



Hi All

Ahh September... Spring... Royal Show...

.....Year 12s spinning off in all directions!!

This is a bumper issue as many providers are doing last-minute marketing to school leavers, while others are trying to get younger students to engage in extracurricular activities that will unearth their passions.

The whole field of career development is going gang busters.

While most education and employment services are solid, I have seen self-proclaimed experts selling quick fixes and instant solutions to bewildered students and worried parents.

Fear can lead to stupid, and expensive, decision making.

Discovering your ideal career isn't magical. The career fairy doesn't wave a magic wand.

If you get offered the latest bright new shiny solution, or a deal that seems too good to be true, email me and I will check it out for free.

If you are near a Jobs and Skills Centre, or one of the State government funded regional advisory services, check your ideas with them. They will give unbiased careers information and advice.

Deciding what you want to do when you leave school can take a lifetime. There isn't just one solution. Career advice from a qualified expert, who isn't trying to sell you their quick fix, will help you to take your first step in the right direction.

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Urgent Events

24 August ECU Nursing and Midwifery Information Evening

ECU has the only dual nursing/midwifery degree in Western Australia.

Find out about the courses and speak to lecturers at this information evening.

Register [HERE](#).



29 August ECU Information Evening

This is our 'all things ECU' session – bring your parents, your friends or your partner.

Joondalup Campus 6pm Register [HERE](#)

29 August Curtin Law Information Evening



This evening will provide you with an opportunity to experience our new teaching facility and ask any questions you might have about studying Law.

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Find out more about [Curtin's Bachelor of Laws](#).

6pm – 7.30pm Register [HERE](#).

29 August Murdoch Health Careers Information Evening

Attend our information evening to see how studying a health course at Murdoch University can prepare you for a career in a growing sector. Whether you're passionate about caring for others or curious about how the human brain and body works, a degree at Murdoch will help you discover how people think, function and move.

5:00 - 6:00pm: Facilities tour - Take a tour of our nursing simulation suites, exercise science labs or chiropractic clinic

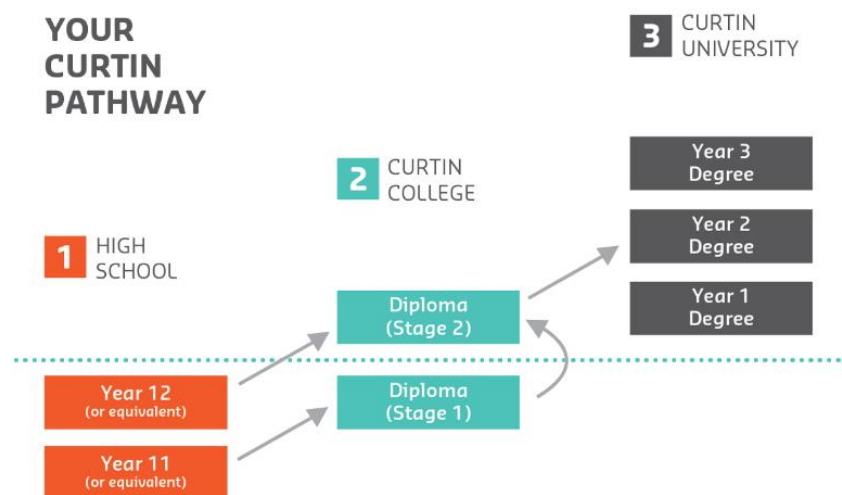
6:00 - 7:30pm: Information evening - Attend our presentation, Q&A session and expo

To register go [HERE](#).

Career News

Alternative Pathways to Second Year at ECU and Curtin

If you complete a Diploma at Edith Cowan College or Curtin College, you are guaranteed second year entry into a range of university courses.



These Diplomas are yet another pathway into university.

The Diplomas are run on the university campus with small classes. There are support programs and employability skills are taught through career readiness workshops.

The Diploma is run over a trimester system starting in February, mid-year and October. Two semesters are taken up with on campus learning and there is a guaranteed internship of 6 – 12 weeks in the middle.

The cost of the Diploma is \$12,000.

For more information go to www.edithcowancollege.edu.au or to <https://www.curtincollege.edu.au/>

Clean up your digital footprint

Make sure your digital footprint is pristine. Potential employers WILL check it.

This podcast on The Signal pointed out that something you say or do can stay with you for a lifetime... or it could cost you thousands to try to hide it.

One person in this podcast says that her employer told her to take down a schoolies photo of her sitting with friends around a table of alcohol bottles. It was a photo a friend had put up.

Listen to the podcast [HERE](#).



Labour Market Advice – from VET Careers Forum

Follow Occupations NOT Industries

Chad Lennerts, Senior Labour Market Analyst at DTWD, told the CDAA VET Careers Forum that health is the fastest growing industry but, to advise students to focus on occupations, not industries.

The industry relates to the nature of business, but the occupation relates to what the person undertakes training for and does on a day to day basis.

Sometimes there are very clear relationships like Registered Nurses predominantly working in Health. However, at other times it's not so clear cut, as with electricians, who can gain their skills and work across many industries.

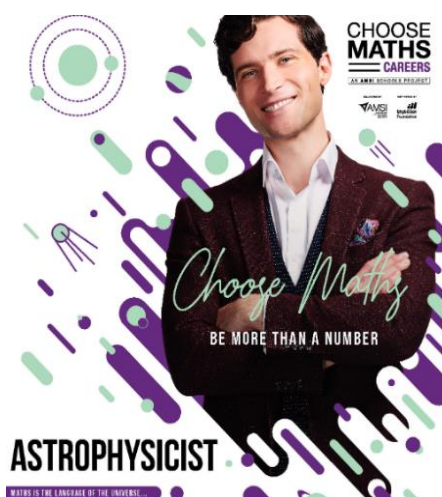
1 Hour Per Week = Employment

Chad Lennerts also told the VET Forum that the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition of employment (also used in Australia) is one or more hours per week!!!

He said that unemployment figures don't tell the full story. Any person who is employed for just one hour is not counted, even though they may be seeking additional hours of work.



Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute (ASMI)



There is an ASMI campaign with electronic billboards advertising maths careers around Perth at the moment. There is one on Kwinana Freeway and I saw one on an apartment block near Modern School.

People on [Fogarty EdFutures](#) Facebook page were wondering about how many potential astrophysicists the ad was aiming to attract!!

ASMI has a newsletter that could be worth [subscribing to](#).

University News for Senior Students

4 September ECU Teaching Education Evening

ECU has Western Australia's oldest and largest School of Education, with over 100 years of experience in teacher education. We graduate more professional educators than any other WA institution.

