

In Focus Careers



August 2020

Hi All

As things are getting tougher we are being told to "become more resilient".

The first person I ever heard saying this was Kevin Rudd. He kept saying it through the global financial crisis.

People were losing their jobs, going bankrupt and becoming homeless. He told them they should "become more resilient".

It would have been more helpful if he had set up support networks, big economic strategies and a living wage.

School leavers are going to face the highest youth unemployment environment in decades. Telling them to become more resilient is not going to help.

We need to make the world an easier place for them to deal with the issues that they worry about.

"Transitioned into a meaningful future" needs to be the #1 Key Performance Indicator for all West Australian school leavers.

Telling them to "become more resilient" is not helping.

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BLOG POSTS

[Are you living your best possible life?](#)

[Which Uni is best for you?](#)

[The In Focus Careers Newsletter rocks](#)

[It's who you know that counts. Tips to help you network like a Pro](#)

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Section 1 Students and Families

Career News

14 August West Australian Training Award Applications Close

West Australian Training Awards WILL GO AHEAD in 2020.

APPLICATIONS OPENED 1 JULY AND CLOSE ON 14 AUGUST

Last month I told you that the National Australian Training Awards were to go ahead. West Australians could apply directly for a National Award.

Now the West Australian Awards are to go ahead.

Given the problems that Victoria has faced with COVID-19, who knows what the world will be like for judging of the National Awards, so I would apply for the West Australian Awards.

The main award that schools apply for is the School-Based Apprentice of the Year.

Check [HERE](#) to see information about

- How to impress the judges
- The Conditions of entry
- Previous winners and why they were impressive.

You can find the application form [HERE](#).



15 – 23 August National Science Week



This is usually a huge deal in Western Australia with our leading scientists being so generous with their time, enthusiasm, and expertise.

This year seems a bit subdued. Please support those who have rallied above the tough times to create great events for this year's

National Science Week.

You can find events [HERE](#).

23-24 October SkillsWest Careers Expo is Back



New Dates - October 23 - 24, 2020

So good that this is happening.

I expect this will be bigger than ever this year because the face to face Careers Expo from May was cancelled, many of the school-based expos were cancelled and even this one has been put back a couple of months.

If you need career advice before then, find your local [Jobs and Skills Centre](#) or go to a uni careers advisor.

Find information about the SkillsWest Expo [HERE](#).

Big Funding Boost for Vocational Training

The big news for this month is the \$57 million training package that the McGowan government has announced. It aims to reduce training fees while providing a path to employment.

Free Short Courses

There are 15 free short courses as part of the package. These free skill sets¹ will get students ready for new jobs and provide pathways to full qualifications.



I have heard the media talk about these courses as “micro-credentials”.

They include:

- infection control skill sets,
- hospitality,
- logistics,
- cybersecurity,
- agriculture,
- civil construction and
- small business.
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Many of the short courses have built-in foundation digital skills and literacy and numeracy training.

Skills sets are a selection of key units chosen from a full qualification that will make you job-ready. When you have passed these units, you can use them as credit towards a full qualification later.

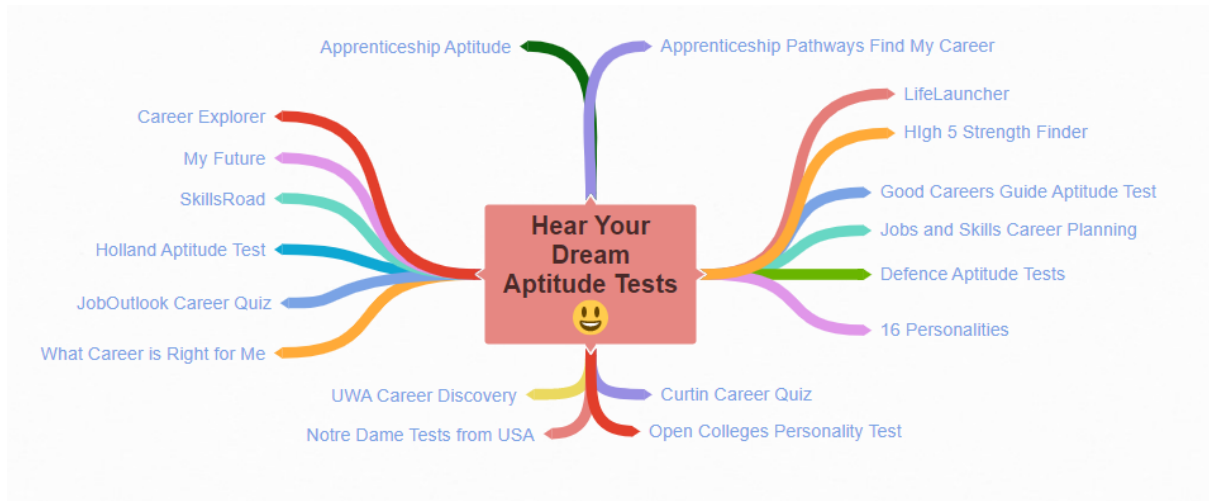
Fees reduced between 50% and 67% for 27 Certificate level qualifications

For more information [visit jobsandskills.wa.gov.au/skillsready](https://jobsandskills.wa.gov.au/skillsready). Scroll down the site for information about which courses have had fees reduced and by how much.

¹ Skills Set = industry recognized skills sets that are part of a full certificate or diploma. For example, the [Agricultural Chemicals Skills Set](#) is part of an Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management qualification. The Skills Set teaches students to transport and store chemicals and to Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases.

Hear Your Dream Coggle Map

People have sent in new examples of aptitude tests that I have added to the [Hear Your Dream Coggle Map](#).



There are lots of these tests. Once you have done three or four you will start to see common themes. These themes will help you to become conscious of the career direction you want. You can find a copy [HERE](#).

Women in Ag

Ashleigh Dunn's mum and I taught together in Nhulunbuy, in Arnhem Land, a decade ago.

Now Ashleigh is working as a Rural Lands' Ranger in Central Queensland and recently featured as a [Women.inAg](#) celebrity!!

She is pictured here mucking out silt ponds where trucks go to wash down to stop the spread of Santa Maria Feverfew weed.

After the excellent start she got at Nhulunbuy High School, she completed a Bachelor of Science from CQ Uni which she did externally.

She is again studying externally, to complete a Bachelor of Environmental Science.

For more about Women In Ag go [HERE](#).



I wonder which excellent career teacher advised her to follow that dream??

Income @ Qualifications

There is a lot of heady discussion about why young people are choosing degrees over VET qualifications.










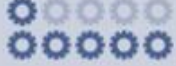

It may be as simple as looking at long term career earnings.

Bachelor's degree graduates earn about 30% more than VET graduates.

School leavers without any further qualifications only earn 58% of that earned by people with degrees.

[\(ABS Census Data\)](#)

Employment and income by qualification level – people aged 20-64 years

Level of qualification 	Employed (%) 	Personal income (median weekly) 
Bachelor degree and above*	83.4 	\$1,436 
Advanced diploma and diploma level	79.6 	\$1,083 
Certificate level	79.9 	\$1,017 
No non-school qualifications	63.0 	\$836 

WARNING:

This is a very clunky assessment. Childcare workers and electricians both have certificates, yet the salary difference is significant.

Fine Arts degree graduates and Actuaries both have a bachelor's degree, yet the salary difference is significant.

