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GIVING A FEELING OF POSSIBILITY

The Greatest job in the World

I heard the [Marc Maron podcast with T Bone Burnett](#). T Bone said the 70's gave him "a feeling of possibility".

That is what was great about the '70s. We thought anything was possible.

Every great career advisor I have ever met has a version of "creating a feeling of possibility" as their driving passion.

Qualified, experienced career advisors care more about creating a feeling of possibility than other teachers. That is their unfair advantage. That is their "why".

Insanely great career advice is what dreams are made.

I know a lot of you are new to the role and think careers teaching is a side hustle to your real job of phys-ed (maths, geography) teaching.

If only you could see the magic in giving career advice, see the joy you can spark in students who come to their ah-ha realization as they see their world of possibilities and their worries fall away.

Giving insanely great career advice is the greatest job in the world. Welcome to my world. I hope my newsletter reveals a world of possibility for you.

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Caring more is my unfair advantage

Section 1: for Students and Families

Career News

7 May The Big Day In – The Biggest ICT Careers Day of the Year

The [Big Day In](#) is the *I LOVE TECH* day for WA schools.

The program for this year looks brilliant.

They have the Minister for Innovation & ICT, Dave Kelly, speaking this year. Quite a coup to get that level of commitment.

Other speakers include:

- New graduates speaking about their journey into ICT
- Cybersecurity experts
- The WiseTech Global talk about their career journey

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

The best bit is talking to the sponsors at the stands about new ICT courses and businesses opening in WA.

This is a great show... although the conference format may be a challenge for younger participants.

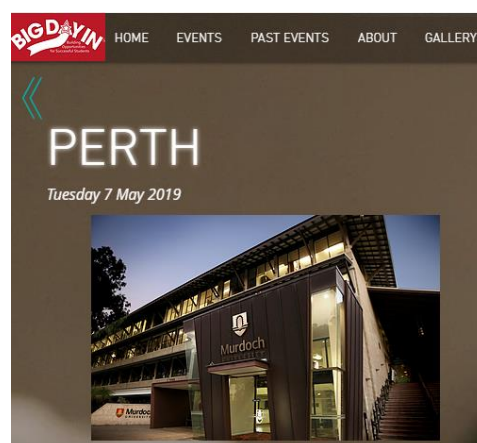
Register [HERE](#).

16 – 19 May 2019 Careers Expo

The Careers Expo is the biggest showcase of courses, universities, training providers and support services run in Perth each year.

On Thursday 16th and Friday 17th school groups tend to dominate the crowd. On the weekends families are the ones out in force.

It is on at the Convention Centre. Find out details [HERE](#).



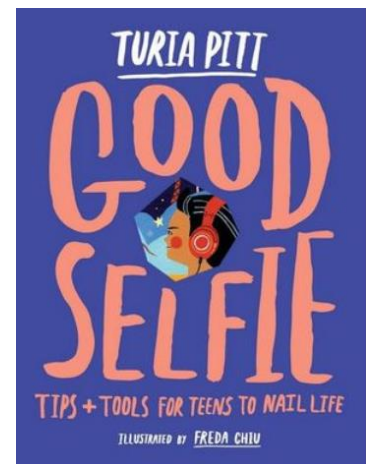
Get [Tips on How to Get the Most out of the Careers Expo](#) on the In Focus Careers website [HERE](#).

Good Selfie

Turia Pitt is the woman who was caught in the fire while running a marathon in the Kimberley a few years ago.

Her book [Good Selfie](#) isn't strictly about careers, it is about taking on challenges and building resilience, which is essential for success in the 21st Century.

"Reading Good Selfie made me realise that everyone goes through hard times and everyone has bad days - not just me. I really liked all Turia's hacks and tricks to feel more confident too - they actually work." **Josh**, 14 years old



"Good Selfie was so inspirational and it really helped me boost my confidence. It has inspired me to never give up and smash goals." **Chloe**, 11 years old

"Good Selfie contains simple strategies to help kids and teens build self-confidence, get through hard times and go after massive goals. Its real, straight-talking and funny (if I do say so myself!). I cant wait for you to get stuck in! **Turia xx**

[Good Selfie](#) comes as an ebook or in a hard cover. Get your local library to get it in.

Employment Stats – Where to find a job

This latest research is based on 2018 Labour Market Research. Identifying future trends in traditional careers is possible but you won't find electric car technicians mentioned here.

TEACHERS

April 2018 No shortage

There is no shortage of teachers in WA with 17 applicants per vacancy. There were only 2 suitable applicants per vacancy.

Unsuitable Applicants

Employers deemed applicants to be unsuitable where they lacked experience, did not hold appropriate qualifications, had unfavourable references and written applications gave generic answers to questions.

Read the full report [HERE](#).

Check the [Anything BUT Teaching](#) post on the In Focus Careers website [HERE](#).



Employment Stats – Where to find a job

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

July 2018 Significant shortages

Surveyed employers advertising for medical diagnostic radiographers only filling 13% of advertised vacancies and sonographers unable to fill any of their advertised roles.

Occupations in cluster	Rating
Speech Pathologist*	No shortage
Occupational Therapist	No shortage
Hospital/Retail Pharmacist	Regional shortage
Physiotherapist	Shortage
Medical Laboratory Scientist*	No shortage
Medical Diagnostic Radiographer	Shortage
Sonographer	Shortage
Optometrist*	Shortage
Podiatrist*	Shortage

[* Occupations assessed at the national level, separate rating not available for the state]

Unsuitable applicants

Surveyed employers deemed 63 per cent of qualified applicants unsuitable for their vacancies due to lack of experience, lack of general professional experience and issues with written and verbal communication.

Read more information [HERE](#).

ENGINEERING TRADES

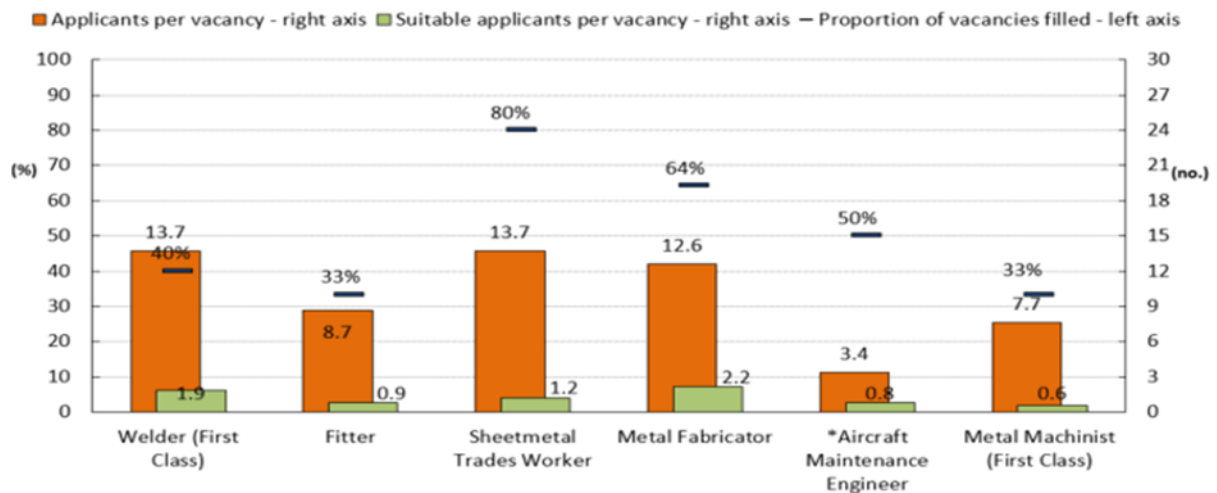
December 2018 Patchy employment opportunities.

