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Career News: The Big Picture

Our New World

[These infographics](#) are fun. McCrindle interprets data to give us insights. It is fun seeing the influences that are impacting on our world.

McCrindle also give ideas about what the world of work will be like for Gen Alpha. They talk about:

1. Growing up digital
2. The COVID-19 generation
3. Globally connected and influenced
4. How the grandparents' generation is impacting.

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

Unemployment bounces up to 4.1% in January

[According to the ABS](#) people who were not employed decide to return to work in January each year. This has caused a bounce in unemployment figures for the past three years. In 2024 our unemployment figure rose to 4.1% **BUT** many of those unemployed people expected to get jobs in the next 4 weeks.

There was also a drop in the number of hours worked as people went on summer holidays.

Bjorn Jarvis, ABS head of labour statistics, said: "Since October 2023, the annual growth rate in hours worked has slowed considerably, down to 0.7 per cent in January 2024, and well below the annual employment growth of 2.6 per cent."

WA to change the way ATAR is calculated (from 2026)

The score bonuses given to West Australian students studying some of the more difficult ATAR subjects will no longer be applied from the 2026 school year, in an effort to increase fairness for all year 12s hoping to gain entry to university.

The Tertiary Entrance Aggregate score is used to calculate a students' ATAR results, and an automatic bonus of 10 per cent is applied to mathematics methods, mathematics specialist, and a student's highest-scoring language other than English, or LOTE.

Currently, students who study these ATAR courses can receive a maximum aggregate score of 430 which is made up of 100 points for each of their four top subjects, plus up to three bonuses just for choosing the course.

Students who don't study those subjects have a maximum possible score of only 400. This is particularly problematic for students at schools which may not even offer these subjects.

Tertiary Institutions Service Centre chief-executive Andrew Crevald said WA was the only Australian state that granted a bonus of this type for an ATAR course.

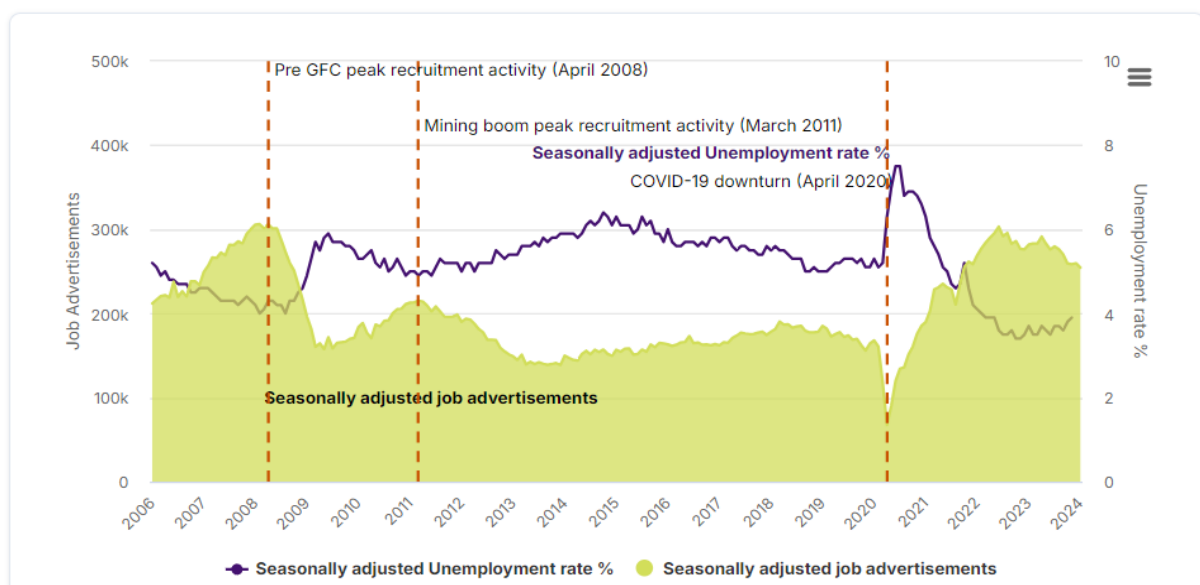
You can read the reasoning behind this decision to cut the bonus system [HERE](#). (Thanks for the link Clare Slodecki)

Job advertisements decrease in January

According to Jobs and Skills Australia, job advertisements decreased by 2.0 in January 2024. Despite this, vacancy numbers remain at record levels.

[Go to this chart online](#) to get interactive results.

Job Advertisements and Unemployment Rate – January 2006 to January 2024



Summary

It seems as if the economy may be softening enough to lead to some interest rate relief in the near future but the economy is still so strong that people seeking jobs are well placed to find a job that suits their needs.



100 Fastest Growing Global Skills for 2024



Udemy has identified [100 Fastest – Growing Global Skills for 2024](#). They are a tech teaching company so they focus on tech skills.

Some of the skills identified by Udemy are application specific, like 1. ChatGPT and 3. Google Cloud skills. When a new, better product comes along, experts in those companies will be able to quickly learn the new product and move forward in their careers.

Others are more long term, like 9. DevSecOps which is about IT security, and that has been an issue since the internet started connecting data.

Skill in Demand	Discussion
<p>1. Open AI's ChatGPT</p> 	<p>If you haven't played with ChatGPT, get yourself a free account and start playing around with it. It is an artificial intelligence platform that is the biggest change in IT since the internet reached us.</p>
<p>2. Environmental, Social and Governance skills.</p> 	<p>This is about frameworks. A law degree, policy development experience or knowledge of enterprise architecture would help in creating and enforcing frameworks that give us order and safety.</p>

<p>3. Google Cloud Professional Cloud DevOps Engineer</p> 	<p>Many companies use Google Cloud Computing to scale their operations and take advantage of global resources. If you know how to use these Google systems, you will be seen as a serious techie.</p>
<p>4. Behavioral economics</p> 	<p>These people put together economics and psychology to anticipate how people will behave.</p>
<p>5. Advertising strategy</p> 	<p>This isn't new but keeping up with emerging advertising strategies will be challenging. Donald Trump is an expert at this.</p>
<p>6. Certification and software test-taking preparation</p> 	<p>This sounds like teaching and ensuring the credibility of the test taking systems.</p>
<p>7. Microsoft Azure Synapse Analytics</p> 	<p>This is about managing big data. The World Economic Forum has been identifying this data analytic skills as a priority for some time. Being able to crunch data continues to be an in demand skills and the Microsoft system is leading.</p>
<p>8. Autodesk 3ds Max</p>	<p>In 2023 the Managing Director of North Metro TAFE told career</p>



practitioners that their gaming courses were leading to jobs in design and project visualisation. This skill is about creating 3D models.

9. [DevSecOps](#)



This skill deals with the ongoing challenge of security across organisations and platforms. I anticipate that skills to develop security systems will continue to be in high demand.

10. Software design



Go to TAFE. Get in on the ground floor in an entry level computer class and keep learning for the rest of your career.

To see the full 100 top skills you can download the eBook [HERE](#).

Special Report Career Connect Conference

February 2024

Riding the Tiger of Change Conference Highlights

Each year the Career Development Association of Australia and Notre Dame University put together a career conference to kick start the academic year. This year the theme was *Riding the Tiger of Change*.

Although Notre Dame hosts the event, all the universities come along to give a quick overview of their key innovations for the year. TISC is always there giving updates on what's new and what to expect.

We also had speakers from the resources industry and agriculture, and one talking about pathways through TAFE to defence careers.

We always have the economic outlook. This year it was given by Luke Le Breton from the Department of Training and Workforce Development who managed to put the stats into a context that career educators loved.

Key Impressions:

- Unis are competing for school students and there are more opportunities for senior students to start uni courses while at school
- Fewer students are taking an ATAR pathway to uni
- Those students who do take an ATAR pathway to uni do better
- WA has the lowest per centage of the entire population that do ATAR (NOT the lowest per centage of Year 12s who do ATAR).
- Worker shortages are across all levels and all industries in WA, from unskilled to highly skilled.
- 2023 senior students were more informed about what pathways are available to them and what extra information they need.
- There are jobs for unskilled through to highly skilled workers, including a significant demand for electricians.

Notre Dame



FEES: Notre Dame fees are THE SAME as those of public universities.

UniPath

UniPath is a 12-week pathway program that, upon successful completion, will guarantee you direct entry into many undergraduate degree programs at Notre Dame.


You can start your UniPath program while still at school.