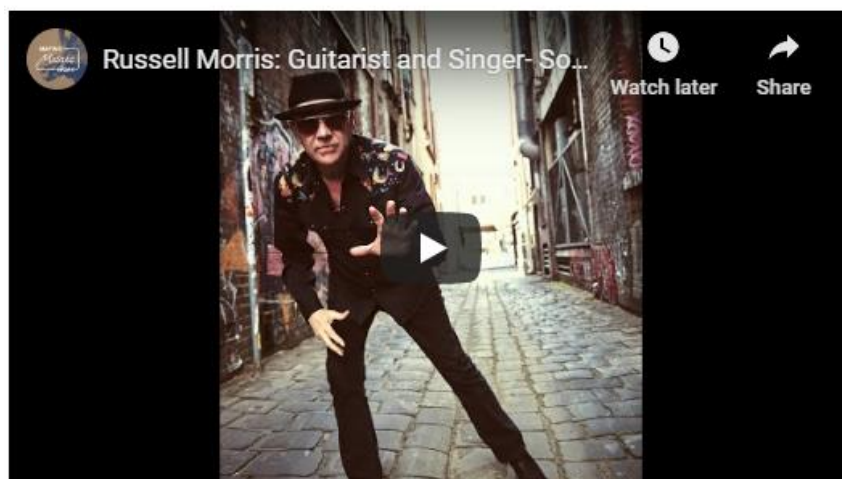
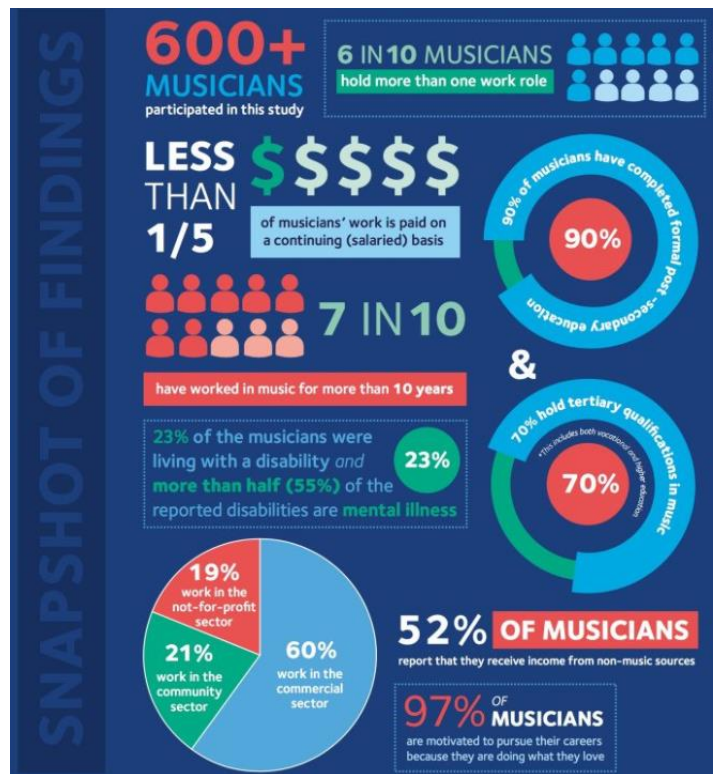
The Reality of Careers in Music

The [Making Music Work](#) report shows that 97% of musicians are doing what they love and 52% receive income from non-music sources.

The vast majority of Australian musicians undertake a portfolio career which encompasses concurrent and often impermanent roles. This is not a new phenomenon but in recent decades there have been [major shifts](#) in how music is made, paid for and consumed.

The research found 560 different job titles, the most common being instrumental musician (25%) and private music teacher (10%). Musicians worked in music-related jobs as disparate as composers, sound technicians and community arts workers, and non-music jobs including sales assistants, journalists, and librarians.

It includes a report by Russell Morris on career longevity.



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

Training News

Events

27 July Mechanical and Electrical Apprenticeships with BP Kwinana Information

BP will be launching a recruitment campaign on Monday 27 July 2020 to find 2 apprentices to join the team, commencing mid-January 2021.

To align with the campaign, BP will be delivering 2 online information sessions via Microsoft Teams.

- Monday 27 July – 11:30 - 12:30 &
- Wednesday 29 July – 11:30 - 12:30

To join the online sessions; please register your interest through the Rockingham - Jobs and Skills Centre Rockingham.JSC@smtafe.wa.edu.au or nate.stuart@smtafe.wa.edu.au

10 – 14 August Skills and Thrills Showcase for Parents

The Skills and Thrills Digital Parents Showcase is a 20-minute video created to highlight Vocational Education and Training (VET) and the success stories that emanate from VET pathways.

The Digital Parents Showcase will help parents better understand vocational pathways.

- Content will only be available for four weeks from August 10 to September 4 2020. Content cannot be downloaded or saved, so must be watched during this time.
- To participate, parents need to pre-register their interest to receive viewing information on the SkillsOne homepage
- Live Q&A Panel discussion on August 26 (evening) on SkillsOne Facebook

For more information go [HERE](#).



11 August SkillHire Certificate II in Construction Pathways - Joondalup

This course aims to provide insight into the construction industry and the chance to learn basic hand and technical skills. Perfect for students interested in trying a general construction course to decide if this is the path they may take.

When: Tuesday – Thursday

Starts: Tuesday 11th August 2020 – 26th November 2020

Induction: Tuesday 4th August

Duration: 16 weeks

How to enrol: Enrol online [HERE](#).

17 August Certificate II in Building and Construction (Pathway-Trades)

These are trade specific courses designed to create job-ready graduates and potentially a pathway into an Apprenticeship. Perfect for students already interested in the industry and are keen to start Work Placement with a potential employer.

Starts: Monday 17th August 2020 – 5th November 2020

Induction day: Monday 10th August

Location: 3/271 Berkshire Road, Forrestfield **How to enrol:** Enrol online by clicking the following links:

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Carpentry and Joinery: <https://mastersit.com.au/vidatek/wp/enrol/form/1089/skillhire>

Bricklaying/Blocklaying: <https://mastersit.com.au/vidatek/wp/enrol/form/1090/skillhire>

24 August Certificate II in Construction Pathways – Forrestfield

This course aims to provide insight into the construction industry and the chance to learn basic hand and technical skills. Perfect for students interested in trying a general construction course to decide if this is the path they may take

When: Monday-Thursday

Starts: Monday 24th August 2020 – 12th November 2020

Duration: 12 weeks

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Location: 3/271 Berkshire Road, Forrestfield

Enrol online [HERE](#).

New VET Opportunities

New Apprenticeships and Traineeships for Elite Athletes

Elite athletes can now prepare for a career after sport by starting an apprenticeship or traineeship on a very flexible, part-time program.

This is a cool initiative. Elite athletes dedicate so much time to training in their sport that when they are at their end of that career, they have few ways to earn a living.

The new requirement to fulfil a minimum number of hours is just 7.5 hours per week, averaged over six-month periods.

For more information on the EAAT arrangements including eligibility criteria and fact sheets, [visit jobsandskills.wa.gov.au](http://visit.jobsandskills.wa.gov.au) or call the Apprenticeship Office Helpline on 13 19 54.



WA Training Awards Back On

See details [HERE](#).

Reduced Fees and Free VET Courses

The State government has reduced fees on a range of courses and created free mini-courses for quick wins. See details [HERE](#).

University News

Events

28 & 29 July Curtin Science and Engineering Information Evenings

Engineering Evening - Tuesday 28 July

Science Evening - Wednesday 29 July

Join us for our 2020 Science and Engineering Information Evenings to find out how your aptitude for maths, science and technology could lead to a successful STEM career and prepare you for the global workplace of tomorrow.



[Science and Engineering information evenings](#) [Future students](#), [Science and technology](#)

28 July & 14 August ECU International Onshore Drop-In Session

If you have any questions about university life, entry pathways, fees, international scholarships or even just how things work in Australia and are currently onshore, then our online drop-in session is perfect for you! Register [HERE](#).

