramatic Restructure

NEW COURSE FEE CALCULATIONS

The McKell Institute has identified how new University Course Fees will put [Young People at Risk](#)

The most expensive course is Law. You can view the full range of anticipated costs [HERE](#).

Degree courses	New annual cost	Number of years	Total cost of degree	Total size of loan
Combined Law	\$14,500	5	\$72,500.00	\$86,659
Communications	\$14,500	4	\$58,000.00	\$69,328
Medicine	\$11,300	5	\$56,500.00	\$67,535
Vet science	\$11,300	5	\$56,500.00	\$67,535
Dental	\$11,300	4	\$45,200.00	\$54,028
Food and hospitality	\$14,500	3	\$43,500.00	\$51,996
Management and commerce	\$14,500	3	\$43,500.00	\$51,996
Mixed fields	\$14,500	3	\$43,500.00	\$51,996
Economics	\$14,500	3	\$43,500.00	\$51,996
Humanities	\$14,500	3	\$43,500.00	\$51,996
Society and culture	\$14,500	3	\$43,500.00	\$51,996
Architecture and building	\$7,700	3	\$23,100.00	\$27,611
IT	\$7,700	3	\$23,100.00	\$27,611
Health	\$7,700	3	\$23,100.00	\$27,611
Creative arts	\$7,700	3	\$23,100.00	\$27,611
Allied health	\$7,700	3	\$23,100.00	\$27,611
Engineering	\$7,700	3	\$23,100.00	\$27,611

Note: the length of the degree may vary depending on the institution; total loan sizes have been calculated assuming an average annual interest rate of 1.8%

Source: Author's calculations using new course fee data [Get the data](#) Created with [Datawrapper](#)

You can read the McKell Institute analysis of the impact of these changes [HERE](#).

Defence Manufacturing Jobs

The State Government is building our capacity to undertake manufacturing work for the defence industry.

- \$20,000 for defence manufacturing industry employers to train apprentices. This is on top of other incentives to employ an apprentice, that have already been announced.
- New short courses to create a defence ready workforce
- 335 apprenticeships to be created in nominated trades.
- Scholarships for women and defence veterans to take up jobs in defence industry manufacturing.

- Upgrades to South Metro TAFE to prepare to deliver defence related training.
- Rockingham Jobs and Skills Centre to provide advice to job-seekers and potential workers.


This workforce investment aims to provide the skilled workers needed to support upcoming WA defence projects and secure future defence work, expected to be valued at up to \$75 billion nationally over the next decade.

Keep an eye on the [Rockingham Jobs and Skills Centre](#) for updates.

New Website

There is a new website to dazzle those of you who think too many websites are barely enough!! This one has been created by the new [National Careers Institute](#).

It is called [Your Career](#) and it is crisp and easy to follow.



Are you ready to find
Your Career?

Take a quick quiz to find study, training or job options that support your current career needs or goals.

[View your options now](#)

[Find your future career](#)

On the site you can find a [School Leavers Information Kit](#) that pulls together information from the site for students graduating from school this year.

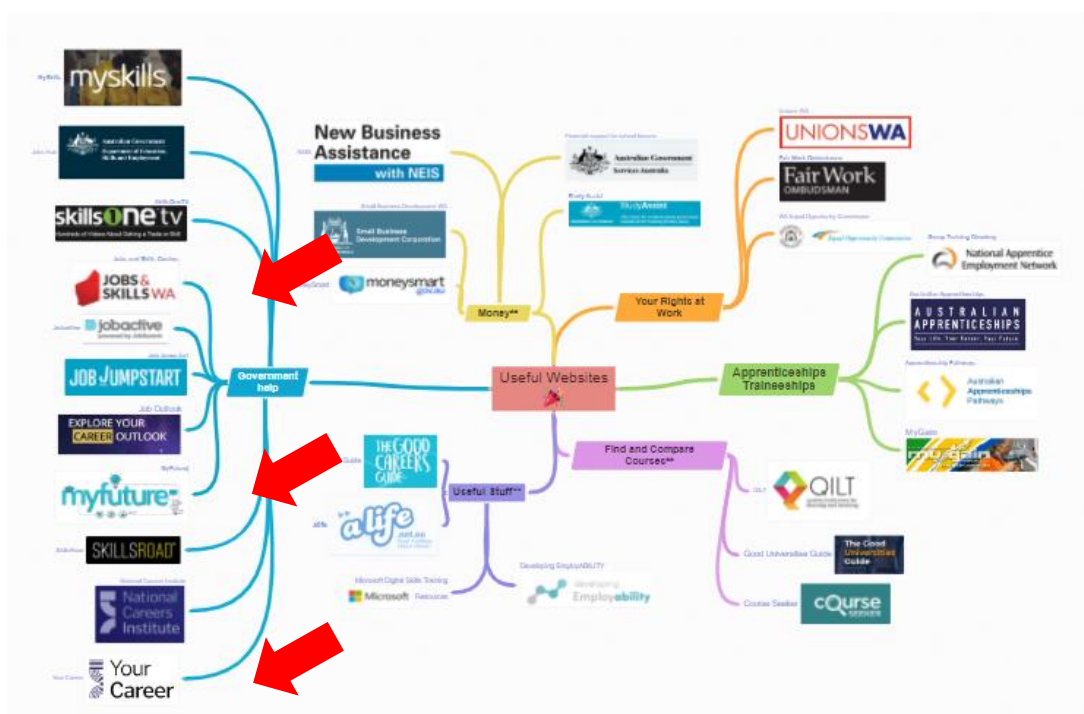
There is also a **School Leavers Information Service** which will provide school leavers with phone, text or email support to navigate the School Leavers Information Kit, and to access and use the Your Career website.

The service also offers a personalised career guidance session with a qualified career practitioner for up to 45 minutes, where needed.



The site has an Australia wide focus and Western Australian training information tends to go onto the [Jobs and Skills site](#)

As you can see, there are lots of career information sites.

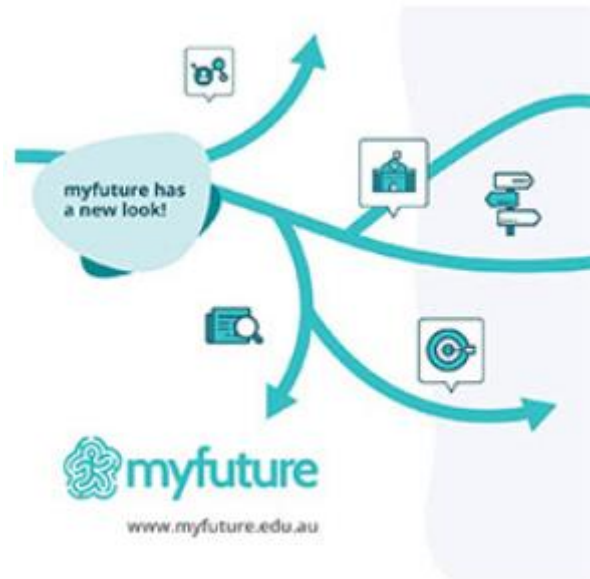


The most comprehensive one is [myfuture](#) which has been recently revamped.

