

In Focus Careers

November 2025



**2025
Apprenticeship
and
Traineeship
Intake Guide**

**Gifted and
Talented
applications**

**ECU City
Campus to
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Career News for Students & Families

Career News & Opportunities

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](#) ⓘ

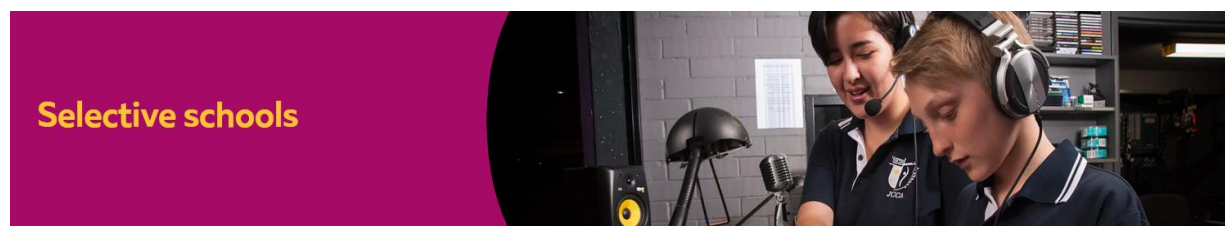
There are [25 participating schools](#) in WA and they all run the test at a date that suits their school's schedule.

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

Applications are open for Gifted and Talented 2027 Close 9 February 2026.

Testing March 2026.

Results May 2026



The West Australian Education Department runs programs for:

- **Academically gifted students at Perth Modern School.** Applicants for these positions must sit the [Academic Selective Entrance Test](#).
- **Artistically talented students at John Curtin College of the Arts.** Applicants for these positions must sit the [Academic Selective Entrance Test](#) and participate in workshops, auditions and interviews.

All places are filled during the main intake in Year 7. There may be limited opportunities available in later years.

- Key dates and applicant guidelines [HERE](#).
- Submit Registration of Interest [HERE](#).
- There are practice tests and tips available [HERE](#).

100 Approved Specialist Programs in High Schools

Sports, arts, academic and applied Approved Specialist Programs give children real-world skills, and a head start in reaching their career goals.

There are more than 100 Approved Specialist Programs at 55 Western Australian government schools.

Many programs are linked to sporting and industry bodies and training organisations, allowing children to gain industry recognised qualifications. Teachers and coaches are adept at recognising and developing children's skills in their areas of interest.

Students can select pathways that prepare them for full-time employment or trades, or future study at training organisations or university.

To see the range of programs available press Expand All [on this page](#).

Olive A. Lewis Scholarship for gifted and talented students in need of financial support



The [Olive A. Lewis scholarship for students in need of financial support](#) is for students enrolled in a Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Academic program in Years 7, 8, 9 or 10. It is worth \$250 to \$1500 per year.

Applications open late October. For more information go [HERE](#).

Accommodation for gifted and talented students from regional areas.



Gifted and talented students from regional areas have wonderful boarding experiences at City Beach Residential College while they attend some of Perth's best secondary schools.

Our college is a home away from home for students who are enrolled in Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance programs at selected public schools in the Perth metro area.

Students will be able to live in Perth with other students from regional areas.

The cost is under \$16,000 for accommodation, meals and pastoral care.



For more information about college life, refer to the [City Beach Residential College brochure](#).



There will be 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 over the summer holidays.

ECU Mt Lawley Campus Relocating

During the summer holidays courses that have run at the ECU Mt Lawley Campus will shift to the new city campus.

In February ECU students studying law, business or performing arts will start at the new City Campus.



I've been on a tour. It is similar in design to Boorla Bardip. The performing arts spaces and the IT facilities are amazing.

No Pressure: If you are a student at this campus, you will have the opportunity to learn in the best physical learning environment in the world.

The building has come in on time and under budget!! You will be able to go in to see the public areas at the start of semester 1 next year and the 2026 ECU City Campus Open Day will be something to look forward to.

Free Skills for Education & Employment (SEE)



Every area in WA has a provider of Skills for Education and Employment that helps **people who are 15 or over** with reading, writing, maths and computer skills.

- you can begin at your own level and learn at your own pace
- you can study full-time or part-time, up to 25 hours a week
- you can learn in a classroom, at home or in your workplace
- you can still care for your family or continue to look for work if you are looking for a job
- you may be able to do work experience
- SEE can help you with everyday tasks like filling in forms and reading to your child.

Find providers from the Kimberley to the South West [HERE](#).

Inspiring Winner of WA 2026 Rhodes Scholarship



Jamie Earak, a Curtin University student, is WA's 2025 Rhodes Scholar.

He is just 18 years old and is already a third year physics student in the Faculty of Science and Engineering having started in the [Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Science](#).

Jamie had a tough time at school and ended up being home school from the age of 12. He was accepted into Curtin at age 14.

You can read [his personal story](#) about life as a student with autism which was published on World Autism Awareness Day. It tells not only of his remarkable abilities and resilience, but of his wonderful supportive family and of the **outstanding systems and support that Curtin university** has provided to enable Jamie to achieve his potential. Read his story [HERE](#).

Jamie will go to Oxford University next year.

Career Events

3 November Game Changer Awards

From creative problem-solving to real-world innovation, this is where students, teachers, and industry come together to inspire the next generation of changemakers.

The Awards are for children in years 3 to 10 to showcase their innovative solutions to world challenges using project-based learning, STEM skills, organisation, teamwork and presentation skills.

It's on at ECU Joondalup.

Find details [HERE](#).