30 July Curtin Year 12 Parent Information Evening


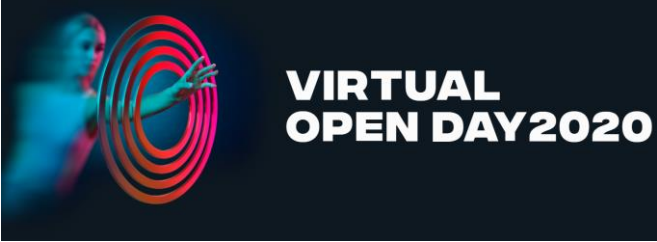




If you're in year 12, or you're the parent of someone in year 12, this is your chance to learn about Curtin's admission process and the range of support services available.

4 pm Thursday 30 July Online

[Year 12 and parent information session](#)

University Open Days 2020 Style

<p>2 August UWA Open Day</p> <p>UWA is doing its Open Day online this year.</p> <p>Register HERE.</p>	 The banner for UWA Virtual Open Day features the University of Western Australia logo in the top left. On the right, there is a photo of a woman wearing headphones and smiling. The text 'UWAVIRTUAL OPEN DAY' is prominently displayed in blue and black, with 'SUNDAY 2 AUGUST' below it. In the top right corner, there are icons for 'LOGIN', 'SEARCH', and 'MENU'.
<p>9 AUGUST ECU VIRTUAL OPEN DAY</p> <p>ECU has also decided to go with a virtual open day.</p> <p>You can register HERE.</p>	 The banner for ECU Virtual Open Day 2020 has a dark background. On the left, a person's hand is shown interacting with a series of concentric red and orange circles. On the right, the text 'VIRTUAL OPEN DAY 2020' is written in large, white, bold letters.
<p>1 – 20 AUGUST CQU OPEN DAYS</p> <p>CQU has gone for a series of webinars each one focusing on a different discipline.</p> <p>You can find the schedule of webinars HERE.</p>	 The banner for CQU Open Days features three individual portraits of people (two men and one woman) against a bright green background.
<p>13 September Curtin Open Day</p> <p>Curtin is still hoping to do an on campus open day. It is also seeking information about what sort of online event would be useful.</p> <p>Please let them know by giving information HERE.</p>	 The banner for Curtin Open Day shows a smiling woman with red hair in the foreground. Behind her is a background of various yellow and orange line-art icons related to education and technology, such as a pencil, a hand holding a pen, and a network diagram.

5 August Murdoch Law and Criminology Open Night (Online)

Find out everything you need to know about studying undergraduate law or criminology from some of our leading academics.

You'll have the opportunity to explore the wide range of courses we offer and hear the real experiences of our students.



You can ask our staff questions about studying law or criminology and where it can take you in our Live Q&A at the end of the presentation.

You can [register now](#).

12 August Murdoch Business Open Night (Online)

Join our online open night and find out everything you need to know about studying undergraduate business from some of our leading academics and current students.

You'll have the opportunity to explore the wide range of courses we offer and ask our staff and students any questions you might have about studying business and where it can take you.

[Register HERE](#) to be reminded when the event is and receive a take-home pack to help you on your way to studying humanities and social sciences.

19 August Murdoch Science Open Night (Online)

Attend our **Online Science Open Night** and find out everything you need to know about studying undergraduate science from some of our leading academics.

You can ask our staff and student advisers any questions you might have about studying science and where it can take you.

To be reminded of the event please [register now](#).

2 September Murdoch Admission Pathways Open Night

This has been a subject of change this year. Admission pathways have changed so this information session is important.

Whether you're looking for a Plan B, looking to move from TAFE to university, or don't have an ATAR, we'll help you find your pathway to Murdoch and support you along the way.

Register [HERE](#).

28 September – 2 October ECU ATAR Revision Program

Are you a Year 12 ATAR student, then come visit us online for some revision sessions. We will be offering a variety of subjects, delivered by engaging and enthused teachers, currently teaching the 2020 syllabus.

Each ATAR revision session comprises a four-hour online seminar covering:

- The Year 12 syllabus per subject
- Examination techniques and hints specific to the revision subject
- A question and answer session
- A copy of revision notes*

Register [HERE](#).

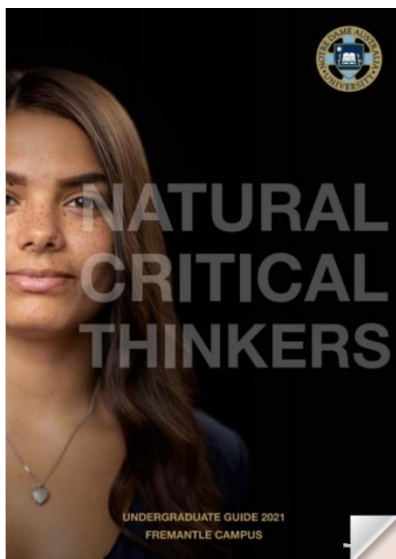
UWA Virtual Hub

We have built an online space where career advisers, parents and students can find all relevant information up to date in one handy place. Check it out [here](#)

UWA UniBuddy

High school students can connect and interact directly with current UWA students and staff through our [UniBuddy](#) platform.

Notre Dame 2021 Undergraduate Guide



The Notre Dame 2021 Guide is out.

Many non-Catholic schools and students don't realise how lucky we are to have Notre Dame in WA.

Notre Dame is Australia's Number 1 university in so many fields.

Check it out.

You don't have to be Catholic to be accepted into Notre Dame.

Overall satisfaction
#1 in Australia*

Skills development
#1 in Australia*

Overall employer satisfaction
#1 in Australia*

Overall quality of educational experience
#1 in WA*

Student support
#1 in WA*

Teaching quality
#1 in WA*

Graduate employment rate
#1 in WA*

You can find the Guide [HERE](#).

Future student videos

Find out more about Notre Dame:

[Fremantle Campus tour](#)

[Bachelor of Arts \(Architecture\) Info Session](#)

[Medicine Info Session](#)

Notre Dame 1-on-1 Advice Sessions

Notre Dame has started its [1-on-1 Advice Session](#). In these sessions – available via Zoom or in person at Notre Dame – our advisors can introduce you to a range of programs to align with your strengths and interests to help you find the right degree for you.

UWA Scholarship for Sports Minded Students

The UWA Student-Athlete Development program has exciting scholarships and development programs available for students from Years 10 – 12 who are athletes or who perform at a high professional level of sport. Find out more [here](#).

Uni News

Fee Changes

I have written to each of the universities for any news about the changes to fees for 2021. They are all waiting to see if the Bill will pass through the Senate.

How much students can expect to pay:

Band	Discipline	Annual cost
1	Teaching, clinical psychology, English, maths, nursing, languages, agriculture	\$3,700
2	Allied health, other health, architecture, IT, creative arts, engineering, environmental studies, science	\$7,700
3	Medical, dental, veterinary science	\$11,300
4	Law & economics, management & commerce, society & culture, humanities, communications, behavioural science	\$14,500

Image: ABC News

UWA has a new Vice-Chancellor



There has been a significant change at UWA this year. The response to potential students and their support for the international students who were stranded in Perth have been noteworthy.

It may be because of work done in the past or because of the work done by interim Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jane den Hollander AO, who has led UWA this year.

I hope this welcome change continues to be reflected in the work done by new Vice-Chancellor Professor Amit Chakma who comes to us from Canada.

Year 12 News

TISC University Admissions Information 2021

TISC is the Tertiary Institutions Services Centre. It is the Centre that organizes applications to universities across Western Australia (apart from Notre Dame).

This year the system has gone haywire with early offers and special applications causing the system to become so flexible it may be wobbly!

The normal TISC application system is already open. It closes at the end of September.

