

In Focus Careers

AUGUST 2026



Alternative Pathways to Uni

Explore courses, pathways and options beyond ATAR.



Curtin Space Program

Reaching for the stars with world-class innovation.



Skillswest Careers Expo

Connect with employers and discover hands-on opportunities.



Construction Career Scholarships

Build your future with support and real industry experience.



Science Week

Celebrate discovery, curiosity and the power of STEM.

SPOTLIGHT

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Make your world
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Explore opportunities • Discover pathways • Build your future



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Section 1 for Students and Families

Career News

Are Uni Prep programs any good?

Yes. They are good.

ECU's *UniPrep*, Curtin's *UniReady*, Murdoch's *On Track* and Notre Dame's *UniPath* are non-ATAR entry pathways to uni that many schools offer in partnership with their chosen university.

Students who go to uni from an enabling course do almost as well as those who do ATAR.

⇒ *At university, students who had done an enabling course had an average pass rate of 76%. Recent school leavers who entered uni with an ATAR had an average pass rate of 88%. (Increasing access and opportunity: Nesting enabling programs in senior schooling)*

If alternative pathways are so good, why do ATAR?

The traditional way from school to uni is via ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) which is based on results achieved across ATAR subjects in years 11 and 12.

ATAR is the best pathway to uni if you want to go into competitive degrees like medicine, law, engineering or specialist science programs.

Academic scholarships are awarded on ATAR results.

Case Study of One

If you study any ATAR subject, you will have an advantage if you study that subject at university. I studied economics at school, loved it, so chose to study it at university. From day one I was off to a great start.



I have given more details about alternative pathways [HERE](#).

Curtin Binar Space Science Program renewed funding

The [Binar Spacecraft program](#) at Curtin's Space Science and Technology Centre has been granted government funding for another four years.

Schools that engaged with the [BinarX Student Payload Development Program](#) have handed over their projects for testing for the upcoming Binar-567 mission which will be launched later this year.

Students engaged in this program started to develop cutting edge, creative electronics skills. Check it out [HERE](#).



If you are interested in a career in space science, check out the Binar-2, 3 & 4 video [HERE](#).

Congratulations Sarah Munckton on your achievement in the Future Female Leaders program



[Sarah Munckton](#) is a year 11 student who entered the [Future Female Leaders Program](#). She chose to focus on mental health issues for her project and developed for her project and developed *Your Turn* conversation cards designed to encourage conversations between teenagers and their families.

She said:

I am doing this project because I see my friends go through struggles and feel unable to reach out to their parents. I know how hard it can be to talk to people about needing help, and the stigma surrounding that. I hope that my project can make an impact on this issue.

You can find Sarah and her cards on Instagram [HERE](#) and on LinkedIn [HERE](#).

OUT NOW. Australian Jobs 2026

Australian Jobs is a key resource for Australian teachers, career advisors and anyone starting a new career.

For over 3 decades, Australian Jobs has provided an overview of the Australian labour market to support young people, job seekers, employment service providers, career practitioners, those considering future training and people interested in the pulse of the Australian workforce.

Australian Jobs 2026 isn't just reporting on the current labour market – this publication also

looks to the future of work in Australia.

- The publication opens with advice on how employers advertise job vacancies and what they are looking for in their ideal candidate.
- There is information on applying for jobs and how to navigate the interview process.
- You will find information on vocational education and training (VET), Australian Apprenticeships, as well as university.
- This is followed by an exploration of emerging skills in the workforce that are transferrable between different occupations.



HOT TIP: Meeting and talking to employers is a chance to make a good impression. Showing enthusiasm in person gives you a better chance at a job over someone who simply drops off their resume.

HOT TIP: Ask friends, family and former co-workers if they know of any work available. Over a quarter of all employers used word of mouth to promote their positions in 2025.

HOT TIP: Make sure your public social media profile is presentable! Employers often look at profiles to review potential employees.

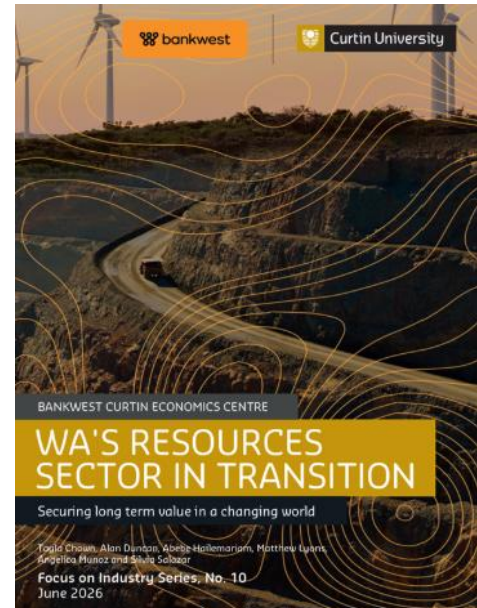
The Future of WA's Resources Sector

Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre Report: [WA's Resources Sector in Transition](#)

The Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre has again undertaken research that helps us to understand where our economy is headed and where the jobs will be.

[The WA Resources Sector in Transition](#): Securing long term value in a changing world report identifies the following key findings:

- Resources contribute almost \$200 billion to the WA economy each year
- Transition minerals (for clean energy technologies) could be worth more than \$100 billion annually by 2050
- WA's next mining boom must be about value, not volume
- Fiscal policy choices could shift billions of dollars in future public revenues



The greatest challenge facing Western Australia is not resource depletion. Nor is it a question of whether resources will remain important to the economy. The challenge is ensuring that finite natural resources continue to generate enduring economic, social and fiscal value in a changing world.

Preserving intergenerational wealth

- We are extracting non-renewable resources.
- This generations gets to enjoy its benefits.
- But the next generation will not necessarily have the resources to draw on.
- That is the intergenerational equity problem.
- We need to convert this boom into lasting wealth.



WA's Resources Sector in Transition: Securing long term value in a changing world

[These slides](#) experiment with different scenarios including what happens with declining use of fossil fuels, and what happens with different taxation/royalty models.

Career Events

Construction Career Scholarships 2027 Now Open



School Students commencing years 11 and 12 in 2027

Cert II Scholarship Courses

This fully funded program offers students the opportunity to work towards a Certificate II in Building and Construction while still attending school. Depending on their chosen pathway, selected students will attend an RTO either one or two days a week for either one year or two years, students will also have the chance to gain practical experience through on-site work.



As part of the program, CTF will cover the cost of all uniforms and boots and course tuition, and we will offer ongoing mentoring and support, along with other wrap around services.

Applications close 30 September.

For information and to apply go [HERE](#).

23 July Next Gen AI Lab



Students can do part or all of this 8-week course that equips young people with the skills, confidence, and knowledge to thrive in an AI-driven world.