Only 48 per cent of vacancies were filled in this cluster.

There has been a decline in the average number of applicants per vacancy and the average number of suitable applicants per vacancy.

The majority of employees in engineering trades are employed in the manufacturing and construction industries.

The availability of suitably qualified applicants varied across occupations.



Unsuitable Applicants

Qualifications alone were not sufficient to meet the needs of employers, who typically sought applicants with previous experience in a niche product or products for specific sectors. This included previous experience in the manufacture of products for maritime or agricultural use, the oil and gas sector, mining and transport. Read more information [HERE](#).

ENGINEERING PROFESSIONS AND TECHNICIANS

April 2018 Patchy employment opportunities.

The proportion of vacancies filled ranged from 80 per cent (mechanical engineers) to a low of 54 per cent (electrical engineers).

Occupations in cluster	Rating
Civil Engineering Professionals	Recruitment difficulty
Electrical Engineer	Regional recruitment difficulty
Mechanical Engineer	No shortage
Mining Engineers*	No shortage

[* Occupation assessed at the national level, separate rating not available for the state]

Unsuitable applicants

- The main reason employers deemed applicants as unsuitable for their vacancies was due to applicants lacking a background in this field.

- Employers also cited the need for applicants with well-developed soft skills, including the ability to work effectively in a team, time management skills and the ability to communicate effectively with others. Applicants who could not demonstrate these qualities were considered unsuitable for advertised roles.
- Employers also cited poorly written applications and underperformance at interview as reasons applicants were deemed unsuitable.

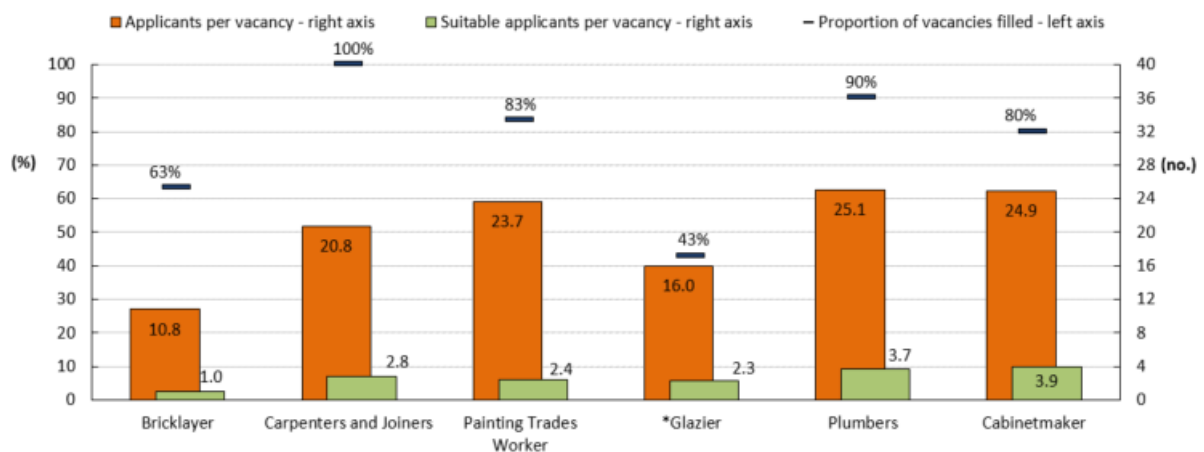
Find more information [HERE](#).

CONSTRUCTION TRADES

September 2018 Patchy employment opportunities.

Employers seeking carpenters and joiners and plumbers filled the highest proportion of vacancies (100 percent and 90 per cent respectively), while employers seeking bricklayers filled the lowest proportion of roles of all the occupations in this cluster.

The most commonly stated reasons applicants were deemed unsuitable was a lack of a qualification and a lack of experience providing trade services in a specific sector or workplace environment.



Unsuitable Applicants

Applicants were most often deemed unsuitable due to either a lack of a qualification, or insufficient experience in the trade.

For more information go [HERE](#).

Those looking for plumbing apprenticeships might like to read [Anything BUT Plumbing](#) on the In Focus webpage.

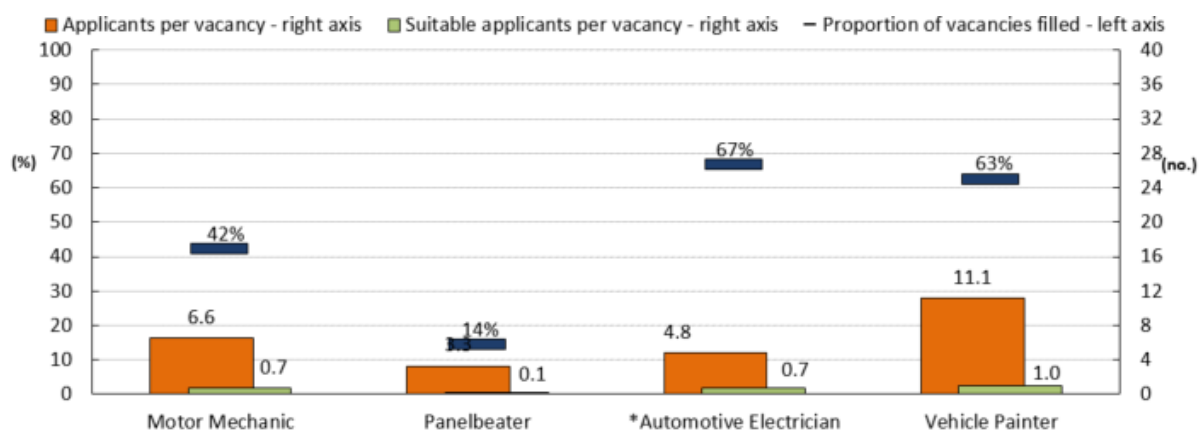
AUTOMOTIVE TRADES

December 2018 Patchy employment opportunities

Overall, regional employers filled a slightly higher proportion of vacancies than those in the metropolitan area (53 per cent compared to 39 per cent) but noted that it was challenging to retain staff due to the appeal of other higher paying opportunities in regional areas, namely those connected to the mining sector.

Employers seeking panel beaters experienced the greatest difficulty, filling 14 per cent of their roles. This is the lowest proportion of vacancies filled for this occupation in 10 years.

Employers seeking motor mechanics also struggled, filling 42 per cent of their vacancies. This result is also the lowest portion of vacancies filled for this occupation in 10 years.