Mt Lawley Campus 6pm Register [HERE](#)

4 & 6 September UWA Roadshow

Willetton Sports and Community Centre: Burrendah Reserve in Willetton 3:30–8:30pm

Duncraig Community Centre Thursday 6 September 2018 6:30–9:30pm

This is your chance to chat with our friendly Future Students Officers about your study plans and get answers to all your questions.

What's covered -

- UWA's personalised degree options
- Entry requirements
- Advice on subject selection
- The ATAR process

For more information go [HERE](#).

5 September 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 6pm Register [HERE](#)

6 September ECU Admission Pathways Information Evening

ECU is a leader in finding ways for people to get into University – especially people who thought it would be mission impossible to get a uni degree.

If you didn't get a great score in Year 12, haven't been at school for a while, or don't have any formal qualifications, this could be your chance to change your future.



At our Admission Pathways Information Evening you'll find out more about our UniPrep program and Experience-based Entry Scheme. These options can lead to studying an undergraduate (Bachelors) degree.

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

11 September ECU Business and Law Information Evening

Thinking about a Business course or studying Law, or maybe both? Don't miss this session.

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

12 September ECU Teacher Education Information Evening

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

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

13 September WAAPA Arts Management and Live Production Info Evening

Explore these distinctively different disciplines at our world-renowned academy.

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

19 September ECU Security and Computing Information Evening

Interested in Computer Science, Counter Terrorism, Security, IT or Cyber Security? ECU Joondalup Campus is the home of Australia's Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre. Find out about courses and careers at this information evening.

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

24 September UWA Campus Tours

Our stunning campus offers a vibrant and dynamic learning environment with its mix of heritage buildings, contemporary architecture and beautiful gardens. Current UWA students will take you on a tour of our campus giving you an insight into what it's like to be a student at UWA.

Join us for an informal morning tea after the tour. Our Future Students team will also be available to answer questions on courses, entry requirements and the UWA student experience.

For more information go [HERE](#).

26 September ECU Joondalup Campus Tour

Join your tour guide and check out the facilities on-campus and in some of our schools.

Joondalup Campus 11.00am - 12.00 noon Register [HERE](#).

3 October Mount Lawley Campus Tour

Join your tour guide and check out the facilities on-campus and in some of our schools.

11.00am - 12.00pm Register [HERE](#)

You Don't Have to Go to Uni to Get a Degree

Sheridan College in East Perth delivers a Bachelor of Business and a Bachelor of Arts.

Students with an ATAR of 60 and good English can secure a place and small class sizes help students who need more assistance to succeed.

Like Notre Dame, Sheridan College has its roots in faith. While Christian values underpin the programs, students from different cultures and religions are enrolled at the College.

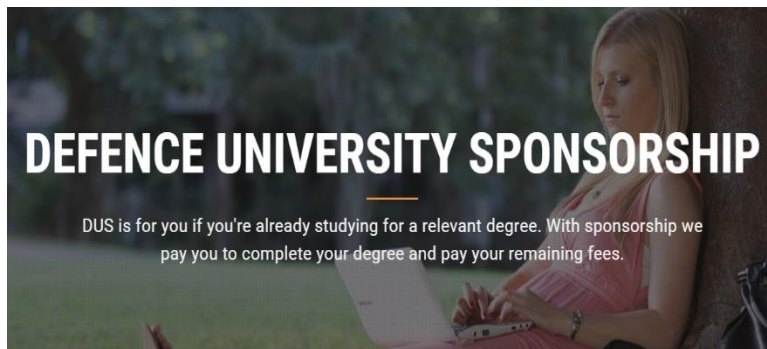
I checked out the lecturing staff online and they all appear to be highly qualified.

The cost of studying getting a degree at Sheridan College is about \$6000 per year which is much cheaper than other universities in WA.

To find out more go to [Sheridan College](https://www.sheridan.edu.au/).



Complete your Studies with a Salary



Join the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and have your fees paid for. You can study a relevant degree at an accredited university of your choice, have your fees paid for and earn a salary then walk straight into an ADF role following graduation.

For information go [HERE](#).

Training News

31 August TAFE Applications OPEN for 2019

Applications for full time TAFE for Semester 1, 2019 will open on 31st August.

Applications for full time study should be made through [TAFE Admissions Online](#).

Applications for part time and online studies can be made directly through the campus.

If you get an apprenticeships or traineeships your [Australian Apprenticeship Service Network](#) (AASN) provider will do the paperwork for you.

South Metropolitan 2019 Course Guide Released

South Metropolitan TAFE has released its Course Guide for 2019. It can be downloaded [HERE](#).

If you would like to talk with a careers counsellor about different options at TAFE go to a Jobs and Skills Centre. You can find your closest one [HERE](#).



Skills Shortage Brick Laying

We hear so much about how automation is going to put people out of work that we are creating skills shortages. It will be a long time before Western Australia gears up to 3D print a house or invents robots that can tile around tricky corners. Building trades will be with us for a long time and there is high demand for brick layers, tilers, roof carpenters, welders and plumbers. Check out Priority 3 of the [Skill Priority Occupation List](#) to find jobs that are currently identified as being in high demand.

School Based Apprentice of the Year Finalists

Congratulations to the 2018 School-based Apprentice of the Year Finalists.

- Danny Hennessey-O'Shea, North Metropolitan TAFE
- Rachel Knuckey, Illuminate Group
- Caitlin Whittle, Tubal Workplace Training
- Jazmin Hahn, Central Regional TAFE



Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASNs)

There are four ASSNs in Western Australia. These are the organizations that sign you up for your apprenticeship/traineeship contract and make sure you are getting the training you need.

You can check out the ASSNs online and choose one near you. Or give them a ring and go and see the one you like the best. They want to sign you up to exclusively use their services and are all competing for business. They have services like:

- Jobs boards
- Mentor services
- Support to find the right career path
- Help to write your resume
- Industry specific background and information:

The four ASSNs in WA are:

 <p><u>Apprenticeship Community</u></p>	 <p><u>AMA Apprenticeship and Traineeship Services</u></p>	 <p><u>Apprenticeship Support</u></p>	 <p><u>MEGT</u></p>
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Apprenticeship Support

