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Career News for Students & Families

Career News

2025 WA Training Awards



Congratulations!!

WA Apprentice of the Year



Lewis Italiano – Cabinetmaking

You may remember Lewis Italiano who represented WA in the National WorldSkills competition and won the gold medal last year.

He then represented Australia in France this time last year as a 'Skillaroo', bringing home a Medallion for Excellence for his cabinetmaking

skills.

I've heard the judges have said he is perhaps the most outstanding contender for Apprentice of the Year that they have ever assessed.

School-based Apprentice of the Year



Cadie Doyle – Engineering

Cadie Doyle is from South Hedland and is doing her Certificate II in Engineering via North Regional TAFE. She became interested in engineering in Year 9 in a metalwork class. She is soon to graduate Year 12 with a qualification in engineering and direct industry experience working with BHP Rail.

Cadie is keen to pursue further vocational training in engineering as part of her plans to build a career in the industry.

Trainee of the Year



Elisajane Thompson – Early Childhood Education and Care

Elisajane is employed at Toodyay Early Learning Centre and studied a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care at Central Regional TAFE.

Lewis, Cadie, and Elisajane are among the six individual WA Training Award winners who will represent WA at the Australian Training Awards in Darwin in December 2025.

In the organisation categories, the Department of Justice was recognised as the WA Large Employer of the Year for its commitment to building a future-focused workforce through investing in staff training and fostering career advancement.

You can find more information on the [WA Training Awards Facebook Page](#).


ACER Independent School Scholarship Applications Open

Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) scholarships are granted to academically outstanding students by independent schools across Australia. Tests are generally run in February and March to identify scholars **for the following year**.

You can find a list of schools that grant the scholarships when you register [HERE](#).

There are two categories to apply for:

1. Primary Tests for entry into Years 4 – 6



Primary (Level P) tests
For entry into Years 4 to 6.

Available tests:
Reading and Viewing
Mathematics
Writing

Delivery: Paper based

[More information](#) ⓘ

2. Secondary for entry into Years 7 – 12



Secondary (Levels 1, 2 and 3)
For entry into Years 7 to 12.

Available tests:
Written Expression
Humanities
Mathematics

- Level 1: Mathematics (multiple choice, 40 minutes)
- Levels 2 and 3: Mathematics and Science (multiple choice, 40 minutes)

Delivery: Online or Paper based

[More information](#) ⓘ

There are [25 participating schools](#) in WA and they all run the test at a date that suits their school's schedule.

There are [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and [Practice Tests](#) on the website.

NO 2026 WAAPA Summer School

WAAPA is locating to its new ECU City Campus over the summer holidays. Staff will be busy shifting so there won't be any Summer School courses at WAAPA.

WA student wins 'Heart of TAFE' photography competition

Valerie Walker from South Metropolitan TAFE in Western Australia has won \$5000 and been named the winner of the Australian Education Union's 2025 'Heart of TAFE' photography competition.

Her winning photo, [The Heart of Philomathēs](#), captures Brigette, a student at South Metropolitan TAFE, Murdoch, creating a 'Lava Lamp' using Fluorescein, a compound that fluoresces under UV light and is widely used in science and medicine.

I don't have copyright permission to show it here. It's a remarkable photo. Check it out [HERE](#).

Career Events

26 September Applications Close: 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. More information and entry forms are available [HERE](#).



Mindscape – Youth Awards – Exhibition

Monday 27th October 2025 – Friday 14th November 2025.

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.

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](#).

Tuesday 14 October Applications Open for 2027 Gifted and Talented Programs

The selection process for the West Australian Education Department [Gifted and Talented Programs](#) start when students are in Year 5, testing in Year 6, with placement starting from Year 7. Limited vacancies may also be available for entry into Years 9, 10 and 11.

Gifted and Talented

Applications for the 2027 intake open Tuesday 14 October 2025 and close 6 pm Friday 6 February 2026. To be notified when they open, register your interest below.

[Register your interest >](#)



There are opportunities for students gifted with outstanding academic and arts skills.

[Register your interest](#) for the **Year 7, 9, 10 or 11**, 2027 intake.

Information to Parents Evenings from 15 October to 26 November.