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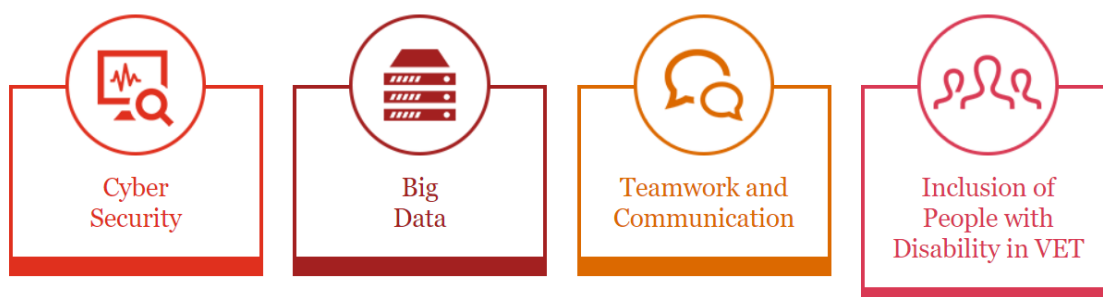
Separate to skills and experience, employers sought applicants who were reliable, had a strong work ethic and could integrate well into the existing team.

Read the full report [HERE](#).

21st Century Training Development - Get Involved

This is exciting.

You know how everyone in the 21st Century needs knowledge in these fields?



Until now we have had to do complete courses, or short unaccredited training to get the skills we were looking for.

Now the [Australian Industry and Skills Committee \(AISC\)](#) has identified these four cross sector skill areas where opportunities exist to create flexible and transferable training package components.

The plan is to develop training that is flexible enough to be slotted into any training package, or taken as a standalone course.

If you have knowledge or experience or views on what needs to go into these training packages look for opportunities to have your input:

- [Cyber Security](#)
- [Big Data](#)
- [Teamwork and Communication](#), and
- [Inclusion of People with Disability in VET](#)

Maths Expo Success

The Maths Association of WA had their big Expo on 31st March Organisers were very pleased with the number of people who came and on the quality of the Expo.

To find online maths games and activities or to find out about more events for students and resources for teachers go [HERE](#).



Find the Employment Figures for Your Area



FYA has analysed stats from across government and created these easy to read infographics about every electorate in Australia.

To find the infographic for your area go [HERE](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page.

Uni News



ECU Focus on Bachelor of Commerce

ECU is focusing on developing both depth and variety in its [Bachelor of Commerce](#). Students can enrol in these specialisations:

- [Accounting](#)
- [Event Management](#)
- [Hotel Management](#)
- [International Business](#)
- [Management](#)
- [Accounting and Finance](#)
- [Finance](#)
- [Human Resource Management](#)
- [Law in Business](#)

Training News

CAREER TIPS

Finding an Apprenticeship

This month I got this message on LinkedIn:

Hi Bev, My son has finished year 12 with a pre-apprenticeship in carpentry and would like to find an apprenticeship in cabinet making. He has done work experience, joined LinkedIn, SEEK, Indeed and is a member of a GTO group. What other avenues would you suggest he tries to find work please? Kind regards, ...

I asked Mel Paxman at the [Building Construction Fund](#) who said:

I would also recommend that he contact and join all four AASN jobs boards in WA. They all advertise any vacancies which he can apply for in cabinet making.

It's free for him to register on each site and he will need to upload his resume. I would also recommend that he look for other GTO's as well as he will be increasing his chances of obtaining an apprenticeship if linked to more than one.

He can also visit a few work sites with his resume and see if they have anything going, as in this area they don't always advertise. They employ by word of mouth and they may ask him to do a day's work to see what he is like.

I added that he could check out the [Jobs and Skills Centre Jobs](#).

Having said that.... Have you seen the [employment stats for cabinet makers?](#) We are tending to buy cabinets in flat packs from Asia and putting them together with an Allen key.

OPPORTUNITIES

22 June - College of Electrical Training (CET) Open Day

The CET operates out of Jandakot and Joondalup. The training facilities are among the best in WA and the equipment is state of the art.

You can check out the facilities, talk to lecturers and current students and find out about courses at the CET Open Day, which is happening at both campuses on 22 June.

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

Civil Construction Course - July Holidays

Year 11 and 12 students

During the July holidays Ertech will be offering 4 units in Certificate II Civil Construction at Muresk.:

- Conduct tractor operations (Tractor Ticket)
- Conduct wheel loader operations (Loader Ticket)
- Conduct civil construction skid steer loader operations (Skid Steer Ticket)
- Support Plant Operations Unit Skillset



This course filled quickly during the Christmas holidays so register early to secure a place. You can find out more [HERE](#).

VETiS WorldSkills Dates for Western Australia

WorldSkills Competitions are known as the 'Skills Olympics' and test competitors' practical skills across a variety of categories.

So far, we have competitions running in the South West and in Perth, but we also hold competitions in the North West and Kalgoorlie if there is sufficient demand. The following competitions will be run in WA in 2019 so far:

Construction	South West	Fri, 21 June	
Hairdressing	South West	Date TBC	
Commercial Cookery	South West	Fri, 21 June	
Commercial Cookery	South West	Fri, 21 June	
Food and Beverage	South West	Fri, 21 June	
Metals and Engineering	South West	Fri 21 June	
Business Services	South West	Dates TBC	
Food & Beverage	Perth South	October	Date TBC
Bricklaying	Perth North/ South	Fri, 16 August	
Wall & Floor Tiling	Perth North/ South	Fri, 16 August	
VETiS Automotive	Perth North	Fri, 16 August	
VETiS Metals & Engineering	Perth North	September	Date TBC
Business	Perth North / South	Date TBC	
IT	Perth North/South	Dates TBC	
Commercial Cookery	North West	Dates TBC	
Electrotechnology	North West	Dates TBC	
Metals and Engineering	North West	Dates TBC	
Automotive	Goldfields	Dates TBC	

Winners may have the chance to represent their state at the WorldSkills Australia National Championship in 2020.

If anyone would like information about VETiS Competitions in their area, please contact: worldskills@dtwd.wa.gov.au

New Cyber Security Facilities at North Metro TAFE

The new \$356,000 Cybersecurity Training Centre includes dedicated hacker, defender and control rooms.

The [Cyber Security Training Centre](#) is located in Joondalup – which is set to become one of the world’s leading centres in the fight against cyber-crime; co-located with Edith Cowan University; the City of Joondalup Innovation Hub and the WA Police.



You can currently do the [Certificate IV in Cyber Security](#) and [Advanced Diploma of Network Security \(Cyber Security\)](#).

See the North Metro TAFE video [HERE](#).

North Metro Courses Ready for METRONET

METRONET will need 3,000+ skilled workers at its peak.

We’re working with industry to review our civil engineering qualifications to meet this demand. We are experiencing strong growth in our pre-apprenticeships in the metals trades, as apprentices with these skills are in high demand in the mining industry and will be needed for METRONET.

- [Certificate II in Engineering \(Mechanical Fitter and Machinist\)](#)
- [Certificate II in Engineering \(Light Fabrication\)](#)
- [Certificate II in Engineering \(Heavy Fabrication\)](#)
- [Certificate II in in ElectroTechnology](#)

Year 12 News

Five Career Things for Year 12s to Do

With fewer than 20 contact teaching weeks to go before the ATAR [these 5 things will help you](#) to work your way through the rest of the year.