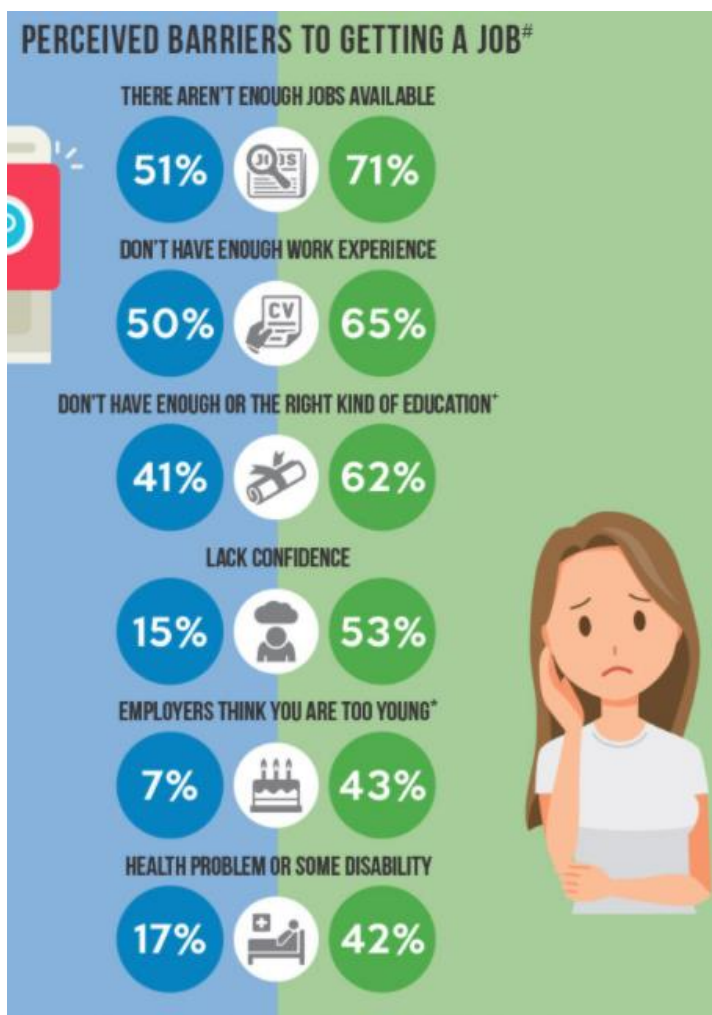
New features include a 'My Favourites' section, glossary terms and tips to help students uncover new information and options.

In Western Australia we need to subscribe to myfuture. It costs about \$15 and is well worth it.

I still use and build on the profile I created on myfuture 10 years ago.



Life at 25 Then (2009) and Now (2019)



These infographics are a great way to quickly see how the world has changed for 25-year olds between 2009 – 2019.

This part of the infographic is the most worrying. I tend to think of 25-year olds as confident, but "Lack of Confidence" has soared as a Perceived Barrier to Getting a Job.

You can check out the full infographic [HERE](#).

Training News

Now - Hofmann Engineering Apprenticeships are open

Hofmann Engineering is a West Australian company that has to be up there as one of the best employers in the State. Anyone who does their apprenticeship with Hofmann will be set up for a great career.

They have won contracts to build some of the railcars in the new Midvale rail workshop and they have won defence contracts.

They are looking for their 2021 apprentice intake so contact them now: Phone 9279 5522 or go to vacancy@hofmannengineering.com.

To read what a great company Hofmann is to work for [check out this article from Business News](#).



The poster features a man in an orange work shirt and a black cap with his arms crossed. The text on the poster includes: 'HOFMANN Engineering APPRENTICESHIPS 2021 RECRUITMENT - PERTH', 'KICK START YOUR CAREER!', 'Engineering | Mechanical (Fitter/Machinist) Fabrication (Boilermaker)', 'An Apprenticeship at Hofmann Engineering is a great way to kick start your career, benefits include:', 'GET PAID TO LEARN: Work while you learn in a job that complements your career goals.', 'LEARN NEW SKILLS: The real on-the-job work that complements what you learn at TAFE. You also learn methods and skills from our experienced supervision and employees that you wouldn't necessarily learn in the classroom.', 'YOU GET QUALIFIED: You gain a nationally accredited qualification.', 'HAVE A GREAT JOB: Hofmann Engineering is industry known for training the best apprentices. A rewarding career awaits you. There is no end to where an apprenticeship at Hofmann Engineering can take you!', 'APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: • Hand-written cover letter • Current resume • Academic results (please include a copy)', 'vacancy@hofmannengineering.com', 'For more information contact our Bessenden office on (08) 9279 5522.', and 'www.hofmannengineering.com'. A large red arrow points to the text 'APPLY HERE!'.

24 October Automotive Careers Open Day

I recently reported that there was a skills shortage in the automotive industry, so job prospects are good. If you are interested in this sort of career, the Motor Traders Association Open Day is on 24 October. You can find more details [HERE](#).



The banner features a blue background with colorful triangular flags at the top. On the left is a blue and white racing car with 'MTA WA' and '5 Allen' on it. The text reads: 'OPEN DAY', 'AUTOMOTIVE CAREERS', '9:30AM - 1PM SAT 24 OCT 253 BALCATT A RD', and 'Come join us!' in a red script font at the bottom left.

Applications Close 30 November - College of Electrical Training Pre-Apprenticeship for 2021

Applications are now open for our January and February 2021 [Certificate II in Electrotechnology Pre-Apprenticeship](#) at Jandakot and Joondalup campuses closing 30 November 2020.



NEW FREE TRAINING FOR THE HORTICULTURE INDUSTRY!

The new **Introduction to Production Horticulture skill set** will prepare workers for entry level roles in horticulture. This new skill set covers safe work practice in the horticultural industry; and the skills and knowledge to either plant or harvest horticultural crops, depending on the season and location.



It is free for people aged 15 to 24, concession students and displaced workers.

[For more information, please visit the Skills Ready page.](#)

2020 WA Training Awards Winners

On October the 6th the 2020 WA Training Awards winners were announced. The winners will now be put forward to compete against nationally at the Australian Training Awards which will be a virtual celebration on 20 November 2020. ([Information from DTWD site.](#))

2020 WA APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR



Bethany Clarke (Mount Pleasant)

Bethany entered her apprenticeship through the [National Energy Technician Training Scheme \(NETTS\)](#), which is a collaboration involving multiple oil and gas companies.

She achieved her Certificate III in Process Plant Operations through apprenticeship arrangements with [Programmed](#) and [South Metropolitan TAFE](#).

2020 WA TRAINEE OF THE YEAR



Cheyne Pearce (Ardross)

Cheyne chose to study a [Certificate IV in Horticulture at North Metropolitan TAFE](#) in order to fulfil his passion to make a positive difference to our environment.

After starting a career as an air conditioning and refrigeration technician, he went on to do a Certificate II in Horticulture and Conservation Land Management.

He then went on to study the Certificate IV and with it, landed a position as a trainee at Kings Park and Botanic Gardens.

2020 WA VOCATIONAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR



Trent Caldwell (Ballajura)

With a background in community services, advertising and art, Trent wanted to blend the skills learnt from these industries and embark on a journey to land his long-held ambition of a role in marketing.

After successfully completing a [Diploma of Marketing and Communication at North Metropolitan TAFE](#), Trent has landed his dream role as a Social Media Manager.

He manages the website, social media accounts and paid advertising campaigns for Near Me Real Estate.

2020 WA ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENT OF THE YEAR



Colleen Little (Wanneroo)

Colleen loves cars and has always been interested in the automotive field, so when the opportunity arose to complete a traineeship through [AMA Training Services at Motor Trade Association of Western Australia \(MTA WA\)](#), she leapt at the chance.

The Certificate III in Business allowed her to gain both on-the-job administrative experience, and knowledge of the automotive industry. She is now employed full time with MTA WA and her role allows her to help the next generation of tradespeople to commence their own careers.