6 November WiTWA Accelerate You Conference

This conference looks amazing for people in the IT industry. It is probably out of the league for students, but just checking the Program will help young people to see wonderful West Australian role models in the IT industry. Chek it out [HERE](#).

12-14 November Sidestep Careers Expo @ Convention Centre

This Expo is for those who have left school.

Discover the latest workplace trends, explore training and upskilling options, and connect with employers who value experience, skills, and ambition.

This expo will provide information and help to connect you with people who can support your next move in your career.

Event venue: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Event hours: Thursday 13 and Friday 14 November between 12.00-17.30

Get details [HERE](#).

Future Doctors Program for Year 9 – 12

Apply now for the Future Doctors Program that will run in Perth from 9 – 12 April next year.

The Future Doctors Australia program provides a unique, hands-on opportunity for students aged 14-18 who are passionate about a future in medicine. Over the course of 4 days, participants will engage in dynamic sessions led by experienced medical specialists, take part in practical learning activities, and gain valuable insights into the medical admissions process. This program is designed to inspire and equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed on their path to a medical career.

[Program Details | Fees | Enrolment Form](#)

[Photo gallery of previous programs](#)

[List of Medical Specialists & Clinical Staff Guest Speakers and Presenters](#)

Employment Statistics and Trends

Australian Bureau of Statistics – September figures

- Labour force figures for September showed the **unemployment rate rising** from 4.2 per cent to 4.5 per cent for the month in seasonally adjusted figures.
- **The number of people employed rose by 15,000 in September**, but the number of unemployed people rose by 34,000 so more people have entered the market for jobs resulting in a rise in unemployment numbers.

Key statistics – Seasonally adjusted

	Aug-25	Sep-25	Monthly change	Monthly change (%)	Yearly change
Employed people	14,625,300	14,640,200	14,900	0.1%	190,500
Unemployed people	650,000	684,000	33,900	5.2%	76,800
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.5%	0.2 pts	na	0.4 pts
Underemployment rate	5.7%	5.9%	0.2 pts	na	-0.3 pts
Participation rate	66.9%	67.0%	0.1 pts	na	-0.1 pts
Monthly hours worked in all jobs	1,977 million	1,987 million	9 million	0.5%	28 million

[Download](#)

Recruitment Insights Report for September

The recruitment rate is continuing to trend upward, while recruitment difficulty continues a downward trend over the past year. This positive sentiment is also reflected in the long-term outlook, with more employers expecting to increase staff over the coming year

In September 2025, the **national recruitment rate increased by 1 percentage point** to 51%. This move continues an upward trend with the national recruitment rate increasing by 6 percentage points over the past 12 months.

Recruitment Difficulty The recruitment difficulty rate increased by 5 percentage points in September to 45% of recruiting employers. Despite this monthly increase, the rate remains 7 percentage points lower than it was a year ago and 30 percentage points below the record high of 75% in July 2022. See the September report [HERE](#).

Internet Vacancy Report September

In seasonally adjusted terms, job advertisements increased by 2.3% (or 4,700 job advertisements) in September 2025 to stand at 207,700. Vacancy numbers continue at elevated levels, with around 20% more advertisements in the labour market presently than compared with the monthly average for 2019.

The monthly Vacancy Report includes spotlights on key facets of the Australian labour market. These bring together the wider breadth of data produced by Jobs and Skills Australia and our external stakeholders to provide an overarching summary of a particular labour market segment.

Read the Report [HERE](#).

Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre September Labour Market Update

- Anaemic jobs growth in September sees unemployment rate rise to 4.5 per cent
- Participation remains high despite weakening labour market conditions



There's now no disputing that the national labour market is softening. The question is how sharp the downturn will be and how long it will last.

September saw just 14,900 net additional jobs created across the country.

By comparison, around 25,000 additional jobs would have been required to keep the unemployment rate steady, had there been no change in participation.

Despite the weakening labour market, the participation rate increased 0.1ppt to 67 per cent, back near the record high 67.2 per cent set in January of this year.

QLD, SA, and WA actually recorded strong jobs growth for the month: 0.5 per cent, 0.5 per cent, and 0.4 per cent, respectively.

Read the update [HERE](#).

Annual Occupation Shortage List 2025

Jobs and Skills Australia has released the annual Occupation Shortage List (OSL), showing an easing in labour market conditions. In 2025, 29% of occupations were in national shortage, down from 33% in 2024 and 36% at the peak in 2023.

This improvement reflects:

- more qualified applicants entering the workforce
- higher vacancy fill rates and falling recruitment difficulty rates
- softer demand from employers.

Challenges remain

Despite the pressure easing, nearly half of trade roles and two in five professional occupations are still in shortage, particularly in health, education and construction. These gaps are weighing on industries already facing below-average productivity growth.

Digging deeper

Released alongside the OSL, the [Occupation Shortage Drivers](#) identify the primary causes of shortages, including:

- insufficient qualified applicants, especially in health, teaching and construction
- gaps in employability skills and experience (among high-skilled professionals), even among qualified candidates
- low pay, poor conditions and retention challenges driving shortages in care and service roles.

By checking the [Occupational Shortage List](#) you can find the current occupations where there is a shortage.