Students will explore:

- **Coding & Data** – Python basics, data literacy, and problem-solving with code
- **Creative Tech** – Digital art, design, and storytelling with creative AI tools
- **Responsible & Ethical AI** – Ethics, safety, and how to use AI thoughtfully and fairly
- **Entrepreneurship** – Turn ideas into projects: pitch, prototype, and present

Find more information and join [HERE](#).

July 24, 25 and 26 Perth SkillsWest Career and Employment Expo

NEW!!

There will be a shared TAFE booth as you enter the Expo and an activation space across the walkway where you can use touch screens to do an interactive questionnaire and find a career match and plan your path around the Expo.

Jobs and Skills Centre counsellors will be on hand to provide free career advice and make appointments for after the Expo.

In the adjacent hall there will be hands on trade demonstrations and some of those allow hands on experiences.

Perth SkillsWest careers & EMPLOYMENTexpo

TERTIARY ► SKILLS ► TRAINING ► JOBS

It's on at the Exhibition Centre.

Thursday July 23, 2026 - 9am to 3pm

Friday July 24, 2026 - 9am to 3pm

Saturday July 25, 2026 - 9am to 4pm

Entry is free. You can register [HERE](#).

Check out the [Women in IT in WA](#) booth to discuss opportunities in IT Fields.



Various Dates WA Department of Education Career Conversations

Join Education Department experts for a Career Conversations event near you, or online, select one of the following sessions to book your place.

The in-person events are from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.



Events in the Wheatbelt <u>Wednesday 29 July 2026</u> in Northam	North Metropolitan <u>Thursday 6 August 2026</u> in Hillarys
South Metropolitan <u>Wednesday 19 August 2026</u> in Harrisdale <u>Wednesday 9 September 2026</u> in Armadale	Events in the South West <u>Tuesday 25 August 2026</u> in Busselton <u>Wednesday 26 August 2026</u> in Bunbury <u>Tuesday 1 September 2026</u> in Albany
Events in the Pilbara <u>Tuesday 15 September 2026</u> in Hedland	

August 6 Swan Jobs Expo Ellenbrook

Connect directly with local employers, training providers and employment support services. This free event is a practical opportunity to meet employers face-to-face, learn about current job opportunities and find out more about training and career pathways available in the local area.

The expo is suitable for school leavers, people looking for entry-level roles, those returning to work, career changers and anyone wanting to take the next step towards employment.

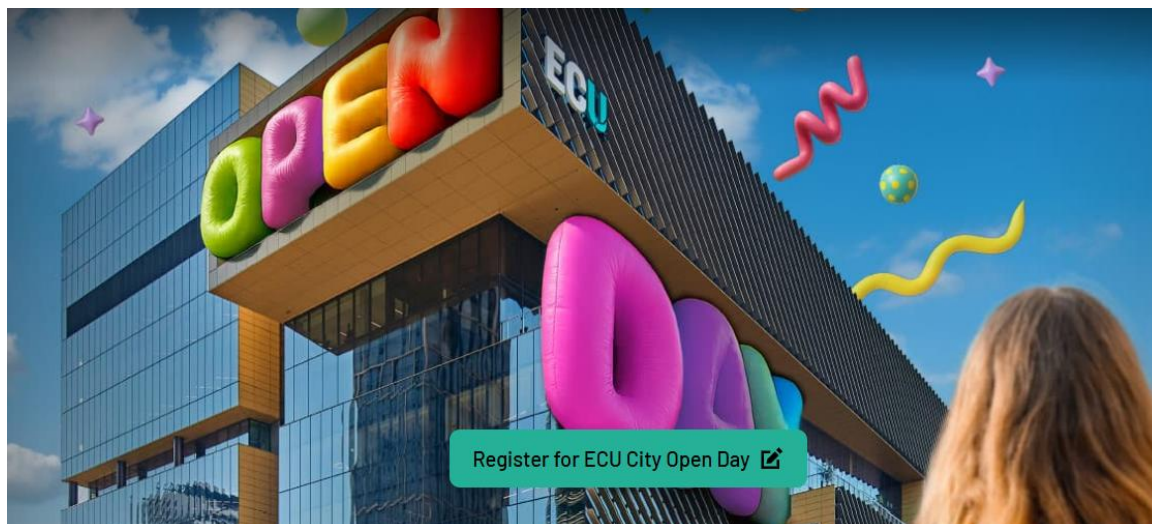
Ellenbrook Community Centre, 11 Cashman Ave, Ellenbrook. 10:00 AM - 01:00 PM

Register [HERE](#).



9 August ECU City Campus Open Day

Visit the fabulous ECU City Campus on the ECU Open Day



Entry is free, but they are anticipating a big crowd so you need to [register HERE](#).

14 – 22 August Science Week

There are 45 Science Week Events in WA this year.

28 – 29 July Spacelive – Riverside Theatre

The ultimate space theatrical event featuring live on stage, active profile Directors and Mission Leaders from NASA, Lockheed Martin Space, International Space Station Mission Control, Texas Space Commission, and featuring an active Astronaut.

The SPACELIVE event experience launches audiences into the current, and future of human spaceflight, and deep space exploration, with an exclusive inside look into the updated plans for future missions of the robotic and human Moon, and Mars exploration program ARTEMIS, led by NASA.

7.30pm – 10.15 pm Find details [HERE](#).



29 July STEAM Lab Special - Safety Bay

Join Cristy Burne as she brings the 2026 National Science Week School's theme *Seeds of Science: Nurturing Knowledge for All* to life in an inspiring, interactive session that reimagines what's possible.

Aimed at ages 6+. Bookings essential and will be open four weeks prior to the date of the event.

3.45-4.30pm Find details [HERE](#).



1 – 29 August Sensory Exploration Saturdays - Coolbellup Toy Library

Children and families are invited to help plant, water, and care for the garden while exploring the natural world through fun, interactive activities. Each session combines gardening and landcare with opportunities for children to investigate their environment using their five senses, supported by a range of gardening tools and resources from our library collection.

Find details [HERE](#).

3 August Slime Fest Workshop - Byford Library

Ages 6 – 12

Get ready for a fun, hands-on workshop where science meets creativity! Join us for Slime Fest, where kids can explore the science behind slime and make their own to take home!

Find details [HERE](#).



5 August Seeds of Science - Lancelin Library

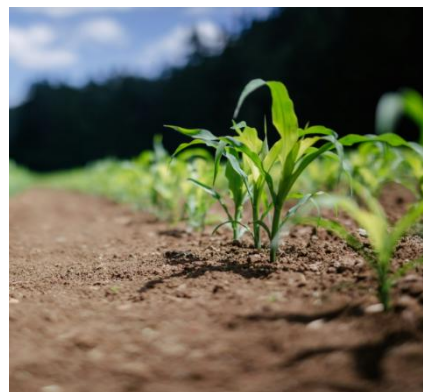
Ages 5 – 12

This exciting session explores how things grow, how ideas spread and how science can help us better understand the world around us. Fine details [HERE](#).