Date	Location	Booking link
Wednesday 15 October	Churchlands Senior High School	Churchlands Senior High School Gifted and Talented Presentation
Wednesday 15 October	Kelmscott Senior High School	Kelmscott Senior High School Gifted and Talented Presentation

Date	Location	Booking link
Thursday 16 October	Carine Senior High School	Carine Senior High School Gifted and Talented Presentation
Thursday 16 October	Melville Senior High School	Melville Senior High School Gifted and Talented Presentation
Monday 20 October 2025	Harrisdale Senior High School	Harrisdale Senior High School Gifted and Talented Presentation
Tuesday 21 October	Shenton College	Shenton College Gifted and Talented Presentation
Wednesday 22 October	Comet Bay College	Comet Bay College Gifted and Talented Presentation
Thursday 23 October	Governor Stirling Senior High School	Governor Stirling Senior High School Gifted and Talented Presentation
Monday 27 October	Perth Modern School	Perth Modern School Gifted and Talented Presentation
Tuesday 28 October	Applecross Senior High School	Applecross Senior High School Gifted and Talented Presentation
Wednesday 29 October	Willetton Senior High School	Willetton Senior High School Gifted and Talented Presentation
Thursday 30 October	John Curtin College	John Curtin College of the Arts Gifted and Talented Presentation
Monday 3 Nov	Kalamunda Senior High School	Kalamunda Senior High School Gifted and Talented Presentation

Date	Location	Booking link
Tuesday 4 Nov	Alkimos College	Alkimos College Gifted and Talented Presentation
Thursday 6 Nov	Rossmoyne Senior High School	Rossmoyne Senior High School Gifted and Talented Presentation
Tuesday 11 Nov	Duncraig Senior High School	Duncraig Senior High School Gifted and Talented Presentation
Wednesday 12 Nov	Albany Senior High School	Albany Senior High School Gifted and Talented Presentation
Wednesday 12 Nov	Bob Hawke College	Bob Hawke College Gifted and Talented Presentation
Thursday 13 Nov	Balcatta Senior High	Balcatta Senior High School Gifted and Talented Presentation
Thursday 13 Nov	Bunbury Senior High School	Bunbury Senior High School Gifted and Talented Presentation
Monday 17 Nov	Ellenbrook Senior High School	Ellenbrook Senior High School Gifted and Talented Presentation
Tuesday 18 Nov	Mount Lawley Senior High School	Mount Lawley Senior High School Gifted and Talented Presentation
Monday 24 Nov	Fremantle College	Fremantle College Gifted and Talented Presentation
Wednesday 26 Nov	Online information session - WA regional families only (excludes regional applicants)	Regional online information session for regional WA families only (excluding Albany and Bunbury)

Date	Location	Booking link
	living in the Bunbury and Albany area)	

WAAPA Music Theatre Workshops Years 7 – 12



We welcome passionate performers eager to challenge themselves and grow in a nurturing environment surrounded by supportive peers and seasoned professionals. This course is designed for all experience levels, allowing students to progress at their own pace while pushing their creative boundaries.

19, 26 October 2025

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November 2025

7 December 2025

Time: 1.00pm – 4.00pm Find details [HERE](#).

WAAPA The Actors' Workshop



The Actor's Workshop supports students in building self-confidence as they put their abilities into action on both stage and screen. Participants will develop ensemble skills and the confidence needed to collaborate and work as part of a team. They will be guided by experienced teachers, who aim to challenge students in a respectful and encouraging environment, allowing them to develop their talent and abilities.

Students are divided into Junior (Yr 7 to 9) and Senior (Yr 10 to 12) groups. Bookings are done on a term-by-term basis.

Term 4

19, 26 October 2025

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November 2025

7 December 2025

Time: 1.00pm – 4.00pm **Age:** High school students – Years 7 to 12

Find details [HERE](#).

Employment Statistics and Trends

Australian Bureau of Statistics – August figures

- Unemployment remained steady at 4.2%. In Western Australia, the unemployment rate is 4%.
- There has been a drop in full-time employment, but part-time employment has increased.
- Employment has decreased, but fewer people are looking for work.

Recruitment Insights Report for July

In August, the labour market recruitment steadied.