Primary School Teacher	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Private Tutors and Teachers NEC	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Secondary School Teacher	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Special Education Teachers NEC	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

Which industry has the most employees from 2007 – 2024

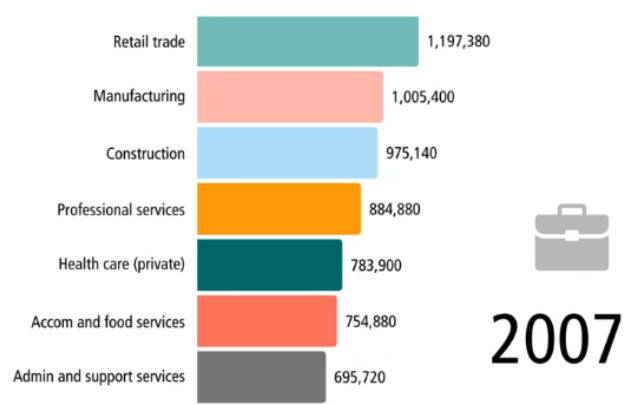
[Click on THIS](#) It will take you to a really cool infographic that moves the different industry chart around according to each year's statistics.

You can see where the NDIS impacts the Health care numbers.

The slow growth in retail is probably due to online shopping and self-serve checkouts.

Which industry has the most employees?

Industries by number of employees, 2007–2024



University Events

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](#).

7 November Closing – Connect Equity Scholarships



The UWA Connect Scholarship is designed to make your university journey smoother and more affordable by connecting you with essential support. It's tailored for students from diverse backgrounds, including regional, Indigenous, and disadvantaged communities, as well as those facing challenging circumstances.

UWA offers hundreds of scholarships, and with the Connect Scholarship, applying for multiple scholarships is simple. When you apply, you'll be automatically considered for all eligible scholarships without needing to reapply for each one, saving you both time and effort.

Find details for Future Student Scholarships [HERE](#).

Round 1 (Semester 1, 2026) 15 December – 3 March 2026

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](#).

20 December Last Minute TISC Twist Session



If you're having second thoughts about uni preferences for 2026, drop in to our TISC support session on the morning of Saturday 20 December. In these 1:1 sessions, we're helping school leavers – and parents – to finalise TISC preferences and to understand the next steps before university offers are made.

Register [HERE](#).

University Opportunities

Parents' Guide to University Study

This booklet covers things like how to choose a university, and how to choose a university course, how to apply for a course and a glossary.

Download it [HERE](#).

For more information go to [First In Family](#) for comprehensive information on many topics. It is great for First in Family students and for those who have many in their family who have been to uni.



Open Now 2026 Murdoch Access Engineering Scholarship



This Scholarship will support students who are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, students from regional and remote areas, females wanting to study STEM, students who are 'first generation' to attend university, students experiencing financial hardship, students who are LGBTQIA, and others who have experienced hardship.

Applications are now open and **close 8 March 2026**. For more information and an application form go to [2026Murdoch University Access Engineering Scholarship](#).

Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship



The Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship is open to school leavers who have graduated in the last two years and are eager to explore positive change through technology.

This includes access to paid internship opportunities and inspiring mentors, and an international learning experience in Asia. You will also have access to unique networks of people who would otherwise be out of reach. Best of all, you'll become a lifelong member of Westpac 100 Scholars Network, an inclusive group of some of the brightest minds in Australia.

Applications close 13 January 2026 Find details [HERE](#).

Bachelor of Digital Creative Industries



This new Bachelor of Digital Creative Industries evolves from Animation, Game Design, and Digital Experience Design, combining game-based methods, immersive experiences and screen production technologies. Previously offered within the Bachelor of Design, these majors will now expand under the new degree to better meet industry and government needs.

Find details [HERE](#).

Curtin Science and Engineering



New in Bachelor of Engineering (Honours):

- [Environmental Engineering](#): A new major centred on sustainable engineering solutions in areas such as land, water and waste.

New in the Bachelor of Science:

- [Space and Planetary Science](#): WA's only undergraduate degree in this field, offering opportunities to engage with NASA, ESA and JAXA. This course can be combined with Mechatronic Engineering or studied as an honours course.
- [Environmental Biology and Ecology](#): A refreshed program (previously named Environmental Science) with a stronger focus on ecology, biodiversity and conservation.
- [Environmental Science](#): A new major exploring climate change, natural systems and environmental management. This course can also be studied as a double degree, an honours degree, or as part of an Advanced Science degree.

Additionally, we have updated the names of some majors including [Marine Science](#) (previously Coastal and Marine Science), [Mineral Processing](#) (previously Extractive Metallurgy) and [Food Science and Technology](#) (previously Food Science).

Training News

One Free Qualification



Warning: School students do not have to pay VET fees. There are fee free courses available for people who have left school but there are lots of courses that are NOT fee free.

If you have done a Certificate III at school, the government will not cover any fees that apply to a Cert III VET course after you finish school.

⇒ **Check with your training provider:** Check with your training provider for information about specific courses and fees. There may be a free course that will get you on the path to a career in your chosen field. Get expert advice on fees, including resources costs at a [Jobs and Skills Centre](#).

Resources Fees Vary between Training Providers



Whether your course offers free or paid tuition fees, you will have to pay for your resources. In a course like Commercial Cookery, the fee differences can be significant. It is worth taking the time to compare costs between training providers.

NCVER: Apprentices and Trainees for March Quarter 2026

National Council for Vocational Education Research (NCVER)

On 31 March 2025, there were 320,830 active (in-training) apprentice and trainee contracts nationally, with over two-thirds in trade occupations. The total number of in-training contracts decreased by 7.9% from 31 March 2024. Trade contracts decreased by 3.2%, to 230,145, while non-trade contracts declined by 17.9%, to 90,665.