EVENTS

2 May Curtin Science and Engineering Information Evening

Join us for our 2019 Science and Engineering Information Evenings to find out how your aptitude for maths, science and technology could lead to a successful STEM career and prepare you for the global workplace of tomorrow.

Find out more [HERE](#).

8 May Curtin Humanities Twilight Course Expo

Humanities at Curtin includes a broad range of courses:

- Built environment
- Communications
- Creative arts
- Design
- Education

The event will be a great opportunity for you to find out more about our courses and speak to our expert staff who will be on-hand throughout the night.

Register [HERE](#).

8 May Notre Dame Information Night

Drop in to explore Notre Dame, enjoy a hot chocolate, chat with academic staff and NDA students, and to find out how a Notre Dame education will equip you with the skills to navigate a future that hasn't even been dreamt of yet.

Find out more [HERE](#).

8 May Murdoch Social and Cultural Studies

A Murdoch Arts degree can help you to make a real difference to communities around the world. Murdoch boasts extensive internship opportunities, a new Global Security course and a selection of successful Alumni contacts which will transform you into a skilled communicator and creative thinker.



Register [HERE](#).

* 10 May UCAT Concession Scheme Closes at 5pm (AEST)

The [UCATANZ](#) concession scheme closes on Friday 10th May at 5pm AEST with no exceptions!

Find information [HERE](#):

- [Concession Scheme](#)
- [Access Arrangements](#)

If you think you may be eligible apply [HERE](#)

14 May Curtin Health Sciences Information Evening

Make their health your career. Explore our range of courses and discover more about studying a health sciences degree at Curtin. After the main presentation, you can ask staff one-on-one questions in an expo-style setting while enjoying light refreshments.

Find more information [HERE](#).

17 May UCAT Registrations and Bookings Close 11.59 AEST

Late registrations or bookings are not accepted after this deadline. [REGISTER HERE](#)

The UCAT is a 2-hour, computer-based test, multiple choice test. Candidates will sit the test at Pearson VUE test centres located in Australia, New Zealand and some overseas centres. For information about where test centres are offered, see [Test Centre Locations](#) on the website. Free official [practice materials](#) are available at the website.

The UCAT ANZ is offered on a choice of dates throughout the month of July, rather than on one single date. Please follow our [Twitter](#) and [facebook](#) social media channels for updates.

21 May UWA Engineering and Mathematical Sciences

Discover where your passion for maths, science and technology can lead you! Our free information session will provide you with valuable course and prerequisite advice.

Find out more about:

- Different areas of study within engineering and mathematical sciences at UWA
- UWA course structure
- Entry requirements
- Career opportunities
- Student life and support services

You can also talk directly to academic teaching staff and current UWA students.

Register [HERE](#).

22 May ECU Teacher Education Course Information

Find out why Teaching's popular at ECU and experience our well-equipped School of Education

Mount Lawley Campus Register [HERE](#)

22 May Murdoch IT Information Night

Studying Information Technology at Murdoch can prepare you to work in the growing technology industry. Tour our new Innovation Hub and discover how our accredited courses will give you the skills you'll need for technology jobs of the future.

Register [HERE](#)



27 May ECU Business and Law Information Evening

Thinking about a Business course or studying Law, or maybe both? Don't miss this session. Joondalup Campus. Register [HERE](#).

29 May ECU Media, Communications, Arts and Design Twilight Tour

Tour our Arts Hub and experience the fabulous facilities for students in these disciplines.

Mount Lawley Campus 6.00pm - 7.30pm Register [HERE](#).

29 May Fogarty Foundation Scholarship Applications Close

The Fogarty Foundation scholarships from the University of WA is one of Australia's premier scholarship programs, awarding 10 new scholarships to students each year.

Each scholarship is valued at \$10,000

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

5 June Murdoch Engineering Open Night

Murdoch Engineering has the highest median starting salary in Australia, and boasts the \$10m Bayer pilot plant which you'll tour on the night. Learn how an Engineering degree can lead to solving problems in the mining industry, controlling pollution in cities or designing life-changing technology.

Register [HERE](#).

6 June ECU Engineering and Technology Showcase Evening

Discover why our School of Engineering has some of the best facilities in Australia.

Joondalup Campus 6.00pm - 7.30pm Register [HERE](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

31 July Early Offer Program Applications due for Semester 1, 2020 Notre Dame

Notre Dame's Early Offer Program is open to Year 12 students who have demonstrated academic excellence and/or are making a significant contribution to their school or community.

Students planning to apply for a [Notre Dame Early Offer](#) should let teachers know now.

The school recommendation is read 3 times:

1. First cut
2. Before the interview
3. Before the final recommendation is made.

At the interview Notre Dame wants to know:

1. Why the applicant wants to go to Notre Dame.
2. Why the applicant wants to do the course they have chosen (at Notre Dame.)
3. What contribution the applicant makes to the community. (Notre Dame Early Offers go to applicants who want to make the world a better place.)

Physiotherapy and Law degrees applicants needed to have a predicted ATAR of over 93 and all other courses needed to have a predicted ATAR of over 90 to be offered a place.

TIP: 93% of offers go to students who have been to an information event at ND.

Applications for an early offer to study in Semester 1, 2020 are **due 31 July 2019**. For more information go [HERE](#).

Traineeships in the WA Public Sector

To be considered for a traineeship, individuals must:

- be between 17 and 24 years of age
- have completed a minimum of Year 10 or equivalent
- have a current residential address in Western Australia
- be committed to working full time for up to 12 months (or part time for up to 18 months) in an office environment within a public-sector agency.

Interested individuals can receive traineeship job alerts as they are advertised on the [WA Government's Jobs Board](#) by registering at '[Email me jobs](#)' and selecting **Apprenticeship/Traineeship** under 'Occupation' when completing their details.

Ethical Jobs

Millennials care more about having a job with meaning than any other generation. You may be interested in exploring the opportunities advertised through [Ethical Jobs](#).



Many of the jobs in Perth seem to be in health care and in the not for profit sector.

CAREER TOOLS AND TIPS

SCSA Student Portal

The [SCSA Student Portal](#) is a space for Year 12 students to check and access personal information that relates to their WACE.

You need to have your WA student number – which you can find out through your school – and a password to access the portal [STUDENT PORTAL](#)



First in Family Success Strategies

Students who are the First in (their) Family to go to university have got their own site designed to stop them dropping out and to help them get on the path to success.

It has great tips, including a many based on what other students thought school leavers should know.

If you didn't do as well as you hoped in your first term assignments the [First in Family site has Study Hints](#) that may help to get you back on track.

If also has some [learning style questionnaires](#) which may help you to streamline your study techniques.



Year 11 News

1 May ECU Pizza Night

Students and parents can unravel the mysteries of university entry, regardless of ATAR. People with or without an ATAR at the end of Year 12 are invited to attend. Please register to attend below and we'll remind you as the event gets closer

Joondalup Campus 6.00pm - 7.30pm Register [HERE](#).

14 May WAAPA Production Tours

Join us on this insightful tour of WAAPA's world-class facilities and venues from 'page to stage' as we take you through the process of producing a show. Visit design and costume studios, check out sound and lighting facilities, and explore our extensive props and scenery workshops on the way to a Q&A at the Geoff Gibbs Theatre.