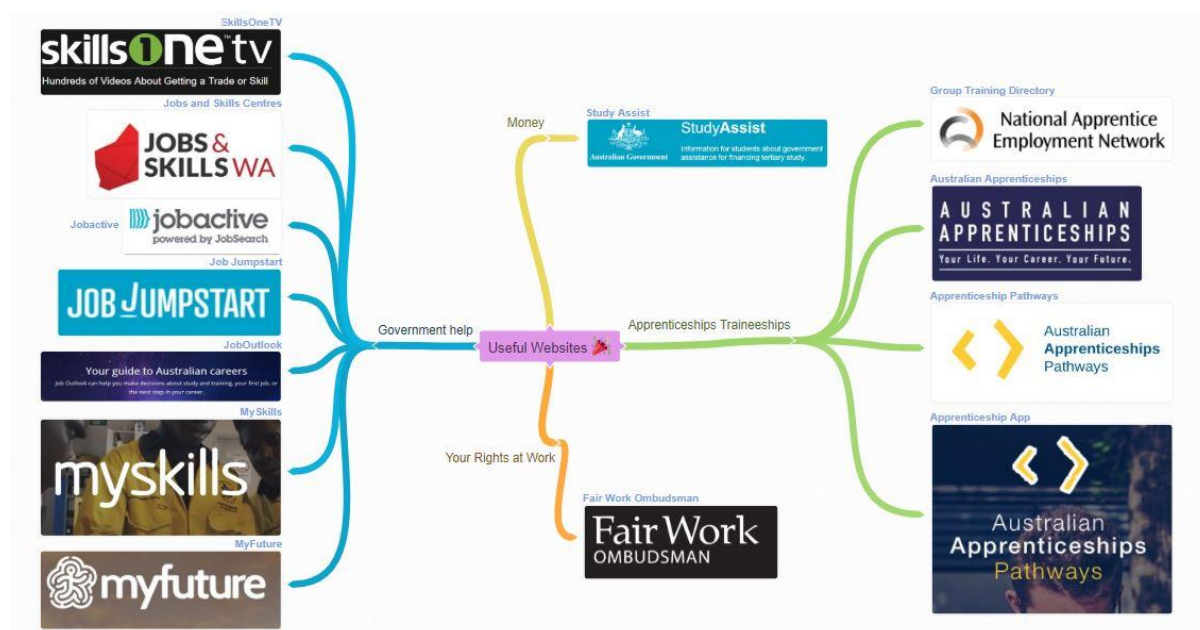
At the VET Careers Forum, Tonya Reineks from Apprenticeship Support explained that ASSNS were created to address the high attrition rate of apprentices. At around 9 months many apprentices and trainees seem to drop out. The ASSNs try to make sure applicants for apprenticeships and traineeships have realistic expectations of what they are taking on. The ASSNs also do what they can to support new employees through the first year so that they can get on a solid footing in their careers.

She advised people who want to get an apprenticeship or traineeship to register on [Skillsroad](#) which is one of the Apprenticeship Support resources designed to help school leavers.



Useful Websites

I have collated a group of useful websites for vocational education and training. Email me if you would like me a copy with the live links. Bev.J@infocus-careers.com.au.



Australian Apprenticeships Sites

There are two sites with very similar information about apprenticeships and traineeships.

The Pathways people gave me this information:



The [Australian Apprenticeships website](#) is the Government's direct apprenticeship and traineeship info website. You will find that a lot of the information is very broad and relates to Australia but doesn't go down to the state and territory

levels.

The [AAPathways website](#) is funded by Government funds but it has the freedom and the flexibility to go into more depth with the apprenticeship and traineeship information, run social media channels, and update the website daily.



You will find that we can provide more personal information and support across Australia and can also create resources quickly for different needs. We work with other government funded service providers at a local level to also create content and resources, adding to the depth of information we provide.

You can say that while both websites are quite different, they essentially complement each other.

Construction Training Fund Scholarship

\$250 Scholarship - Certificate II Construction Qualifications Application

To help you along with your career, the Construction Training Fund is providing a scholarship of \$250 to students who successfully complete eligible Certificate II construction qualifications either as part of WACE studies at school or full time as a pre-apprenticeship.

Apply [HERE](#).

Hofmann Engineering Jobs



Hoffman Engineering is one of the best employers in Western Australia.

They are a family company (the Hofmanns) with hundreds of employees around the world.

Based in Ashfield they really look after their staff and winning an apprenticeship with them would be like winning lotto.

TIP: They ask for applications to be hand written.

Now they have won work with upcoming Defence contracts so hopefully there will be more apprenticeship opportunities. You can read more about Hoffman's [HERE](#).

Jobs and Skills WA Jobs Board

The Jobs and Skills Centres are approaching employers to get them to identify jobs and post them on the [Jobs and Skills Centre Jobs Board](#).



The Jobs Board has only started recently but there are already some great opportunities posted.

17/07/18	31/08/18 4:00pm AWST	Apprentice electrician	SGL Electrical
16/07/18	12/08/18 4:00pm AWST	Apprenticeship program (2019) various trades	WesTrac

Check out the Jobs Board [HERE](#).

GAP Year Training Opportunities

There are still seven training pathways available through the Department of Defence Gap Year for 2019.

To find which opportunities are still available go [HERE](#).



Cyber Security Courses

There are so many job opportunities for people who knows about cyber security, that people without qualifications can pick up well paid jobs.

No doubt this situation will change soon, and employers will start to ask for qualifications.

North and South Metropolitan TAFE Colleges have introduced a Certificate IV in Cyber Security which leads to jobs like cyber security support officer, cyber security intrusion tester, security penetration tester, information systems security support officer, or network security support officer.

Check out [North Metropolitan TAFE](#) and at [South Metropolitan TAFE](#) for more information.

Interactive ICT Careers Wheel



This interactive career wheel allows you to click on different jobs in ICT, including cyber security. Jobs have a video of a person in the job, estimated salary and courses.

If you are still interested, you can click on one of the links that will take you further. To check it out go [HERE](#).

Take the next step to start your Career

Work Experience

Entry Level IT Jobs

Meet A Variety of IT Employers

See how ICT is Promoted in Australia

Sponsors of Digital Careers

Industry Body for ICT

Monthly Newsletter

Year 11 & 12 at TAFE not School

DTWD funds a limited number of places for Year 11 & 12 students to finish their "school" at a TAFE college. This can give an early career start to some students. If you really want to finish your senior school education at a TAFE college contact a [Jobs and Skills Centre](#) for more information.

Year 12 News

5 September Notre Dame Information Evening and EXPO

Looking to start uni in 2019?

Notre Dame invites future students and their families to join us on campus for our Admissions Information & Expo Evening. Find out what makes Notre Dame unique, discover the degrees available at the Fremantle Campus, chat with Admissions staff, and find out how to apply to our 5-star national university.



Attendees can choose between attending an admissions presentation or - if you have already started your application or want to submit your application on the night – joining an application workshop with our Admissions team.

Applications for Notre Dame Semester 1, 2019 are due Friday 28 September.

Find information [HERE](#).

12 September Murdoch TISC Support Session

Perth and Mandurah

Need help finalising your university application?

Attend our TISC Support Session to get help with finalising your application, so you're feeling 100% ready. This information session will provide you the information you need to gain entry to university.