6 August Seeds of Science – Gingin Library

Children will take part in group discussions about plants, nature, crystals and fossils while learning how small ideas, just like seeds, can grow into something amazing for us and our community. Friendly presenters encourage children to ask questions, investigate and explore through interactive activities and real-time discovery.

Find details [HERE](#).



6 August STEAM Lab Crystal Collectors – Warnboro

Challenge your creativity and problem-solving skills through a hands-on, collaborative workshop at Warnbro Community Library. Explore the exciting possibilities of science, technology, engineering, art and maths. Find details [HERE](#).

8 August STEAM Lab – Rockingham

Challenge your creativity and problem-solving skills through a hands-on collaborative workshop at Rockingham Library. Explore the exciting possibilities of science, technology, engineering, art and maths.

Find details [HERE](#).

8 August STEMtacular – Gosnells Library

Celebrate National Science Week with a huge morning of hands-on STEM fun for all ages! Explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics through interactive workshops, live demonstrations, creative challenges and family-friendly activities.

Find details [HERE](#).

8 August Glue Gum Turtle Festival – Mt Pleasant

Whether you're a budding scientist, a nature lover or simply looking for a great day out with family and friends, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Find details [HERE](#).



7 – 16 August Flower and Garden Festival – Nannup

The Experience Nannup, Nannup Flower and Garden Festival will be back for its 29th year, running over 10 days, from August 7th to 16th.

Find details [HERE](#).

11 & 12 August Plants for Space – Geraldton

UWA Plants for Space has landed in Geraldton, and we're throwing open the doors of the Museum of Geraldton for two full days of free, drop-in, hands-on space science fun. No bookings. No stress. Just show up and go wild.

Find details [HERE](#)

There are 45 Science Week. Check out the full program [HERE](#).

15 August UWA Day of Brass – Beginners to Advanced



Enjoy an afternoon of performances, workshops and masterclasses led by WA's leading brass musicians. Build your technique and tone, learn effective practice strategies, care for your instrument, and rehearse in ensembles before a fun group performance for family and friends. Open to beginners through to advanced players.

[Book your tickets](#)



15 August ACAP & SAE Open Day

The ACAP University College is collocated with the SAE University College in Northbridge.

- ACAP focuses on human-centered courses like psychology, counselling and social work.
- SAE University College focuses on creative, media and technology careers.

From 11am – 2pm on 15 August you can take the opportunity to check out the [ACAP human centered courses](#) and the [SAE creative courses](#) at their Northbridge campus Open Day. Find details [HERE](#).



18 August Music Careers Expo



The Music Careers Expo connects young people with insights and info about careers in Australia's music industry.

This free, one-day event for young people will have performances, workshops, and one-on-one conversations with people working across the Australian music industry.

Find details [HERE](#).



22-23 August RoboCup Junior State Finals



Get along to see the finalists in the West Australian RoboCup at Murdoch University.

Students have shown amazing creativity and skill on their robotics projects.

Even if your school didn't compete this year, get along to see what great things school kids have done with robots.

Find details about the event [HERE](#).



28 August Peel Apprentifest

Join **Workforce Australia Local Jobs Perth South** What to expect:

- Meet employers ready to hire apprentices
- Hands-on trades and industry activities
- Learn about apprenticeship pathways and career opportunities

Gary Holland Community Centre, 19 Kent Street,
Rockingham. 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Register [HERE](#)



24 – 30 August National Skills Week

National Skills Week happens in NSW but it aims to be a national event. There are currently no WA events listed on the [National Skills Week Events](#) page. By the time you read this, they may have some events posted.

1 September Applications Close – Insight Creative Writing Competition



Are you creative? Why not enter this writing competition?

The 2026 Insight Creative Writing Competition is open to high school students around Australia. It aims to ignite a passion for creative writing and inspire the voices

of the future.

Applications close on 1 September. Find details [HERE](#).

Weekend Workshops Music Various Dates



your instrument or just have fun.

Whether you're a singer or instrumentalist, a classical musician, jazz musician or contemporary musician, WAAPA's staff present a range of workshops to help you prepare for your WACE exams, WAAPA audition, master

<u>Contemporary and Jazz Audition Preparation Course</u> Dates: Tuesdays 28 July 2026, 4, 11, 18, 25 August 2026 1 September 2026 Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm Age: 15 years and older Cost: \$410	<u>Advanced Music Production</u> Dates 13, 20, 27 August 2026 3, 10, 17 September 2026 Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm Ages: 16 years and older Cost: \$410
<u>Classical FastTRACK 2.0</u> Date: 26 July 2026 Time: 1.00pm - 4.00pm Age: For classical musicians in high school years 10, 11 & 12 Cost: FREE	

Ag College Open Days



The Ag Colleges are an institution in WA. Narrogin was the first to open in 1906 and are deeply embedded in our agriculture industry.

They offer specialized education and training in agriculture and related trades for students in years 10, 11 and 12. They provide both vocational programs and pathways to university. Students gain practical skills and knowledge for future careers.

4 September	<u>Cunderdin Ag College</u>
5 September	<u>Denmark Ag College</u>
11 September	<u>Narrogin Ag College</u>

13 September Girls' Programming Network

Each school term around Australia the Girls' Programming Network runs free, full-day programming workshops hosted by local technologists and teachers.

Our events are all about learning together, making new friends and having fun with tech.

The next workshop is at UWA on Sunday 13 September. You can register [HERE](#).

Employment Statistics

Australian Bureau of Statistics Labour Force Statistics for May

In seasonally adjusted terms, in May 2026:

- the employment-to-population ratio increased 0.1ppts to 63.8%.
- The unemployment rate decreased by 0.1ppts to 4.4%.



In trend terms, in May 2026:

- The employment-to-population ratio remained at 63.8%.
- The unemployment rate increased marginally to 4.4%

Western Australia

- Employed People down 0.9% (15,000 full and part time workers)
- Unemployment Rate 4.6% (up 0.4%)

Internet Vacancy Index

- In seasonally adjusted terms, job advertisements **decreased by 3.3%** (or 7,000 job advertisements across Australia) in May 2026 to stand at 203,100.
- **Advertisement numbers continue at elevated levels**, with around 20% more advertisements in the labour market presently than compared with the monthly average for 2019.

Western Australia's Internet Vacancy numbers remained stable.

Number of job ads	Monthly change (no.)	Monthly change (%)	Annual change (no.)	Annual change (%)
26,300	-280	-1.1%	-50	-0.2%

Recruitment Insights Report May

The economy is steady:

- Recruitment activity rose by 1 percentage point
- Recruitment difficulty rate fell by 3 percentage points
- Recruitment activity declined gradually over the year to May 2026
- Expectations around increasing staffing over the next three months were very low in both the capital cities and regional Australia.
- The proportion of vacancies remaining unfilled for more than a month was also near its lowest levels since the series began in May 2021.