2020 WA SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR



Joel Pearson (Nagle College - Geraldton)

The arts industry is something which Joel has always been deeply passionate about, so after years of circus, dance and volunteering at events, he started up his own circus entertainment company.

A year of work placement encouraged Joel to further his training through a [Certificate III in Arts Administration at North Regional TAFE](#), which resulted in being selected to complete a Tour Coordinator

Mentorship with regional arts industry leader, [CircuitWest](#).

VET Scholarships 2021

Getting a scholarship is an easier way of supporting yourself as you study than getting a part time job.

This program provides scholarships of up to \$5,000 a year, for around 400 young Australians aged 15-24 who undertake selected Certificate III to Advanced Diploma courses in 2021. Applicants must reside in the City of Wanneroo or City of Armadale (including Gosnells).

Find out which courses are eligible and how to apply: joondalupjsc@nmtafe.wa.edu.au



SMTAFE and UWA join in WA Industry 4.0 'testlab'

South Metropolitan TAFE is playing a key role as a vocational partner in the University of Western Australia's i4.0 ERDi Testlab that was launched recently.

The testlab provides innovation support for SMEs that will enable energy and resources companies and technology suppliers to build capacity to interoperate. SMTAFE will help to build the technical skills that industry needs to design and build innovations that can be used with and across different products, services and organisations.

[See more](#)

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

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

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



Construction Future Centre Mel Paxman to New Job in Kalgoorlie



If you have been to the [Construction Futures Centre](#) in the last few years, your excursion would have been organised by Mel Paxman.

Mel has taken up an opportunity as the Central Regional TAFE Industry Liaison person based in Kalgoorlie.

Good luck Mel. Let us know about opportunities for school leavers in your new region.

University News

27 Murdoch Parent Night

Help support your child in their transition from high school to university with our parent power hour series. We'll explore key topics with Murdoch professional staff to provide you with the right tools and information to confidently support your child's journey into tertiary education. Register [HERE](#).

29 October Murdoch Horizon's Summer School

If you're finishing Year 12 in 2020 or starting Year 12 in 2021, this information evening will provide you with everything you need to know about our Horizons programs and how they can benefit you.

Register [HERE](#).

29 October 26 November ECU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Drop In

ECU one-on-one online information sessions are available.

Make an appointment below for one of our online Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Future Student information sessions.

You can register [HERE](#).

1 November UWA Principal's Citizenship Awards Close

This \$1500 award is to recognise outstanding Year 12 WACE students from all Western Australian schools, nominated by their Principal. Nominations are usually organised by Year 12 Coordinators or Career Advisors. [Find out more here](#).

Browse the full range of UWA Scholarships [HERE](#).

2 November ECU Business Law Information Evening

ECU courses have been developed in consultation with industry, so you know you'll be acquiring skills that future employers are looking for.

To find out more about admission pathways, how to apply, fees and scholarships and flexible study options like online or part-time.

Register [HERE](#)

10 November 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 state-of-the-art production and design facilities.

You can also find out more about WAAPA's exciting backstage Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses, admission pathways and application process during this event.

WAAPA's VET courses provide some of the most comprehensive and highest quality training for the theatre and events industry in the following areas:

- Costume
- Design
- Lighting
- Props and Scenery
- Sound
- Stage Management

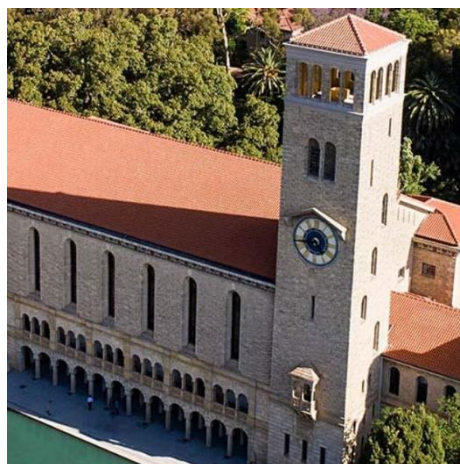
Register [HERE](#).

14, 21 December and 15 January UWA Application Help Days

If you go to uni and just leave with a degree, you have missed out.

Don't miss out on all of the fabulous experiences on offer at UWA. Book a session with the Future Student team to run through your application and also get a better understanding of everything you can build into your UWA student experience.

Check for how to register for an appointment [HERE](#).



16 November ECU Engineering

Come to our information evening and tour facilities, talk to our teaching staff, meet student leaders and discover why your Engineering and Technology career starts at ECU.

Register [HERE](#).

22 November applications CLOSE for Young Technologists' Scholarship

MURDOCH WESTPAC YOUNG TECHNOLOGIST SCHOLARSHIP

Students planning to study courses in a variety of disciplines such as Games Art & Design, Photography, Forensic Biology and Toxicology, Biomedical, Engineering, Cyber Security and Forensics, Computer Science and [more](#) are eligible to apply for this.

Find more information [HERE](#).



24 November ECU Everything Uni

This event is suitable for anyone interested in undergraduate study at ECU, these sessions highlight our diverse and practical range of courses, state-of-the-art facilities, and variety of entry pathways.

The campus features a wide range of contemporary facilities to enhance student and staff experiences. These include state-of-the-art teaching facilities and commercial outlets providing key services; most services on-campus are also open to the wider community.

Register [HERE](#).

24 November Murdoch Hour of Power for Parents

Preparing for university can be a big step for most high school students and parents often play a key role by providing guidance and advice.

Help support your child in their transition from high school to university with our parent power hour series. We'll explore key topics with Murdoch professional staff to provide you with the right tools and information to confidently support your child's journey into tertiary education.



Register [HERE](#).

24 November CQU Online Chat Session



CQUUniversity has been steadily growing in Western Australia for the last few years. You can find out more about what they have to offer at this online chat session. You can go to the CQUUniversity [Facebook](#) page and ask questions during the session.

[Register](#) now to receive an SMS reminder when the Online Chat Session is about to start!

Thursday, 24th November 2020, 1 – 4 PM

CQU Need to change your course preference?

If you didn't get the ATAR you need or changed your mind about what course you want to study in 2021? CQU support staff would like to hear from you.

They will help you to sort out your issues and change your preferences.

Discover your options by chatting to our team by:

- Sending us a message on CQUUniversity's [Facebook](#) page.
- [Book a Conversation](#)
- Call 13 27 86

Ongoing Information and Support

Get guidance on how to change your preferences and learn more about CQUni's alternative pathways by chatting to our team on the CQUUniversity [Facebook](#) page.

New Murdoch Bachelor of Commerce in 2021

Starting in 2021, Murdoch will now offer an accelerated Bachelor of Commerce which will allow students to graduate in just 2 years!

This program was co-designed and will be co-delivered with industry experts and features a Professional Business Practice co-major, giving students real world experience while they complete their degree. Find details [HERE](#)

UWA New Scholarship! | Perron Foundation Scholarship in Business

There are 10 scholarships available for the new Bachelor of Business. Each scholarship is worth \$30,000, to assist students who have experienced Educational Disadvantage. More information about the Perron Foundation Scholarship can be found [here](#).

Find out more about our new [Bachelor of Business](#).

Curtin Appoints New Vice Chancellor



Professor Harlene Hayne ONZM has been appointed as Curtin's next Vice-Chancellor. She will commence in April 2021. Professor Hayne is currently the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Otago, New Zealand.

Professor Hayne has deep leadership experience, and this, combined with her visionary and values-based leadership style, has helped to build a strong and inclusive community at the University of Otago. This makes her an ideal appointment as Curtin's next Vice-Chancellor.

Read more [HERE](#).