Find information about:

- [Course Pre-requisites for 2021 and 2022](#)
- [Guaranteed ATARS](#)
- [Minimum ATARS](#)
- [Selection Rank](#)
- [Lowest Offered Rank](#)
- You can find out about Alternative Pathways to uni [HERE](#)

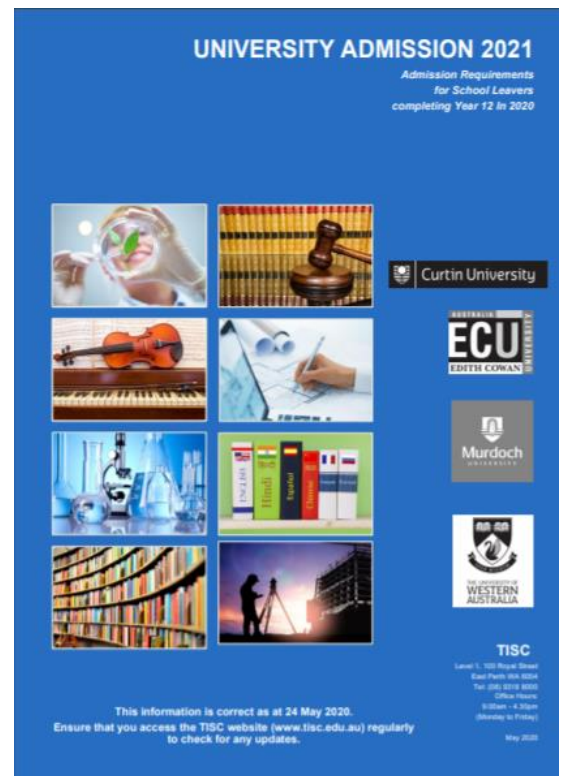
You can download the 2021 University Admissions Guide [HERE](#).

Go here to find [Which University is Right for You?](#)

Interstate Admission Centre Contacts

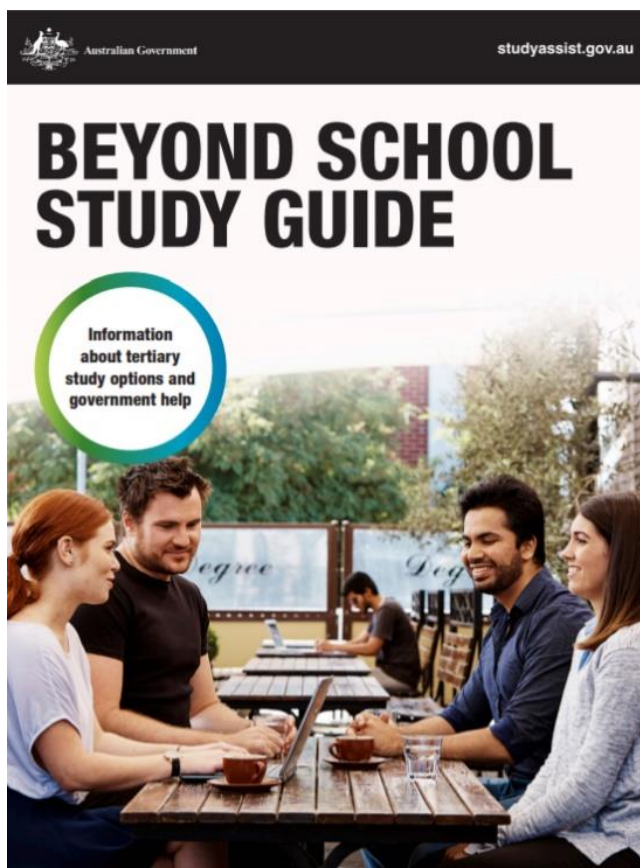
For those who are thinking about applying for a place at a university outside Western Australia here is a list of admission centres around Australia.

- [Charles Darwin University](#) applications are taken by SATAC
- [Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre \(QTAC\)](#) for QLD



- [South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre \(SATAC\)](#) for SA and NT
- [Universities Admissions Centre \(UAC\)](#) for NSW and ACT
- The [University of Tasmania](#) incorporating the [Australian Maritime College](#)
- [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre \(VTAC\)](#) for VIC
- [Open Universities Australia](#)

Beyond School Study Guide



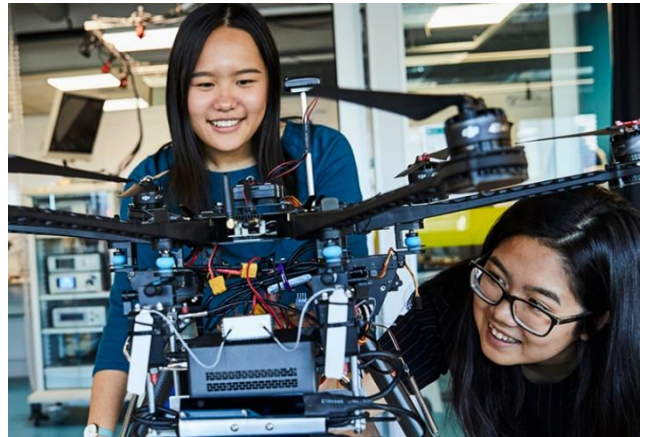
- The 2020 [Beyond School Study Guide](#) was published in February, which means it was put together in 2019.
- It probably needs to be revised to reflect our new circumstances, but it still has information that parents will find useful.
- It provides information about VET and uni pathways, fees and loans, RRR student support, and student services.
- You can find the [Guide HERE](#).

The [First in Family to go to uni](#) site is also helpful to any student interested in going to uni

Westpac Young Technologists Scholarships

If you are starting a tech-based undergraduate degree in 2021, you could be eligible for one of the scholarships valued at \$15,000 from Westpac Scholars Trust.

In partnership with Westpac Scholars Trust, we'll help you develop into a stronger leader through a personalised enrichment program. This includes access to paid internship opportunities and inspiring mentors and an international learning experience in Asia.



Applications for 2021 scholarships opened on 1 June 2020. More information about the scholarship can be found on [Westpac Scholars Trust web site](#).

Change of Preference Good Universities Guide

Year 12 students usually get lots of opportunities to go to expos, university open days and information sessions before they make their decisions about what pathway to take. This year is different of course.



Early Bird TISC

Applications don't close until 30 September so

there is no need to rush your choice. If you have made a choice on your application but want to change, that is fine.

The Good Universities Guide provides details and tips on the process in [Life After ATAR Navigating the world of Offers, Preferences and Pathways](#).

CQU Year 12 Career Insights

We've put together a list of interests and what motivates you then matched it to courses you'll like so you can find a career path that is suited to you!

Do you...

- Like helping people?
- Like being creative?
- Like technology?
- Enjoy problem-solving?

Find out more about our [Career Insights](#) and explore your career path and course options!

Year 11 News

Murdoch Horizons Summer School

This 3-week summer school is run in January 2021. It introduces you to life as a university student. It provides an entry pathway to university once you have completed year 12.

Why attend?

- **Prepare for year 12:** Each unit will explore new perspectives, learning strategies and knowledge for your year 12 studies.
- **Receive credit towards a Murdoch degree:** On completing the program, you'll receive a certificate and three points of credit towards a Murdoch degree, which is the equivalent of one subject or unit.
- **Complete a university-level subject while you're still at school:** When you start at university, you'll feel right at home in your new surroundings.
- **Meet new people and study in state-of-the-art facilities:** You'll work in small groups to address real-world problems under the guidance of internationally renowned lecturers and academics, together with mentoring from experienced Murdoch students.

For more information go [HERE](#).

31 July Applications close for National Maths Summer School

The next National Maths Summer School will be held for two weeks in Canberra in January 2021.

To be selected, students must be intending to take Year 12 mathematics next year and must be very high-performing school mathematicians with a passion to achieve all they can.