You get to study on campus one day a week, be in tutorials with other university students and enhance your study skills and academic writing in preparation for your university degree. You will learn the ways of the university, attend first year lectures, meet students from diverse disciplines and make new friends.



Spotlight on UniPath

Choose Notre Dame to Make a Difference



 <p>Duration 12-week pathway program, open to Year 12 students. UniPath can be completed parallel to their Year 12 studies</p>	 <p>Pathway to Bachelor's Degree Upon successful admission and successful completion, students will be guaranteed direct entry into many undergraduate degrees*</p>	 <p>Interested? Please contact our Prospective Student Office directly to enquire and learn more</p>
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For details go [HERE](#).

Medicine Assured Pathway from Bachelor of Biomedical Science starting 2025

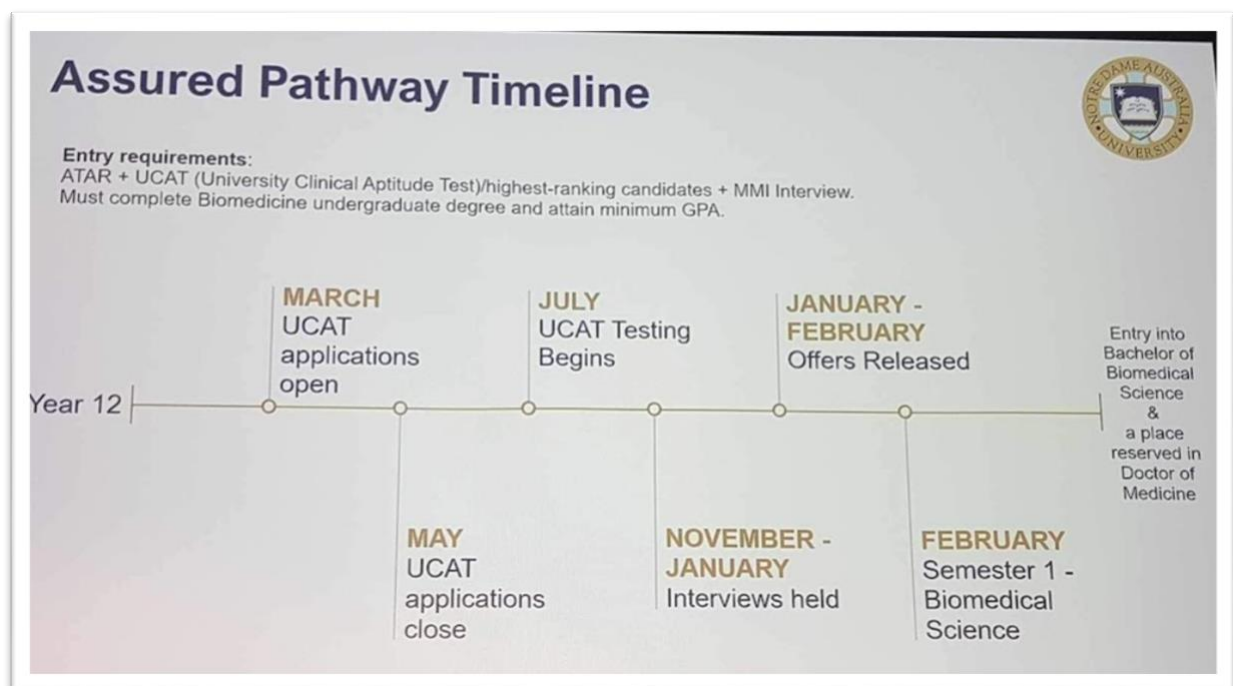
This pathway to medicine is targeted to school leavers who are aspiring doctors. Students apply in year 12 for a Biomedical Science degree with:

- An outstanding ATAR score.
- Successful completion of UCAT
- Final selection through the Multiple Mini Interview

Notre Dame will be conducting application for medicine information sessions in 2024 which are yet to be scheduled.

You can view information session from September last year [HERE](#).

You can find information about the Priority Pathway, General entry pathway and Indigenous entry pathway [HERE](#).



Become a doctor at the Kimberley Remote Medical School

The [Kimberley Centre for Remote Medical Training](#) opens in 2025 and will provide up to 20 students per year with the opportunity to complete their medical training on country, close to home and family and other forms of pastoral support.

The school will target Aboriginal students from the Kimberley, people already living in the Kimberley and other groups under-represented in the medical profession.

Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science

We heard how the [Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science](#) is a specialty at Notre Dame with industry practicums and internship placements during the course.

[Exercise Science – Physiology](#) was mentioned as a specialization of Notre Dame.



New Course – Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)

This course is a 4 year degree program that will be available in 2024.

Bachelor of Physiotherapy

[This is a four year program](#). You can take a two year accelerated [Masters program](#) from the [Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science](#) or the [Bachelor of Biomedical Science](#).

Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine

This is a one year course, which is a popular qualification for those studying nursing.

This course is recognised by St John's Ambulance.

Bachelor of Psychology

Notre Dame has responded to the shortage of psychologists by delivering a 3-year Bachelor of Arts Psychology degree. This is recognised by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council.

Notre Dame also offers a:

- 1 year honours program
- 1-year masters program

Computer Science at Notre Dame

The Bachelor of Computer Science at Notre Dame has introduced a significant ethics component in response to the issues delivered by AI and deep fakes.

There is a Semester 2, 2024 intake for this course.



Curtin University



Portfolio Pathway Toolkit

Portfolio Pathways to university are gaining popularity.

To support those wishing to apply for uni via a portfolio pathway, Curtin is developing a Portfolio Pathway Toolkit. You can find it [HERE](#).

NEW: Bachelor of Innovation + Bachelor of Law double degree

This combination of Law and Innovation will probably appeal to school leavers. Curtin is excited about this course, and we will hear more about it at future events.

You can find information [HERE](#).



NEW: Commerce + Fashion Marketing double degree

This is another combination that will probably appeal to school leavers who are interested in a career in fashion marketing, but realistic about how few opportunities would be available in that field in WA. The addition of a commerce major will help graduates to become more employable.

Medical Radiation Science

New pre-requisites.

The [Medical Radiation Science](#) course pre-requisites now allow:

- Physics ATAR
- Mathematics Applications ATAR or Mathematics: Methods or Specialist ATAR or equivalent.



Graduate Diploma of Education

In line with State government education policy, Curtin has reintroduced the Graduate Diploma in Education. This was a traditional pathway to secondary teaching in the past. Students undertake a degree in their chosen field of study (English, science, etc) then they undertake a one year post graduate diploma.

Schools are introducing more comprehensive support programs for graduate teachers which are designed to reduce the workload and stress experienced by new teachers

ECU

This is new - Sonography

50 students enrolled into the [Bachelor of Preclinical Foundations of Imaging Science](#), these students will then go on to complete the [Graduate Diploma of Medical Sonography](#) to become Accredited Medical Sonographers.



Experience ECU

ECU will be offering six Experience ECU Day's during the school holidays in 2024 and these are aimed at Year 9's and 10's. For more information about these events please reach out to Ginetta Papaluca Team Leader, Student Ambassador Program g.papaluca@ecu.edu.au.

Bachelor of Engineering (Robotics and Autonomous Systems) Honours



ECU continues to put a lot of resources into keeping West Australian engineering skills up to date. The [Bachelor of Engineering \(Robotics and Autonomous Systems\) Honours](#) program starts with a general first year of engineering before specializing.

Later in the day we heard from a Resources Industry representative how robotics is being used underground and across the resources sector.

ECU Portsmouth Partnership

In 2022 ECU formed a [partnership with Portsmouth University](#) in England, that enabled students from either university to study on both campuses and get a dual degree.

The first cohort from England came to ECU last year and this year the first West Australian contingent is going to Portsmouth. You can check it out [HERE](#).

Teacher Education Qualifications

ECU identified their education qualifications as:

- The Post Graduate Diploma (1 year after a degree)
- Bachelor of Education courses in Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary teaching. (4 years)
- Master of Education in Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary Teaching.

Find details [HERE](#).

Murdoch University



Murdoch
UNIVERSITY

Murdoch Partnership with Ag Department

The Ag Department is now called the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

That Department is going to co-locate from Kensington to the Murdoch University site.



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Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

The plan is for all universities to be able to use the new buildings and labs for biosecurity, research and teaching purposes.

Murdoch has always delivered veterinary science and is a leader in conservation, so it is well placed to grow into this new role.

Biosecurity research will be a priority at the new facility which is due to open in 2027.

Murdoch Future Student Team has grown.