Seek Employment Report May

AI Insights:

- References to AI-related skills in job ads continue to grow, rising 2.9% m/m and 68.6% y/y.
- The decline in overall job ad volumes is weighted towards occupations with high automation exposure, which comprise less than 10% of job ads on SEEK.
- Job ads with low automation exposure, continue to grow, although the rate of growth has slowed to 0.4% m/m.



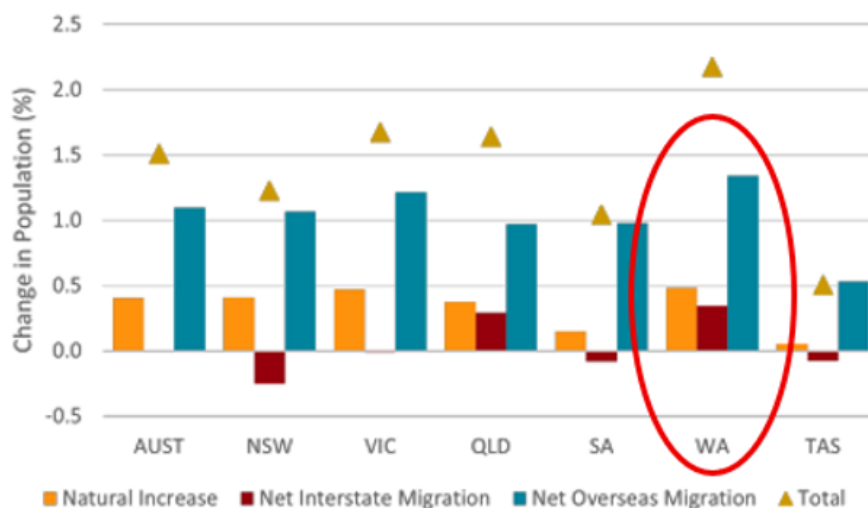
Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre Labour Market Update – May

- National unemployment rate edges back down from 4.5 to 4.4 per cent.
- Solid jobs growth, all in the form of higher female part-time employment.
- Inflation remains stubbornly above the Reserve Bank's comfort zone.

Interesting Graph

In the 12 months to last December WA had a baby boom, compared to other states, and our booming resources sector resulted in more interstate and international migration than other states.

Figure 8: Components of population growth by state, December 2024 to December 2025



Source: BANKWEST CURTIN ECONOMICS CENTRE | Australian Bureau of Statistics Cat No. 3101.0, Tables 2 and 4.

See the May Report [HERE](#).

AI and employment in Australia



The [AI and employment in Australia](#) report indicates the key changes so far.

Key points

- **There is no evidence to date of broad labour market upheaval driven by Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Australia.** Overall labour market conditions remain strong by historical standards, youth outcomes have mostly held up, and occupational reshuffling has not accelerated.
- **Occupations more exposed to potential automation by generative AI have grown more slowly than other occupations.** Between November 2022 and February 2026, employment in the most-exposed fifth of occupations grew by 5.6%, compared with 9.5% in the least-exposed fifth.
- We find a **small negative relationship between AI exposure and employment growth.** For an occupation with AI exposure one standard deviation above average, our model implies employment was about 2% lower by February 2026 than it would have been under its pre-ChatGPT trend.
- **The evidence is an early indication of some modest slowing in employment growth in some highly exposed occupations,** not proof of large AI-driven job loss.



University Events

28 July University Application Support Session



The Murdoch University Future Students Team will walk you through the university application process step-by-step.

The session will include a presentation from TISC which processes applications for universities in WA. It also includes information about courses at Murdoch.

- Course options
- Understanding ATAR outcomes
- Using alternative pathways & Cert IV
- Fees & scholarships

You can attend in person or online. Find information [HERE](#).

9 August ECU City Campus Open Day



You can tour the new ECU City Campus on 9 August. It is worth checking out.

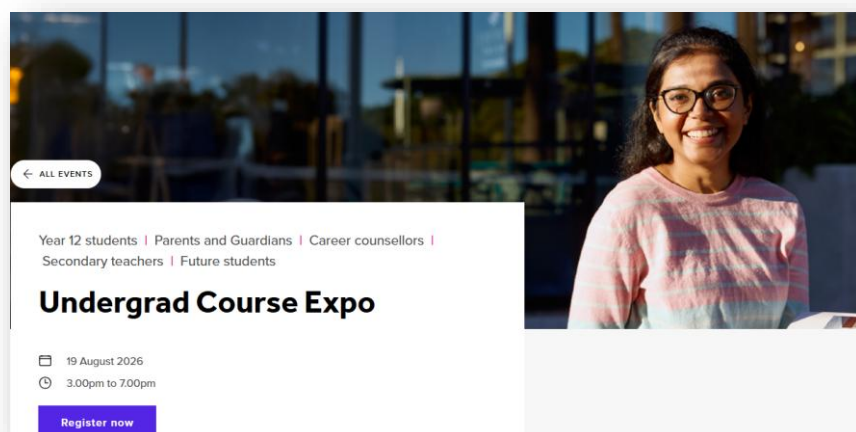
They are expecting a big crowd so please book in. Get your tickets [HERE](#).

19 August Undergraduate Course Expo



This is your chance to find out everything you need to know about life at Curtin. Our team are ready to answer all your questions about courses, pathways, scholarships and campus life.

This is a big event. Check out the course session times and register [HERE](#).



25 August Science and Mathematics Showcase Evening



If you're passionate about Conservation Biology, Mathematics, Data Science, Chemistry, Sustainability, Environmental Management, or Marine and Freshwater Biology, this event is for you!

You will hear from academic staff, learn about course and entry pathways, and take a guided tour of our cutting-edge facilities.

6-7,30pm Joondalup Campus

Register [HERE](#).

27 August Year 11 & 12 Aviation information Evening.



The aviation industry is dynamic, technical, and competitive. ECU's aviation programs provide you with the skills, confidence, and experience to stand out in a global field.

Join us for an Aviation Information Evening to discover how studying aviation at ECU can support your long-term career success.

What to expect

- Meet aviation academics
- Hear from current students
- Gain clarity on entry requirements and study options
- Learn how graduates are building real careers
- See how ECU connects students with industry
- Tour ECU's aviation facilities



4.30 – 6.30pm Joondalup Campus.

Register [HERE](#).

31 August Business and Commerce Open Night



Get hands-on at the Business School and discover what it's like to study Business and Commerce at UWA. Connect with academics and students, explore our courses, and tour our facilities.

5.30 – 8pm Find details [HERE](#).

1 September STEM Open Night



Join us at our STEM Open Night to discover your calling, connect with academics and students, explore hands-on learning opportunities and world-class facilities, and see where a future at UWA could take you.