To apply, visit <https://mawainc.org.au/national-maths-summer-school/> and apply for the intensive two-week experience.

The current round is open now and closes on 31 July

Curtin Learning Centre Online Study Skills

The [Curtin Learning Centre Online Programs](#) are open to everyone.

The screenshot shows the Curtin University Learning Centre Online Programs website. The header includes the Curtin University logo, a search bar, and 'STUDENT OASIS'. Below the header is a yellow banner with the text 'THE LEARNING CENTRE - ONLINE PROGRAMS'. Underneath the banner is a grid of program categories: Welcome, Better Sentences, Better Essays, Better Grammar, Time Management, Better Referencing, Better Maths, Critical Thinking, Better Tests, Better Writing, Better ICT, and Study Resources. Each category has a downward arrow indicating a dropdown menu.

You can get free access to courses on writing essays, managing your time and study skills. To find the programs go [HERE](#).

Year 10 News

Year 10 Subject Selection

The CQU [Year 10 Subject Selection Toolkit](#) has information on:

- Prerequisites and Recommended Study
- Information about the Start Uni Now (SUN) program that you can start while still at school.
- Links to a [Subject Selection webinar](#) on the toolkit page that has tips on choosing a career, learn how to find courses and check for prerequisite subjects.

The Science Experience

The Science Experience is a 3 or 4 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students.



Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

For links to programs go to [Past and Future Programs](#)

Any Year 9 and 10 student is welcome to attend any one of the programs listed on the [Where and When](#) page.

Universities & Tertiary Institutions	Program Dates	Best Apply Before	Places Remaining
Curtin University	30 September to 2nd October 2020	1 September 2020	23

Universities & Tertiary Institutions	Program Dates	Best Apply Before	Places Remaining
Murdoch University	8 - 10 December 2020	20 November 2020	41
University of Western Australia	12 - 14 January 2021	20 December 2020	93
Edith Cowan University, Joondalup	19 - 22 January 2021	20 December 2020	47

ICT Young Explorers Competition: Closes 24 August

The Young ICT Explorers competition encourages school students to create their best Information and Communication Technology (ICT) related projects. Find details [HERE](#).



Primary School News

Teaching Young Kids about Gender Stereotypes



A memory game to find pairs of professions.

If you want to help educate young people about the contributions of women in every field lookup [The Moon Project](#) on the cloud funded site ulule.

There are card games and posters and t-shirts available.

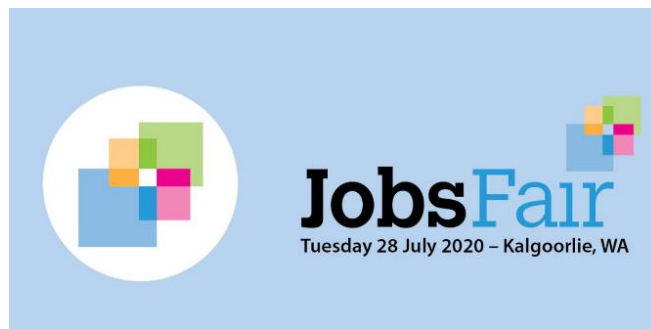
Check out [The Moon Project](#).

RRR News

28 July Kalgoorlie Jobs Fair

The Kalgoorlie Jobs Fair provides people with the chance to explore current employment opportunities in the community, to meet with the businesses offering this employment and to find out first-hand what the job entails.

You can find more information at [The Kalgoorlie Jobs Fair website](#) and [Facebook](#) page



RRR Tertiary Education Strategy Funding Available \$\$\$\$

This is more information about the [Regional, Rural and Remote Tertiary Education Strategy](#) that I mentioned in the July issue. Sorry, it is not another bucket of money!!

Tertiary Access Payment

This aims to encourage school leavers to go straight into a tertiary study of Certificate IV and above. They will receive a \$5000 payment to assist their transition.

A guaranteed place for Indigenous students from regional Australia

An additional 160 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from regional and remote areas will benefit from a guaranteed a Commonwealth supported place at a university of their choice, where they are accepted by the university into the course of study.

Improved Fares Allowance

The Fares Allowance waiting period will be reduced from six months to three months to allow relocated tertiary students to return home during their mid-year break in their first year of study.

Reform of equity funding

From 2021, the Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program (HEPPP) will include regional and remote students as a key target group in the distribution of access and equity funding through the HEPPP.

Enhanced research capacity of Regional Universities

The Government is establishing an annual grants program for regional universities to enable them to develop research partnerships with other education providers or local industry.

For more information on this measure see our [frequently asked questions](#).

Aboriginal News

MADALAH mentoring is back!

It feels good to be getting back out into our partner schools to deliver our MADALAH Mentoring Program.



Whilst we still facilitated these sessions online using various platforms throughout the COVID-19 period, we are thrilled to be back doing what we love!

For more information go [HERE](#).

MADALAH 2021 scholarships: apply now

MADALAH is calling for applications from Indigenous students interested in undertaking their high-school studies at schools throughout WA. We are committed to making a difference in the lives of our students, their families and communities.

Applications close 14 September 2020. For more information go [HERE](#).

Aboriginal Cadet Applications Open

As a cadet, you will develop fantastic workplace skills, under the guidance of experienced



Police Officers. You will gain exposure to a range of unique policing activities and get a true taste of what it means to be part of

the WA Police Force family.

Limited positions are available in metropolitan and regional locations. For more information go [HERE](#).

Scholarships for Aboriginal Students

Four Centacare Scholarships are available in 2020 and each valued up to \$1,805, including tuition and resources fees.

The Scholarship aims to provide an opportunity for Aboriginal Australians to undertake studies and become qualified in the Business, Aged Care or Disability sectors.

You can find details on their Facebook page [HERE](#).



Aboriginal Training and Support Traineeship programme

Rio Tinto ATAS would like to hear from anyone particularly interested in residential traineeships located in Tom Price, Paraburdoo and Cape Lambert.

Currently have job opportunities in:

- Trades
- Trade Assistants
- Rail
- Professionals STEM-related roles
- Apprenticeships



[Please register your details via this link](#)

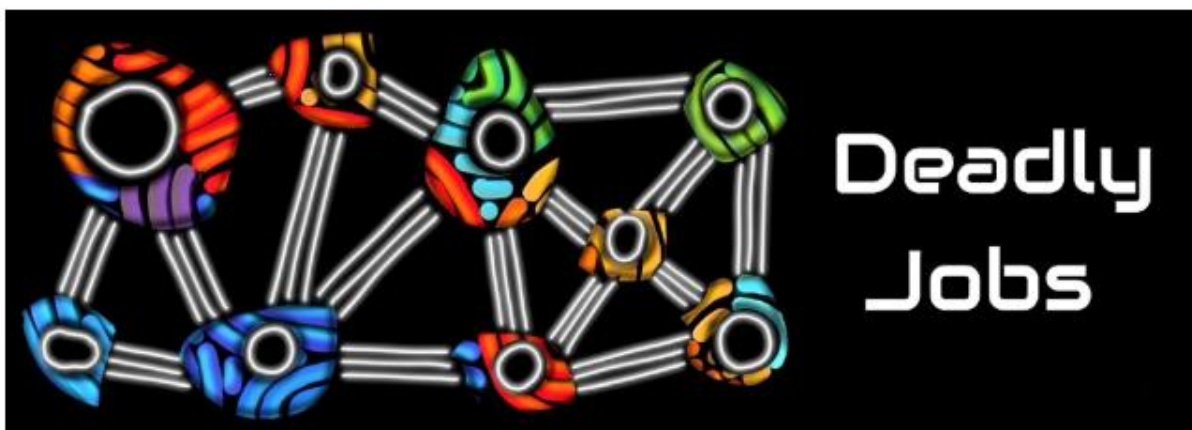
Ausjobz is an Indigenous owned recruitment solutions provider connecting clients with great Indigenous talent.