Murdoch has increased the number of people in its future student team and can now do school incursions or manage excursions to Murdoch campus for years 7 – 12.

Ngala Kwop Biddi Brighter Future Scholarships

Each Western Australian Secondary School will be invited to nominate one of their graduating Year 12 students, who by their leadership and activity has effected positive change in their School or community, related to one of the three strategic themes.

- Sustainability
- Equity, diversity and inclusion
- First Nations

The scholarship is valued at \$12,000. Find out more [HERE](#).

Murdoch Access Engineering Scholarship

The **Murdoch University Access Engineering Scholarship** seeks to widen participation and support students from underrepresented groups in a field of study that is becoming increasingly important and impactful for a sustainable future.

Value \$12,000

Indigenous Engineering Pathway Scholarship

Murdoch University Indigenous Engineering Pathway Scholarship is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students seeking to access engineering study or careers via the Bachelor of Engineering Technology.

Value \$9,000 – \$12,000

UWA

Last year UWA broke ranks with its traditional pathways and started recognising life experiences as a pathway into some of its courses.



Now UWA has introduced micro credentials as a potential pathway into undergraduate degrees.

Check out Admission entry pathways [HERE](#).

⇒ UWA is finding that ATAR students do better at uni, but the new pathways are gaining traction.

Studysmarter.uwa.edu.au

In an effort to support students to succeed, UWA established the [StudySmarter](#) app.

UWA+ Starter Credentials

These micro credentials are designed to meet secondary students' flexibility requirements, UWA+ Starter micro-credentials focus on providing secondary students with the opportunity to study subjects online or in mixed mode with the school.

Students can gain credit towards selected bachelor's degrees by completing 3 micro-credentials.

UWA has SCSA recognition for 3 micro-credentials and is applying for recognition for more.

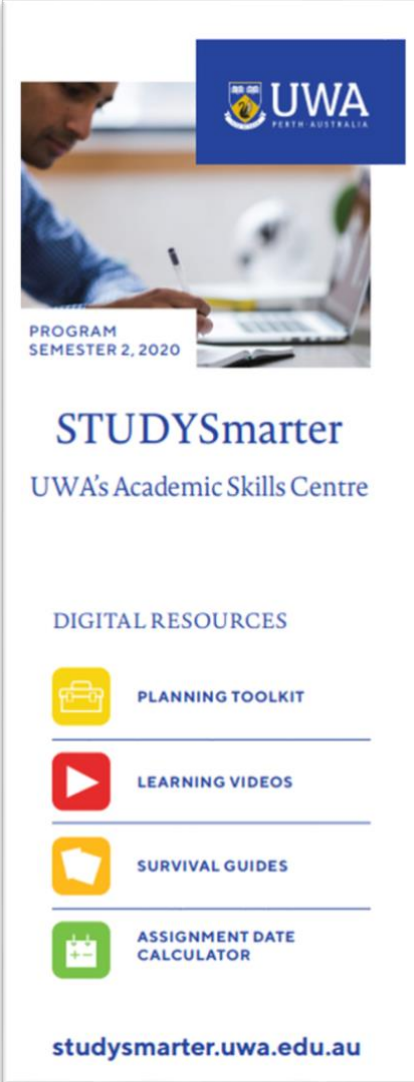
Alternate Pathway to Nursing

ECU, Notre Dame and Murdoch are all offering alternative pathways to nursing. Contact the university of your choice for details.

Enabling Programs

If you undertake an enabling program which is not graded, do not expect all universities to accept it as an entry pathway.

Flexi Track High is now graded.



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Conference Highlights TISC

TISC

TISC manages applications for universities across Western Australia.

ATAR and non-ATAR pathway students apply for their preferred course at their preferred university via TISC and the magic of algorithms sorts it out and makes students an offer.

Only WA Academy of Performing Arts students apply directly to WAAPA for a position.



97% of students who applied through TISC got offers to uni this year. 95% of year 12s got offers.

Invite TISC to School

TISC staff are happy to come to schools to talk to teachers, students and families.

They will do Teams meetings for remote schools.

TISC Videos show you how

[TISC has 12 videos](#) to help you to understand applying for uni, including

- The ATAR
- Calculating the ATAR
- Entry requirements
- Entry requirements VET
- Moderation
- Scaling

If you want to demonstrate or practice applying through TISC. you can register as a Year 11 student and do a trial run.

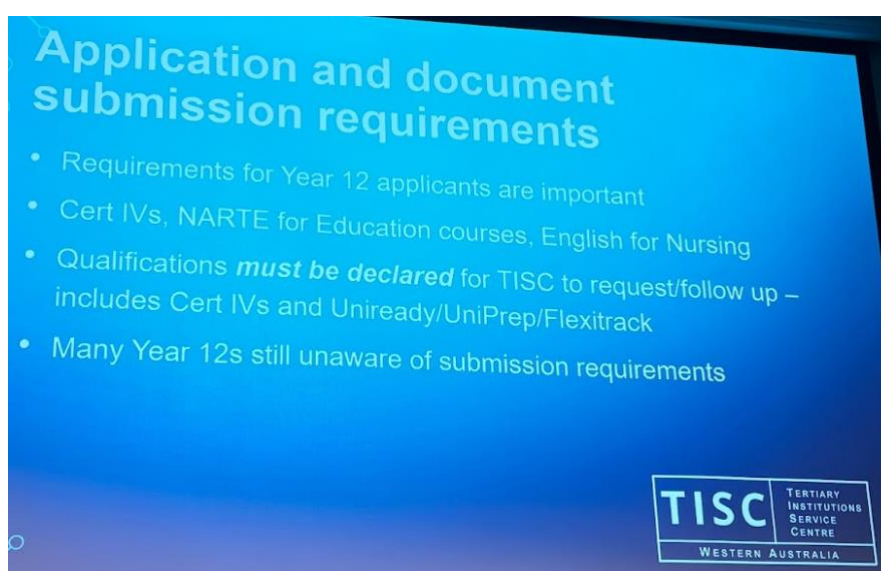
Early Offers

- Universities have been asked to hold off on early offers until Term 3 as so many students get an offer, then want to change their mind.
- Most early offers are conditional upon applicants meeting requirements
- From July to December early offers will be sent out once per month.
- About half of all applications are in by the end of July.
- 30 September continues to be the final date for TISC applications.

Put in the right evidence

Students applying for non-ATAR pathways frequently do not get offers because they DO NOT PUT IN THE RIGHT EVIDENCE.

If you are still doing a Certificate IV qualification, or some other pathway program at time when you apply, that must be declared on your application so that TISC knows to follow up.



Educational Access Scheme – for when things go wrong

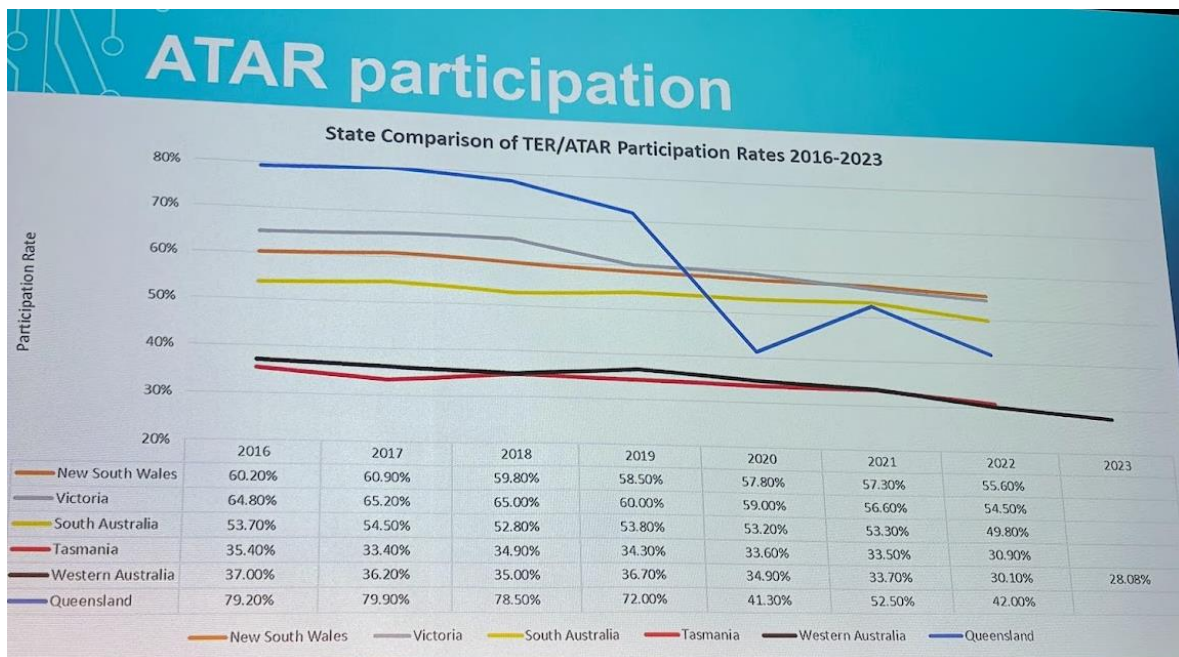
If your life went to the dogs throughout years 11 and 12 and you didn't have a fair chance to do your best in your ATAR, you can put in an application for special consideration which may help you to get entry to your preferred course.