- Recruitment activity is steadying across Australia – at 50%. It was also 50% in July but has gone up 7% in the past year.
- The proportion of employers having trouble hiring staff is up slightly to 40%. It is up just 1% but 10% easier than last year.
- More businesses are expecting to increase staff. Expectations about increasing staff levels are at their highest level since February 2024.
- Demand in regional areas is easing over the month.

Internet Vacancy Report

Over the month, online job advertisements decreased by 4.2% and decreases were recorded across all major occupation groups, skill level groups and most states and territories. That seems like a significant number. We wouldn't want that trend to continue. But:

Vacancy numbers continue at elevated levels, with around 20% more advertisements in the labour market presently than compared with the monthly average for 2019. Vacancy numbers continue at relatively high levels historically.

Download the report [HERE](#).

Jobs and Skills Australia noted a shift in entry-level jobs

Behind the counter: early careers, underpayment and shifting demand for entry-level occupations.

Demand for entry-level jobs is shifting, even as aggregate labour market indicators point to relatively favourable conditions for younger workers. This month's report explores new research into the factors shaping youth employment, highlighting both persistent challenges and emerging barriers with potential to change young Australians' early career experiences.

*At the same time, new research reveals that underpayment remains a widespread issue for young workers. **Looking ahead, entry-level roles are expected to evolve rapidly with AI integration, requiring new skill sets as adoption accelerates.***

The analysis is based on the data from [Jobs and Skills Australia](#).

Gender Economic Equality from Jobs and Skills Australia

Gendered patterns in education and training remain deeply entrenched, with little sign of change that could shift Australia's occupational gender segregation.

Key insights include:

- Men generally achieve stronger economic outcomes than women across most qualifications, including female dominated fields. *(Education and Health industries have a greater percentage of men in management positions than in lower levels.)*
- Women earn less than men and are more likely to leave the workforce, despite equal or higher qualifications.
- Women are more often employed below their skill level, leaving their qualifications underused. *(What percentage of women science graduates reach their potential?)*

University Events

24 September UWA Open Night Health, Biomedical Sciences and Psychology



If you're a current high school student interested in biomedical sciences, biochemistry and molecular biology, genetics, human sciences, nursing, optometry, public health, psychology, podiatry, or social work – dreaming of a future in health, biomedical sciences, or psychology this event is perfect for you!

An interactive event experience to spark your passion and curiosity for the human body, the mind, and health science.

5.45 Check-in. – 8pm Find information and register [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 [HERE](#).

20 October UniPrep Information Evening Online



UniPrep helps you bridge the gap between where you are now and being eligible and ready to study an undergraduate degree. This free program is ideal if you haven't studied for some time or you didn't get the Year 12 results you hoped for. It can be life-changing!

6pm- 7pm

Register [HERE](#).

21 October Year 12 Online Information Session



Join us to discover the wide range of supports available to assist you in your transition from secondary school to tertiary studies!

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Register [HERE](#).

22 October 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.

Mt Lawley Campus. Register [HERE](#).

19 November Future Student Information Evening



If you are interested in studying at ECU, come along to our Future Student Information Evening at our Joondalup campus to find out more. There will also be a free sausage sizzle!

Register [HERE](#).
















University News





















Good Universities Guide 2025

These rankings are for university undergraduate courses in Western Australia across a range of measures. There have been some significant changes over the past year.

You can find the Good Universities Guide rankings [HERE](#).






- Curtin and Murdoch are up enough to be happy with their results.
- ECU, Notre Dame and UWA down marginally on last year,

Overall Experience				
				
81.8%	76.5%	76.5%	76.3%	76%
Social Equity				
The proportion of students from low socioeconomic or disadvantaged backgrounds				
				
26%	20%	20%	12%	10%
Staff Qualifications				
Proportion of staff with masters or doctoral degrees.				
				
83%	76%	75%	67%	61%






Student: Teacher Ratio				
				
18.1	22:1	23:1	23:1	27:1
First Generation				
Students whose parents' education is known and did not exceed Year 12				
				
35%	30%	26%	24%	19%
Learner Engagement				
Felt they belonged and participated in university life.				
				
58.8%	58.8%	57.9%	53.5%	51.4%
Learning Resources				
Students who were satisfied with the learning resources provided.				
				
85.8%	85.8%	85.3%	81.9%	79.3%

Skills Development






Students who were satisfied with the skills they developed.