Trade occupations

Compared with the March quarter 2024:

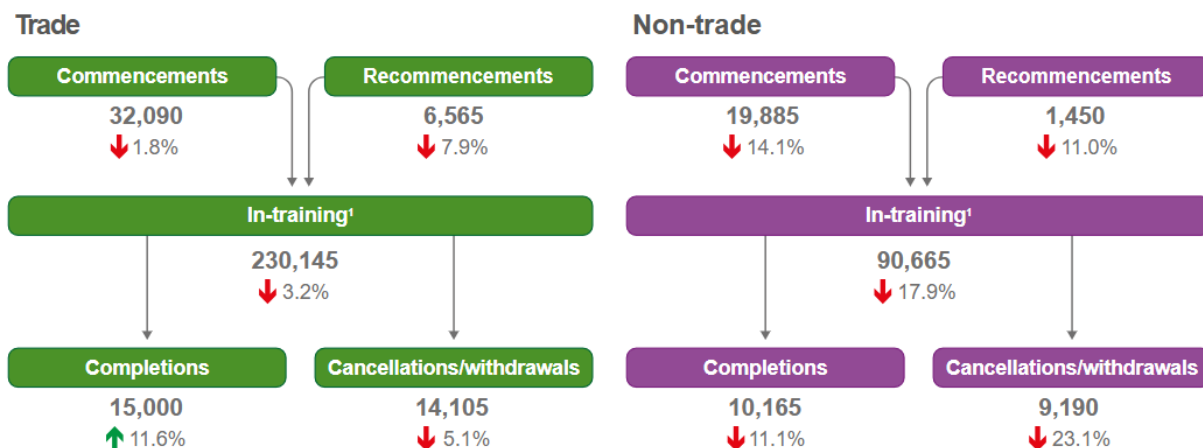
- Commencements declined by 1.8%. **The largest declines were among Construction Trades Workers** (down 350, or by 4.2%, to 8,055), and Automotive and Engineering Trades Workers (down 300, or by 3.0%, to 9,770). **Commencements increased for Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades Workers** (up 200, or by 2.6%, to 7,925), accounting for 24.7% of commencing trade contracts.

Non-Trade occupations

Compared with the March quarter 2024:

- Commencements decreased by **14.1%** overall, continuing a general downward trend since the March quarter 2022.
 - The largest decreases were among Sales Workers (down 1,095, or 44.6%, to 1,360), and
 - Clerical and Administrative Workers (down 895, or by 20.4%, to 3,500)

*To read more about this disturbing trend in entry level traineeships, particularly in female dominated occupations, go to the NCVER Report [HERE](#).



Numbers doing School Based Training increase

[NCVER VET in Schools Analysis of 2024](#)

In 2024, the number of students participating in vocational education and training (VET) in Schools increased by 5.8%, reaching a total of 266 765 students in Australia, compared with 2023. This represents an estimated 27.8% of the school population aged 15 to 19 years in Australia.

VET in Schools students undertaking training package qualifications were primarily enrolled in:

- Sport, fitness and recreation (14.8%) and
- Business services (14.0%) training packages.

School-based apprenticeships were predominantly in

- Business services (16.1%) and
- Community services (11.9%).

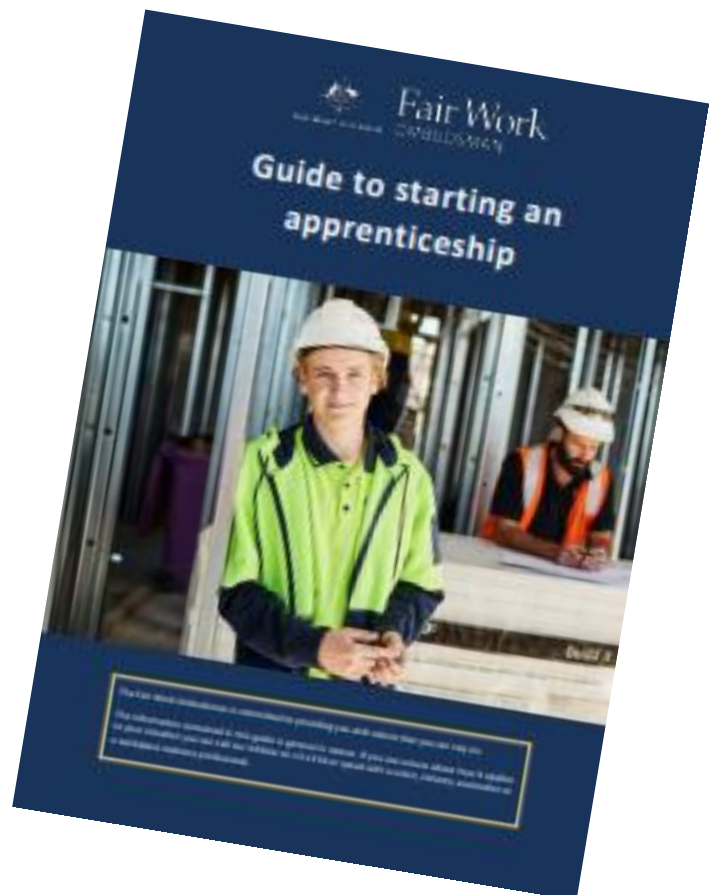
See the full report [HERE](#).

Fair Work Ombudsman Guide to starting an apprenticeship

This Guide was updated in September. It is an easy-to-read guide on topics like:

- the hours that you need to work
- pay and pay increases
- payment for training and resources
- what paperwork you should sign.

Download a copy [HERE](#).



CCIWA Apprenticeship and Traineeship Intake Guide 2025

Each year the WA Chamber of Commerce and Industry publishes the [Apprenticeship and Traineeship Intake Guide](#).



It is a great resource for families and career professionals as it provides the basics AND information about big employers and emerging services. This year they have specific information about Clean Energy Occupations.

Download it [HERE](#).