In 2023 there were 902 applications but only 439 of those provided the required documents!



The Educational Access Scheme does not override English competency or pre-requisite requirements.

Western Australia has the lowest ATAR Participation in Australia



In 2023 only 28.08% of West Australians applied for uni through an ATAR pathway.

Fees, charges and schedule

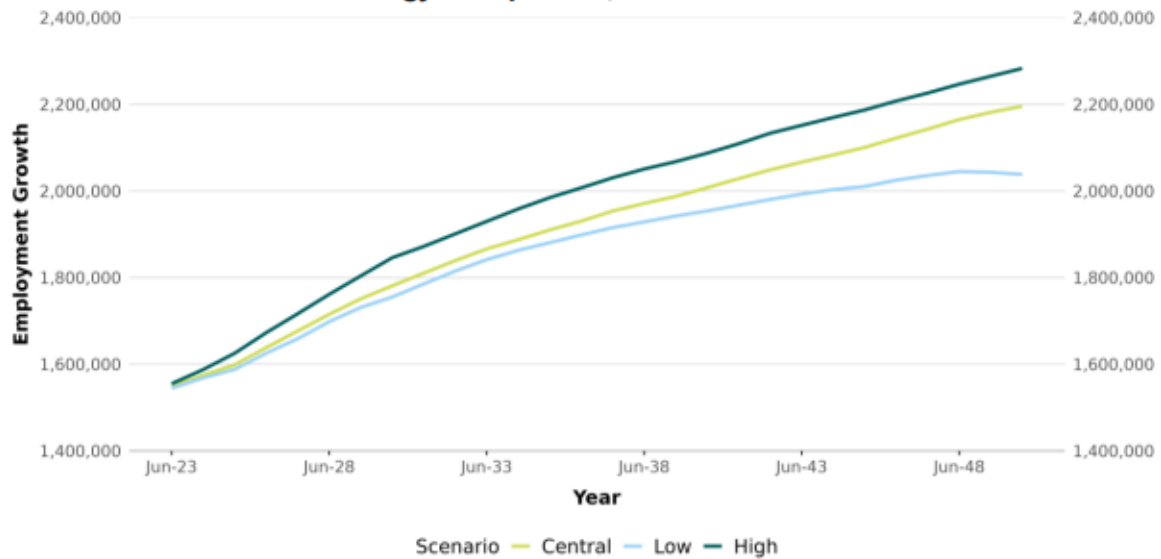
- There is a flat application fee of \$92. TISC is looking at introducing equity discounts.
- Applications open 1 May.
- Early offers will start coming through from Week 1, Term 3.
- Courses with early closing dates are not expected to change. (Medicine etc 30 September, Veterinary Science 30 November).

Conference Highlights - Industry Speakers

Resources Industry

Amanda Hamilton from the Resources Industry Training Council showed us how electricians, metal fitters, machinists and plant operators are in demand now and will be in demand as clean energy occupations come online.

Demand for critical clean energy occupations, to 2050



Source: Deloitte Access Economics 2023.

Australia is likely to need 32,000 more electricians in the next seven years.

The key mining occupations in demand are:

- Professional mining engineers, general engineers, metallurgists, geologists, surveyors, underground surveyors
- Cert III trades including electricians, heavy diesel fitters, auto electricians, mechanical fitters, boiler makers, welders and chefs.
- Skills Level 4/5 include drillers, belt splicers, shot firers and truck drivers.



The resource industry is critical of training for its industry, saying instructors don't have enough industry experience, and there is not enough emphasis on practical skills.

It was acknowledged that mining companies poach trainers from colleges leaving significant gaps in the capacity of the training provider to meet the mining companies' skills demands.

The shift in resources to electronic vehicles is towards electric powered robot vehicles.

Electricity powered engines do not need standard diesel mechanic skills.

Agriculture Industry

Brad Forrester from Farm Machinery & Industry Association showed us how the agriculture industry is moving to a business model like Microsoft's with farmers paying for up to date software programs.

There is a new Agricultural Machinery training centre at Muresk (near Northam) which is designed to prepare workers for operating huge, high tech agricultural machinery.

They do Cert III Agricultural Mechanical Technology.

\$3500 Toolkit

Before they start students get a toolbox with tools worth \$3500 which includes a laptop.



[These videos](#) show how technology is integrated to manual farm operations. They are short and they will change how you think about working in agriculture.



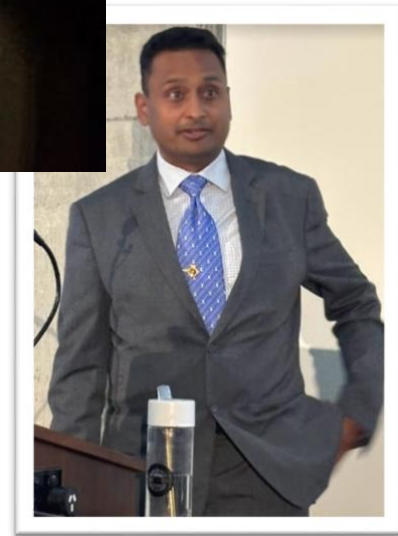
[2019 Latest Video](#)

[2013 video – still](#)

[looks pretty advanced](#)

Nihal Rai South Metro TAFE – Defence Industry Collaboration Award winner

South Metro TAFE and the Defence Industry have collaborated to deliver the Defence Industry Pathway Program designed as a “gap year” program from which students might will develop transferrable skills which could lead them a defence job or into another industry like resources or agriculture.



The 12-month 'taster' program was designed to provide graduates with a broad understanding of the maritime defence industry through work placements focusing on career pathway options within the industry.

Scholarships

The Women in Defence Scholarship applications are open. Apply [HERE](#).



You can read about the Defence Industry Pathways Program [HERE](#).