We are seeking expressions of interest from Indigenous applicants who are interested in pursuing a traineeship with a major civil engineering contractor. The requirements for the role are as follows:

- Have an interest in all things mechanical and enjoy pulling things apart and putting them back together.
- Demonstrate strong mechanical aptitude.
- Reliable and eager to learn - the client will invest time and resource in upskilling them;
- Committed to working in a safe working environment;
- Good work ethic;
- Team player; and
- Open driver's license and reliable transport.

[To apply, please click on this link](#)

Nate Runs Deadly Jobs



Nate Stuart used to work in the Aboriginal Workforce Development Centre. When it closed, he went out to South Metro TAFE Jobs and Skills Centre and has carried on collating and sending out information about jobs for Aboriginal people.

You can subscribe to Nate's emails by emailing him at Nate.Stuart@smtafe.wa.edu.au

Disability News

Construction Futures Centre

Mel Paxman runs construction industry discovery tours at the Construction Futures Centre in Belmont.

Tours can be organised for students who have a disability. Several Support Centres arrange tours.

She said of the Cannington Ed Support Centre:



They come in annually. We tailor the talk to what they are doing at school that relates to construction. Last year they were making 3D houses from actual plans they had drawn up.

I was so impressed as I doubt most mainstream schools were doing what these guys are. This year they are about to design a concrete path to go around the school.

For more information go to the [Construction Futures Centre website](#).

Curtin Researches Families of People with Disabilities

Cindy Smith and Tony Pullella at Curtin are researching the experience of families regarding their child's educational experience.

Understanding more about the experiences of families of children with disabilities may help to provide information that could be valuable to better support families and provide better educational experiences for children with disabilities.

They need people who are willing to discuss their experiences.

For information contact:

Dr Cindy Smith Email: cindy.smith1@curtin.edu.au

Tony Pullella Email: Antonino.pullella@curtin.edu.au

See the flyer [HERE](#).

Defence News

18 August AVCAT Scholarships Open for 2021

To be eligible to apply for AVCAT scholarship you must:

- have Australian residency
- be the child or grandchild as defined by an Australian ex-serving veteran.
- be planning to enrol or be enrolled in tertiary education in 2021
- be receiving, or be eligible to receive, Centrelink Youth Allowance or an equivalent educational payment (use the [Centrelink calculator](#) to check your estimated entitlements)



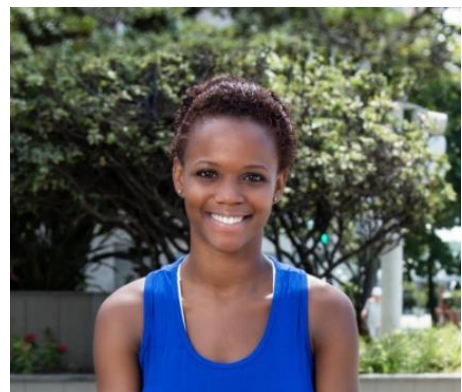
For more information go [HERE](#).

CALD and International Student News

Education Resources for Refugee Students

Curtin University has worked with Newcastle and Macquarie universities to develop resources to better support students from refugee backgrounds pursue higher education. You can find the resources [HERE](#).

It includes a list of [education pathways](#) for refugee students and a suite of literacy assessment tasks.



Blog Posts

Are You Living Your Best Possible Life?



Forget resilience. Forget the struggle. Forget pleasing others. Everyone deserves a great life without all that.

Once you know what your great life would look like, you can forget the ongoing internal battle about what

is right for you and set off in the right direction.

This post describes a process for working through vague notions to a clear understanding of where we want to go. [Are You Living Your Best Possible Life?](#)

Which Uni is Best for YOU?

Everything is different this year. TISC applications have been open since May.

Students have already received unconditional offers.

Universities are competing for students.

If You Got Lucky

If your ATAR is not strong and you got an offer because 2020 is different, you need to look for a university that has great student support services.

[Which University is Best for YOU?](#)



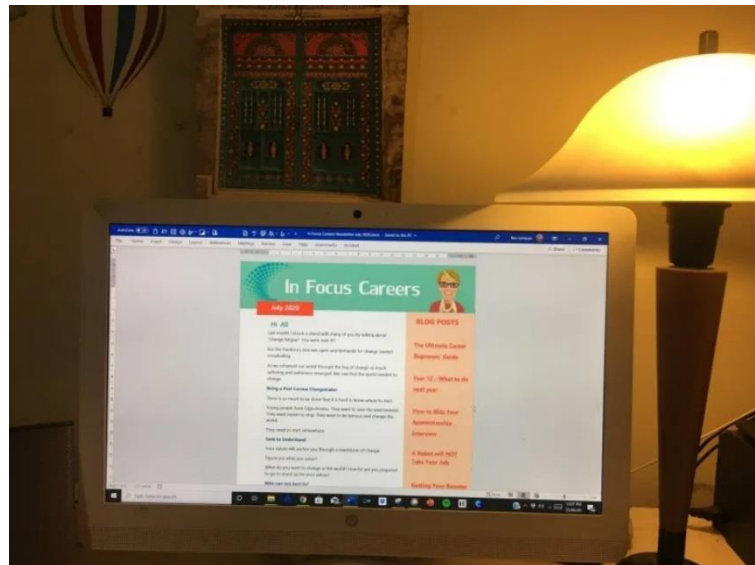
In Focus Careers Newsletter Rocks

I am surprised when I meet someone new who mentions something I have written.

I always feel like I am working away in my cave and no one is listening.

Rebecca Herbertson, WA President of the CDAA wanted my style of newsletter to be replicated in each State/Territory via a National Careers Partnership Grants

She [wrote a wonderful testimonial](#) about the newsletter that made me feel that my cave-dwelling is making a difference.



It's Who You Know that Counts. These tips help you to network like a pro.



As competition for jobs heats up, our relationships may make the difference between living to our potential or being stressed and miserable. These tips are designed to help you to be a winner.

You can find the post [HERE](#).

Section 2 For Insanely Great Careers Teachers



Events

28 July Community of Practice Online Meeting

Most of you know Robert Palmer from SMTAFE who helps to organise the CDAA/Notre Dame workshop at the start of each year.

He has organised a Zoom Community of Practice meeting for career advisors. We have had three meetings and the groups are small so there is no formal agenda. The discussions have been interesting, and many of us have a cuppa (or glass!) as we meet. Some have had their kids join in.

You don't need to be a CDAA meeting to join.

Robert wants to keep his role as manager of the group to a minimum so could you please register [HERE](#)

29 July (9 am AWST) Big Day In Virtual Presentation

Two more Big Day In presentations.

DR TIM KITCHEN - ADOBE

'TURN YOUR PASSION INTO A JOB'

Tim delivers the message that school students can start to develop skills in IT and multimedia and start down their new career path now.

The Adobe presentation is always one of the highlights of the Big Day In when it is held in Perth.



It is great to see what Adobe design tools can do.

MAJOR BENJAMIN HARINGTON - DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING



The defence industry always teaches the latest, most sophisticated IT skills. You don't want to go to war with outdated equipment.

Ben is a graduate of the Royal Military College, Associate Graduate of the Australian Defence Force Academy, Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from the University of NSW.

The Australian government has significantly increased spending on defence equipment and new industries are starting up that will tap into that money. That will lead to more high end, IT jobs in Australia. It will be worth listening to what Ben has to say.

You don't need to register. Just log in here: <https://www.thebigdayin.com.au/live-week7>

1-7 August HASS Week



HASS teachers are working to create their place in the sun in the wake of the STEM deluge.