Find more information [HERE](#).

12 September ECU Teacher Education Information Evening

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

Joondalup Campus Wednesday, 12 September 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Register [HERE](#).

21 September UWA Music Applications Close

UWA's Music Studies or Specialist Music Studies majors. The main round of auditions for 2019 entry will take place on Sunday 23 September 2018. Click on the [HERE](#) to register.



24 - 28 September ECU ATAR Revision Sessions

Prepare for Year 12 exams, guided by experienced secondary teachers with WACE marking experience. And it's FREE!

Joondalup Campus Register [HERE](#).

28 September TISC Applications Close 11 PM

This is the on-time closing date for most courses. You can still apply after this date but will have to pay a late fee.

TISC

Undergraduate
Your first degree

Medicine Applications

It is the final closing date for Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery at Curtin, and for Direct Pathway Medicine and Dentistry at UWA. You can still change the order of preferences on your preference list after this date.

For more information go [HERE](#).

Notre Dame and CQU

Notre Dame and CQU conduct a separate applications process and you should contact those universities to apply for a place with them.

Auditions and Portfolio Applications

You need to apply through TISC AND submit a separate application for an audition /interview from the institution concerned ([ECU](#) and [UWA](#)) if you applying for:

- WA Academy of Performing Arts ([WAAPA](#)) courses,
- [Other ECU courses](#) that require an audition and/or interview, or

More details are in the course information on [Course Search](#).

ECU

If you're an ATAR School Leaver applying through TISC you can also prepare a portfolio for the Portfolio Entry Pathway as a backup. To be considered through the Portfolio pathway, you will also need to complete an online application with ECU through '[Apply Online](#)' and upload your portfolio documents to your application.

If you won't obtain an ATAR you should [apply direct](#) to ECU and upload your portfolio documents to your application.

Curtin Your non-academic experience can be considered when applying for enrolment. Check the range of openings available [HERE](#). If you're applying for the [Portfolio Entry pathway](#) apply through TISC and submit your portfolio directly to Curtin University.

Murdoch If you're a Portfolio applicant apply through TISC. For information about how to submit your portfolio go [online](#).

UWA Applications for music majors close on 21st September. For details go [HERE](#).

Other States

For information about how to apply for universities in other states go [HERE](#)

28 September Murdoch Media Portfolio Preparation Day

Get help preparing your creative portfolio to apply to Murdoch

If you're a year 12 student wishing to enrol in one of Murdoch's arts, creative media or communications courses, showcasing your creative talent could gain you entry into Murdoch University. Find out more about portfolio entry.

Our Media Portfolio Prep Day is a free event designed to give you the advice and support you need to prepare your portfolio. You can apply by portfolio for any of the following courses:

English and Creative Writing	Games Art and Design
Graphic Design	Journalism
Photography	Public Relations
Radio	Screen Production
Sound	Theatre and Drama
Web Communication	

This event is designed for year 12 students intending to apply to Murdoch University using a creative portfolio. For more information go [HERE](#).

28 September Notre Dame Tertiary Pathway Program

Notre Dame's Tertiary Pathway Program (TPP) is an enabling program designed for students who have not met the requirements for entry into the University's undergraduate degree programs.

Following successful completion of the TPP, students may gain entry to undergraduate studies in the School of Arts & Sciences, School of Business, School of Education, School of Health Sciences, School of Nursing & Midwifery and School of Philosophy & Theology.

Applications for 2019 close on 28 September. For more information go [HERE](#).

ECU Peer Mentor Services

ECU Peer Mentor Services assist new students in building social and academic networks, so they settle more quickly into life as a student and have a more successful, productive and positive personal and academic experience by linking first-year students with more experienced students in their course or study area.

ECU also has support for new and existing students including:

- Free Learning Advisors to assist with developing your study skills.
- [ECU Careers & Leadership Services](#) provides free, professional career counselling and job search support. They'll help you find employment and work experience opportunities while studying, as well as plan your transition from uni to working life.
- [The Student Guild](#) is run by ECU students and provides academic, social and financial assistance, organizes events, supports student clubs, and offers member discounts.
- [Student Equity, Diversity and Disability Service](#) is a free, confidential service for students with a disability and/or medical condition, either permanent or temporary, and can help make uni life a better experience.
- ECU Health Centre and Counselling Service for students.

For more information about Peer Mentor Services go [HERE](#).

Year 11 News

4 September - Murdoch Horizons Summer School Information Evening

The Horizons Summer School is for students going from Year 11 into Year 12. You don't need to be going to Murdoch, or even to uni, to go to the Summer school.

It sets you up to get the most out of Year 12. Those students who took part in the pilot at the start of this year have kept in touch with each other.

RRR STUDENTS – please contact Janice Dudley to find out about accommodation options.

Email her at: Janice.Dudley@murdoch.edu.au

You can find out more [HERE](#)

Middle School News

Open Now – Applications for Public Sector Traineeships 2019 - 20

Are you currently in year 10 and thinking about doing a school-based traineeship in the WA public sector while completing year 11 in 2019 and year 12 in 2020? Applications are now open for school-based traineeships in government administration – an exciting opportunity to kick-start your career in the WA public sector and gain a nationally recognised qualification while you're still at school.



This is a paid, two days a week, school-based traineeship.

For more information go [HERE](#).

5 September Murdoch Parent information evening: Supporting your girls' development in STEM

Is your girl passionate about Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM)?

This information evening will give you the information you need to understand the diverse, exciting and secure career paths available to girls who study STEM.

This event is designed for parents and family members of girls in year 7-12.

Register [HERE](#)

26 OR 27 September Murdoch A Day in the Life of a Uni Student (Year 9 & 10s)

Experience life as a Murdoch student through our popular A Day in The Life series. Pick classes for the day and attend workshops, lectures and labs with potential new classmates. You will experience a taste of everything Murdoch has to offer, from our world class facilities to our green and vibrant campus.

A Day in the Life runs in the September school holidays for Year 9 and 10 students. It's free, but places are limited, so please register early to secure your place. Register [HERE](#).



UNAAWA

The United National Association of WA offers member schools programs and resources aligning the UNESCO framework for Global Citizenship Education with the Western Australian curriculum.

It offers:

1. Education resources and schools speaker program
2. Student parliament
3. UNAA School Sustainability Challenge
4. Yolande Frank Art Awards
5. World Teacher's Day Awards
6. Global Skills Passport

For more information go [HERE](#).



It Takes a Spark EDUConference

9 November 2018

Hosted by John Curtin College of the Arts, 90 Ellen St, Fremantle WA

"It Takes a Spark"
EDUConference

The "It Takes a Spark" conference is to bring together students from years 4 – 10 and teachers with industry and universities.