To register go [HERE](#).

15 May Drone vs Dog Trials at Muresk

In 2018 there were nine schools that competed in the Dog vs Drone Trials at Muresk.



The Trials are back for 2019 with the event taking place on 15 May 2019.

Go [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Schools can book in tours of Muresk at any time. Go [HERE](#) to make enquiries. (TIP: Spring is lovely at Muresk when the lambs are being born!)

Register [HERE](#).

Middle School News

EVENTS

23 May ECU Mt Lawley Pizza Night for Year 10s

Help for students and parents in choosing subjects for Year 11 and 12. While eating pizza.
Mount Lawley Campus 6.00pm - 7.30pm Register [HERE](#).

4 June ECU Joondalup Pizza Night for Year 10s

Help for students and parents in choosing subjects for Year 11 and 12. While eating pizza.
Joondalup Campus 6.00pm - 7.30pm Register [HERE](#)

DISCOVER WHAT'S POSSIBLE....

Register Now for the (*Brilliant*) 2019 PERTH Mission Discovery Program (Program 8 – 12 July)

Middle school students can spend 5 days at Curtin Uni working with a NASA Astronaut, scientists, and leaders in a brilliant STEM program.

- Students work with a team to take on the role of a research team working on a project.
- Your mission will be to create an experiment that will be carried out in space and to present the idea to be judged.
- The winning team will have their experiment built by NASA and launched to the International Space Station.

Mission Discovery introduces you to the highest level of NASA Leadership, Space Exploration and Scientific Research.

For more information go [HERE](#).





Register Now for RoboCup

Develop and show off your robot skills.

The Perth Metro events are introductory competitions designed for newcomers to RoboCup as well as seasoned experts. Time will be available in the morning for practice and sharing

of ideas, but teams should ensure their robots are built and tested prior to attending a Metro event.

Click below to access registration pages for each event:

- [Perth Metro South](#) (Sat 8 Jun, All Saints' College)
- [Perth Metro North](#) (Sat 15 Jun, Chisholm Catholic College)
- [Perth Metro East](#) (Sat 22 Jun, St Brigid's College)

Registration links can also be found [HERE](#).

WA Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) Short Courses

WAAPA runs short courses for school students throughout the year.

The Winter School Holiday Program includes:

- Acting Up 1
- Music Theatre Mid-Year Workshop (Junior)
- Film Making and Screen Performance
- Acting Up 2
- Music Theatre Mid-Year Workshop (Senior)

There are classes starting in May for:

- Acting
- Music
- Music theatre
- Dancing

Some of these programs are linked to WACE courses.

For the 2019/2020 brochure go [HERE](#)

You can tour WAAPA on 14 May. Register [HERE](#).



School Based Traineeship Opportunities for Year 10s

Public Sector School-based Traineeships targets current year 10 secondary students for an opportunity to apply for and work within the Western Australian public sector. The Western Australian Public Sector manages everything the government does. Roads and hospitals and housing and the Zoo.

Successful applicants undertake **paid** part-time employment over year 11 & 12. Upon successful completion of the traineeship, the student will be awarded a Certificate II in Government (Public Administration) which will count towards their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).

For a list of all Western Australian government agencies go [HERE](#).

For more information about School Based Traineeships go [HERE](#).

17-19 June Try a Trade Opportunities@North Metro TAFE

If your Year 9 or Year 10 students have an interest in the Construction industry, they may want to enrol in the [Try-A-Trade](#) program. Over three days students will try a bit of bricklaying, tiling, and plastering. The program will run at Clarkson and at Balga. A minimum of 12 students is required.

Contact [North Metro TAFE](#) for more information.

Rural Regional and Remote News

8 May The Universe and the Future of Space - Bunbury Catholic College



For one-night only, ANU superstar Astrophysicist Dr Brad Tucker will visit Bunbury to talk about the Universe and the future of space followed by an evening of stargazing with the audience.

In the past few decades, rapid progress in technology has led to a complete change in our view of the Universe. In the next few decades, this will change even more as we become an inter-planetary species. Dr Brad Tucker will talk about some of these discoveries, from planets around other stars, to exploring the Universe and maybe even visiting other planets, and show we are now turning science fiction into reality. More information [HERE](#).

15 May Notre Dame Online Subject Choices for Year 10s

It's time to choose your path for Year 11 and 12, but what's the right choice? Hear more about Notre Dame's recommended subjects for our different degrees and pathway options for Notre Dame. Join us on **Facebook Live** or **IGTV**.

Find out more and register at notredame.edu.au/events

Curtin AHEAD Year 12 ATAR Camp for Regional Students

If you're thinking about making the move to Perth to further your studies at university after Year 12, then this camp is for you! During the July school holidays, Curtin AHEAD in School are hosting a week long camp for up to 22 current Year 12 ATAR students in regional schools. This camp aims to equip students with the skills and confidence to move from the country to the city to pursue their university studies after high school. Students should expect a fun filled week exploring Perth, interspersed with activities designed to familiarise them with the essentials of making the move to Perth and the ins and outs of university.

The camp will cover, but will not be limited to:

- ATAR revision seminars
- Individual pathway planning
- How to apply for university
- Student housing options
- Visits to all WA universities
- Navigating public transport
- Free student support services
- Scholarships & financial assistance
- Making friends at uni
- Finding casual employment
- Cooking on a budget

When: Saturday 13th July - Friday 19th July 2019.

Where: Students will reside at ECU Mount Lawley Student Village. Activities will take place across various universities & locations around Perth.

Cost: FREE (Accommodation, food, activities & transport within Perth will be covered by Curtin AHEAD. Students will be required to make their own way to and from Perth. Curtin

AHEAD staff will meet, greet & return students to the Perth transport terminal if arriving/departing via TransWA services. Spending money for extra snacks and personal purchases is optional).

Applications due: Friday 17th May 2019 Apply [HERE](#)

28 May ECU Bunbury Pizza Night for Year 10s

Help for students and parents in choosing subjects for Year 11 and 12. While eating pizza. South West (Bunbury) Campus. Register [HERE](#).

World Skills Regional Competition

If you are interested in entering VETiS students in the WorldSkills competition this year, please contact: worldskills@dtwd.wa.gov.au

A list of competition dates is available in the Training Section (P12) above.

Aboriginal News

Engineers Without Borders (EWB) School Outreach Program

The EWB School Outreach program sends teams of trained volunteers into schools to run, hands-on workshops designed to open young people's minds to the challenges facing developing countries.

The program targets primary and secondary school students, particularly those from Indigenous, female or low socio-economic backgrounds, and is delivered by university students (usually engineering students).

Core School Outreach Modules include:

- Renewable Energy Workshop - how EWB brings light to marginalised communities.
- Water Filtration Workshops - how we create clean water systems, based on our work in Cambodia.
- Appropriate Housing Workshops - how to create appropriate and sustainable housing in developing countries.
- Prosthetic Limb building workshop - use basic materials to change someone's life.
- Coding for Development module, teaching how to code disaster warning systems in developing countries.