5.30 – 8pm Find details [HERE](#).

1 September Computing and Security Showcase



Our Computing and Security programs include a broad choice of major subjects and cover dynamic areas such as computer science, cyber security, information technology, counter terrorism, security, intelligence, and software engineering.

On the night, you will hear from academic staff, learn about course and entry pathways, and take a guided tour of our cutting-edge facilities.

6–7.30pm Joondalup Campus

Register [HERE](#).

1 September University Open Night



Experience our building, Boola Katitjin, as you visit exciting expo stalls from each of our course areas and engage with speakers throughout the evening by attending our TEDx style 10-minute information sessions.

- **Hear real stories, real experiences** – chat with current students and passionate academics about what studying at Murdoch is really like
- **Explore flexible study options** – discover double majors and double degrees designed around your interests
- **Step inside the future of learning** – tour our cutting-edge facilities and learning spaces
- **See where your degree can take you** – uncover career pathways and opportunities linked to your passions
- **Learn by doing** – find out about hands-on experiences, placements, and opportunities available while you study
- **Find your pathway** – understand entry options and pathways into your chosen course
- **Get answers on the spot** – speak with our team about applications, scholarships, and support services

Doors Open 5:15pm Boola Katitjin – Building 360 Murdoch University

Register [HERE](#)

2 September Health, Biomedical Sciences and Psychology



Spark your passion for the human body, the brain and the science of health at our Health, Biomedical Sciences and Psychology Open Night — explore hands-on activities, connect with our experts, and gain insight into the science behind health, wellbeing and human behaviour.

5.45 – 8pm Find details [HERE](#).

8 September Medicine and Dentistry



Experience what sets Medicine and Dentistry at UWA apart. Discover expert insights, personalised admissions advice, and enjoy hands-on activities and guided tours across our UWA Health Campus.

5.45 – 8.15pm Find details [HERE](#)

9 September Law, Humanities and Social Sciences



Immerse yourself in the UWA experience, connect with leading academics and current students, and explore the diverse opportunities waiting for you across Law, Humanities and Social Sciences.

5.30pm–8pm Find details [HERE](#).

Training Opportunities

Not academically strong? Do a Foundation Skills Course at TAFE

Colleges have teams of people who support students to achieve foundation skills in literacy, numeracy and digital skills.

TAFE and other colleges offer a range of courses that students can do BEFORE they tackle a mainstream course. These courses also provide students with access career advice.

If you are not strong on literacy, numeracy or digital skills foundation skills program will help you to succeed skills and start down your path to finding a job.

Find Foundation Skills courses near you, via your local [and Skills Centre](#).



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Certificate II in Construction

The CPC20120 Certificate II in Construction provides students with the essential practical skills to enter the building and construction industry.



Students will learn how to safely use construction tools and equipment, apply levelling procedures, work safely at heights, carry out concreting, and read and interpret basic plans and specifications.

Enrolments are taken in an ongoing basis. Students can make an online enquiry at any time at Francisco Previdelli

FranciscoP@everthought.com.au | 0494 434 082



White Card Work Safely in Construction – One Day



Scan the QR code for more information or to register for this course.

The White Card is a legal requirement for anyone working on a construction site in Australia.

This short course gives you the essential work health and safety (WHS) knowledge you need to enter the industry. You'll learn how to identify hazards, manage risks, and follow safe work practices on site knowledge you'll use every day.

Look out for 2027 Apprenticeships. They are being advertised now

If you haven't started your apprenticeship or traineeship application for 2027, it is time to get started.

- Go to your local [Jobs and Skills Centre](#) for advice and support.
- Follow the steps on the [Jobs and Skills WA Apprenticeships and traineeships](#) page
- Get help from an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider. See the list of providers below.
- Check out opportunities at major employers like [WesTrac](#), [Western Power](#), [Charles Hull Contracting](#)
- Check out opportunities at a [Group Training Organisation](#). These Organisations are available across Australia.
- Browse active listings on:
 - [SEEK Apprenticeships](#),
 - [Indeed Apprenticeships](#),
 - [Jora Apprenticeships](#) and the
 - [Australian Employment Network](#)



Check out the information South Metropolitan TAFE has provided to coach you through your application process. They have written a 4 part guide. Start [HERE](#).

If you want an apprenticeship as an electrician you can find my advice [HERE](#).

Australian Apprenticeship Support Network

The Apprentice Connect Australia Providers are the organisations that support both apprentices, trainees and employers who connect in an employment-training contract.

Contact one of them to get help to apply for an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Outback Western Australia	Generalist – Apprenticeship Support Australia (ASA) and MEGT (Australia) Ltd Specialist – First Nations Australian Apprentices – Apprenticeship Support Australia (ASA) Specialist – Women in male-dominated trades – Apprenticeship Support Australia (ASA) Specialist – Australian Apprenticeships working towards clean energy occupations – Apprenticeship Support Australia (ASA)
Perth area	Generalist – • Apprenticeship Support Australia (ASA), • BUSY At Work - The Apprenticeship Community and • MEGT (Australia) Ltd Specialist – • First Nations Australian Apprentices – Apprenticeship Support Australia (ASA) • Women in male-dominated trades – Apprenticeship Support Australia (ASA) and BUSY At Work • Clean energy occupations – Apprenticeship Support Australia (ASA)

Local experts who are part of your community

Apprenticeship Support has WA's largest team of Apprenticeship Consultants and Mentors based in 15 locations:

Find details [HERE](#).



Changes to apprentice incentives have started

There are a number of changes to the Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System, which came into effect on July 1.

Living Away From Allowance (LAFHA)

- \$125.52 per week (first 12-month period from the date of commencement)
- \$94.14 per week (second 12-month period)
- \$47.07 per week (third 12-month period)

10 September West Australian Training Awards

The big night on the vocational training calendar is 10 September. It is here that we will find out who are the best students, trainers and employers in Western Australia in 2026.

The 2026 Finalists will be announced on 27 July. The Finalists will be published [HERE](#).



22 -27 September Skillaroos in Shanghai

Team Australia's Skillaroos tested their vocational skills against hundreds of international competitors at the [Global Skills Challenge](#) in Wollongong in June.

The Wollongong event simulated the high-pressure, environment the 37 Skillaroos will face at the WorldSkills International competition in Shanghai in September.

More than 1,400 competitors from over 70 countries will compete across 64 skill categories at the WorldSkills International Competition in Shanghai, taking place from 22 to 27 September.

WA competitors include

Lachlan Basc (3D Digital Game Art), supported by Ryan Goggin 3D Digital Game Art from North Metro TAFE, and Jason Seiler Bricklaying.