Year 12 News

TISC Applications

Although Early Bird applications have closed, you can still apply for university through TISC after 30 September. Application fees apply. To apply for university for 2021 go [HERE](#).

The logo for TISC (The Institute for Science and Technology) is displayed in a large, bold, blue serif font.

Students wishing to apply for Notre Dame need to apply [HERE](#).

Year 11 News

29 October Horizons Summer School Information Evening

Yr12 students interested in using the HorizonsPlus university admission pathway or Yr11 students keen to attend this year's Horizons Summer School Program in January are encouraged to attend our information evening, either at our South Street Campus in person, or online. Register to reserve your place!

[Horizons Summer Programs Information Evening](#)

Whirlpool Social Media Resource

Whirlpool is a social media site primarily aimed at techie things, but I use it to ask questions about students views on different courses at different unis.

It is social media, so take what information you get with a grain of salt and there is often a lot of rubbish there. A person who says a course is terrible, may have just got a lousy mark for an assignment.

I have just looked at [Year 11 student considering engineering](#). It is worth knowing about Whirlpool if you don't have an expert to ask.

Myer Christmas Casual Work

Myer is looking for casuals to work in the Service and Selling Team and in the Online Fulfilment Team over the Christmas break. For details go [here](#).

Overseas Study Information Sessions

Crimson Education is a UK company that arranges for Australian students to study at overseas universities.

They have 3 information webinars coming up soon:

[The UK Application Explained | Oct 24](#)

In this webinar, hosted by a Crimson UK Strategy Consultant and Oxford and LSE graduate, Abbigail Colwyn, we will take you through each stage of the UK application process from the fundamentals through to in-depth insights.

[Ivy League Face-Off: Harvard vs Princeton vs UPenn | Oct 25](#)

Looking to study at a prestigious Ivy League university in the US? Join Maddie (Harvard student), Seyoon (Princeton student) and Nathan (UPenn student) as they provide insight into what life is like on campus and why their universities are at the forefront of the world.

[Oxbridge Face-Off: Cambridge vs Oxford | Nov 1](#)

Looking to study at top UK universities Oxford or Cambridge? Join Moana (Oxford student) and Pao (Cambridge student) as they provide insight into what life is like on campus and why their universities are at the forefront of the world.

Year 10 News

10 October – 16 November Biosecurity Blitz

The aim is to discover, photograph and record as many interesting or damaging pests as possible (e.g. weeds, insects, animals, and diseases) while raising community awareness about the importance of biosecurity in our daily lives.

You can join in as an individual, a family or a school group. Check details [HERE](#).



20 November ChemDay 2020

Join us for an inspirational, immersive science day at the [ChemCentre](#). ChemDay is packed with science careers information, hands-on chemistry investigations and unique opportunities to meet scientists one-on-one for your own Q&A sessions.

Find more details and register [HERE](#).

Rotary Youth Exchange 2022



At this time of year students are usually starting to prepare their applications to study abroad through the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

Rotary has not been able to progress with plans for the Rotary Youth Exchange program for 2022 because of COVID. Keep an eye on the [Rotary site](#) for updated information.

ConocoPhillips Where Science Meets Fun

The Science Experience is a fun 3 or 4 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students



Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

Program Dates for the next two months.

Universities & Tertiary Institutions	Program Dates	Best Apply Before	Places Remaining
Murdoch University	8 - 10 December 2020	20 November 2020	3
University of Western Australia	12 - 14 January 2021	20 December 2020	14
Edith Cowan University, Joondalup	19 - 22 January 2021	20 December 2020	38

For more information go [HERE](#).

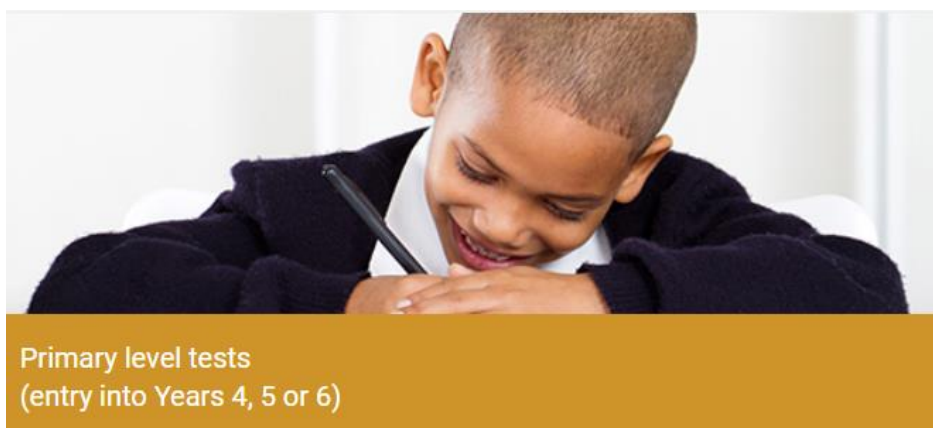
Primary School News

ACER Tests for Private School Scholarships in 2022

The ACER Scholarship Tests identify academically able students for the award of a scholarship. The ACER Scholarship Tests consist of a series of academic ability tests used to select students for the award of a scholarship. Independent schools around Australia choose a testing date that best suits their needs.

You can find participating schools [HERE](#).

You can find out more about the scholarships [HERE](#).



Applications Open for 2022 Gifted and Talented Program

Applications opened for the 2022 Gifted and Talented programs on 6 October and close on 8 February 2021. Assessments of eligible applicants are done throughout the year ready for the 2022 intake. You can find the dates [HERE](#).

There are three different programs:



Academic programs

Children with exceptional academic ability have the opportunity to engage in an intellectually stimulating learning environment.



Languages programs

Children with an aptitude for learning new languages have the opportunity to develop their language skills to an advanced level.



Arts programs

Children have the opportunity to shine in these innovative and challenging arts programs.

Find more information [HERE](#).

Aboriginal News

Middle School Opportunities at UWA

School of Indigenous Studies | Updates for Indigenous students

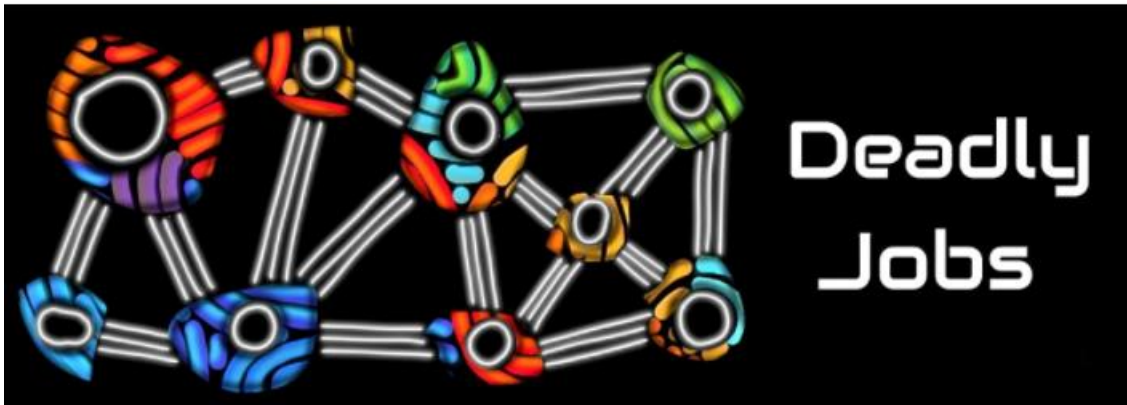
Registrations for [Year 8 Discovery Days](#) and [Year 9 Djinanginy Day](#) are now open. To raise students' aspirations for tertiary study, and break down some of the perceived barriers, students will experience the university environment, participate in interesting activities that showcase a variety of UWA courses, and meet Indigenous university students who are fantastic role models.