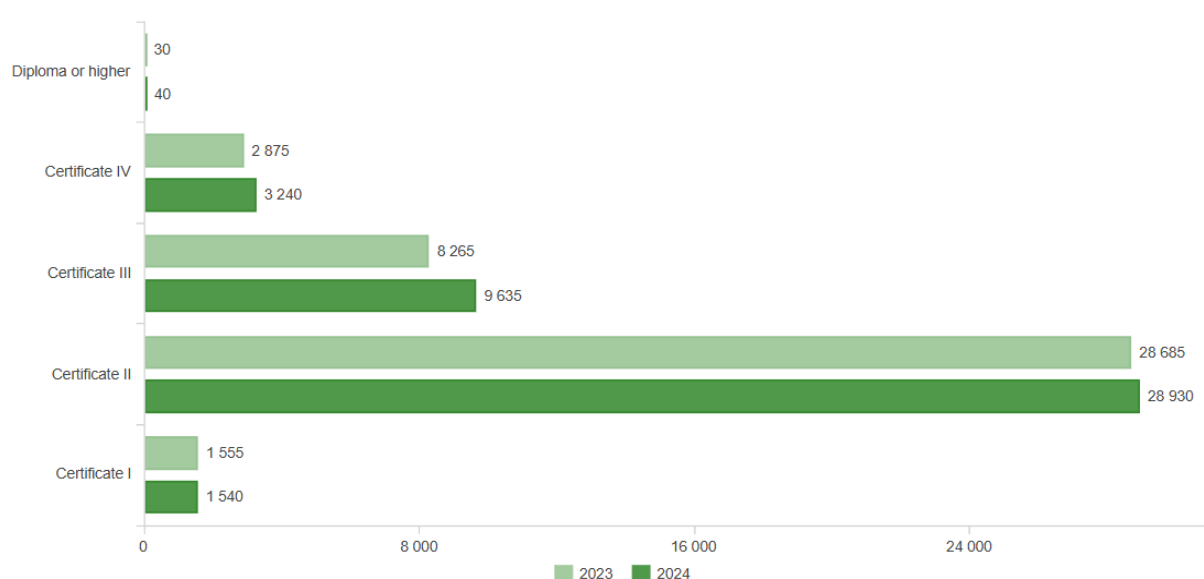
School Students in VET reaches highest level since collection began in 2006

National Council of Vocational Education and Training Research

Queensland has the highest proportion of VET in Schools students (39.4%). In 2024 over a quarter of students aged 15 – 19 took part in VET programs as part of their senior secondary schooling.

- The most popular training package was Tourism, Travel and Hospitality (56,740 or 15.5%), followed by Sport, Fitness and Recreation (50,700 or 13.8%), and Business Services (42,120 or 11.5%).
- Completions in Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start) have grown significantly.

Figure 7 VET in Schools qualification enrolments by level of education, 2023 and 2024 - Western Australia



Training Events

31 October Applications close for 2026 full-time competitive TAFE courses

Applications for 2025 full time TAFE courses close on 31 October.

After the first round of applications, students can still apply for any vacant positions.

Late Applications open Saturday 1 November 2025

Late applications close on Friday 6 February.

Go to [TAFE Admissions](#) for help to apply or to fill out your application.

If you are not sure what course to apply for contact your [closest Jobs and Skills Centre](#). They are often on the same grounds as a TAFE college.

Check Larsen Jewellery Scholarship



Larsen Jewellery is offering a scholarship of \$3,000, to go towards the University or TAFE tuition fees of one individual, for either a jewellery or jewellery design related course, or a design or visual arts related course.

They didn't have the 2026 information up at the time of going to press. I contacted them and they said it will be up soon.

Check details [HERE](#).



Apprenticeships and Traineeships

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>

Women in Non-Traditional Trades Scholarship

WINTT will provide 400 scholarships to women, with 100 to be provided, to undertake training at WA TAFE colleges in non-traditional trades over the next four years.

Scholarships to a value of \$5,000 each will be available for women enrolling in an eligible qualification (either part time or full time) or an apprenticeship or traineeship; with 20 scholarships available through each WA TAFE college.

The \$5,000 payment will help to cover costs such as student fees, learning resources, tools, work clothes and personal protective equipment, work tickets and licences, transport, accommodation and childcare.

Scholarship recipients will also benefit from tailored mentoring and support services to help them to complete their qualification and successfully transition into employment in their chosen industry.

Find details [HERE](#).

More women in Non-Traditional Trades Initiatives

Construction Training Fund/South Metropolitan TAFE Offers free women only programs South Metropolitan TAFE Thornlie

- Campus Free [Certificate II in Building and Construction \(Pathway - Trades\) \(Painting and Decorating Pre-apprenticeship\)](#) - Commencing February 2026 at Thornlie TAFE
- Free [Certificate II in Building and Construction Technical Support](#) - Commencing February 2026 at Thornlie TAFE

Girls in Trades



- Australia has very few women in construction trades. The biggest percentage of women is 8%, which is in painting. It could be because it is associated with interior design.
- [Nextgenskills](#) is a leader in providing painting and plumbing training in WA. If you are thinking of going into these trades, you can check them out [HERE](#).
- **To contact someone** about getting a painting apprenticeship go to [IntoWork](#).

Clean Energy Apprentices

Matt Shaw – Manager Stakeholder Engagement at the Clean Energy Skills Centre of Excellence identified that demand for electricians has boomed and that it will continue to go up 4% per year until 2050.

Key Apprenticeship Program

The Key Apprenticeship Program offers up to \$10,000 in financial support to apprentices commencing or recommencing their careers in the clean energy or housing construction sectors. The program is designed to build a pipeline of skilled workers in priority industries by supporting apprentices to develop the expertise needed for jobs of the future. This initiative will grow Australia's clean energy and housing construction workforce supporting national infrastructure goals now and into the future.