[View module links to the Australian National Curriculum](#)

For details of the School Outreach Program go [HERE](#)

Meditation Podcast in Kriol



Teaming up with the producers behind mindfulness app Smiling Mind, women from Central Australia's NPY Women's Council have helped create recorded meditations in Kriol, Ngaanyatjarra and Pitjantjatjara languages.

The aim is to help combat mental health and trauma issues in Aboriginal communities, particularly among young people.

The meditations have already been downloaded thousands of times and are also being trialled in schools across the APY lands in remote South Australia. For more information go to [The Smiling Mind](#)

Disability News

\$5,000 IT TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PEOPLE ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

A scholarship program launched by the State Government in 2016, which benefits people on the autism spectrum and helps create a pathway to future employment, has been extended and scholarships are now available for second semester 2019.

The program offers scholarships up to the value of \$5,000 each, to people on the autism spectrum to study in the field of information technology. Software testing needs high levels of attention over prolonged periods of time, and this plays to the strengths of many individuals who are on the autism spectrum. Cybersecurity is another area of focus for this scholarship.

Scholarships will cover the cost of student fees for information technology, programming, cybersecurity or software development courses at Certificate IV and Diploma levels.

The program is a collaboration between the Autism Academy for Software Quality Assurance based at Curtin University, the Autism Association of Western Australia, the training sector and the Department of Training and Workforce Development.

For more information go [HERE](#).

Autism Awareness Month

In response to April being Autism Awareness Month ACER has collated books and learning resources which may be worth browsing through. [HERE](#).

Autism Awareness Month

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Ready, Set, Learn!
Helping your child with autism prepare to start school

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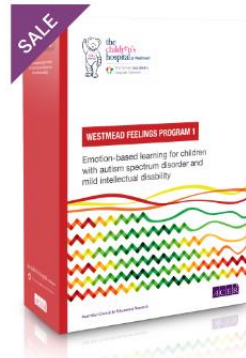


Making Sense of Asperger's
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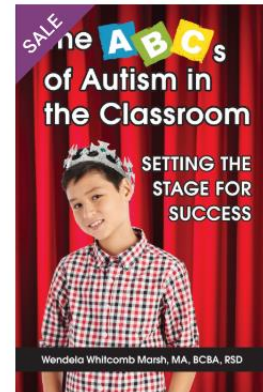
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The ABCs of Autism in the Classroom
Setting the Stage for Success

Setting the Stage for Success

Web Portal of Career Support

Edge Employment Solutions has a site where you can find a bucket of information and ideas that support students with disability.

There are separate categories for TAFE and for Uni students, career advisors and employers. There is even a category of links.

You can find it [HERE](#).

International Student News

All West Australian universities offer significant support services to international students including accommodation, help with health cover, visas and enrolments. They also have information about scholarships that are available to international students wishing to study in Western Australia.

Western Australia is blessed with wonderful universities. You could choose any of them and get an outstanding, world class degree.

International Student Contacts in universities	Description
<u>Curtin</u>	Curtin is WA's biggest university. It is based in Bentley and has a significant international student population.
<u>Murdoch</u>	Murdoch university opened in the 1970's. It is set in beautiful bushland close to the city. It has a reputation for personal service and caring for students.
<u>Edith Cowan University</u>	ECU keeps winning awards for its services to students. It has two campuses in Perth and one 200k south of Perth, close to beaches and forests.
<u>UWA</u>	UWA is our oldest and most traditional university.
<u>Notre Dame</u>	This is a private university with strong ethical principles underpinning its operations. It also keeps winning awards for its remarkable support for students.

International Student Contacts in TAFE

TAFE (Technical and Further Education) provides technical, trade, business and para professional training in Western Australia. It is owned and funded by government.

TAFE is designed to prepare students to become work ready. Many of the courses give credit in university courses.

Australians often do short courses at TAFE to learn about the latest developments in their industry.

For information about TAFE courses and support go to [TAFE International](#).

Section 2: for Insanely Great Careers Teachers

EVENTS

3 May Training Awards Applications Close

Good luck to everyone who has applied for a [West Australian Training Award](#). I look forward to seeing your name in lights.



6 May Curtin Big Day Out

The Curtin Big Day Out for Careers Educators is always great fun. We discover how even more barriers to uni entry are breaking down for next year, about new courses or how they are aligning with 21st century careers, new facilities and great extra-curricular opportunities.

Find out more [HERE](#).

7 May Career Educators' (CEAWA) AGM

Robyn Ekberg from Aquinas, and has taken on the leadership of the [Career Education Association WA](#) as she works to inspire and support careers educators.

She and a small group of experts are working to raise awareness that careers education is vital for the mental wellbeing and future prospects of students as they leap into the turbulent world beyond school.

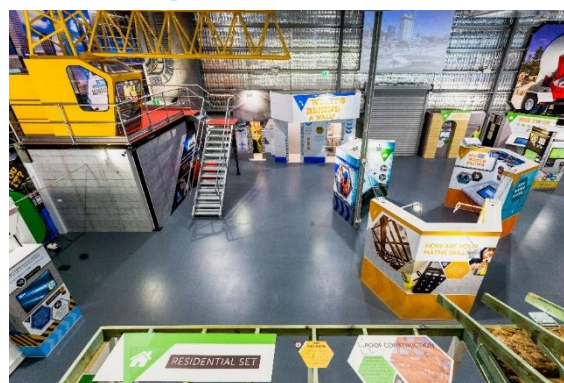
Please support their efforts by coming to the AGM at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry at 4.45 on 7th May.

For catering purposes please RSVP to robyn.ekberg@aquinas.wa.edu.au by Thursday 2nd May, 2019.

8 May CDAA Breakfast at the Construction Training Fund Centre

Mel Paxman from the CTF Centre in Belmont is hosting the May CDAA Breakfast. She said she is working on new products and services and on new teaching resources. This place is like a high-tech expo for trades and para professional construction careers.

Please register [HERE](#) by 6th for catering purposes.



13 – 16 May National Careers Week

National Careers Week is gradually growing in WA. It is the week of:

National
Careers Week
13-19 May 2019



- 15 May CCI WA is running **Future Skills for Work** for Year 6 students. This event will be an opportunity to start building important life skills for the future of work, with a special focus on 'Scratch' coding.
Register [HERE](#)
- 16 May The Career Education Association is running a breakfast event called: ***Career Development in Primary School - Can We Afford NOT to Start Younger?***
Register [HERE](#).
- 16 – 19 May **Careers Expo**.
Find details [HERE](#).
- Laura Dennis at Butler College has got an award-winning chef from Denmark to speak to Butler students during the week and a local journalist. She is gathering resources for a display in their student services area and has already raised awareness through a Careers Expo on 26 March.

24 May How are we preparing students for the next digital revolution?

The 2019 WA Education Summit focuses on preparing students for the next digital revolution. This event will provide strong examples and strategies to help schools prepare our students for tomorrow's world. Via three streams, this event will bring extraordinary school case studies from across the nation, inspirational and ground-breaking keynote speakers as well as hands-on workshops that provide new and transferable skills to the classroom. You can register [HERE](#).



24 May ECU Careers Educators Day Joondalup

I try to go to the Mt Lawley ECU for Educators Day one year and Joondalup the next. If you haven't been to either, these are great events.