There are lots of ideas about what you can do to promote HASS in your school [HERE](#).

4 August RoboCup Registrations Open

RoboCup Junior WA State Event going ahead on 13 and 14 November at Curtin Stadium.

- Event cost will be \$75 per team (if the event is cancelled due to COVID-19, all registration fees will be refunded)
- All links to registrations will be posted on the RoboCup Website <https://robocupjunior.org.au/wa>



11 August Helping Your Clients Win Work in the New High-Tech World of Hiring

I thought this would give us information about the latest recruitment trends to pass on to our students.

This webinar presented by [Gillian Kelly](#) from [Outplacement Australia](#) will provide career practitioners with a broad focus on e-recruitment hiring trends and its impacts on job search, resumes and LinkedIn.

You can register [HERE](#).

12 August CDAA Breakfast Dome East Vic Park

I know this is difficult for teachers to get to.

We only had 8 people at that breakfast, and they were from across different sectors and I got a lot of information that I have shared in this newsletter.

If you can come to the August one you can [register on the CDAA Events page](#). It starts at 7 am and you can park behind the Balmoral.

18 August How social media is being used by hiring managers to screen candidates

In this webinar, [Dan Holman](#) from [Check Social](#) will talk about trends in social media use and how hiring managers are using data from social and web platforms in the pre-employment screening of candidates.

Register [HERE](#).

Perhaps someone can recommend this webinar to the panel who appointed the wildlife hunter to the position of acting District Manager for the Esperance region, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. Mark McGowan fixed it!! (See the story [HERE](#).)

Esperance wildlife officer demoted over African hunting photos but Premier wants him sacked

ABC Goldfields / By Jarrod Lucas
Posted 56 ago, updated 48 ago



Photos from Jewell Crossberg's Facebook posing with a dead elephant in South Africa. (Supplied: Facebook)

25 – 27 August Year 13



A second Year13 Expo is happening. The theme this time round is the [Future of Work](#).

More info about the Expo will be announced over the coming weeks, so [click here](#) to register your interest.

Recordings from the First Year 13 Expo

Year13 hosted a digital careers expo in May to help students find a career they were genuinely passionate about while at home during COVID-19.

This included webinars from a range of industry experts. The recordings are available [HERE](#).

A Year13 login is required to view the webinars, but it is a free service.

26 August myfuture: Making Good Career Decisions webinar

I am a big fan of [myfuture](#). It is the national career site that started through a collaboration of all State and Territory career services. It is simply the best of its type.



If you would like to know how to use some of the extraordinary functionality of myfuture, this webinar could be a good starting point.

Register [HERE](#).

Teaching Resources

Notre Dame Student Advisors Available for School Visits

Notre Dame's Prospective Student Advisors are available to visit your school again. The team can provide presentations, individual or small group consultations, attend careers expos, as well as virtual presentations or 1-on-1 sessions for your students.

[Book your presentation or expo here](#) or email future@nd.edu.au

Notre Dame Career Advisors Hub

Notre Dame is trying to make life easier for career advisors by bringing everything together in a [Career Advisors Hub](#).

[BOOK A PRESENTATION >](#)

[VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOUR >](#)

[EARLY OFFER PROGRAM >](#)

[2021 UNDERGRADUATE GUIDE >](#)

VETinfoNews



Welcome to your new look July 2020 edition of VETinfoNews!

VETinfoNews has a new look. It is easier to read. You can subscribe [HERE](#).

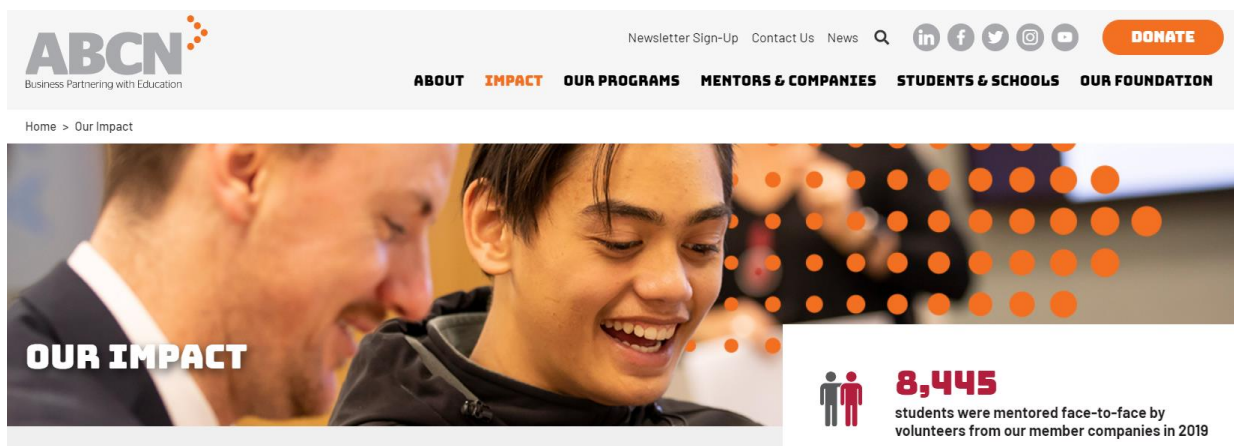
ABCN

This is the group that had the project to get computers to disadvantaged kids studying at home during the lockdown. They distributed 100 computers to kids in WA.

I do wish West Australian students would take advantage of the mentor work that ABCN does. As competition for jobs, apprenticeships and places in courses increases they will need to get all available help to get onto a path to their best possible future.

They are currently working with and 9 primary schools and [19 high schools in WA](#).

Please check out their site and the fantastic work that they do [HERE](#).



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OUR IMPACT

8,445
students were mentored face-to-face by
volunteers from our member companies in 2019

Alumni Mentoring – Parents and Friends Association

Schools that set up a mentoring database of people who have left the school tap into a pool of goodwill that can support the success of current students.

The beauty of using alumni to help current students is:

- They have a good understanding of the culture that students are living in and the challenges they face.
- They are great role models for students to see.
- They may be familiar with resources that are currently available within the school and the community for students to tap into
- They are committed to the school.

The Parents and Friends Association usually takes responsibility for establishing and managing the Alumni activities.

At Last, A Word from Humanities

In the wake of ALL THINGS STEM it is great to see the Humanities raising their head.

I look forward to supporting career pathways for HASS students.

Humanities for better Humans



Brought to you by HASSWA

Global Goals Challenge



Schools participation

There are ten (10) three-day Global Goals Challenges in planning. Four of these hosting schools have confirmed their dates and are looking for other schools interested in joining them as guests in the experience. **There is no cost to participate beyond your transport and organisational costs.**

All students completing the Global Goals Challenge are recognised with a certificate.

- All students completing the Global Goals Challenge become eligible to apply for Curtin's SHAPE Award.
- Student work may (where appropriate) be reviewed, refined, repurposed and extended for entry into other programs such as [Balance of the Planet](#), [STEM4Innovation](#), [United Nations Association of Australia \(WA\) Schools Programs](#), [Game Changer Awards](#), [Young Persons' Plan for the Planet](#), [Millennium Kids](#), etc.

For more information go [HERE](#).

Research

A snapshot in time – Brilliant Timing

The newly formed National Skills Commission (NSC) has released their first publication, [A snapshot in time: Australia’s Labour Market and COVID-19](#).