				
86.6%	86.4%	80.9%	79.2%	76.7%

Student Support






				
79.6%	73.5%	71.5%	70.2%	67.7%

Teaching Quality

				
84.5%	82%	82%	81%	79.6%

Graduate Salary*

				
\$62,000	\$53,200	\$49,200	\$48,400	\$35,500

Full time employment				
				
83.1%	77.6%	71.8%	67.5%	66.1%

*Graduate Salaries are the same as last year so they may not have been updated yet.

Training Events

TAFE Enrolments Open for 2026



Admissions

Applications close 31 October. Late applications accepted for available vacancies up to the start of the 2026 academic year. Apply early to ensure you secure a place.

For support with career choices and applications find your local Jobs and Skills Centre [HERE](#).

Applications are made through [TAFE Admissions](#).



Find application information [HERE](#).

18 October WA Electrical Industry Open Day - Joondalup

1 November WA Electrical Industry Open Day - Jandakot

Demand for electricians is predicted to rise 4% per year for every year to 2050.

What's on the day

- Guided tours of CET's state-of-the-art training facilities
- Information sessions covering pathways into the electrical trade, employment opportunities, legal insights for running a business, and safety training

- An outdoor mini-expo featuring CET, EGT, Equip-Safe, ECA WA, and industry sponsors
- Free food, drinks, and networking with apprentices, employers, and contractors

Why attend

- Students can explore apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship pathways
- Parents can learn about opportunities and support available

Students and parents can register here:

Joondalup : <https://events.humanitix.com/wa-electrical-industry-open-day-joondalup>

Jandakot : <https://events.humanitix.com/wa-electrical-industry-open-day-jandakot>

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Apprenticeship and Traineeship Intake Guide

Each year the Chamber of Commerce and Industry puts out an [Intake Guide](#). If you are considering an apprenticeship or traineeship in 2026 this is the latest version available. A new version should be out in October.

You can find it [HERE](#).



Senior Student Opportunities

30 September Applications close Focus on Mining (Year 11 – 12)

Experience WA's dynamic resources sector through this fully funded residential camp. Students tour active mine sites, engage in practical workshops, and connect with industry leaders. An incredible opportunity to explore mining careers and study pathways.

When: 12 – 16 January 2026 (Five-day residential camp)

Who: Year 11 & 12 STEM students

Location: Perth and Kalgoorlie

Cost: Free (regional support available)

Application Requirements: A 2025 mid-year report and reference letter from a relevant teacher (STEM or career counsellor) Find details [HERE](#)

Never applied for a job? Here's how to write your application

Many employers have a standard form for job applicants. If you are applying for a job at big employers, like McDonalds or Bunnings, check for their process online.

- [McDonalds FAQs](#)
- [Applying for job at Bunnings](#) by Student Edge

If you are applying for a job where you need to write an application

1. Cut out the job ad from the webpage and paste it into your favourite AI program (Gemini, ChatGPT, Co-Pilot)
2. Ask it to write your application for the job. You can add bits about yourself in your request.
3. When you are happy with the application that AI has developed cut and paste it into a Word document and save it.

You now have a job application that is like every other job application the employer is going to receive. You need to work on it.

4. Go to [Youth Central](#) to see how to make your application different from every other one.
5. Go to a [Jobs and Skills Centre](#) and ask for help to improve your application.

Year 12 Events

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 [HERE](#). Register for online sessions [HERE](#).

5 Oct 2025 at 10:00 AM (AEDT) 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.

All admission information for domestic and international students, including details about the requirement to sit the Casper Test can be found via the [Curtin University School of Medicine](#) webpage.

Find information [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](#).

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Register [HERE](#).

Year 12 Opportunities

31 October ADF Scholarships Close

Children and grandchildren of veterans are eligible for scholarships to support their study at unis, TAFEs and other training providers. Applications for scholarships close on 31 October.



AUSTRALIAN VETERANS'
CHILDREN ASSISTANCE TRUST

All bursaries and sponsored scholarships are for tertiary education and are \$4000-\$6000 per year, for up to three years. Read more about preparing your application in our [Application Guide](#).