I particularly like the engineering and ICT at Joondalup. They seem to be matching their reputation for high quality care for students with great strategic industry liaison decisions that put them on the world stage.

8.30am – 2.30pm Register [HERE](#)

18 June Register for the Notre Dame High Schools Symposium

Teachers who want to take students to the ND Symposium will need to book ASAP.

Teachers, please contact Michael Wade on michael.wade@nd.edu.au or call 9433 0535 to secure places for your students. For more information go [HERE](#).

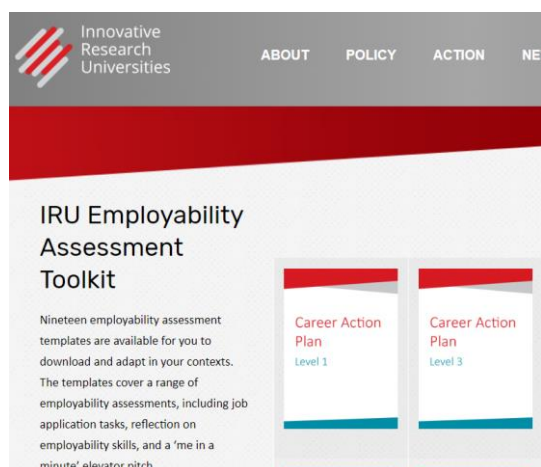
1 July ACS Careers Seminar

This seminar gives us a chance to find out more about industry and diverse pathways from school.

This year it is at the totally cool Centre for Entrepreneurial Research and Innovation on Stirling Highway in Nedlands. It is a great venue and you won't find this information at any other event this year. Register [HERE](#).

TEACHING RESOURCES

Innovative Research Universities Employability Assessment Toolkit



These Innovative Research Universities teaching resources include:

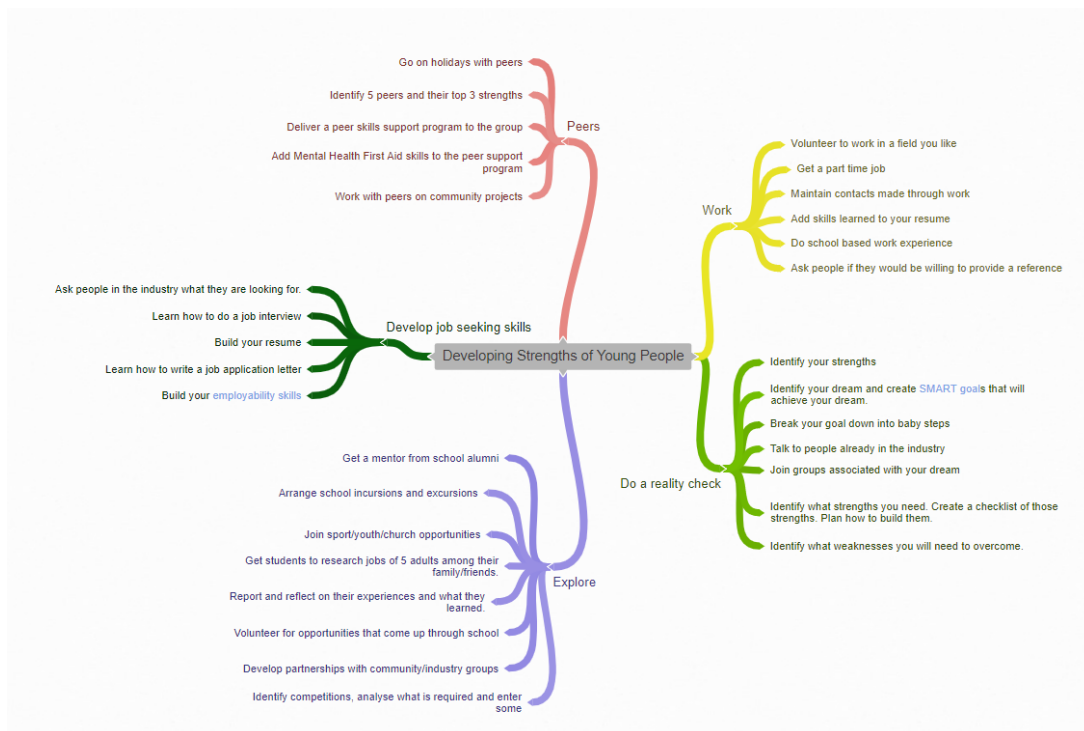
- Task
- Objective
- Rationale
- Description

And it includes a standards rubric.

You can find the complete set of Assessment Tools [HERE](#).

Coffee Fueled Career Advisors Brain Storm

A bunch of career advisors at the CDAA April breakfast drank coffee then had a creativity spurt as they set their minds to [How to Develop Strengths of Young People](#).



Nothing new here... just a reminder of things we can do. (Coggle has just introduced new functionality to make embedded links work. Control Click to download it. If you can't get into it, email me and I will send you the link.)

Careers With STEM Resources

Are you lacking career resources for the classroom? Head to the [Teachers' Hub](#) to find [free downloads for posters](#), [teacher notes](#) and the [Careers with STEM magazines](#).

Forest Learning Teaching Resources

[These resources](#) are available for students from kindergarten to year 12 across a range of subjects. And they are free.

FOREST LEARNING

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ACTIVITY DEPTH STUDY EXPERIMENTS EXTENDED RESPONSE QUESTION

FACT SHEET GAME APPLICATION GUIDE BOOK JUST FOR FUN LESSON PLAN

MULTIMEDIA POSTER PRESENTATION REPORTS

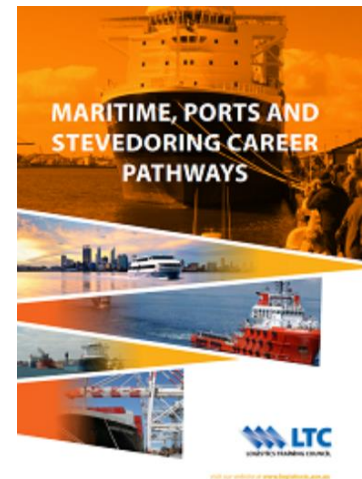
RESEARCH AND WORKSHEET TASK RESEARCH TASK SENIOR WORKBOOK

STUDENT WORKSHEET UNIT OF INQUIRY WEBSITE WORKSHEET

Logistics Career Pathways Resources - for VET Coordinators

Amanda Green from the Logistics Industry Training Council, asked me to pass on information about a set of booklets designed for VET Coordinators. There are booklets on:

- Aviation,
- Rail
- Maritime
- Ports and stevedoring
- Road transport
- Supply Chain



And there is one that gives a broad overview of Where Careers in Transport and Logistics Industries will take you.

You can find them [HERE](#).

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POLICY AND RESEARCH

National Careers Institute and Careers Ambassador Announcement

The Australian Government is investing \$42.4 million to establish a National Careers Institute and appoint a National Careers Ambassador to improve career advice to young Australians and workers transitioning careers. There are no details yet.

In the announcement they talk about "[evidence based career advice](#)". Is this a novel suggestion?!!

