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Dear VET and Career Coordinators,

The Defence Work Experience Program (DWEP) has a range of exciting upcoming opportunities for students to apply for in Semester 1, 2026. DWEP is a national Youth Program that provides young Australians with an interest in a Defence career, the opportunity to gain exposure to a range of job roles. The activities are designed to be hands on and interactive so that young people can make informed career decisions.

We are pleased to advise the following Semester 1, 2026 programs in WA that are now accepting applications online.

WA – AIR FORCE

Air Force Careers Day – RAAF Base Pearce – Tuesday 17 March 2026

Applications close: 15 February 2026

Apply here [Defence Careers – Air Force Careers Day: RAAF Base Pearce \(March\)](#)

Air Force Careers Day – RAAF Base Pearce – Tuesday 16 June 2026

Applications close: 03 May 2026

Apply here [Defence Careers – Air Force Careers Day: RAAF Base Pearce \(June\)](#)

WA – NAVY

Navy Careers Experience - HMAS *Stirling* – 09 – 11 June 2026

Applications close: 19 April 2026

Apply here [Defence Careers – Navy Careers Experience: HMAS *Stirling* \(June\)](#)

WA – ARMY

A Day in the Life of a Soldier – Irwin Barracks – 21 May 2026

Applications close: 29 March 2026

Applications open soon. Apply - [Defence Careers – A Day in the Life of a Soldier: Irwin Barracks \(May\)](#)

A Day in the Life of a Soldier – Irwin Barracks – 25 June 2026

Applications close: 03 May 2026

Applications open soon. Apply - [Defence Careers – A Day in the Life of a Soldier: Irwin Barracks \(June\)](#)

Expression of interests are being taken for a fantastic opportunity with the Australian Army Band Perth at Irwin Barracks over 4 Monday evenings from 7.00pm – 10.00pm.

Dates to be confirmed.

Applications close: 29 March 2026

Apply here [Defence Careers – Expression of Interest – 2026 Australian Army Band Perth: Irwin Barracks](#)

National residential programs that are available for WA students to apply.

VICTORIA - Navy

Introduction to Navy Overnight Program: HMAS Cerberus (July)

20 – 24 July 2026

Crib Point, VICTORIA

Applications close: 17 May 2026

Apply here [Defence Careers – Introduction to Navy Overnight Program: HMAS Cerberus](https://www.defencecareers.gov.au/program/introduction-to-navy-overnight-program-hmas-cerberus)

Candidates need to be aware they are responsible for their own travel costs, which includes flights however accommodation and meals are provided during the program. For interstate participants, Defence staff will provide transport between Melbourne's Tullamarine Airport and HMAS Cerberus at designated times.

Further information about the programs can be found via the [DWEП website](https://www.dwep.defence.gov.au). Any questions regarding the work experience programs please reach out via email wa.workexperience@defence.gov.au. It would be greatly appreciated if you could share these opportunities with your students.

Kind Regards,

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