Jobs at Compass

[Compass](#) has a long history of supporting Aboriginal people into work. Their diversity and inclusion strategies have built strong understanding of the culture of different regions. They are [currently advertising lots of positions](#) in the hospitality industry. If you are Aboriginal, or if you are interested in supporting Aboriginal people into careers it could be worth contacting them [HERE](#).



Deadly Jobs



Please subscribe to Nate Sturts newsletter for weekly job opportunities for Aboriginal students, including designated apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities.

Email: Nate.Stuart@smtafe.wa.edu.au to subscribe.

National Indigenous Business Summer School

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 9 NOVEMBER

The National Indigenous Business Summer School Western Australia (NIBSSWA) is a Perth-based camp offering Year 11 and 12 Indigenous students the opportunity to be involved in a weeklong, immersive experience in studying business at university.

For more information, please visit curtin.edu/nibsswa-2021 or contact:

Kat Clements and Megan Le Clus @ Curtin University

P: 9266 9904 E: NIBSSWA@curtin.edu.au

RRR News

11 November ECU South West Teacher Information Evening

ECU has been at the forefront of teacher education for over 100 years and our teacher education courses are the most distinguished in the state. Our highly skilled graduates are in demand and are positioned to make the most of industry opportunities for advanced career progression.

ECU's Teacher Education Information Evening gives you the opportunity to learn more about our well-established yet practical courses, delivered in state-of-the-art facilities by passionate lecturers and we outline the various entry pathways we offer. This event will cover undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

Register [HERE](#).

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Interested in studying at our South West campus? Then our one-on-one online information sessions are perfect for you.

This event is suitable for anyone interested in undergraduate study at our ECU South West campus. These sessions highlight our diverse and practical range of courses, state-of-the-art facilities, and variety of entry pathways.

ECU's South West campus is Western Australia's largest university campus outside the metropolitan area. You're invited to speak with our Future Students Coordinators to find out more about our courses, entry pathways, scholarships, support services and student accommodation.

Register [HERE](#).

17 November ECU South West UniPrep Information

If you didn't get a great score in Year 12, haven't been at school for a while, or don't have any formal qualifications, Uniprep is an opportunity to change your future. Our Uniprep courses are open to school leavers and mature age students – and they're mostly free.

Uniprep prepares students for university-level study by teaching them the required skills for academic success, with an emphasis on the student becoming an independent learner. You will also find out information on entry pathways, scholarships and support services and have the chance to speak to our friendly South West Future Student Engagements team.

Join us in the South West for our online event to find out with course is right for you and how to apply!

Register [HERE](#).

18 November ECU SW Science Information Evening

If you are interested in Conservation Biology and Environmental Management in the South West, then this event is for you!

This course focuses on the multi-disciplinary nature of environmental management as well as the conservation of biodiversity.

With majors in.

- Health Promotion
- Nutrition
- Occupational & Environmental Health & Safety
- Occupational Health & Safety

ECU's School of Science offers a broad range of courses that give students the opportunity to specialise in specific fields or multi-skill across a combination of majors to widen their career prospects.

Register [HERE](#).

Regional Jobs and Skills News



[Our Resource.com.au](http://Our.Resource.com.au) brings together information from the different regional [Jobs and Skills](#) Centres.

In some towns, where there was already a good job support service, the State Government contracted those organisations to add Jobs and Skills services to their menu. They have come together to share information on this site.

If you want to know training and employment news in your region, go to [Our Resource](#).

Regional Traineeships

The Regional Traineeships which were recently announced are run through the Community Resource Centres (CRC), or Local Government offices if there is no CRC.

Interested students should approach their local CRC to ask if they are interested in putting you on as a trainee.

It is possible for the CRC to split the workload with another organisation if they don't have enough work for a full time trainee. A CRC could, for example, put on a trainee for 3 days a week and share that worker with the local school which would provide work and training for 2 days per week.

You can find more about the Regional Traineeship Program [HERE](#).

International Student News

Multicultural Services WA + Jobs and Skills

The [Multicultural Services Centre WA](#) is now delivering a Jobs and Skills Centre service directly supporting CaLD clients.

It is a FREE service for any visa status including Australian Citizens, Permanent Residents, international students and skilled migrants. The service is mainly delivered from Cannington and Mirrabooka.

Lisa Laing is available to answer questions at Lisa@mscwa.com.au or give her a ring on 0428394268

Read details [HERE](#).

Multicultural Services WA + Muresk Course for Refugees

Central Regional TAFE has worked with the Multicultural Services Centre to run a deliver agricultural skills training to humanitarian refugees seeking to work in the regions. This opportunity has been an unexpected benefit to our refugees due to the skills shortages resulting from border closures.

Managing Director Prue Jenkins said that the main thing employers are looking for is a great attitude towards working on the land.

You can read one of the case studies and find out about the training [HERE](#).



Disability News

Disability programs at NM TAFE 2021

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

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

To link in with NMTAFE services Register [HERE](#).

Blog Posts @ [Infocus-careers.com.au](https://infocus-careers.com.au)

School Leavers #WorkandWander



Employers have been contacting me to spread that word that they are looking for workers.

The State government has pitched in with travel and accommodation subsidies

Many jobs harvesting are now up on the [Harvest Trail Facebook](#) page.

The pay seems to be just over \$24/hour and that's a casual rate. You need to be 16 to apply.

Find the post [HERE](#).

Which Uni Accommodation is Best for You

Curtin and Notre Dame have updated their information about student accommodation.

No doubt there will be good deals for those who choose to stay at uni accommodation in 2021.

You can find the updated information [HERE](#).



Be So Good They Can't Ignore You

HERE ARE 5 WAYS TO BUILD YOUR CAREER CAPITAL



SKILLS

Become so good at something that your skills are rare and valuable.

PERSONAL REPUTATION

Your network is your pathway to letting people know you are determined, flexible, motivated, nice and good at what you do.



MENTORS

Find mentors who help you to set and go for goals in your next stage of your career.

BE PATIENT

Becoming an expert gives you freedom and autonomy. That takes time.



SAY "YES"

Take on work experience, join that club, enrol in a summer school. Your fear of the unknown can stop you reaching your potential.



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Be So Good They Can't Ignore You

This infographic identifies quick tips on how to build career capital.

It provides 5 simple tips on steps to take that will smooth their future career path.

Students can identify their own actions against each of the 5 suggestions.

Section 2: For Insanely Great Careers Professionals

Events



22 October How Sustainability Impacts on the VET Sector Webinar

In this webinar, we will discuss how sustainability already impacts the VET sector and the role it might play in the future of work. Panellists: Laura Schweizer from AATIS, Ben Bardon from the National Australian Apprenticeships Association, and Shayne La Combre from the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre

Send through any questions for our panellists to contact@aatis.com.au. Register [HERE](#).

22-24 October SkillsWest Careers Expo

You will need to book in your school. School groups can attend until 1pm

Find details [HERE](#).

26 – 30 October Women in Technology WA Conference

STUDENT DISCOUNT

Are you a University, TAFE or School Student? If yes, then we want to hear from you!

The inspirational women at WITWA have put together this conference which will stimulate all those who are love technology. WITWA is offering discounts for school, TAFE and uni students.

DAME STEPHANIE SHIRLEY IS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

...who founded a software programming business staffed entirely by women working from home. In 1962. She signed her letters 'Steve' so



prospective clients didn't know Freelance Programmers was headed and run by women.