TISC TISC Important Dates

Tuesday, 30 September	11.59pm – Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery at Curtin (including applications on the basis on financial hardship), the Assured Pathway to Dentistry and Medicine at UWA – you can't apply for these courses or add new preferences for these courses after today. You can still change the order of existing preferences on your preference list.
Sunday, 5 October	11.59pm – Assured Pathway to Medicine at Notre Dame – you can't apply for this course or add a new preference for this course after today. You can still change the order of existing preferences on your preference list.
Monday, 13 October	Early conditional offers despatch for Year 12 applicants for first preference.
Monday, 24 November	Early conditional offers despatch for Year 12 applicants for first preference.

Friday, 28 November	<p>5pm – Closing deadline for submission of Education Access Scheme applications and supporting documentation for Main round consideration.</p> <p>11.59pm – Final closing date for the <u>Bachelor of Nursing (Honours)</u> and the Assured Pathway to Podiatry courses at UWA. You can't apply for or add new preferences for these courses after today. You can still change the order of existing preferences on your preference list.</p>
Wednesday 3 December	Last Early conditional offers despatch to Year 12 applicants for first preference.
Monday, 8 December	11.59pm – Closing date for change of address for WACE students for mailing of Universities Admission Advice Letter.
Wednesday, 10 December	11.59pm – Final date for you to upload documents/transcripts of results to be guaranteed consideration for the main round of offers.
Friday, 19 December	WA 2025 ATAR results and Universities Admission Advice Letters online.
Saturday, 20 December	11.59pm – Closing date to apply and add/re-arrange preferences, and to update your postal and/or email addresses, before the Main round of offers.
Wednesday, 24 December	<p>Main round offers available online and emailed.</p> <p>Applications and change of preferences re-open for Second round of offers.</p>

Ag Career Start – Gap Year

If you're 18–25, Ag Career Start provides you with a paid job, training and development, and the opportunity to build your networks within the agriculture industry.

Applicants can indicate which farm type they'd prefer from a wide variety, and also where in Australia they would ideally like to go. A matching process is undertaken to ensure participants are assigned to the type of farms that match their interests and skills.

Check out the opportunity [HERE](#).

Year 11 Opportunities

26 September Fairway UWA 2026 Applications Close



UWA's Fairway program provides support to students from Broadway Schools who want to go to university. To be considered for the Fairway UWA program, applicants must meet *all* of the following essential criteria:

- Year 11 student in 2025, currently enrolled at a Western Australian high school for Year 12 in 2026.
- Studying at a Broadway School, or able to demonstrate significant financial hardship.
- Australian or New Zealand citizen, Australian permanent resident, or holder of an Australian Humanitarian visa.
- Predicted ATAR of 85+ (after Broadway adjustment if eligible), as confirmed by a nominated school contact.

Check it out [HERE](#). **Applications close 5pm 26 September.**

Year 10 & 11

3 – 6 October 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 [HERE](#).

Year 10

Defence Work Experience

There are opportunities to undertake work experience within various roles in the Defence industry. You can find opportunities below. [HERE](#).

Job Name	Closing	Action
A Day in the Life of a Soldier: Irwin Barracks (November) Job Ref - WEP/00785/25 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Army Karakatta, WA• 20 November 2025 Information Pack (PDF)	05-Oct-2025 11:30 PM (AEDT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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](#).

Universities Admissions Guide for 2028 for Year 10s

Check out the 2028 Universities Admissions Guide to make sure you are taking the subjects in the right categories.

The Guide includes information about:

Prerequisites for each university course

English requirements.

You can download a free copy [HERE](#).

Year 9 and 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](#).

October 2 and 3 Year 9 Experience ECU Days



Experience ECU Days | Spring School Holidays Year 9 & 10's

ECU Student Ambassadors will be back in the October school holidays to provide two full days of free experiences at Joondalup campus.

Thursday 2 October | Psychology, Law, Engineering: The Moot Court simulation will offer



participants an immersive experience into legal proceedings and ignite interests in legal careers. Other activities will include a fun dive into Psychology concepts and Engineering style practical building opportunities.

Booking

link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DEZYK>

Friday 3 October | Medical and Health Sciences: This is a hands-on day where students will



be engaging in a Microscope Hair session (bring in your pet hair), Nutrition workshop making smoothies and an interactive Sport Science exercise session to add a dynamic element to the day!