Participants connect with inspiring female industry role models, share their current school-based activities and projects, create

networks of teachers and student, and solve social justice design challenges. To find out more go [HERE](#).

Think Like an Entrepreneur

The FYA [New Work Reality Report](#) identifies *Building Enterprise Skills in Education* as one of the 4 key accelerating factors to gaining full-time work.

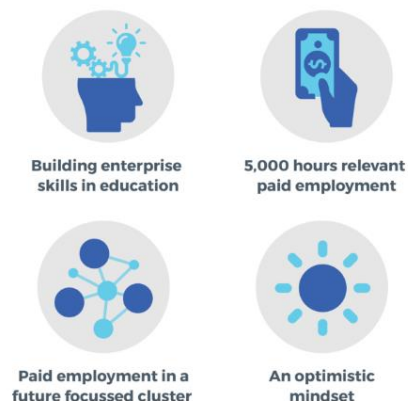
[\\$20 Boss](#) is the largest national enterprise education program in Australia. It is for year 7-10 students. It works by giving students \$20 at the start of a school term, helping them to incubate and launch a business that addresses a community issue and then pay back the \$20 with \$1 interest.

[Enabling Enterprise](#) works with ages 4 to 18 years olds and features multiple industry touch points including bringing business and work into the classroom through project-based learning and challenge days, and also by taking students out of the classroom and into the working world through day trips.

[Generation Entrepreneur](#) helps young people create their own work and jobs, while teaching them the enterprise skills they need along the way. The project was formed by two high school students who felt they were only being prepared to be workers in established jobs, rather than innovating new work opportunities and ideas. They use a large network of entrepreneurs and mentors to run tailored events in entrepreneurship for schools.

From an article by [Nina Roxburgh](#) at [FYA SUBSCRIBE HERE](#)

Accelerating factors to gaining full-time work:



Together with FYA, CoolAustralia offers two free secondary lesson packages to build these skills:

Worlds of Work (WOW) is an enterprise and career pathways program for **English** and **work**

studies.

This fantastic Year 7-10 resource assists English classes to explore the power of language and how it can be an effective tool to succeed in life and work. Work studies classes develop valuable enterprise skills that assist with navigating a complex future.

There are 11 lessons including [Learn How to Self Promote](#) where students identify their own strengths, abilities and accomplishments then create a magazine cover highlighting their positive attributes.

There are seven lessons for Year 7-10 students including [What's Your Big Idea?](#), [Figuring Out Financials](#) and [Marketing Like a Purple Cow](#).

Mid-September Applications Open for ACER High School Scholarship Tests 2020



Twenty-One West Australian schools use ACER tests to determine which students should receive a scholarship. The test date isn't until 9 March 2019 but applications open in mid-September.

You can check which schools use the ACER Scholarship Test [HERE](#).

If your child will be entering Grade 4, 5 or 6 (in primary school) in 2020, you need to register for the Primary scholarship test.

Register for **Level 1** if your child is entering Year 7 or 8 in 2020.

Register for **Level 2** if your child is entering Year 9 or 10 in 2020.

Register for **Level 3** if your child is entering Year 11 or 12 in 2020.

Refer to the [Apply for a scholarship](#) page for further information.

Scholarship News

16 November Curtin Scholarship Applications Close

Curtin has three types of scholarship that close on 16 November:

Equity scholarships - Curtin STAR Scholarship



The Curtin STAR Scholarship has been developed to assist domestic undergraduate students who may otherwise not have an opportunity to attend university due to a low socio-economic background and financial hardship.

See details [HERE](#).

Merit scholarships - Curtin Excellence Scholarship

Curtin Excellence Scholarships will automatically be awarded to domestic year 12 students who graduate with an ATAR of 96+*, have an eligible Curtin course as their first preference and accept our main round offer:

- Students who receive an ATAR of 96 – 96.99 will receive a one-year scholarship valued at \$5,000.

- Students who receive an ATAR of 97+ will receive a three-year scholarship valued at \$15,000.

*Medical school students are ineligible for this scholarship.

See details [HERE](#).

Regional Student Relocation - Harry Perkins Memorial Scholarship

The Harry Perkins Memorial Scholarship has been developed to support domestic undergraduate students who are required to relocate from a regional or remote area to commence their studies and can demonstrate financial hardship and low socio-economic background.

See details [HERE](#).

Murdoch Scholarships

Studying at university is a life-changing experience that often requires some support. Find out how a scholarship from Murdoch can help you to achieve your goals.

Scholarships are designed to help cover costs

If you're eligible for a scholarship, you will receive a payment to help support your study. It's not a loan so it doesn't need to be repaid. Most scholarships are not intended to be used to pay tuition fees but can help to cover university costs such as books, living expenses and transport.

Depending on your situation and circumstances, you may be eligible for one of our Murdoch scholarships for:

- students facing financial hardship
- students with records of high achievement
- students from regional areas
- indigenous students
- international students
- students studying specific courses

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



Curtin Scholarship for Academically Gifted Young Women

Curtin University has launched a new scholarship named in honour of former Prime Minister, the Honourable Julia Gillard AC, to support academically gifted young women through university.

This generous scholarship is aimed to attract applicants from the top 5% of their high school graduating year.

Interested applicants can find out more about the scholarship by contacting the Curtin Scholarships Office on (08) 9266 2992 or scholarships@curtin.edu.au or visiting [here](#).



Scholarships for Veteran's Children and Grandchildren

Students studying an approved scholarship course who receive allowances under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme (VCES) or Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme (MRCAETS) may be eligible to receive one or both of these scholarships.

What are the Student Start-up and Relocation Scholarships?

The Student Start-up Scholarship is intended to assist students to cover up-front higher education fees including text book and equipment fees.

The Relocation Scholarship is intended to assist students with the costs of establishing accommodation in their new place of study.

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

Pinnacle Foundation Scholarships



Scholarships are offered for 17-26 year old LGBT+ students who are planning to undertake full-time education at a public or private secondary school (final year) or public institution of higher education in Australia.

Applications close October 1.

For application questions please read the [FAQs](#) or email applications@thepinnaclefoundation.org

Aboriginal News

11 September Notre Dame Application Workshop for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

Want help applying to the University of Notre Dame? Come down to our Fremantle (Walyalup) Campus and get the support you need to complete your application form or have your application reviewed by our Notre Dame team. You can hear more about scholarship and accommodation opportunities and get all the course advice you need to apply to Notre Dame.

This event is for Year 12 and mature age Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants and their supporters. Refreshments will be provided on the night.

Time: 5.30pm - 7pm

Location: Manjaree (ND9), Bateman Courtyard, access from 38 Mouat Street, The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle

For further information please email at future@nd.edu.au or call (08) 9433 0533.