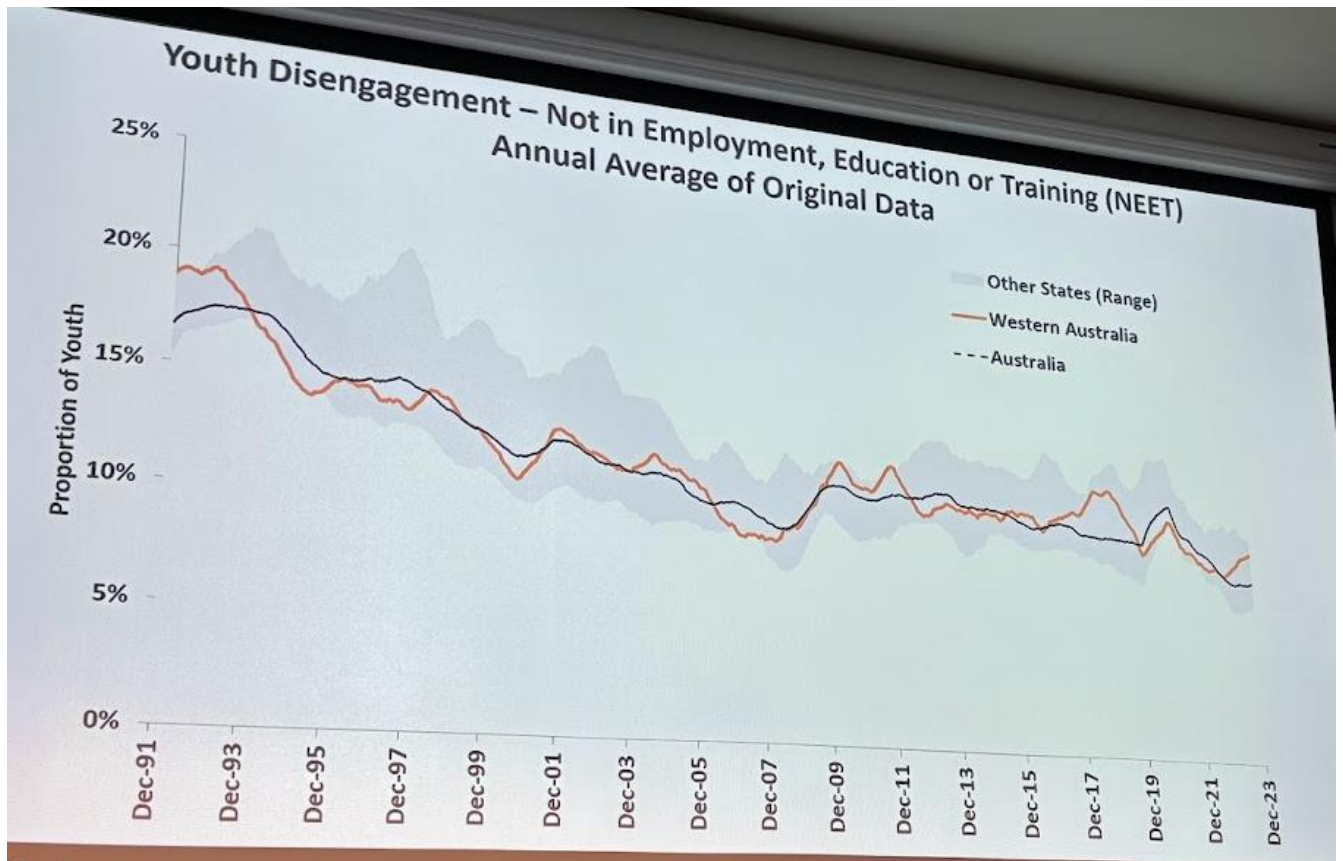
Economic Outlook

Luke Le Breton from, DTWD blew us away by communicating his knowledge of economics in a way that will inform our career advice decisions.

Highlights:

- More West Australians participate in the workforce than people in other states.
- Youth disengagement in WA kicked up towards the end of last year.





Some Examples of Emerging Occupations

Priority Area	Higher Education Occupation	VET Occupation
Renewable Energy and Hydrogen	Hydrogen Engineer	Renewable Energy Electrician
Critical Minerals and Future Battery Manufacturing	Nanosystems Engineer	Battery Chemical Technician
Carbon Emissions Reduction	Sustainability Specialist	Energy Auditor
LNG Decommissioning	Environmental Restoration Planners	Automation Technician
Food and Beverage Production	Agronomist	Horticultural Specialist
Defence Industry	Marine Engineer	CNC Machinist
Medial Products and Digital Health	Bioinformatics Analyst	Biomedical Electronic Technician
Space and Cross-sector Technologies	Robotics Engineer	Radar Technician
Regional Tourism	Digital Marketing Specialist	Cultural Heritage Tour Guide

Source: Lightcast Labour Insights; DTWD Analysis.

Megatrends Affecting the Australian Economy

Digital Transformation, Automation and AI



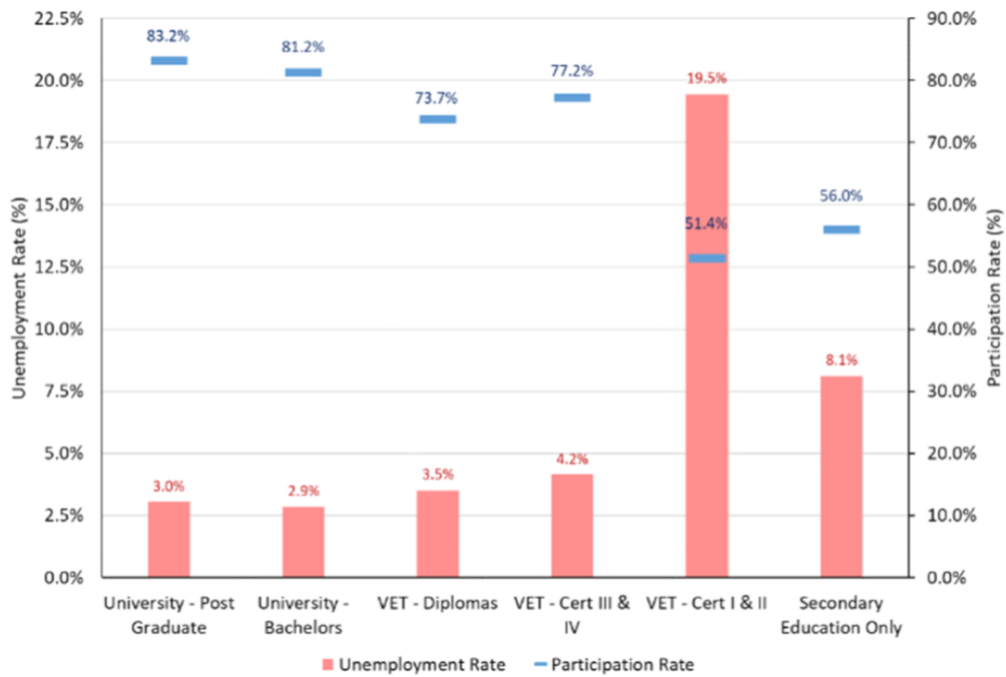
Clean Energy and the Net Zero Transformation



The Growth of the Care and Support Economy



Labour Force Status vs Highest Qualifications Held



His slides are great. If you want a set, please email me.

That's a Wrap

Another great Career Connect conference to kick start the year.

Great to see so many of you there.

Thanks to Notre Dame and all of the speakers.



Career Opportunities

9 March Saturday City of Canning Job Expo

The [City of Canning](#) is working to support careers and employment opportunities for people in the south of Perth.

There are over 30 stalls with businesses actively hiring, training providers and career advisors from

the Jobs and Skills Centres who will help you to put your resume together, brush up your interview skills and find job opportunities.

Students can ask potential employers for advice on what jobs the industry provides and what skills are needed to win a job. Find details [HERE](#).

City of Canning Civic & Administration Centre 10am – 2pm Saturday 9th



Defence Force Work Experience



Australian Government
Department of Defence

Defence Work Experience Program provides young Australians interested in Defence as a future career, the opportunity to sample life in Defence and learn more about the Australian

Defence Force (ADF) and the Australian Public Service (APS).

The Defence Work Experience Program is pleased to advise that Defence is offering opportunities for work experience activities. As placements are planned and confirmed, they will be advertised through the “Placements” tab. We encourage you to [check our website regularly](#).

Naval Gazing: Navy Careers Experience - April Job Ref - WEP/00499/24

- Navy
- HMAS Stirling
- 8 - 10 April 2024

Closing Date: 25-Feb-2024

Day in the life of a Soldier: Irwin Barracks - May Job Ref - WEP/00474/24

- Army
- Irwin Barracks
- 16 May 2024

Closing Date: 31-Mar-2024

An Aerial View: Air Force Careers Day RAAF Base Pearce - May Job Ref - WEP/00726/24

- Air Force
- RAAF Base Pearce
- 21 May 2024

Closing Date: 14-Apr-2024

Day in the life of a Soldier: Irwin Barracks - June Job Ref - WEP/00478/24

- Army
- Irwin Barracks
- 27 June 2024

Closing Date: 12-May-2024

Naval Gazing: Navy Careers Experience - July Job Ref - WEP/00502/24

- Navy
- HMAS Stirling
- 1 - 3 July 2024

Closing Date: 19-May-2024

Day in the life of a Soldier: Irwin Barracks - August Job Ref - WEP/00481/24

- Army
- Irwin Barracks
- 15 August 2024

Closing Date: 07-Jul-2024

An Aerial View: Air Force Careers Day RAAF Base Pearce - August Job Ref - WEP/00730/24

- Air Force
- RAAF Base Pearce
- 20 August 2024

Closing Date: 07-Jul-2024

Day in the life of a Soldier: Irwin Barracks - September Job Ref - WEP/00485/24

- Army
- Irwin Barracks
- 12 September 2024

Closing Date: 28-Jul-2024

Naval Gazing: Navy Careers Experience - September/October Job Ref - WEP/00503/24

- Navy
- HMAS Stirling
- 30 September - 2 October 2024

Closing Date: 18-Aug-2024

Naval Gazing: Navy Careers Experience - November Job Ref - WEP/00507/24

- Navy
 - HMAS Stirling
 - 4 - 6 November 2024
- 29-Sep-2024

An Aerial View: Air Force Careers Day RAAF Base Pearce - November Job Ref - WEP/00738/24