- New Energy Apprenticeship stream of the program is designed to encourage apprentices to choose clean energy careers like:
 - Working on infrastructure for renewable energy
 - Reducing energy use
 - Installing technology that uses clean energy

Senior School Events

26 November Pathways into Medicine or Dentistry webinar

The National Institute of Education offers a free information webinar covering UCAT, undergraduate pathways, application basics, interview advice, and alternative degrees.

- **Date:** November 26, 2025.
- **Time:** 7:00 pm (AEST).
- **Topics:** UCAT, undergraduate and graduate pathways, application processes, interviews, and gap years.

Find details and register [HERE](#).

6 December Murdoch Law Start – alternative entry into law workshop for 2026



Law Start is an alternative admission pathway that allows students entry into an undergraduate law degree outside of traditional requirements. Students need to:

- complete one or more ATAR subjects with a strong focus on communication and essay writing skills – eligible subjects include English, English Literature, Modern History, Politics and Legal Studies
- receive at least 65% in one ATAR subject in your most recent Year 12 report
- choose law or a combined law degree as any preference on TISC, or apply for your chosen law course [directly on the Murdoch website](#)

This pathway involves a half-day workshop, including a written assessment. The written assessment tests your skills and ability for studying law. It is used as a basis for admission, instead of your overall ATAR score or selection rank.

If you successfully complete the course and meet all eligibility requirements, you will receive an offer to study a Bachelor of Laws or a combined Law degree at Murdoch University.

Find details [HERE](#).

Senior School Opportunities

Year 11 & 12 School Based Traineeships – Earn while you Learn.

Students in Years 11 and 12 can gain real experience while working part time, often in a government agency, and learn skills while being paid as you finish school.

Contact your [local Jobs and Skills Centre](#) to find current opportunities.

Police Cadetships Open Now



WA Police offer a Cadet program for young people who want to explore career options and possibilities at the WA Police Force.

You can apply at age 16 but need to be at least 17 upon selection.

You can apply online and can have a chat to a recruitment officer. See details [HERE](#).

ATAR Calculator

WACE ATAR Calculator

You can get a rough idea of your

ATAR score by going [HERE](#) and estimating what you think you will get for your top subjects.

This is just a guide using raw scores. Raw scores are scaled according to subjects and schools to ensure fairness.

Summer Jobs

If you are looking for work over the summer holidays:

- There is a site called [Summer Jobs](#)
- [Indeed](#) has casual and summer jobs
- [Seek Summer Jobs in Perth](#) – go to Seek and search Summer Jobs by your suburb to find jobs close to you.

[PEDDLE](#) is recruiting for trishaw drivers. They are recruiting people who have “buns of steel”.



Just search *summer casual jobs* on Google to find the latest jobs available.

Projects Abroad for Senior Students aged 15 – 18



Become a teen volunteer abroad and travel the world, making new friends and supporting global initiatives. Our teen volunteer abroad programs are tailor-made for 15-to-18-year-olds with safety, learning, and fun at their core.

You could contribute to wildlife conservation efforts, gain medical work experience in hospitals, or support the education of children around the world. Some of our most popular teen volunteer abroad programs for Australian volunteers (with start dates in December & January) include:

- [Medicine Internship in Cambodia](#)
- [Volunteer Community Work in Fiji](#)
- [Medicine Internship in Spain](#)
- [Rhino Conservation in Nepal](#)
- [Marine Conservation in Thailand](#)

Find details of all Projects Abroad opportunities [HERE](#).

Scholarships in Australia 2026

Fully funded scholarships in Top US University under the [GATES Scholarship Program](#)

Degree: Multiple Degree Programs in All Fields!

Benefits:

1) Airfare	2) Tuition
3) Room	4) Stipend
5) Medical	6) More funding Supports

(I got this information sent to me. I have no way of checking if they're good quality or reputable. Do in depth research if you intend to apply.)

School Leavers Information Kit

Chek out the School Leavers Information Kit [HERE](#).

The SLIKs and booklets can be found on the Your Career website yourcareer.gov.au/school-leavers-support/school-leavers-information-kit.



Start Work Quick Guide to Starting a New Job

- The Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA has published a [Start Work A quick guide to starting a new job](#).
- You can find this excellent, easy to use guide, designed for West Australians [HERE](#).



Year 12 Opportunities

Absence from ATAR written examinations

Candidates who experience illness or a misadventure on the day of their ATAR course written examination must submit a *Sickness/Misadventure application* form to the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority). This form is available under the 'Examinations' accordion on the Authority website at https://scca.wa.edu.au/forms/forms_opens_in_new_window.

ATAR course written examinations late arrival

All ATAR course written examination candidates must arrive at the examination centre at least 30 minutes prior to the prescribed examination start time. The prescribed start time for morning examination sessions is 8.50 am and 1.30 pm for afternoon sessions.

Supervisors will instruct candidates to enter the examination room approximately 20 minutes before the prescribed start time so that administrative procedures can occur and important examination instructions can be explained.

Candidates will not be permitted to enter the examination room after the first half an hour of working time. For all Mathematics course examinations, candidates will not be permitted to enter the examination room after the initial 30 minutes of *Section One: calculator free* working time.

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

Monday, 24 November	Early conditional offers despatch for Year 12 applicants for first preference.
Friday, 28 November	5pm – Closing deadline for submission of Education Access Scheme applications and supporting documentation for Main round consideration. 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.
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	Main round offers available online and emailed. Applications and change of preferences re-open for Second round of offers.