3D DIGITAL GAME ART

WORLDSKILLS SHANGHAI 2026

Region

[Perth South](#)

WorldSkills Accolade

2025 National Gold Medal

Training Institute

North Metropolitan TAFE WA

International Expert

Ryan Goggin - North Metropolitan TAFE WA

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BRICKLAYING

WORLDSKILLS SHANGHAI 2026

Region

[Perth South](#)

WorldSkills Accolade

2025 National Certificate of Excellence

Employer

Better Bricks

Training Institute

Trade Academy WA

Local Trainer / Mentor

Wayne Sutherland

International Expert

Andrew Hosking - Andrew Hosking Bricklaying

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[Government of Western Australia](#)



Senior School Opportunities

Police Cadetships

If you are nearly 17 and interested in a police cadetship, check out the details [HERE](#). Applicants must be 17 upon selection to the Cadet school.



Police Recruitment will be at the [SkillsWest Expo](#). Talk with them about Cadetship opportunities. Find details of the recruitment process [HERE](#).

1 August Charlie Bell Scholarship



The Charlie Bell Scholarship is for 15 – 20 year olds who have had a serious illness or injury and who are eligible to attend post school education or training.

Find out who Charlie Bell was and what this scholarship delivers [HERE](#).

How much will your degree cost?



All unis, even Notre Dame, charge the same for their degrees. The cost of your degree will vary depending on the length of your degree and what units you take.

Typical 3-Year Degree Example	Estimated 2027 Annual Cost	Estimated Total Degree Cost
Bachelor of Arts / Commerce / Law	\$18,025	\$54,075
Bachelor of Science / Engineering	~\$9,350	\$28,050
Bachelor of Nursing / Education	\$4,908	\$14,724 (These courses are heavily subsidised because of shortages.)

Australian Defence Force Academy



Have your career paid for and earn a salary while you complete your degree at the University of NSW in Canberra

You can study lots of courses in the ADF, the video on the webpage has a medical and a dental student talking about their pathways. **Bachelor's degrees**

- Aeronautical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Naval Architectural Engineering
- Computer and Cyber security
- Technology (Aeronautical Engineering)
- Arts
- Business
- Science.



Check out the opportunities [HERE](#).

How much do professionals earn in WA?



While a few executives in each of these professions in Australia earn a million dollars+ per year, these salaries are typical of people working in the profession in Western Australia according to Seek and AI.

Profession	Starting Salary	After 3 years	Experienced employee	Top Earners
Lawyer	\$60k - \$85k	\$90k	\$160k	\$250k
Engineer	\$74k - \$98k	\$95-\$120k	\$178k	\$272k
Teacher	\$88k	\$107k	\$147k	\$206k

The Future Doctors Australia Program

Year 9–12 Students Book Now for 21–24 Jan 2027



The Future Doctors Australia

program provides a unique, hands-on opportunity for students aged 14–18 who are passionate about a future in medicine, and for those who wish to explore career in medicine.

Over the course of 4 days, participants engage in sessions led by medical specialists, take part in practical activities, and gain insight into the medical admissions process.

Find details [HERE](#).

Year 12 Resources

2026 Year 12 ATAR course examination timetable



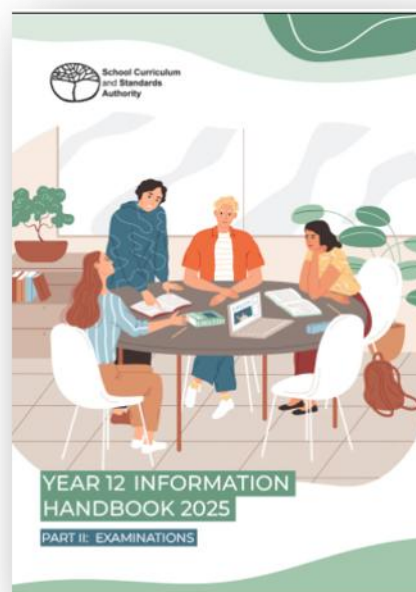
The 2026 Year 12 ATAR course written and practical examinations timetables are provided below.

- **Wednesday, 28 October to Thursday, 19 November 2026.**

The timetable is available at [PDF2026 ATAR course written examination timetable](#)

- The 2026 Year 12 ATAR course practical examinations are scheduled from:
Saturday, 26 September to Sunday, 25 October 2026. The timetable is available at [PDF2026 ATAR course practical examination timetable opens in new window](#).

From **Tuesday, 8 September 2026**, students will be able to download their *Personalised written examination timetable* and *Personalised practical examination timetable* from the student portal at <https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au> opens in new window.



Year 12 Students can download find ATAR Exam Information Handbook [HERE](#).

Interstate Admission Centre Contacts

For those who are thinking about applying for a place at a university outside Western Australia here is a list of admission centres around Australia.

- [Charles Darwin University](#) applications are taken by SATAC
- [Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre \(QTAC\)](#) for QLD
- [South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre \(SATAC\)](#) for SA and NT
- [Universities Admissions Centre \(UAC\)](#) for NSW and ACT
- The [University of Tasmania](#) incorporating the [Australian Maritime College](#)
- [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre \(VTAC\)](#) for VIC

Australian Government School Leaver Program



Trainee, Apprentice and School Leaver Programs

About a third of all Australian jobs are government jobs. The variety of opportunities is unmatched by any other employer in Australia.

- [Check out the Apprentice Program HERE.](#)
- [Check out the Career Starter Program HERE.](#)
- [Check out the Australian Federal Police Directions Program HERE.](#)

Find out about it [HERE](#).



Year 12 Events

26 July Casper Test Preparation

The Casper Test is used by Curtin for entrance into Medicine and by Murdoch for Veterinary Science. The Casper assessment itself is the same for all applicants.

The Casper Test Preparation webinar will be conducted by a senior NIE facilitator ([Rebekah Ramsey](#)) as a 4-hour interactive and informative program, designed to provide students with the guidance and support they need to prepare for the Casper Test.

1pm – 5pm Check out details and register [HERE](#).

Open Now Elevate (Government) Scholarship Program Closes 1 September



Boosting Diversity in STEM

Applications close 1 September 9am (AEST)

The Elevate scholarships are for domestic female and non-binary students who are planning to undertake a STEM degree or a higher degree to improve business acumen in 2027.

To find the latest information [HERE](#).

[Apply now](#) for the 2027 Elevate: Boosting diversity in STEM program

31 July Applications Close Veterinary Medicine



The [2027 Veterinary Medicine Admissions Guide](#) is now available and all applicants should review it before applying. It outlines key requirements for entry into Murdoch's BSc/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program, including completion of the Casper assessment and submission of the official application form.

All applications to this program are to be submitted through TISC and are due by **31 July 2026**.

See information about the Casper Test for Murdoch Veterinary Medicine above.

11 August Notre Dame Early Offer Information Evening



For all Year 12 students, this program could be just what you need to secure a place at a university that values your growth as a person, not just your academic achievements.