That business grew to employ over 8,500 people and was worth \$3 billion at its peak. In a move we would class as 'capitalism done right', Dame Stephanie gave away a major part of her shareholding to her employees, making 70 of them millionaires. She built this business while raising and caring for her severely autistic son.

You can check out the program and speakers [HERE](#).

Send an email from your student account to Tina@witwa.org.au and make sure the subject

line reads WiTWA [+] Virtual Conference 2020 - **Student Discount**. Then request your student discount code in the email and include your first name and surname.

Once you have your discount code jump online and book your ticket using your discount code here <https://bit.ly/2H32b5g>



27 October CDAA Zoom Community of Practice Meeting

The CDAA Zoom CoP catch up. These are casual and fun. It is good to hear the issues that people around the state are dealing with.

Register [HERE](#).

11 November The Careers Department

[The Careers Department](#) is an interactive platform for students to discover industries, build skills and plan their post-school pathway. It provides career practitioners with a platform that engages and connects with students.



You can register for the webinar [HERE](#).

11 November CDAA Breakfast

We are a friendly and eclectic group.

There were just 10 people in October, including photographer and organiser, Lisa Laing from the [Multicultural Service Centre](#) which has recently taken on a Jobs and Skills CaLD program.



The group included people from Curtin, North and South Metro TAFEs, private consultants, and government service providers.

We meet at Dome in East Vic Park at 7am. You can park for free behind the Balmoral. We like to let Dome know how many are coming so you can register [HERE](#).

12 November Forest Industry Careers Tour - Albany

Leschenault Timber Industry Club and the [Forest Industry Federation](#) want to raise the awareness of the many career pathways available.

This tour has been a great success with visits to sites, talks from experts, and the tour that was run earlier this year had students in the industry talk to participants while they were traveling on the bus.



Leschenault Timber Industry Club in association with FIFWA (Forest Industries Federation of WA) and proudly supported by SIDE RTO

To secure your place, contact: Wayne Wilson – School Relationships Officer SIDE RTO

E wayne.wilson2@education.wa.edu.au M 0436 941 087 T 08 9311 1460

14 – 28 November Girls' Tech Day

Girls' Tech Day is a free event designed to inspire and empower girls and young women ages 8-24 to pursue interest and careers in technology.

This is another event that I don't think we would know about if it wasn't for Kim Flintoff at [Learning Futures Network](#).

They are currently **seeking expressions of interest** from potential Girls Tech Day activity partners. You can contact *Adrian J L Rhodes* Director - Inspiring the Future *Australia*
M: 0437 176 689 [LinkedIn URL](#)

9 December CDAA Christmas Get Together



Everyone is invited to our Christmas get together.

You don't need to be a CDAA member or even a Christian to come to this Christmas celebration.

It is a great time to put names and faces together and congratulate each other for getting through a year to remember!!

5 – 7.30 pm Balmoral Hotel East Vic Park

You can register on the [CDAA Events page](#).



12 February for your diary – CDAA/Notre Dame Workshop

This is the main event for the year. All the universities are invited to tell us what is new, and Wayne Betts demystifies the latest changes at TISC and there are always some great guest speakers.

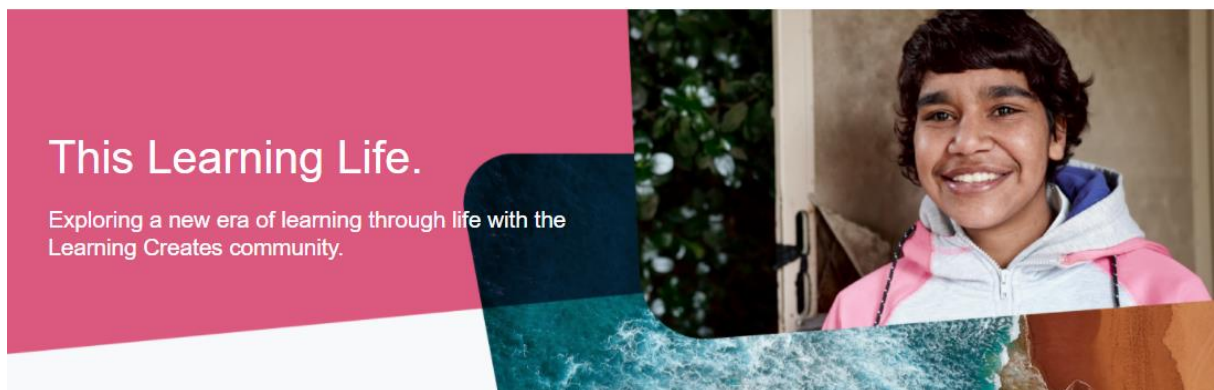
Rob from CDAA and Lexi from Notre Dame are still sorting out speakers and details.

I will email you when they are finalised, and registration is available.

If COVID hasn't settled by then, numbers will be limited, so register early.

What's New

Groundbreaking Initiative from FYA - Learning Creates Australia



Things have been quiet at FYA. Now they have formed a collaboration with PwC and the Paul Ramsay foundation and [produced this](#).

The [Learning Creates Australia](#) initiative is aiming to unlock several solutions around new metrics that will be a better currency for recognising learning.

We will build a trusted and well-endorsed approach to recognising learning that will strengthen and increase agency in young people and help them to effectively navigate and access a range of pathways beyond school.

We envisage one recognition system with many pathways.

It will compliment the work being done by the initiatives like the [Learning Futures Network](#) in WA and the award winning [P-Tech Program](#) being done by Cecil Andrews. It is also consistent with the mounting discomfort of the ATAR system.

This is an interesting development in the light of the [Micro-Credential work](#) being done by Beverly Oliver (See article in Research section above).

Important Change impacting on Year 11 Counselling

Increased points for VET qualifications in TAFE admissions process for competitive entry into fulltime courses

On the basis of feedback from schools, the Department has been involved in a review of the points awarded for the completed AQF qualifications component of the TAFE Admissions competitive entry into fulltime courses guide.

Adjustments have been made to the point scores awarded to qualifications completed, particularly at Certificate II and III level. The implication of the changes for school students is that school leavers who completed a VET qualification during their education remain competitive compared to applicants that have not completed a qualification.

Specifically, the points awarded for a completed:

- *Certificate III into a Certificate II, or a Certificate III full time course has increased from 45 points to 60 points.*
- *Certificate II into another Certificate II full time course has increased from 30 points to 60 points.*
- *Certificate II into a Certificate III full time course has increased from 30 points to 50 points.*
- *Certificate II into a Certificate IV full time course has increased from 25 points to 30 points: and*
- *Certificate I into a Certificate II full time course has increased from 20 points to 30 points.*

The 2020 Guide is being implemented for Semester 1 2021 intake which opened on 14 September 2020, to provide current Year 11 students access to the revised point scores for entry to competitive courses.

[ACCESS TO THE UPDATED ADMISSIONS GUIDE CAN BE FOUND HERE](#)

A new support guide, complete with scenarios and advice, will be available on the *TAFE Admissions Full Time Studies Guide* website shortly <https://www.fulltimecourses.tafe.wa.edu.au/>

Thanks to Vicki Masters from SIDE for sending through this information.

Come On!! Dawn Needs Our Help before 30 October

Dawn is the one who has been sending us information from Curtin about how to help disadvantaged kids.

Now it's our time to help her.

She has been trying to get responses to her survey on disadvantaged secondary students. So far, they have only had less than 80 responses nationally!!

She wants us to answer a short Survey (10 – 20 minutes to complete) so that she can gather information from careers advisors and teachers from any schools, but especially those in rural and low SES areas. Please help her out. You can find the survey [here](#).