Register to attend at www.notredame.edu.au/events

16 October ECU Pizza Night for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

Join us for pizza and a yarn about uni entry pathways, courses and plenty more.

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

Closing the Gap on Employment in Defence



This presentation highlights opportunities that are being made available for Aboriginal West Australians in Defence careers.

There is a tradition of Aboriginal people throughout our defence forces.

This event was sponsored by the American Chamber of Commerce and the WA Defence Review. You can watch it [HERE](#).

RRR News

EVENTS

26 August ECU South West Open Day

Get hands on experience, talk to current students and to lecturers. Walk around the campus and see what you think. The Open Days are a great way of checking out possibilities for future study.

12pm – 3pm

Get more information [HERE](#).



18 September Northam Careers Expo



The Careers Expo will be a fantastic opportunity for Wheatbelt school students, job seekers and those seeking a career change to access information on career and training options and interact with a variety of employers across a diverse range of industries, all in one conveniently located venue.

If you would like to register a **group** or for more information, please contact Vikki Sinagra (Senior Career Development Officer) or Brenda DeAtta (Team Leader) through Directions Northam Office on 9622 6500. Directions Website link below to book your FREE ticket:

<https://www.directionswa.com.au/news/careers-expo/>

24 September to 28 September ATAR Revision Sessions

South West (Bunbury) Campus

Prepare for Year 12 exams, guided by experienced secondary teachers with WACE marking experience. And it's FREE!

Register [HERE](#).

2 October ECU Campus Tour South West (Bunbury)

Join your tour guide and check out the facilities on-campus and in some of our schools.

11.00am - 12.00noon Register [HERE](#)

8 October – 12 October Notre Dame Kimberley Economic Forum Broome

Visit our information booth to find out more about Notre Dame courses on offer in Broome. Our staff members will be on-hand to answer any enquiries. For further information contact the Broome Campus at broome.courses@nd.edu.au

10 October ECU Teacher Education Information Evening South West (Bunbury)

Find out why Teaching's popular at ECU and experience our well-equipped School of Education. South West (Bunbury) Campus

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

FUNDING

Veteran's Affairs Relocation Scholarships

Children and grandchildren of veterans may be eligible for a Relocation Scholarship which is intended to assist students with the costs of establishing accommodation in their new place of study.



There is also a Student Start-up Scholarship which is intended to assist students to cover up-front higher education fees including text book and equipment fees. Students may be eligible for both. For more information go [HERE](#).

Country Education Foundation Grants

The Country Education Foundation (CEF) helps rural and regional youth access education, training and jobs through grants, scholarships, support services and resources. Grants contribute towards apprenticeships, traineeships, cadetships, diplomas, certificate level studies, university qualifications or employment.

Grants can cover any education or work-related expenses, eg. text books, tools, work equipment, petrol, transport, accommodation, computers, internet access.

[Click here](#) to view full funding guidelines on the provider's website.

Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships

The Australian Government introduced new scholarships as part of its policy package to improve access to educational opportunities for regional students. [Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships](#) will support 1200 regional and remote students to undertake STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) studies. The scholarships are for vocational education, undergraduate and postgraduate students (Certificate IV to PhD) and valued at up to \$18,000 each.

RESEARCH

Remote student university success: an analysis of policy and practice

A child born in remote Australia is only one third as likely to go to university as a child born in a major city (Cassells et al., 2017). Moreover, of those who attend university, the completion rates are lower (60.33 per cent) than their regional (69.37 per cent) and metropolitan (74.87 per cent) peers (Department of Education and Training, 2017a). This study explored the principles of good practice that support the success of university students who come from remote Australia. To read the report go [HERE](#).

Migrant News

Migration Settlement Services

Settlement Services helps skilled migrants to settle and work in Western Australia.

Settlement Services is an information and referral service provided to skilled migrants to assist them in establishing their life in Western Australia.

This service is available to:

- skilled migrants who have recently arrived in Western Australia; and
- secondary visa holders (dependants) of skilled migrants who have recently arrived in Western Australia.

This website is a resource for skilled migrants and includes information on:

• moving to Western Australia;	• employment;
• children and education;	• health;
• transport and services;	• sport and recreation;
• useful information; and	• emergency services.

For more information visit the [Western Australian Government website](#).

To find out more go [HERE](#). Subscribe to the newsletter [HERE](#).

Helping Refugee Students to be Successful at School

[This article](#) talks about examples of good practice in teaching refugees in Finland and Australia. The article and the comments are interesting.

TAFE International

TAFE colleges in Western Australia are government owned and operated. They offer high quality nationally recognised courses for international students. There is a wide range of excellent government backed pathways to university programs. You can enrol for Semester 1, 2019 by going [HERE](#).



Disability News

30 October Abilities Expo 2018

The Abilities Expo is for people who want to know more about services they can access and about the organisations that provide those services.

9.15 – 1.30 Crown Perth – Grand Ballroom

You can find the Facebook link [HERE](#).



Students with Disability Should Apply to TAFE Early

Staff from North and South Metro TAFE's Disability Units told the CDAA VET Forum that students who have a disability should get in touch with them early so that they have time to make reasonable adjustments to learning spaces.

They explained that if special equipment or teaching resources need to be bought or built that can take time. Students who don't give the college time to prepare the work/study space can be unnecessarily disadvantaged while the resources are prepared.


Informed Choices SA TAFE

At the VET Forum Jane Smith and Sam Bickell introduced the South Australian TAFE Informed Choices initiative which WA is going to begin work on this year. It is an assessment of the inherent requirements that applicants should be aware of before they choose a course.

As VET courses have national accreditation the South Australian assessments of student requirements should be equally applicable in WA. You can check the inherent requirements [HERE](#).

Informed Choices

In order to make an informed choice about the suitability of your chosen qualification, you should take into account the essential skills and knowledge as well as the assessment requirements.



Government of South Australia

Study Area – Business Services

- [Certificate II in Business \(National Code: BSB20115\)](#)
- [Certificate II in Health Support Services \(Health Administration\) \(National Code: HLT23215\)](#)
- [Certificate II in Customer Engagement \(National Code: BSR20215\)](#)
- [Dual Certificate II Program in Business and IT](#)
- [Certificate III in Customer Engagement \(National Code: BSB30215\)](#)
- [Certificate III in Business \(National Code: BSB30115\)](#)
- [Certificate III in Business Administration \(National Code: BSB30415\)](#)

NDCO Resources

The Australian Government's National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO) Program works to assist people with disability access and participate in tertiary education and subsequent employment, through a national network of regionally based NDCOs.