- Gain recognition for community service, extracurricular activities and other non-academic achievements.
- Feel secure and confident in what next year brings as you work towards your final exams.
- Apply for Notre Dame scholarships valued at \$20,000 based upon merit or opportunity.

Find details and register [HERE](#).

18 August Applications Open Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) Scholarships

VET or Uni



Children and grandchildren of ex-serving veterans are invited to apply for AVCAT scholarships.

All bursaries and sponsored scholarships are for tertiary education and are \$4000-\$6000 per year, for up to three years.



Applications close 31 October. Find details and apply [HERE](#).

Pinnacles Foundation Scholarship Open for 2026 Applications Close 31 August



From 2027 the Pinnacles Foundation Scholarship value \$9,000



You need to be 18 on 20 January 2027, undertaking fulltime studies at a public tertiary institution (including TAFE or university) and identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community.

*We provide educational scholarships, mentoring and opportunities for young LGBTQIA+ Australians to realise their full potential. Scholarships are awarded for fulltime study at public institutions of higher education in Australia, for the purpose of gaining an educational or vocational qualification **in any profession, trade or the arts.***

Applications Close 31 August. Get details and apply [HERE](#).

John Curtin Scholarship Program is now open for applications.



Close 11 September

If you are one of the top students at your school and you want to go to Curtin in 2025, ask your principal to nominate you for the Curtin Scholarship Program,

High school principals are invited to nominate students in the top 5% of the school's graduating year who can demonstrate academic excellence, leadership qualities and engagement in community service.

The [nomination form](#) and the reference letter are to be completed and endorsed by the high school principal. These documents need to be attached with the student's application and submitted [online](#) by the student.

If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact the Scholarships Office at scholarships@curtin.edu.au

ATAR Revision Sessions – 29 September – 2 October



If you're a Year 12 ATAR student, don't miss ECU's free revision sessions.

You can choose from a variety of subjects, each one delivered by a teacher familiar with the 2026 syllabus.

Select one subject and order 1 ticket. You can book for multiple subjects by repeating the process and selecting a different subject.

	Tuesday, 29 September	Wednesday, 30 September	Thursday, 1 October	Friday, 2 October
Joondalup				
9.00am – 1.00pm	Chemistry	Human Biology	Maths Methods	Maths Applications
2.00pm – 6.00pm	English	Biology	Physics	Maths Specialist

Sessions run between Tuesday, 29 September and Friday, 2 October 2026

To find more information go [HERE](#)

Year 11

28 August applications close National Mathematics Summer School

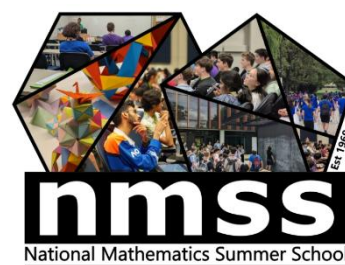
The NMSS is for mathematically gifted high school students who have just completed year 11.

Some students say going to the Summer School changed their lives.

It's on from January 10 – 23 in Canberra.

Applications close 28 August.

Check out the opportunity [HERE](#).



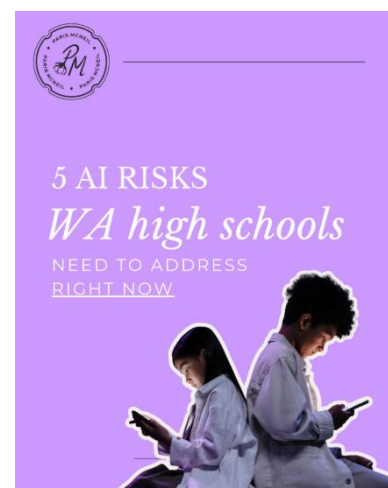
Middle School

Being Nice is an Employability Skill



"In a world where AI is very smart and capable of doing so many things, the things that make us human will become much more important," said Anthropic president Daniela Amodei on [ABC News](#).

These slides will help you to understand 5 AI Risks that AI companions bring.



Year 10 Opportunities

Jobs List - Defence Work Experience Program



The [Defence Work Experience Program](#) gives young Australians the chance to explore life in Defence and discover careers in the Australian Defence Force (ADF). It's a unique opportunity to learn, gain hands-on experience, and see what a career in Defence could look like.

Eligibility

- Age 15-18 years at time of placement
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Students 16 years and older need photo ID to gain base access

Need help?

For assistance or questions, email defence.workexperienceprogram@defence.gov.au

Job Name	Closing Date	Action
Air Force Careers Day: RAAF Base Pearce (September) Job Ref - WEP/00032/26 • Air Force • Bullsbrook, WA • 15 September 2026 Information Pack (PDF)	02-Aug-2026 11:30 PM (AEST)	• Start New Application • Access Existing Application • Preview Application Form • Email A Friend

<u>Air Force Careers Day: RAAF Base Pearce (October)</u> Job Ref - WEP/00035/26 • Air Force • Bullsbrook, WA • 20 October 2026 <u>Information Pack (PDF)</u>	23-Aug-2026 11:30 PM (AEST)	• Start New Application • Access Existing Application • Preview Application Form • Email A Friend
<u>A Day in the Life of a Soldier: Irwin Barracks (October)</u> Job Ref - WEP/02579/26 • Army • Karrakatta, WA • 29 October 2026 <u>Information Pack (PDF)</u>	30-Aug-2026 11:30 PM (AEST)	• Start New Application • Access Existing Application • Preview Application Form • Email A Friend
<u>Navy Careers Experience: HMAS Stirling (November)</u> Job Ref - WEP/02294/26 • Navy • Garden Island, WA • 24 - 26 November 2026 <u>Information Pack (PDF)</u>	05-Oct-2026 12:30 AM (AEDT)	• Start New Application • Access Existing Application • Preview Application Form • Email A Friend
<u>A Day in the Life of a Soldier: Irwin Barracks (November)</u> Job Ref - WEP/02580/26 • Army • Karrakatta, WA • 19 November 2026 <u>Information Pack (PDF)</u>	05-Oct-2026 12:30 AM (AEDT)	• Start New Application • Access Existing Application • Preview Application Form • Email A Friend

Disabilities

Changes to apprentice incentives take effect

There are a number of changes to the Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System, which came into effect on July 1.

Disability Australian Apprentice Wage Support (DAAWS)

A weekly payment of \$226.01 paid in arrears to employers who employ an apprentice who satisfies the disability eligibility criteria. These increases reflect indexation in line with the CPI.

All the changes can be seen at the [Australian Apprenticeships website](#)

Rural Regional Remote

30 July Notre Dame Broome Open Day



Whether you're a student or a graduate, come experience life at Notre Dame.

Join us for a full day of workshops, tours, info sessions and more.

Register [HERE](#).