- Air Force
- RAAF Base Pearce
- 12 November 2024

Closing Date: 06-Oct-2024

Day in the life of a Soldier: Irwin Barracks - November Job Ref - WEP/00496/24

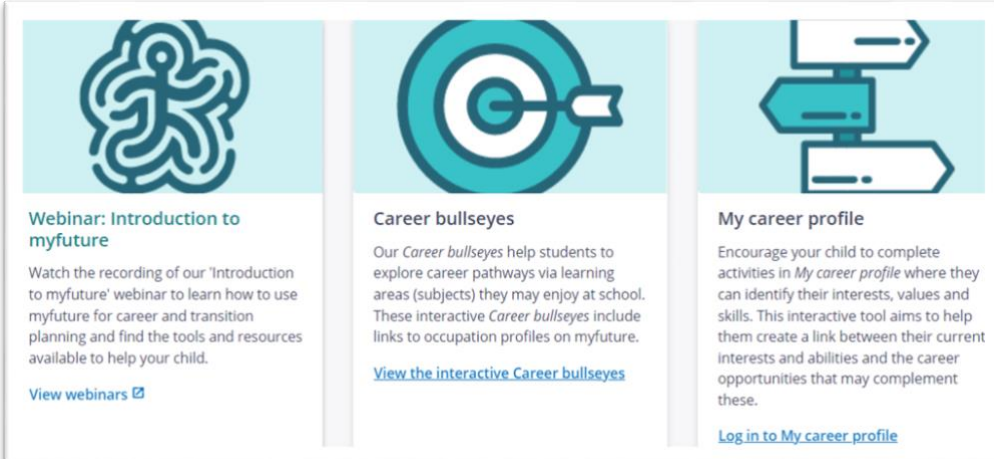
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Closing Date: 27-Oct-2024

MyFuture for Parents and Carers

[MyFuture](#) is a national one-stop-shop for parents and carers who are looking for career resources to help their student. If you are not sure where to start, set up a [MyFuture](#) account and start exploring.

[MyFuture](#) is collated through collaborations with all Australian governments, so it isn't trying to sell you anything and you have a fair chance of any personal data you put in staying private.



The image shows three promotional cards for MyFuture resources. Each card has a teal header with an icon and a white body with text and a link.

- Webinar: Introduction to myfuture**
Watch the recording of our 'Introduction to myfuture' webinar to learn how to use myfuture for career and transition planning and find the tools and resources available to help your child.
[View webinars](#)
- Career bullseyes**
Our *Career bullseyes* help students to explore career pathways via learning areas (subjects) they may enjoy at school. These interactive *Career bullseyes* include links to occupation profiles on myfuture.
[View the interactive Career bullseyes](#)
- My career profile**
Encourage your child to complete activities in *My career profile* where they can identify their interests, values and skills. This interactive tool aims to help them create a link between their current interests and abilities and the career opportunities that may complement these.
[Log in to My career profile](#)

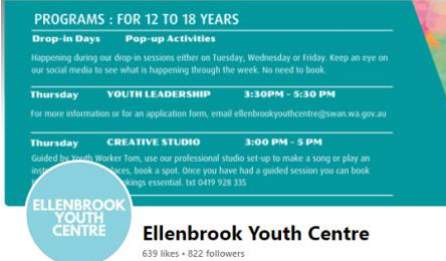
I'm a big fan.

Local Opportunities in Ellenbrook

The Ellenbrook Youth Centre is running programs for 12 – 18 year olds. Programs include:

- Youth leadership
- Job Skills. Fundamentals
- Start a business, with Bloom
- Creative Studio

For information go [HERE](#).



The image is a flyer for the Ellenbrook Youth Centre, titled 'PROGRAMS : FOR 12 TO 18 YEARS'. It lists 'Drop-in Days' and 'Pop-up Activities'. The 'Drop-in Days' section mentions 'Happening during our drop-in sessions either on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. Keep an eye on our social media to see what is happening through the week. No need to book.' The 'Pop-up Activities' section lists two activities: 'Thursday YOUTH LEADERSHIP 3:30PM - 5:30 PM' and 'Thursday CREATIVE STUDIO 3:00 PM - 5 PM'. It also includes contact information: 'For more information or for an application form, email ellenbrookyouthcentre@swan.wa.gov.au' and 'Guided by Youth Worker Tom, use our professional studio set-up to make a song or play an instrument. Book a spot. Once you have had a guided session you can book it again. It's essential. tel 0419 926 335'. At the bottom, there is a circular logo for 'ELLENBROOK YOUTH CENTRE' and the text 'Ellenbrook Youth Centre 639 likes • 822 followers'.

University Events

University Open Day Calendar 2024

17 March	 <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA</p> <p>UWA Open Day</p>
23 March	 <p>MU Murdoch University</p> <p>Murdoch University</p>
24 March	 <p> Curtin University</p> <p>Curtin Open Day</p>
5 May	 <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA</p> <p>Notre Dame</p>
14 April Joondalup 21 April South West 28 April Mt Lawley	 <p>AUSTRALIA ECU EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY</p> <p>Edith Cowan</p>

University News

University Open Days start in March

Because students can apply for a place at university in 2025 from about April, universities now hold open days early in the year, and they now run more events throughout the year to help prospective students to make informed decisions.

- You can apply for a place within a course at university and change your mind.
- There is no advantage to applying for a place in a course early.

A Guide to Open Days for Year 12 Students

- ⇒ Go with a buddy
- ⇒ Spend 3 – 4 hours there
- ⇒ Do campus tours, go to talks go to practical classes that are available.

10/10 Students who KNOW what they want to do next year.

At the Open Day:

1. Explore subjects & pathways available for your preferred degree.
 2. Explore teaching methodology – make sure you have face to face classes so that you get to know future colleagues and employers.
 3. Do they have industry placements later in the course?
 4. What scholarships and financial support are available.
 5. Find what study support is available – student mentors, free “learn to study” classes, referencing and writing classes, pastoral care.
 6. What is the biggest barrier to success experienced by current students?
 7. Arrange to see a professional career advisor to discuss your thoughts.
- [Check out this information.](#)



7/10 Students who are fairly sure about what they want to do.

1. Go online BEFORE the Open Day and check out the handbooks relating to the courses that interest you.
2. Narrow down to a maximum of 4 courses to check out.
3. Follow the same steps as those above. You may need more than one meeting with a professional career advisor. They are usually free and can save you a year of your life and \$10,000 worth of mistakes.

4/10 Might want to uni

1. Check [First in Family to Go to Uni](#)
2. Talk to a career advisor – at school, at a uni or at a Jobs and Skills Centre. They are free and they may save you a year of your life and \$10,000 (WHICH YOU HAVE TO PAY EVEN IF YOU DROP OUT OF UNI AFTER A YEAR).
3. Check [Gap Year Opportunities](#). (I will update this later in the year as 2025 opportunities are published.)
4. Follow tips for 7/10 Students who are fairly sure about what they want to do.

To read quick tips and advice on how to make the most of your day go [HERE](#).

Applications for places at universities in WA in 2025 open on 1 May.

There is no advantage to winning your chosen place by applying early.



[Year 11 – A Step by Step Guide to Open Days I](#)

Year 11 results are taken into account if you apply for an early offer. By knowing what university, you want to go to and what course you want to take, you can focus on achieving the required ATAR and prerequisites.

Big Tip: Plan to go with a friend. If they know the sorts of things you are looking for, they will ask questions that you may not think of and give you good feedback.

To read the Step by Step Guide go [HERE](#).

Year 10 – Ready, Steady, Go to University Open Days

Before you make your Year 10 subject selection, go to university open days to find out what courses you are interested, what ATAR score you need and what prerequisite and recommended courses you should take.



5 WA Unis Infographic

Get a quick overview of the 5 unis in WA through [this infographic](#).

Training News

23 February Applications close for the Defence Industry Pathway Program

Applications are now open for the Defence Industry Pathways Program (DIPP).

DIPP is a 12-month traineeship offering hands-on training and experience within various areas of the defence industry and graduating with a 52904WA Certificate III in Defence Industry Pathways.

Apply now and find out more [HERE](#)



1 March 2024 Training Award Applications Open

Applications for 2024 Training Awards open on 1 March.

School students are traditionally interested in the School-based Apprentice of the Year.

This award is for students undertaking a Certificate II or above through a school based apprenticeship or traineeship.

There are a range of award categories. You can check them out [HERE](#).