The NDCOs also work with stakeholders at the local level to reduce systemic barriers, facilitate smooth transitions, build links and coordinate services between the education, training and employment sectors. The NDCO program is hosted by a range of providers across Australia. [Find out more about the NDCO Program.](#)



There are more resources via the Helping Children with Autism package. You can find them on the [Autism Training site](#).

What I've Been Blogging

Did You Ever Want to be a Train Driver?

Apparently Australian railways are high tech and world class. Who knew??

They employ thousands of people across a huge range of occupations and employees have transferrable skills that are sought after in a range of industries around the world.

Who knew?!? Check out the rail careers situation [HERE](#).

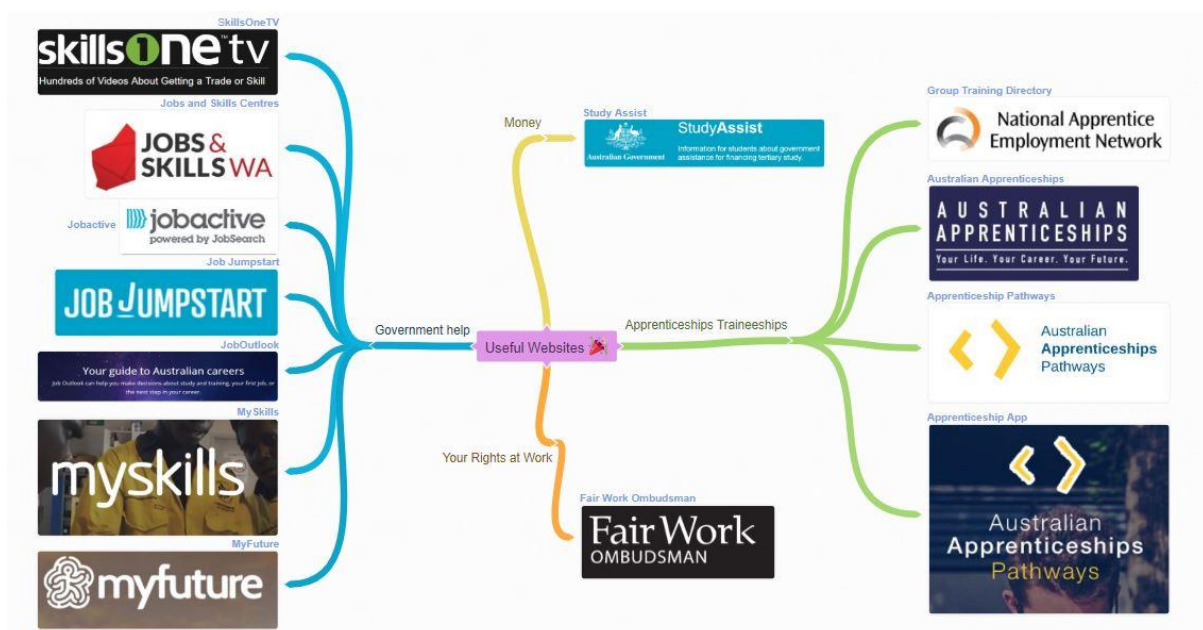
5 Survival Tips for School Leavers

When you leave school you become the rookie, the novice, the one who is easiest to rip off.

These tips are about:

- Money and where to get help
- Where to get advice about what to do next
- Where to ask for help
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Scholarships and grants

Coggle Map of Useful Government Jobs and Careers Websites



This Coggle map of some key government careers sites. You can see it [HERE](#).

Coggle hasn't been able to integrate its functionality with WordPress. They are working on it!!

Email me if you would like me a copy so that you can get the links live. Bev.J@infocus-careers.com.au

Want the Key to Career Success? Deep Learning

There is a clear change in direction from the ephemeral “creativity” and “problem solving” push to a refocus on core skills, technical expertise and deep learning. Read about the trend [HERE](#).



Alternative Pathways to Uni

The number of alternative pathways is growing. The unis have come and updated their information on this post. You can find the up to date information [HERE](#).

Career Professional News

EVENTS

5 September Webinar - Engaging Youth with Australian Apprenticeships Information

Hear all about our recently completed research exploring on how young people and influencers engage with careers information at this Australian Apprenticeship and Traineeship Information Service webinar.

12 Noon Register [HERE](#)

16 & 17 September Maths Association of WA 2018 Conference - Making STEM Work

The focus is on STEM in the classroom by giving teachers and school leaders ideas that will help them implement their own school's STEM initiatives and stimulating thinking and discussions about the importance of STEM to our futures.

For more information go [HERE](#).



8 November – National Industry Skills Forum – Digital Transformation and Future Skilling



Kerry O'Brien is hosting these forums around Australia.

The Australian Industry Standards (AIS) Industry Skills Forums held across Australia provide a key opportunity for you to directly shape the skills and workforce priorities for industry. It is an opportunity for education leaders to get involved and influence the agenda.

When: Thursday 8 November, 8 am to 2 pm (breakfast, morning tea and lunch is provided)

Where: Perth Parmelia Hilton Hotel, Mill St (Perth CBD).

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

Changes to VET RTOs

The [All Eyes on Quality Review](#) of the Vocational Education and Training systems was mentioned in the August newsletter. Some actions that are consistent with the recommendations are already apparent.

- Chook Henson told the CDAA VET Careers Forum that the Department of Training and Workforce Development has deregistered a number of RTOs for not meeting quality standards.
- It seems that the Commonwealth has already set up the recommended Student consumer protection services mentioned in the Review. The Services are mentioned in a video called [ASQA's Role in the VET Sector](#). It is only 4 minutes long and is a quick way to understand the governance of VET.

ASQA's role in the VET sector (animated video)



Getting Better All the Time - RTO Auditing

At the CDAA VET Careers Forum, Chook Henson, Manager Private Training Markets, gave a solid rundown of training planning for the next triennium which begins in 2020.

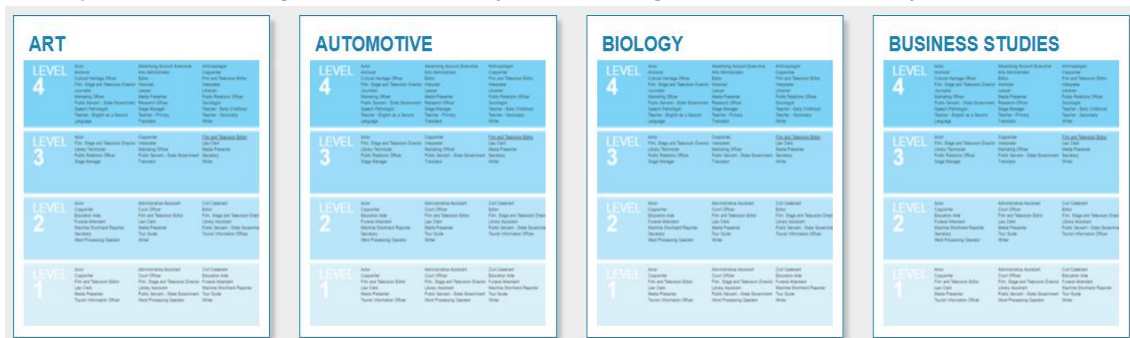
He explained that there are some new RTOs in the market to deliver courses that weren't available in WA and he said that a number of RTOs have been taken out of the market as they didn't meet quality standards.