16 December Notre Dame Fremantle Information Day



Start your university journey in 2026 with confidence! Join us at Info Day to discover what Notre Dame Uni has to offer. Explore our Fremantle Campus. Meet our students, academic staff and graduates!

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Register [HERE](#).

18 December Open – Women of STEM Scholarships (18 – 20 age)

Women of STEM Scholarships are for women who are entering their first year of a relevant* STEM degree. (*please check eligibility criteria on the website) at an Australian University.

The Women of STEM Scholarship is a national program and provides women with financial grants of \$5,000 per year for the life of their degree (maximum of 5 years).

Applications for 2026 Scholarships Close: @ 5pm(AEDT) Friday 6 February 2026

www.womenofstem.com.au

Year 11 Opportunities

Rotary Youth Exchange 2026 Applications

The [Rotary Youth Exchange](#) is one of the most remarkable opportunities available to senior students in Western Australia.

The biggest barrier is students' own fear of homesickness or of the unknown. Those who have already taken part in the program will be able to explain what to expect to you.

Rotary wants you to be an ambassador for Australians as they work to foster friendship around the world.



[Calgary photo from June 2025 on Facebook](#)

Candidates need to be aged 15 – 19.

Students can go overseas and live with a family for a whole academic year.

- **Short Term** – programs range from a few days to a few weeks
- **Long Term** – spanning the whole academic year.

Contact your local Rotary club to see what exchange opportunities are available and what the application process involves.

Start to explore what is possible [HERE](#).

Free Career Counselling at Unis

If you want to go to uni when you finish school, you can start to get to know the environment by going to see a career counsellor on campus.

- You can ask about different courses.
- Find what is new in the fields you like.
- Find out about different subjects (units) that you can take.
- Find what subjects you **MUST** study in your WACE as pre-requisite courses.

Most students go with a friend or family member. Just search for “career advice” at the uni of your choice.

Middle School Events

3 November Women in Technology WA Inspire in 5 STEM Careers talk for Years 7 – 10

Inspire in 5 is a free science and engineering careers event for students in years 7–10 and their families. You will hear a series of 5-minute presentations from a range of women in STEM mentors working in lots of different industries and fields.



This event is perfect for students to hear about careers they might not have ever heard about! *"What careers in STEM are out there for me?"*

At SciTech from 6 – 7.30pm Register [HERE](#).

16 – 18 December Experience STEM Murdoch



Calling all Year 9s & 10s! Discover cutting-edge technology, engage in hands-on experiments, and unleash your inner scientist over 3 days.

Dive into the fascinating world of STEM during this 3-day event, running from **Tuesday 16th December to Thursday 18th December**. Packed with hands-on workshops and exciting activities set to ignite your passion, whether you're a budding scientist, future engineer, or tech enthusiast, this event is your gateway to exploring your interests and shaping your future. Plus, you'll get a sneak peek into university life and see how Murdoch University can help you achieve your goals.

Register [HERE](#).

Year 10 Opportunities

Year 11 results are important for uni entrance

Year 11 is different to Year 10. If you apply for an early offer at a university, they will use your Year 11 results to decide if they will offer you a place.

Year 8 & 9



STEM Discover @ Curtin in January

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.

What to expect

- Interactive STEM workshops
- Research facility tours
- Mentoring from student leaders
- Sessions with Curtin researchers

Location: Curtin University, Bentley

Cost: \$160* (includes GST)

Email | STEMOutreach@curtin.edu.au

Year 5 & 6

BinarX School Holiday Program 2026



In January 2026 Curtin University will run the BinarX for Year 5&6 students.

Through the 5 days participants will create scientific instruments and

equipment to be carried on the Binar-5 cube satellite is being built at Curtin.

These “payloads” will observe distant stars or the Earth’s atmosphere or other projects identified by the group.

Find out more and register your interest [HERE](#).

Primary School Opportunities

UWA Conservatorium of Music Junior Music School



UWA programs are designed for children aged 18 months to 12 years. They are focused on nurturing your child's musical potential in a stimulating and rich musical environment, supporting you and your family in developing and

maintaining a lifelong love of music.

There are classes for Toddlers through Pre-Kindergarten to

classes for students 5+. Check out the range of different courses [HERE](#).



MyKidsCareer

These resources are designed for parents but there are great theory and good resources for each age group.

Check out the resources for primary school career education [HERE](#).



[Age Groups](#) ▼ [About](#) [Contact](#) [Blog](#) [Resources](#)

LIFESTAGES

[Kinder – Year 4](#)
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[Years 11 – 12](#)

Kinder – Year 4

Starting on their schooling journey, children are just opening their minds to all of the possibilities. Their only limit is their imagination.

[Learn More](#)

RRR Opportunities

5 November: ECU South West Future in Focus: Healthcare

Explore your pathway and future in a rewarding healthcare career at ECU South West! Year 10 students are invited to connect with career professionals, learn about careers in nursing, midwifery, sport and allied health.

Places are limited, teachers and school professionals are to register their Year 10 students by contacting SWFutures@ecu.edu.au.

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](#).

Harry Perkins Memorial Scholarship for 2026



The Harry Perkins Memorial Scholarship has been developed by Curtin University to support students who are required to relocate from a regional or remote area to commence an undergraduate degree at Curtin University, who are from a low socio-economic background and are experiencing financial hardship.

Find details [HERE](#).

George Alexander Foundation Scholarship Closes 31 January



Up to 8 x \$25,500 scholarships supporting regional and remote ATAR students with their relocation and accommodation costs with students encouraged to consider accommodation at Murdoch

University Village.

Applications are now open. For more information, eligibility and how to apply go to: [George Alexander Foundation Scholarship](#)

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](#).