4 August Study Skills Workshop – Denmark



Want to study smarter, not harder? Join our interactive **Study Skills Workshop** and discover practical, evidence-based strategies to help you stay organised, focused, and confident with your schoolwork.

Learn how to strengthen your memory and develop study habits that support long-term success. You'll leave with simple techniques you can start using straight away to feel more in control of your learning.

Perfect for students looking to boost their confidence, reduce study stress, and achieve their best.

4.30 – 5.30 Denmark Community Resource Centre, 2 Strickland St Denmark Register [HERE](#).

4 August Year 12 Tics Application Assistance – Denmark

Applying for university in WA? Join our TISC Application Assistance Session for personalised support with your application.

Get guidance on preferences, entry pathways, key dates, and how to navigate the TISC system with confidence. Whether you're ready to submit or just getting started, we will help answer your questions and ensure you understand your options.

5.30 – 6.30pm Denmark Community Resource Centre, 2 Strickland St Denmark Register [HERE](#).

4 August Parents, Students and Supporters Info Session – Denmark

This information session is tailored for students living regionally who are looking to study online or at our Murdoch University Perth campus. Mature age prospective students are also welcome!

Topics covered include; pathways to Murdoch University, TISC application information, taking a gap year, HECS-HELP, Course information, key dates, scholarship assistance and orientation.

6.30 – 7.30 Denmark Community Resource Centre, 2 Strickland St Denmark Register [HERE](#).

5 August Year 12 TISC Application Assistance – Albany



Applying for university in WA? Join our **TISC Application Assistance Session** for personalised support with your application.

Get guidance on preferences, entry pathways, key dates, and how to navigate the TISC system with confidence. Whether you're ready to submit or just getting started, we will help answer your questions and ensure you understand your options.

5.30 – 6.30 Albany Study Hub, 46 Frederick Street Albany Register [HERE](#).

5 August Murdoch University Parents, Students & Supporters Info Session – Albany

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10 August Study Skills Workshop – Busselton



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4:30 PM–5:30 PM Busselton Community Resource Centre – Meeting room 2 21 Cammilleri Street Busselton Register [HERE](#)

10 August Year 12 TISC Application Assistance – Busselton

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11 August Study Skills Workshop – Bunbury



Learn how to strengthen your memory and develop study habits that support long-term success. You'll leave with simple techniques you can start using straight away to feel more in control of your learning.

4.30 – 5.30pm Health Science Hub 62 Wittenoom Street Bunbury Register [HERE](#)

11 August Year 12 TISC Application Assistance – Bunbury

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11 August ECU SW Teacher Education Information Session



Are you thinking of pursuing a career in Teacher Education at ECU South West? If so, our online information evening is perfect for you. This session will cover course details, admission pathways, application processes, fees, scholarships, and flexible study options such as online or part-time learning.

6-7pm Register [HERE](#).

12 August Wheatbelt Careers Expo Northam

Explore careers and training opportunities at the Wheatbelt Careers Expo.

10am – 2pm Northam Recreation Centre. Find more information [HERE](#).

Register [HERE](#).



26 – 27 August Dowerin Field Day

Discover the jobs available on the land at Dowerin Field Days.

Meet agribusiness professionals and scientists. See the latest agriculture machinery. Hear stories of life in the wheatbelt.

Fine details [HERE](#).



27 August Curtin Kalgoorlie Open Day



Explore study options, career possibilities and campus life at Curtin Kalgoorlie Open Day.

Whether you're in high school, planning your next career move or supporting someone who is thinking about university, you can ask questions, meet Curtin staff and students, and learn about courses, pathways and scholarships.

Register [HERE](#).

1 September South West UniPrep Information Evening



ECU's University Preparation Course – or UniPrep – is a free program that gets you ready for university level study by teaching you the skills required for academic success – with an emphasis on becoming an independent learner.

In this session, we'll cover:

- What subjects you can expect to study in UniPrep
- How to apply for UniPrep
- Flexible study options, including full or part-time, online and UniPrep Summer
- Career advice and course selection post-UniPrep

Register [HERE](#).

Regional Public Sector Traineeships Applications open all year.



The 'Public sector traineeships in Government (Public Administration)' will give you the opportunity to work in a regional WA public sector agency full time for 12 months or part time for 18 months while earning a trainee wage.

On successful completion of the traineeship, you will attain a nationally recognised qualification of a *Certificate II, III or IV in Government (Public Administration)*.



For more information go [HERE](#).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Career

National Indigenous Business Summer School



Register Now for 14 – 17 December.

The National Indigenous Business Summer School – Western Australia (NIBSS-WA) is a free, fun, 3-night, 4-day residential program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students in Years 10, 11 and 12 from across Western Australia. High school teachers are also welcome to accompany a group of students, with teacher accommodation, travel and meals included as part of the program.

Hosted at the Curtin University Bentley campus in Perth, on Whadjuk Noongar Boodja. NIBSS-WA introduces students to the worlds of business, innovation, entrepreneurship and university life in a supportive and inspiring environment. Find details [HERE](#)

Aurora Education Foundation Scholarships



The Aurora Education Foundation is an Indigenous organisation that supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to realise their full education and employment potential – whether it is completing Year 12 or achieving a PhD

- [AURORA Scholarships and study tours](#)
- [AURORA High School Program](#)
- [AURORA Indigenous Pathways Portal](#)



International Students

John Curtin Global Excellence Scholarship



Through the John Curtin Global Excellence Scholarship, eligible international students will receive 40% off the tuition fee for the duration of the course. Curtin University is proud to award this prestigious scholarship to students who have demonstrated exceptional academic performance and a commitment to excellence in their studies.

This scholarship was introduced in 2025 and is available for undergraduate and post graduate degrees.

For details on this scholarship go [HERE](#).

Vocational Education and Training for International Students

International students can get a visa to do a registered vocational course in Australia. See the range of registered courses [HERE](#).



The Australian government works with industry to make sure registered courses teach the skills that industry needs.

Some courses can lead to credits in a degree. The amount of credit depends on the university. See details [HERE](#).

TAFE Colleges

TAFE colleges are owned by government and deliver registered training that students can enrol in under a student visa.

Private Colleges

There are also many private colleges that deliver registered training. These must maintain standards set by government which works to ensure that they keep their licence to train.

TAFE International

Start your enquiries about becoming an international student in Western Australia by getting free information from [TAFE International](#). You can keep going back to them for information.

Study Perth

Study Perth works in collaboration with educational institutions, government and other stakeholders, to welcome international we're helping to position Perth as an internationally recognised study destination, offering productive learning pathways in a welcoming and vibrant location.

Our key priorities are to:

- Support a positive student experience
- Champion diversity and ensure cultural integration
- Promote opportunities for employment and increased employability
- Demonstrate the continuing strength of WA's economy
- Highlight post-study visa and migration opportunities

Find Study Perth [HERE](#).