Booking

link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DEZYL>

Contact: ecustudentambassadors@ecu.edu.au

Year 8

6 – 8 October Explore STEM-Enviro Engineers



Year 6-8 girls interested in discovering the creative world of science & exploring their passion for the environment can attend the Explore STEM Enviro Engineers.

Over this 3-day holiday program, participants will learn how to increase local biodiversity, conduct real-life environmental sampling & design a home or school native garden, alongside like-minded peers & role models.

- Monday
6 – Wednesday 8 October
- 9.00 am – 3.00 pm daily
- Canning River Eco Education Centre
- \$150.00 *discount price available



Find details and register [HERE](#).

Career Taster Programs for 2026

The Year 9 Career Taster Program gives Year 9 students hands on learning experiences in a range of industries. Most schools engage with this program to enable students to get insights into a variety of career paths from virtual reality, carpentry and clean energy to care and fashion design.

The [Year 9 Taster Program](#) site shows how students can explore career pathways.

[Check out the site](#) to discover possibilities.

Primary to Middle School

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](#).

RRR News

23 September Open Day Broome Campus



Chat one-on-one with academics, staff and current students about study options and what life is like here at Notre Dame Uni.

You'll also be able to tour our unique campus and attend information sessions and workshops to find out more about the programs we have on offer.

Plus, you can enjoy live entertainment, tasty treats and much more!

Find details [HERE](#).

11 November ECU South West One to One Appointments



Book in for a one-to-one appointment at our South West campus where you can chat with a friendly staff member about courses and entry pathways and get help applying for your dream course.

Register [HERE](#).

Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme

A group of payments for parents and carers of children who can't go to a local government school because of geographical isolation, disability or special needs.

Read the full conditions under [who can get it](#).



Get help if you're moving to study

[Fares Allowance](#) helps with travel costs between your permanent home and place of tertiary study if you get certain payments from us.

[Relocation Scholarship](#) is a once a year payment if you get Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY. You must also move to or from a regional or remote area for higher education study.

Get help with living costs

You might also get payments or assistance to help with your living costs.

[Rent Assistance](#) is an automatic payment if you pay rent and get certain payments from us.

Country Education Foundation Grants

Your local [Country Education Foundation \(CEF\)](#) supports youth in your area through financial grants for education and employment expenses. Our grants contribute towards expenses related to apprenticeships, traineeships, cadetships, diplomas, certificate level studies, university qualifications or employment.

Apply for [a local student grant](#)



Students with Disability Opportunities

Charlie Bell scholarship is now open

Closes 30 November



A serious illness or injury can make life stand still. Making any progress – whether it be in your education or career – can feel almost impossible. That's why the McDonalds Charlie Bell Scholarship program exists.



By awarding one-off grants of up to \$5,000 to deserving young people, McDonald's is giving them the chance to get their schooling or career back on track. So, whether the money goes towards university fees, apprenticeship tools, books or supplies this scholarship can help them to succeed.,

(Charlie Bell was an Australian who started his career as a teenager working in McDonalds in Sydney and became the head of the McDonald's global empire. He died of cancer aged 44.)



Applications close on 30 November.

Check details [HERE](#).

Services for Students with Disability

ECU [Student Equity, Diversity and Disability Service](#) is a free, confidential service for students with a disability and/or medical condition, either permanent or temporary and can help make uni life a better experience.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Opportunities

11 November Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander information session online



Join us for our Online Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Information Session. Whether you are considering returning to education to further your career or pursue a new passion, this event is designed to provide you with all the essential information you need to take the next steps.

Register [HERE](#)

12 November Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Information Session Joondalup



Join us for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Information Session. Whether you are considering returning to education to further your career or pursue a new passion, this event is designed to provide you with all the essential information you need to take the next steps.

5pm – 6pm Register [HERE](#).



**North
Metropolitan**

Koomba Birdal 2025 at NM TAFE campus – Applications Open for 2026 Enrolment

The Koomba Birdal (Big Spark) program is designed to reduce the barriers that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders may face in education and is designed to provide accessible, customised, supported training.

It aims to increase employment and/or further education options with opportunities to connect with Aboriginal Career Guidance Officers to prepare and network with potential role models within industry to further increase successful outcomes.

If you would like to know more, please register your details using our [Koomba Birdal General Interest](#) form. You can also contact the Enhanced Aboriginal Engagement Team via email EAE@nmtafe.wa.edu.au or call 9428 0340.