8 March International Women's Day AND World Plumbing Day Tradeshow

I think the plumbing industry has realised that their skills shortages could be solved by employing more women.

THAT's why they have put their World Plumbing Day Tradeshow on International Women's Day!!

6.30 am – 9.00 am. Galvins

Plumbing Supplies Head Office, 3/5 Sundercombe Street in Osborne Park



Record VET Enrolments in 2024

There have been a record number of applications to study fee-free courses in 2024 - a 29 per cent increase on applications compared to this time last year. There has also been a 25 per cent increase in applications for TAFE courses overall.

Health and care sector qualifications made up seven out of the top ten fee-free full qualifications, with the strongest enrolment growth in 2023, compared to the previous year.

You can read about the courses with the biggest increases [HERE](#).



[Direct Support Skills Set North](#)
Metro TAFE

2024 Apprenticeship Priority List Released

[Sound Technicians and Graphic Pre-Press Trades Workers](#) are among 19 new occupations added to the national Australian Apprenticeship Priority List for 2024.

For more information on the Australian Apprenticeships Priority List go [HERE](#).



Apprenticeship Support Australia

Apprenticeship Support Australia is an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN), contracted deliver skills development advice and solutions to businesses and job-seekers across Australia. We offer employers holistic business-wide training advice and can assist in recommending suitable qualifications, advice on how to access Government funding for training, help with matching and recruitment of new staff, as well as ongoing coaching, mentoring and support of apprentices and trainees.

Link : [Apprenticeship Support Australia - WA \(cciwa.com\)](http://cciwa.com)

Top Fee-Free TAFE Courses 2023

TOP FEE-FREE TAFE COURSES IN 2023:

- 1 Certificate III in Individual Support
- 2 Certificate III Early Childhood Education and Care
- 3 Diploma of Nursing
- 4 Certificate IV in Information Technology
- 5 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care
- 6 Certificate III in Commercial Cookery
- 7 Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety
- 8 Certificate IV School Based Education Support
- 9 Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance
- 10 Certificate IV in Mental Health

Senior School Opportunities

31 March 2024: Applications Close for Rotary Youth Exchange 2025

Rotary Youth Exchange students spend 12 months in a foreign country with board and accommodation provided by host families.

Students:

- make lifelong friends,
- expand their world views and
- have a brilliant time.

Students must be between the ages of 15 and 18 on the 1 January of the year of their exchange.



Contact [Rotary Youth Exchange](#) Western Australia for details on how to apply.

3 April Murdoch Year 11 & 12 Exploration Day

This FREE event will allow you to explore all Murdoch has to offer.

Immerse yourself on our campus and meet our friendly staff and current students, while taking part in interactive workshops specific to your area of interest and explore our unique facilities!

Registrations are essential. You can register [HERE](#).

Thinking of Law? Thinking of a Gap Year?

Projects Abroad has launched [Law & Human Rights in Tanzania](#) designed for teens aged 15 to 18. This project offers a unique opportunity to enter the world of justice and make a difference in the vibrant city of Arusha.

Alongside local lawyers, you'll work on real legal cases, empowering women to defend



their rights. You'll also campaign for critical issues such as illiteracy and domestic violence.

Living with fellow teenagers, you'll prepare presentations, conduct interviews, and attend court hearings. This provides unbeatable hands-on experience while actively contributing to

human rights in Tanzania.

Find out more [HERE](#).

IDEAcademy opens campus in Peel

IDEAcademy is a vocational pathway through senior school. It focuses on innovation and student centric learning and students seem to love it. It has been growing its Perth base and has opened a co-learning hub in the Peel Food Innovation Precinct.

At the end of your time, you will have a portfolio of nationally recognised credentials. Your portfolio becomes your ticket to university, further education, training, and employment.

Check out the [IDEAcademy](#) website for more info about their alternative approach to education for students 15+. Go [HERE](#).

Year 12 Opportunities

5 March University Clinical Aptitude Test 2024 Registrations Open

There are now three pathways into medicine in WA that require you to do the UCAT test.

1. [medicine at Curtin](#) or
2. into the [UWA Assured Pathway to Medicine and Dentistry](#)
3. Notre Dame Assured Pathway

To be offered a place in any of these three pathways you need:

- amazing ATAR scores,
- a great UCAT score and
- have an interview or do the [CASPER test](#).

The UCAT testing begins on 1 July and runs through to 9 August.

You can [register here](#).

You can see key dates [HERE](#).

Practice Tests

There are many hints and practice tests on the UCAT page.

Check AI for tips

I asked ChatGPT “what could I do to improve my UCAT score” and it gave 6 good suggestions which I think would improve my result.

Paying for UCAT preparation courses

I get bombarded with ads from companies that want me to promote their UCAT preparation courses. I have been to information sessions at UWA and at Churchlands High School where we were advised that the tests on the UCAT site are more than adequate and not to bother with the paid preparation courses.



Regional candidates for medicine

Curtin University provides significant support to RRR students who want to apply for medicine. If you live in a regional area check [So you want to be in a doctor, but you live in the bush.](#)

Resources for High School Students about transitioning to uni

This Uni Ready toolkit was designed by students in NSW. It is designed to assist students with their transition from school to university.

Get insider tips, study strategies, and peer support to help you navigate the leap high school to university.

* Uncover the differences between high school and uni learning.

Master 'Study Smart' techniques for effective time management.

* Navigate texts and assessments like a pro.

* Develop critical thinking skills crucial for success in any field.

* Find academic support and your go-to people for advice.

The Uni Ready toolkit is a free resource created by the Access, Equity, and Inclusion team at UNSW in partnership with the University of Sydney and the University of Newcastle, supported by funding from the NSW Government.

[Read more here.](#)



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Year 11 Opportunities

Fogarty Foundation Scholarships

To be competitive for a prestigious Fogarty Foundation Scholarship, your resume from Year 11 needs to be impressive.

Winning one of these scholarships will give you a strong start in your careers. They are worth \$10,000 per year and they come with considerable mentoring and expert support.

It is worth checking out what you need to do to be competitive.

Check them out [HERE](#).



Register now for Curtin Girls + Engineering Tomorrow

Runs Terms 2 & 3.

Register now for [Girls Engineering Tomorrow](#)

It is an outreach initiative that aims to support and inspire girls and those whose gender is under-represented in STEM.

The initiative offers a range of programs and events to support students at

different stages of their educational journey, showcasing opportunities in engineering.



The program will offer an opportunity to:

- Receive study support.
- Meet inspiring women in engineering.
- Connect with our university GET Student Mentors
- Participate in a range of engineering-themed activities and workshops.
- Learn about engineering courses and careers.

Register [HERE](#)

Middle School Opportunities

Girls + Engineering Tomorrow Forum @ Curtin (Years 9 & 10)

A forum for Year 9 and 10 girls and their teachers to explore engineering through hands-on workshops, information on engineering pathways, and a Q&A with engineering role models.

Register now for this one-day forum in Term 4 for Year 9 and 10 girls and their teachers to explore the world of engineering. Find information [HERE](#).

Girls in 7 – 9 Curtin STEM Workshops – Express Interest Now

Inspire STEM is a program combining engaging hands-on workshops and mentoring to introduce students to the world of STEM.

Students will explore a range of STEM areas, hear from experts and learn about STEM study and career pathways.

This program is free, and sessions are held after school in Terms 2 & 3 at Curtin University, Bentley.



You can register your interest [HERE](#).

Year 9 Career Taster Program

The Year 9 Career Taster Program (CTP) provides an exciting opportunity to challenge students' thinking, spark their 'career curiosity' and make connections between education and post-school opportunities.

Clarkston Community High School CTP experience saw students participating in an Animation workshop at NM TAFE where they designed and created 2D moving objects using industry software.



[NM TAFE Facebook News](#)

Year 7 – 9 Opportunities

8 March Innovators Tea Party for girls in Years 7 – 9



Hear a panel of women who work in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths fields talk about opportunities and career paths in their industries.

It's on 8 March 6.30 – 8pm at Hillview Intercultural Community Centre Bentley. Register [HERE](#).

Year 7 Opportunities

Join a CoderDojo

A Dojo is a free, volunteer-led, community-based computer club for young people. Anyone aged 7 to 17 can visit a Dojo and learn to code, build a website, or create an app or game.

Dojos are a space for kids and teens to explore technology in an informal, creative, safe and social environment.

We promote a focus on youth mentoring, and on peer and self-led learning. There are 63 CoderDojos across Western Australia. Find your nearest one [HERE](#).