Autism Academy for Software Quality Assurance student scholarship program



The 2026 application form is not yet available but will be posted soon. I have been told that the 2026 scholarship will be on the same basis as the 2025 round.

Individuals with autism often bring unique and valuable skills to the workplace. The ability displayed by a number of individuals with autism for extreme attention to detail, appreciation of predictability and capacity to focus is valuable to the ICT industry, particularly for software development, testing and cybersecurity.

The Autism Academy for Software Quality Assurance, the Autism Association of Western Australia and the Department of Training and Workforce Development are working

together to deliver a scholarship program to harness the unique skills of people on the Autism spectrum or with related conditions.

- Up to \$2,500 per recipient, funded by the Department, is available to cover the costs of eligible students to study IT, programming, cybersecurity or software development courses at Certificate IV and Diploma levels.

For information go [HERE](#).

Curtin disability and accessibility support



If you have a disability, physical or mental health condition, or if you are caring for someone with a disability, you can access a range of support services and assistance to help you succeed at Curtin.

Find out more and make an appointment [HERE](#).

ECU Diversity and Disability Services



[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.

Murdoch Students with Disability



If you have a disability or ongoing medical condition, or you are caring for a person with disability, you can access support or assistance with your studies through [Murdoch Accessibility Advisors](#). Your tailored support may include help with coursework or exams.

There is also the [NDIS pre-planning toolkit](#) available if you are accessing the NDIS. It is designed to be used before starting your university studies.

UWA Disability, medical conditions and mental health



Is a physical or mental health condition, issue or disability affecting your studies? Whether you have anxiety or depression or a learning difficulty, our UniAccess teams supports you to stay healthy during your studies and perform at your academic best, no matter whether your condition is ongoing, temporary or episodic. Find details and contact services [HERE](#).

Notre Dame Access and inclusion



If you have a disability, injury, medical condition, mental health condition or learning difficulty, the Access and Inclusion Advisor can support you – whether your condition is ongoing, episodic or temporary. Contact services

[HERE](#)

North Metro TAFE Accessibility and Learning Support

For students with disability, mental health and medical conditions.

Accessibility and Learning Support Coordinators work across all North Metro TAFE campuses to provide support for students with diagnosed disability, medical condition or mental health condition, whether temporary or permanent.

This service is free, confidential, and optional.

Find details [HERE](#).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Opportunities

Koomba Birdal (Big Spark) Indigenous program: Care for Country



Applications are now open for the following Certificate II program, Care for Country – Conservation and Ecosystem Management at NM TAFE. It 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.

Find details [HERE](#).

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](#).

9 November Madalah Community Day



This is our first MADALAH Community Day. A day to come together and celebrate another successful year of MADALAH. This event is for our scholars, families, partners and MADALAH community members who may be interested in the work that

Madalah does.

Come down with your family and spend the afternoon with us! Bring your hats and water bottles and come in comfy clothes to join in on some footy or jump onto our obstacle course!

This is a **FREE** event and will be held on Sunday the 9th of November at 1pm-5pm, at the Waterford Playing Fields at *6 Elderfield Rd, Waterford, WA, 6152*.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR YOUR FREE TICKET BELOW SO WE CAN CATER FOR THE BBQ.

Register [HERE](#).

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](#).

12 & 13 November UWA Year 8 Discovery Days



Every year, we invite Year 8 students to spend a day at UWA, to meet current Indigenous students and explore the uni campus.

Students will learn about different uni entry pathways and receive lunch, a free t-shirt, bucket hat and other uni merch.

Key information

Year 8 Discovery Days are a free program for schools. However, places are limited to 60 students per day due to venue capacities.

If you're a teacher and are interested in the program, please complete the below form or get in touch with our team at outreach-sis@uwa.edu.au or [+61 8 6488 3428](tel:+61864883428).

14 November Djinanginy Day



Our one-day Djinanginy program (meaning 'looking' or 'seeing' in Noongar) introduces Year 9 students to the uni environment through a mix of lecture-style and hands-on activities.

Students will get an insight into the different uni entry pathways, receive lunch, a free t-shirt, bucket hat and other uni merch.

Key information

Year 9 Djinanginy Day is a free program for schools. However, places are limited to 120 students due to venue capacities.

If you're a teacher and are interested in the program, get in touch with our team at outreach-sis@uwa.edu.au or [+61 8 6488 3428](tel:+61864883428).

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](#)



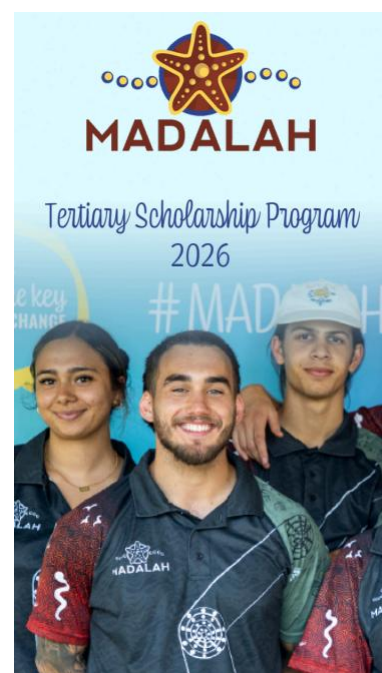
Madalah Tertiary Scholarship 2026 Open

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](#).



Note from In Focus Careers

This is the final issue of In Focus Careers for 2025.

I hope I helped you to make your world bigger through new ideas and information that I have provided.

Good luck for the rest of 2025. Have a great Christmas and summer holiday.

See you again in 2026.

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