The Ambassador will:

.....lead work to improve access to and quality of information. This includes streamlining career information by providing a one-stop-shop career portal, overseeing partnership grants and raising the profile of VET." [Read more HERE](#)

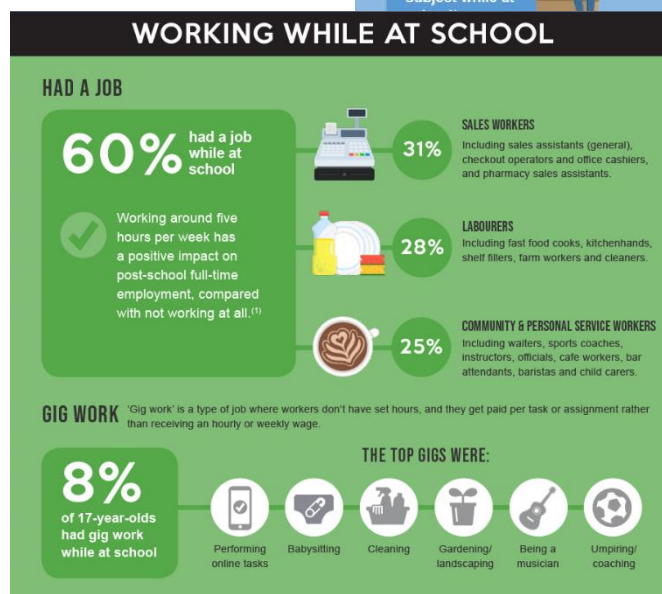
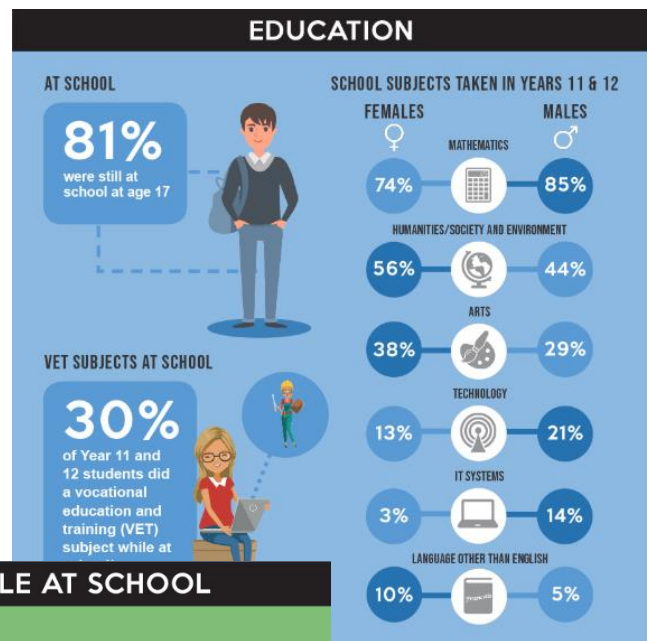
Gen Z: Life at 17 Snapshots

Australian 17-year olds are probably:

- still at school,
- have a part time job, and
- live at home.

There is a great infographic that snapshots this research.

To find out more about the typical 17 year old surveyed go to the [Longitudinal survey of Australian Youth](#).



School Based Traineeships in Social Assistance and Allied Health

More school-based traineeships, more pre-traineeships, more work experience opportunities and cheaper course fees are among the recommendations made in the Social Assistance and Allied Health Workforce Strategy report which aims to meet the growing demand for this high employing industry.

To find more details go [HERE](#)



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Section 3: Career Events

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ECU Year 11&12 Pizza	2 Curtin Science and Engineering Info.	3 Training Awards Applications Close	4
5	6 Curtin Big Day Out for Careers Educators	7 Big Day In CEAWA AGM UWA North of the River Roadshow	8 CDAA Breakfast Curtin Humanities Murdoch Social and Cultural Studies Notre Dame Info Night	9 UWA North of the River Roadshow	10 UCAT Concession applications close Notre Dame Online Choices Y10	11
12	13 National Careers Week Starts	14 WAAPA Tour Curtin Health Sciences	15 Muresk Dogs V Drones	16 Careers Expo Perth	17 Careers Expo Perth UCAT Applications Close	18 Careers Expo Perth
19 Careers Expo Perth	20	21 UWA Engineering and Maths	22 Murdoch IT Information Night ECU Teacher Ed Info	23 ECU Pizza for Year 10s	24 ECU for Educators Day Joondalup WA Education Summit	25
26	26	27 ECU Business Law Info Evening 2019 ATAR Exam Table published by TISC	28 ECU Bunbury Pizza night for Year 10s	29 ECU Media/Arts Information Evening Fogarty Foundation Scholarships Close	30	31

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 ECU Bunbury Info Evening West Australia Day	4 ECU Joondalup Pizza for year 10s	5 Murdoch Engineering Open Night	6 ECU Engineering and Tech Evening	7	8 RoboCup Event
9	10 UWA Campus Tour	11	12	13	14	15 RoboCup Event
16	17 North Metro TAFE Try a Trade starts	18 Notre Dame High School Symposium	19 Murdoch Business and Governance Open Night Muresk Ag-Tech Day ECU Teacher Ed Evening	20 WAAPA Live Production Info	21	22 College of Electrical Training Open Day RoboCup
23	24	25 ECU Joondalup Info Evening	26	27	28	29
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July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 UCAT Testing Opens ACS Careers Seminar	2 ECU Bunbury Info Evening	3 Murdoch Admission Pathways	4 ECU Science Showcase	5 End of Term 2	6
7 ATAR Revision Programs throughout term break.	8 UWA Campus Tour Curtin Mission Discovery for middle school	9 ECU Mt Lawley Campus Tour ECU International Student night	10 ECU Joondalup Campus Tour	11 Muresk Winter School - Livestock starts ECU Mt Lawley Info Evening	12 Notre Dame A day in the life of a uni student	13 Curtin ATAR Camp starts
14 ATAR Revision Programs	15 Ertech Civil Construction Course begins	16 ECU Bunbury Campus Tour	17 Murdoch Managing exam stress	18	19 Notre Dame Day in the Life of a Uni Student	20
21 Curtin Open Day	22 Term 3 begins	23	24	25	26	27
28 Murdoch Open Day ECU Joondalup Open Day	29	30	31 UCAT Testing last opportunity Notre Dame Early Offers due			

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August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9 RoboCup Event	10 RoboCup Event National Science Week
11 ECU Mt Lawley and WAAPA Open Day Notre Dame Open Day	12	13	14 Murdoch Science Open Night	15 HackEd Competition	16 SkillsWest Careers Expo ECU Nursing Midwifery Information	17 SkillsWest Careers Expo
18 SkillsWest Careers Expo	19 SkillsWest Careers Expo Veterans Scholarships Applications open	20 ECU Psych Social Work	21 ECU Medical Health Sciences	22	23	24 CQU Open Day
25 ECU South West Open Day	26 National Skills Week Starts	27	28 Murdoch Creative Arts and Communications	29	30	31

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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 10 September Notre Dame Admissions Information	11 Murdoch TISC Information Perth and Peel	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Murdoch Admissions Pathway	26	27	28
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October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Day in the Life of a Uni Student Murdoch	3 Day in the Life of a Uni Student Murdoch	4 Murdoch Portfolio Preparation Day	5
6	7	8	9 Murdoch Managing Exam Stress	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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