For information go [HERE](#).

Australian Aboriginal Mining Academy

The Australian Aboriginal Mining Academy was established in 2019 to facilitate the creation of meaningful job opportunities in the resources sector for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through the provision of education and training.

[Aboriginal Mining Academy](#)



Apply now for 2026 Puggy Hynter Memorial Health Scholarship

The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme (PHMSS) is designed to encourage and assist undergraduate students in health-related disciplines to complete their studies and join the health workforce. The scheme provides scholarships for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people studying an entry level health course.

Find details [HERE](#). Apply [HERE](#).

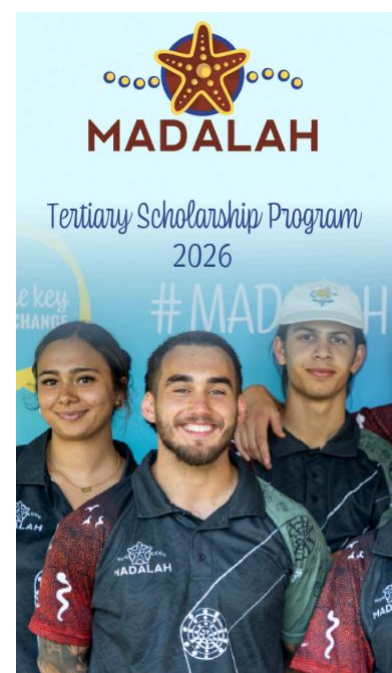
6 October Madalah Tertiary Scholarship 2026 Open

To be eligible:

- Have applied or be in the process of applying to an Australian University for full-time study.
- Must provide proof of enrolment.
- Must provide most recent academic results.
- You must provide one letter from a referee. Scholars must have a home location in Western Australia.
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If university is not quite the right fit, but further education is of interest, MADALAH also partner with [SEDA](#) Group for the Dual Diploma in Sport and Business

Get the brochure [HERE](#).



14 October ECU Online Information Sessions



Join us online for an information session designed to help you explore your study options, pathways, and support services. This is a great opportunity to have a chat with our friendly Future Student Engagement Team to see what options are best for you.

Please note: log in details to access the online session will be emailed the day before the session.

Tuesday 14 October 2025 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM (UTC+08)

Find details and register [HERE](#).

15 October Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Information Session Joondalup



Join us for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Information Session. Whether you are considering returning to education to further your career or pursue a new passion, this event is designed to provide you with all the essential information you need to take the next steps.

5pm – 6pm. Register [HERE](#).

Defence Work Experience

Exercise First Look: Indigenous Youth Placement – Soldier: Army Logistics Training Centre (October) Job Ref – WEP/03747/25 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Army• Bandiana, VIC• 20 – 24 October 2025 Information Pack (PDF)	07-Sep-2025 11:30 PM (AEST)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start New Application• Access Existing Application• Preview Application Form• Email A Friend
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Indigenous Traineeship Opportunities Perth City

2 Project Administration Assistants

2 Drafting Trainees

1 Junior Field Hand

Salary \$55,000. Find information and Apply [HERE](#).



International Student Opportunities

1 October CaLD Jobs Expo

Join us at CaLD Jobs Expo, where your dream job and big opportunities await!

At this event you will have the opportunity to:

- **Learn about in-demand jobs and industries:** Gain insight into the industries and jobs with the highest demand
- **Meet employers with current job vacancies:** Connect with businesses actively seeking candidates like you
- **Interview on the spot with local employers:** Take advantage of on-the-spot application opportunities
- **Find support services and community organisations:** Network with locals who could help you find your next career opportunity

10am – 1pm Herb Graham Centre Mirrabooka

Find details [HERE](#)

The rights of international students at work

International students have the same workplace rights and protections as anyone else working in Australia.



Fair Work
OMBUDSMAN

Here's what you need to know before starting to work in Australia:

- You must be paid at least the minimum wage
- You must pay tax on your income
- You must receive a payslip

International students can contact the [Fair Work Ombudsman](#) for help if they're having workplace issues, without fear of their visa being cancelled. This could be for issues such as not getting the right pay or other entitlements, like leave or notice.

Find details [HERE](#).