Opportunities for 2021

Book Your Defence Manufacturing Jobs - School Visit

A dedicated defence industry team is to be established at Rockingham Jobs and Skills Centre to undertake defence industry manufacturing opportunities promotion across all schools.

Although this isn't in place yet, you could get in early and book your school visit by going to the Rockingham Jobs and Skills Centre page, [HERE](#).

ChemCentre Lab Tours and Incursions

Year 11/12 student groups are invited to tour our world-class forensic and analytical laboratories at the ChemCentre's Bentley laboratories. The tour will give students an insight into a future career in chemistry, the opportunity to meet 'real life' chemists and explore their workplace.

ChemCentre services also include school incursions. Check the services available [HERE](#).

World Skills Australian Skills Ambassadors

Apprentices and Trainees who have excelled in World Skills competitions are available for school visits. Information about the service is to be moved to the new National Careers Institute site but it is currently available [HERE](#).

North Metro TAFE Career Events Bookings

From NM TAFE:

Our commitment to assisting your secondary students prepare for their post-school career choices, or to select upper-school subjects will continue in 2021. Due to high demand of schools booking careers expos, parent information sessions, presentations and tours of NMTAFE, we suggest [emailing us with your request](#) before 2 December 2020.
schools@nmtafe.wa.edu.au

UWA FREE Professional Development | Science Teachers

Want to provide your students access to research grade technology whilst also covering curriculum points?

Our Education and Outreach team at [ICRAR](#) can help with a bespoke STEAM program that meets curriculum and educational needs.

Email: education@icrar.org to schedule your online or in-person session.

STEM Professionals in Schools

Teachers and STEM professionals, through the CSIRO, work together to increase STEM skills, knowledge and confidence for the teacher through a range of activities including mentoring, career talks and hands-on activities to name a few!

Different partnership models that have been worked on include:

- Developing lessons with the teacher that align to the general capabilities of the Australian Curriculum
- Mentoring teachers
- Site visits or field trips
- Running specialist STEM clubs
- Career talks and presentations
- Hands-on demonstrations
- Supporting students for specialist projects
- Online engagement

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

Science by Doing

[Science by Doing](#) provides comprehensive online science resources that are freely available to teachers and students in Years 7 to 10. Delivered by the Australian Academy of Science, Science by Doing includes curriculum units and professional learning modules and offers a practical way of implementing the Australian Curriculum: Science.

For more information go [HERE](#).

Research

LMIP Unemployment Figures September WA

The area immediately south of Perth has 7.2% unemployment but the rest of WA regions are showing up with figures like 3.2%. Check the September figures [HERE](#).



Perth South - Summary Data

Unemployment Rate (15+):	7.2%
Unemployed (15+):	40,600
Total jobactive Caseload (15+):	70,236
Youth jobactive Caseload (15-24):	13,141
Mature Age jobactive Caseload (50+):	17,917

[Download Summary Data in Excel](#)

Summary Data Source: The unemployment rate and unemployed statistics are ABS Labour Force Survey, 12-



[View charts and tabular data for Perth South](#)

5 ways for the workforce to survive the pandemic and thrive beyond it

The [World Economic Forum](#) has identified 5 emerging workplace survival elements:

1. **Employee Safety and Wellbeing** – this has taken on a new urgency during COVID.
2. **Cross-training, upskilling** and professional development
3. **Technology adoption** to increase agility
4. Continuation of **remote work** – this initiative now includes the consideration of the wellbeing of family
5. **Organizational communication and visibility** – this has become more formalised and explicit to accommodate isolated employees.

You can read the full report [here](#).

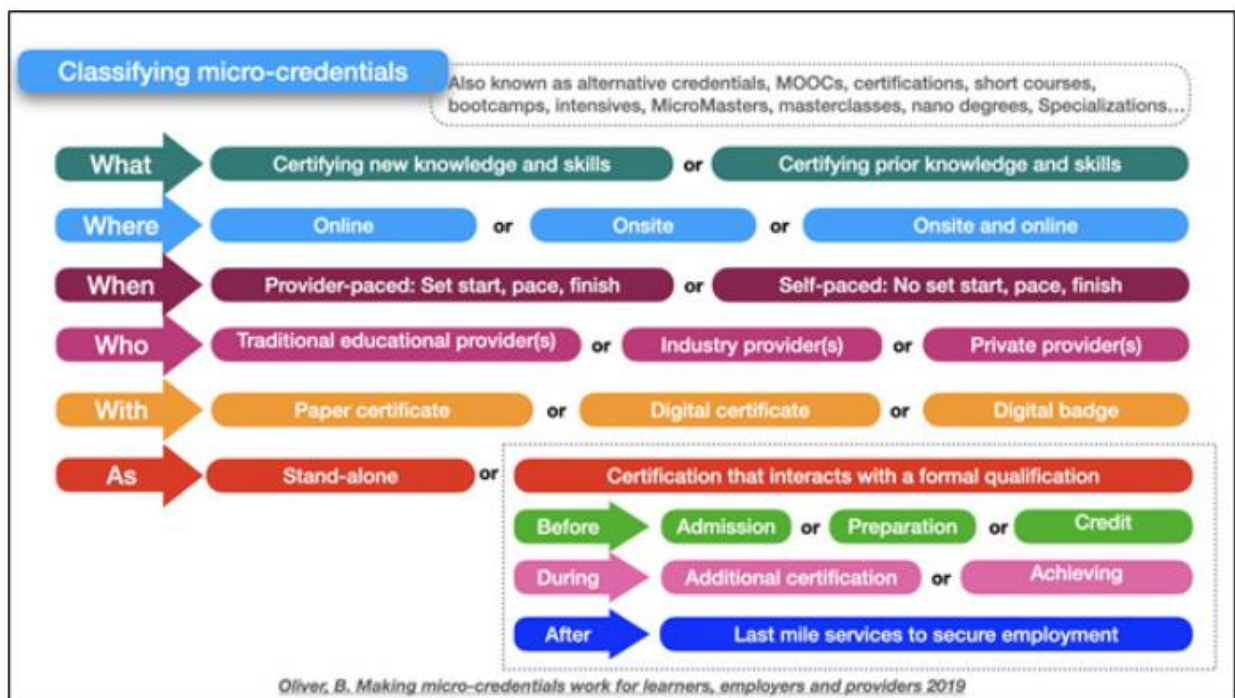
Why the Fuss About Micro-Credentials?

Everyone, even governments, seem to be excited about micro-credentials. But what are they and why is there so much interest?

In the latest CDA [Career Panorama blog post](#), Beverley Oliver explores whether they really can help careers flourish post-COVID, and if so, what learners should look for. She says that

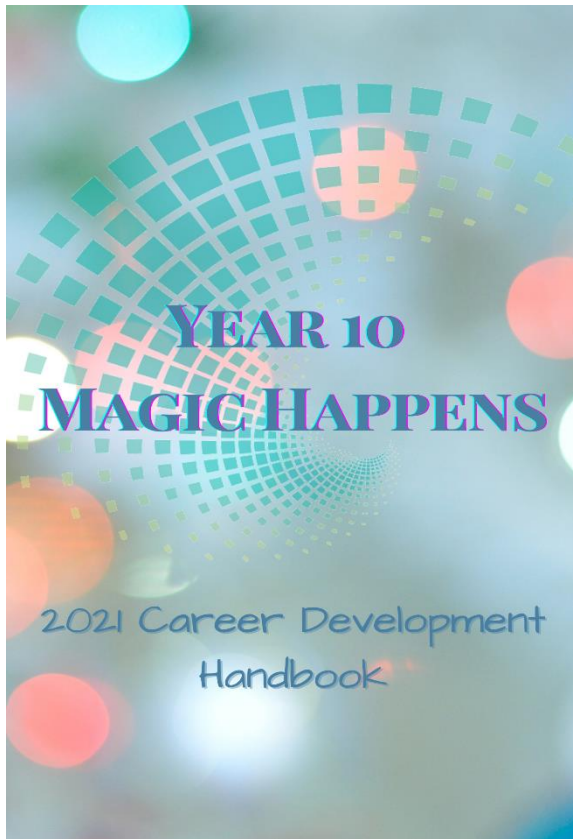
... another recent development is that micro-credentials are credit-bearing: this means that they may be the admissions mechanism to a formal qualification, or they may even earn credit towards one.