Aboriginal Career Opportunities

Yalmay Yunupingu Senior Australian of the Year –

Game changer advocate for Aboriginal employment



Yalmay Yunupingu is Senior Australian of The Year.

I worked as career educator in Arnhem Land and Ms Yunupingu was always available to advocate for employment conditions for Yolgnu people.

She advocated for us non Yolgnu people to learn key Yolgnu phrases and culture. We learned a lot about appropriate jobs and employment practices for Indigenous Australians thanks to her advice.

We have listened to her wisdom and the world is a better place because of her work. It is wonderful to see her work recognised Australia wide.

You can read about Yalmay Yunupingu [HERE](#).

(See the [MyFuture webinar on 13 March](#) for more on culturally appropriate education and employment.)

People with Disability News

School of Special Education Needs – Medical and Mental Health

If your child is off school for a long time for medical or mental health issues, you can get support through the School of Special Education Needs (SSEN).

[SSEN](#) provides expert help to families when times get tough.



You can watch the SSEN video and check out their services [HERE](#).

MMH is one of seven Specialist Schools run through the Department of Education, with the others being:

- [SIDE](#)- the School of Isolated and Distance Education provides distance and online learning to students who cannot attend classes in a regular school.
- [Instrumental Music](#) - the instrumental music program run in schools through Instrumental Music School Services.

If your child is selected, this outstanding program will take your child's love of music to the next level.

[Alternative Learning Settings](#) - alternative learning facilities and targeted support programs are provided for students who have been excluded from a public school or who are at risk of exclusion due to violent and/or aggressive behaviour.

- [Behaviour & Engagement](#), This support is provided in schools for students with extreme, complex and challenging behaviours.
- [Disability](#) - The School of Special Education Needs: Disability provides schools with support to ensure students with disability can access learning on the same basis as their peers.
- [Sensory](#).- Support for children with hearing loss, vision impairment and dual sensory loss

International Student News

18 April International Student Expo 2024



Are you:

- A high school student who wants to know more about university programs and pathways?
- A Vocational or University student who wishes to transfer to another course?
- A final-year student who aims to study further and receive up to 50% scholarships?
- A temporary visa holder who seeks advice on visa options or Permanent Residency?
- A graduate who wants to explore career opportunities?

What can you find at the Study Expo?

- Over 20 Prestigious Universities, TAFEs and Private Colleges
- Free and Personalised Visa/PR Advice**
- Explore Great Tips to Land a Job
- Application Fee Waived*
- Up to 50% Scholarship Available*

18 April, 12 noon to 6pm Double Tree by Hilton, Northbridge


Get tickets [HERE](#).

Section 3 Career Calendar 2024

Term 1

Professional Outreach Indigenous VET Uni Schools


Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	18 February	19 February RoboCup 2024 Season Launch webinar Curtin Big Day Out	20 February CDAA Linking Theory to Practice Introduction to principles and practice	21 February CICA Free AI webinar	22 February	23 February Defence Industry Pathway applications close	24 February
5	25 February	26 February	27 February Aboriginal Cultural Competence	28 February CICA Free AI webinar Mandurah CDAA breakfast	29 February	1 March Training Awards Open	2 March
6	3 March	4 March	5 March UCAT bookings open	6 March	7 March CDAA Sports Careers Industry experts	8 March World Plumbing Day Tradeshow Innovators Tea Party	9 March Canning Job Expo

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	10 March	11 March	12 March Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid	13 March AOG Energy Expo Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid First Nations kids Career Success Bankwest Curtin Employment and Disability report	14 March AOG Energy Expo	15 March AOG Energy Expo	16 March
8	17 March UWA Open Day	18 March	19 March	20 March	21 March	22 March	23 March Murdoch Open Day
9	24 March Curtin Open Day	25 March	26 March	27 March Strategic Planning Skills	28 March End of Term	29 March 	30 March

Term 1 Break

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	31 March  Rotary 2025 Applications close	1 April 	2 April	3 April Murdoch Year 11 & 12 Exploration Day	4 April	5 April	6 April
2	7 April	8 April	9 April	10 April	11 April	12 April	13 April

Term 2

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	14 April ECU Joondalup Open Day	15 April Term 2 Starts	16 April	17 April	18 April International Students Expo	19 April	20 April
2	21 April ECU South West Open Day	22 April	24 April	24 April ECU Engineering Showcase	25 April 	26 April	27 April Curtin GET Forum for Year 11 girls

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	28 April ECU Mt Lawley Open Day WAAPA Term 2 Short courses	29 April Murdoch Careers Masterclass	30 April	1 May	2 May	3 May	4 May
4	5 May Notre Dame Open Day	6 May	7 May	8 May	9 May	10 May	11 May Medical Careers Expo
5	12 May	13 May National Careers Week	14 May	15 May	16 May Careers Expo 2024 Law Week starts	17 May UCAT Applications Close Careers Expo 2024	18 May Careers Expo 2024
6	19 May Careers Expo 2024	20 May	21 May	22 May Murdoch Year 9 & 10 Parent Info Evening Murdoch Year 11 & 12 Parent Info Evening	23 May	24 May	25 May
7	26 May	27 May	28 May	29 May	30 May	31 May	1 June

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Last day for late UCAT applications	
8	2 June	3 June	4 June Murdoch Mandurah Campus Open Night	5 June Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid	6 June Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid ECU Year 11 & 12 Engineering Showcase	7 June	8 June
9	9 June	10 June	11 June	12 June	13 June	14 June	15 June
10	16 June	17 June	18 June	19 June Big Day In	20 June	21 June	22 June
11	23 June	24 June	25 June	26 June	27 June Morowa Ag College Open Day	28 June End of Term	29 June

Term 2 Break

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	30 June	1 July UCAT Testing period starts	2 July	3 July <u>International Info Session</u>	4 July	5 July	6 July
2	7 July	8 July Yr 9 - 12 Indigenous Australian Engineering School starts	9 July	10 July	11 July	12 July	13 July

Term 3

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	14 July	15 July Term 3	16 July	17 July	18 July	19 July	20 July
2	21 July	22 July	23 July	24 July	25 July Skillswest Careers and Employment Expo	26 July Skillswest Careers and Employment Expo	27 July Skillswest Careers and Employment Expo
3	28 July	29 July	30 July	31 July	1 August	2 August	3 August

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Skillswest Careers and Employment Expo WAAPA Term 3 short courses				Murdoch Regional & Remote info		
4	4 August	5 August	6 August	7 August	8 August	9 August Plumbing Expo and Awards Last day for UCAT testing period	10 August Plumbing Expo and Awards
5	11 August	12 August	13 August	14 August	15 August	16 August	17 August
6	18 August	19 August	20 August	21 August	22 August	23 August	24 August
7	25 August	26 August	27 August	28 August Murdoch Health Information Open night	29 August Murdoch Science	30 August	31 August
8	1 September	2 September	3 September	4 September Murdoch Business Law ECU Science and Maths Info	5 September	6 September ECU Year 11 & 12 Engineering Showcase	7 September

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	8 September	9 September	10 September	11 September <u>ECU Medical and Health Sciences</u>	12 September <u>ECU Teacher Education</u>	13 September	14 September
10	15 September	16 September	17 September <u>ECU Computing and security</u>	18 September	19 September	20 September	21 September

Term 3 Break

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	22 September	23 September	24 September	25 September Murdoch a day in the life of uni year 9 and 10	26 September REPEAT: Murdoch a day in the life of uni year 9 and 10	27 September	28 September
2	29 September	30 September	1 October	2 October	3 October	4 October	5 October

Term 4

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	6 October	7 October	8 October	9 October <u>ECU Engineering and Technology</u>	10 October	11 October	12 October

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Murdoch Enabling Programs info			
2	13 October WAAPA Term 4 short courses	14 October	15 October ECU SW Info sessionⁱ	16 October	17 October	18 October	19 October
3	20 October	21 October	22 October	23 October CDAA Annual Conference	24 October	25 October	26 October
4	27 October	28 October	29 October	30 October	31 October	1 November	2 November
5	3 November	4 November	5 November	6 November	7 November	8 November	9 November
6	10 November	11 November	12 November	13 November	14 November	15 November	16 November
7	17 November	18 November	19 November	20 November ECU Future student Info	21 November	22 November Curtin GET Forum for Year 9 & 10	23 November
8	24 November	25 November	26 November	27 November	28 November	29 November	30 November
9	1 December	2 December	3 December	4 December	5 December	6 December	7 December
10	8 December	9 December	10 December	11 December	12 December End of Term	13 December	14 December