Chook is always refreshing to listen to and straight to the point. He explained that there are about 150 private RTOs in WA that have been doing a good job, there are about 30 that are being supported to improve their game, and there is a small group that are being tightly monitored as they seem more interested in making money than in delivering quality training.

RESOURCES

Career Ladders

We have used the [Careers Bullseye Posters](#) for a generation. Now the [Good Universities Guide](#) has come up with Career Ladders. They are interactive like the [My Future Careers Bullseye Posters](#) and give us a new way of checking out career pathways.



INCURSIONS EXCURSIONS

Book an Australian Apprenticeships Ambassador

You can send a request for an Australian Apprenticeships Ambassador to share their success story at your event or activity.

Visit the [Australian Apprenticeships Ambassadors map](#) to see who is located nearby, read their success story and send a booking request.



Electrician:
Hannah Terry

Certificate IV in
Electrical
- Instrumentation



Electrician:
Haydn Booth

Certificate III
Electrotechnology
Electrician



Electrician:
Jared Stone

Certificate III in
Electrotechnology
Electrician



Electrician:
Jessica Wooley

Certificate III in
Electro Technology

Book a Tour of Curtin Campus Years 10 - 11

Schools can book a tour of Curtin University Campus. The tour can be tailored to meet the interests of the visiting cohort. To find more information go [HERE](#).

Defence Industry Facilities Tours

I made enquiries about how school students could get an advantage from the defence contract spending that is going to happen in WA. I got an offer for schools to have a tour of defence industry facilities. The very helpful guy is called Serge and his email is:

ADMIN@WADEFENCEREVIEW.COM.AU

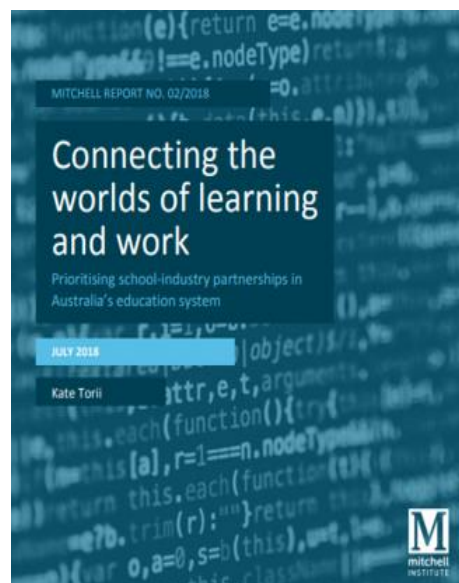
RESEARCH

Another fantastic report from the Mitchell Institute.

As alternative pathways to university disrupt senior school programs this report, released on 30th July, has recommendations for a way forward.

“The biggest issue in creating partnerships is often the paperwork and difficulty in finding how a partnership can be mutually beneficial.” (p18)

One of the key themes of the Report relates to the challenges schools and teachers have in prioritising industry partnerships in busy school environments.



If school-industry partnerships are to be a priority in all schools – then industry engagement needs to first be prioritised at the system level. Rather than adding on more requirements for schools to deliver, this would mean education systems recognising the broader outcomes that industry partnerships contribute to, such as lifting career aspirations and increasing engagement in learning. (p19)

You can find the full report [HERE](#).

Working it Out: Career Guidance and Employer Engagement

A new report published by the OECD (2nd July 2018) looks at features of good career guidance including the need for schools to begin early and the essential role of exposure to the world of work.

To access the full report complete with recommendations go to [OECD Career Guidance and employer engagement](#).

Skills for a Global Future

The impact of automation will be to change, rather than replace, most jobs. Workers will need to frequently undertake training to keep their skills up to date, particularly their technical skills, so that they remain employable as their jobs evolve. This is already the case as the number of machinery operators and drivers, and of labourers has declined.

Need for Digital Skills



Employers are dissatisfied with the digital skills of VET graduates who they expect to have advanced technical skills. These skills are frequently an elective competency in a course rather than a core skill and students and RTOs are not yet responding to industry demands.

Soft Skills

In addition to the ongoing updating of technical expertise employers are demanding communication, entrepreneurial and creativity and willingness to experiment.

This is some of the information available in [Skills for a Global Future](#) report.



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Career Events

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
University	Training	Defence	Extension	Educators	International
2	3	4 ECU Teacher Education Evening UWA Roadshow Murdoch Horizons for Year 11 Info Evening	5 ECU Media Communications Notre Dame Admissions Info & Expo Evening Murdoch Parents – Supporting your girl's development in STEM	6 Find a pathway to ECU that works for you. UWA Roadshow	7
9	10	11 ECU Business and Law Information Evening Notre Dame ATSI Application Workshop	12 ECU Teacher Education Information Murdoch TISC Support Sessions Perth and Mandurah	13 Get ready with WAAPA	14
16 MAWA WA STEM Learning Conference.	17 MAWA WA STEM Learning Conference	18 Northam Careers Expo	19 ECU Security & Computing	20	21 UWA Music Applications Close
23	24 UWA Campus Tour ECU ATAR Revision Program Perth and Bunbury	25 ECU ATAR Revision Program Perth and Bunbury	26 ECU Campus Tour ECU ATAR Revision Program Perth and Bunbury A Day in the Life of a Uni Student Year 9 & 10 Murdoch ECU ATAR Revision Program Perth and Bunbury	27 A Day in the Life of a Uni Student Year 9 & 10 Murdoch ECU ATAR Revision Program Perth and Bunbury	28 Murdoch Media Portfolio Prep Day Notre Dame Applications close ECU ATAR Revision Program Perth and Bunbury TISC Applications Close Notre Dame Tertiary Pathways applications close

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 ECU Campus Tour Bunbury	3 ECU Campus Tour Mt Lawley	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 ECU Teacher Ed Murdoch Career Myth Busting	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 ECU WAAPA Production Tour Murdoch Alternative Pathways	18 ECU Bunbury Teacher Information Evening	19	20
21	22	23 ECU Information Evening	24	25	26	27
28	29 ATAR Exams Start	30 ECU Information Evening				