The image below shows some of the possibilities when we try to classify micro-credentials.



You can read the full article [HERE](#). The information is drawn from [a full report](#) on the disruption caused by microcredentialing called [Making micro-credentials work for learners, employers and providers](#).

The Knitting



Year 10 Magic Happens Handbook

I have finished the 2021 Magic Happens Handbook for Students.

I will send them out via Dropbox as PDFs once I have got this newsletter out.

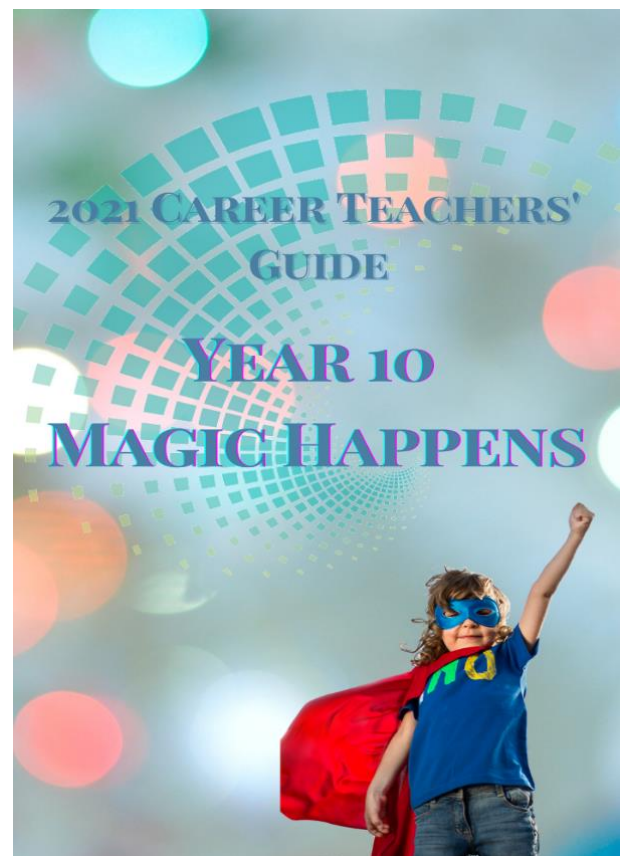
Let me know if you would like a Word version.

Year 10 Magic Happens 2021 Teachers' Guide

Yes, the Teachers' Guide is the one with the Career Hero on the front!!

It hasn't got many changes, and I didn't really manage to make it funny!!

Most of the changes are updated links and information about changes to policies and procedures. If you want a Word version email me at Bev.J@infocus-careers.com.au



Magic Happens Infographic

For those who like an infographic that shows key steps, I created the Year 10 Magic Happens To Do List.

I will send this out as soon as I get the Handbook and Teachers' Guide out to you.

2021 Career Planner

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2021 WA CAREERS PLANNER

<p>JANUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Youth Science Forum Year 12 Murdoch Summer School Scitech Careers in Health Year 12 SCSA Handbook 	<p>FEBRUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for GREaT Nursing work experience Fogarty Scholarships Gifted and Talented ACER Scholarships ADF Scholarships CDAANotre Dame 	<p>MARCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Careers Week UCAT Information sessions Rotary Youth Exchange closes Uni Career Advisors Workshops start
<p>APRIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Day In - IT ADF Gap Year Applications Autism Awareness Week Preparation for Careers Expo 	<p>MAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Careers Week 17-23 May Careers Expo Training Award applications Law Week 	<p>JUNE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exams Reports Set up apprentice alerts with big companies Preparation for uni open days (See In Focus blog posts for worksheets)
<p>JULY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uni Open Days start UCAT Testing ATAR revision programs Part II SCSA Handbook 	<p>AUGUST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills West Expo National Science Week HASS Week TISC Applications Start scholarship applications 	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TAFE Applications ECU ATAR Revision Check ACER Scholarships
<p>OCTOBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Magic Happens Handbook Gifted and Talented applications open 	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning for 2022 	<p>DECEMBER</p>

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CAREER IDEAS THAT MATTER

Year 10 Magic Happens

"TO DO" LIST

1.) KNOW WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU

- Do quizzes, ask your family, ask your friends.
- Do the 5 values activities in Step 1 of the Handbook. They can deliver profound clarity about what is important to you.

2.) BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- Learn about Year 11 course options
- Learn about uni and TAFE
- Learn about pay rates, work safety, unions and equal opportunity

3.) BUILD YOUR SKILLS

- Use a diary to manage your time.
- Develop a study routine
- Learn how to write a job application

4.) BUILD YOUR READINESS

- Get your learner's permit
- Start a career portfolio with photos, awards and references
- Get a part time job/volunteer

5.) A GOAL WITHOUT A PLAN IS JUST A WISH

You are the hero in your story:

- Set goals
- Make plans
- Take baby steps

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I have finished the 2021 Planner and will get that to you in the next few days so that you can use it for 2021 planning.

Section 3: Calendar 2020

University VET Ideas & Opportunities Professional Events

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19	20	21 ECU SW Drop In	22 SkillsWest Careers Expo ECU Drop In VET Webinar Forestry Day Bunbury	23 SkillsWest Careers Expo	24 SkillsWest Careers Expo Social Media in Careers
25	26	27 CDAA CoP Zoom meeting Murdoch Parent Night	28	29 Murdoch Horizons Info ECU Drop In South West	30	31

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 SkillHire PreApprenticeship ECU Business and Law Joondalup	3	4 Robocup State Finals	5 SheCodes	6 Check closing dates for scholarships	7
8	9	10 WAAPA Production Tour	11 Teacher Education Eventing ECU SW CDAA Breakfast	12 ECU SW Drop-In Forest Industry Day	13 Curtin Rural Medical School Scholarship closes	14 Girls Tech Day
15	16 ECU Engineering and Technology Showcase	17 ECU UniPrep SW	18 ECU SW Science Info Evening	19	20 National Training Awards	21
22	23	24 All things ECU Info Evening CDAA CoP Zoom Meeting Murdoch Parent Hour of Power SkillHire PreApprenticeship Starts	25	26 ECU Aboriginal Information Eventing	27	28
29	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACER Scholarships for primary and secondary schools open • Applications for Gifted and Talented programs open. 				

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 ECU Info Session Joondalup	2	3	4 TAFE First Round Enrolments Close	5
6	7 UWA Campus Tour	8 ECU South West Health Info	9 ECU Info Session SW CQU Excellent Health program applications close CDAA Christmas Catchup Balmoral Sonography Info CQU	10 ECU Online Dropin ECU Aboriginal Info	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 	26 
27	28	29	30 			

JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 National Youth Science Forum starts <u>Murdoch Horizons Summer School Starts</u>	4 <u>Round 2 TAFE offers Close</u>	5	6	7	8	9
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School starts 3 February 2021