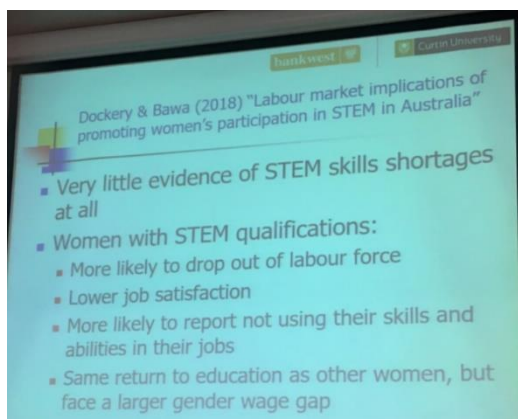
I am sure this research was planned before COVID-19 hit so it is an enormous coincidence that this information has arrived just as it is needed.

The information will be used to inform government decisions that aim to boost employment policies.



Are there jobs in STEM?

The attack on the Arts and elevation of STEM through government policies continue to disturb me.



Economics, Vol. 21, No. 2, pp. 125-152.

Those who were at the CDAA/Notre Dame Careers Workshop in February will recall Michael Dockery’s presentation on the STEM jobs.

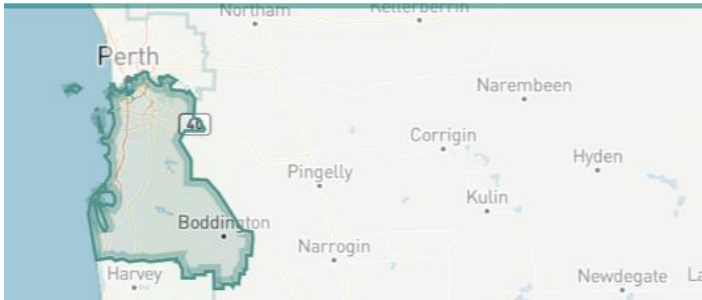
The reference for the first paper is:

Dockery, A.M. and Bawa, S. (2018), [“Labour market implications of promoting women’s participation in STEM in Australia”](#), *Australian Journal of Labour*

Labor Market Information Portal



In May, the Mandurah Region had the highest unemployment figures in the state at 7.6% with youth unemployment coming in at 19% which is marginally behind the Perth South West Region with 19.4% youth unemployment.



The Wheatbelt has the best figures with just 3.1% unemployment overall and 8.2% youth unemployment.

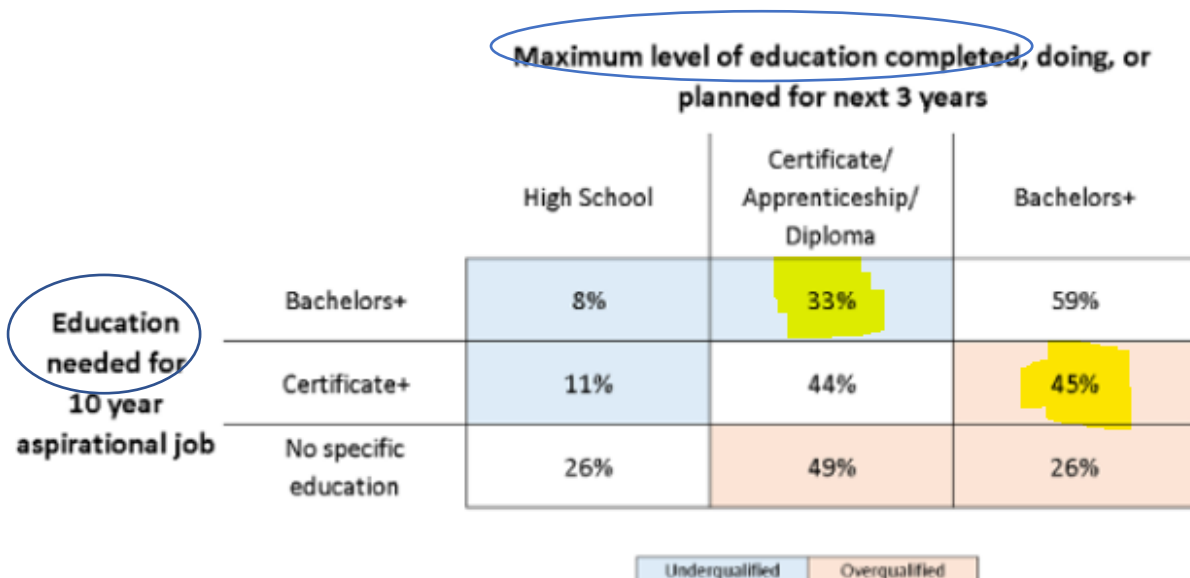
Many of the [free Skills Sets training programs](#) that have just been announced aim at quickly preparing people for jobs that will be available in the Wheatbelt.

Find more [Labor Market Information HERE](#).

The Case for Better Career Education

Stephen Joyce, who did the [VET Review Research Report](#) points to a disconnect between education and training completed (doing or planned) and the job aspirations of young people.

Joyce is concerned that many students' career aspirations were not aligned with their educational plan, which could leave them overqualified.



For example, as shown in the chart, 45 per cent of those surveyed intended to complete a bachelor level degree, when they need a certificate. Others risk under qualification - 33 per cent intending to pursue a VET pathway when they need a bachelor's degree.

According to the TAFE Directors Newsletter (13th July):

The Business Council of Australia for some time has been asking for joined-up information for all occupations and all post-school learning pathways.

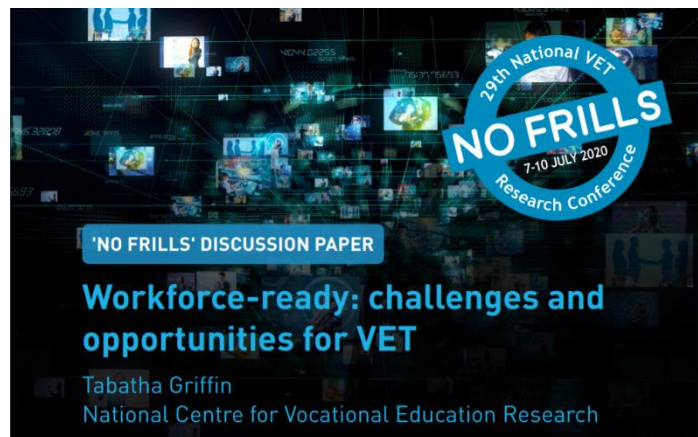
Now THAT could lead to better-informed career advice.

See the [Report HERE](#). You can subscribe to the [TAFE Directors Newsletter HERE](#).

Workforce-ready: challenges and opportunities for VET

Careers educators can probably skip reading this whole discussion paper.

It talks about the importance of “employability” skills and about the capacity of the VET sector to deliver both the technical skills and the employability skills required by industry.



The key factors that I got from it are:

- The new National Skills Commission will undertake research and analysis of future skills needs of Australian industry.
- .There is increasing demand from employers that applicants for apprenticeships already demonstrate some of these skills. Pre apprenticeships can deliver these skills.
- COVID-19 has inspired action that includes:
 - Additional funding to the VET system. /
 - the development of a sub-committee of the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) to drive the rapid and flexible development of training packages during the crisis (Cash & Irons 2020a)
 - the provision of heavily subsidised short online higher education courses in national priority areas (Tehan & Cash 2020)

The rapid response by the VET sector demonstrates its ability to be flexible and responsive. This capacity is what is needed for Australian industry to maintain currency through training as technology and knowledge demands emerge.

Employability Skills

Not only is the demand for these (employability) skills increasing, the diversity by which non-technical skills are described appears to be ever-growing.

For example, the Select Committee on the Future of Work and Workers heard that employers are looking for graduates with the following skills

(University of Technology Sydney, in Senate Select committee on the Future of Work and Workers 2018, submission 81, p.3):

- *sense-making*
- *social intelligence*
- *novel and adaptive thinking*
- *cross-cultural competency*
- *computational thinking*
- *new-media literacy*
- *transdisciplinary*
- *knowledge/skills*
- *design mindset*
- *cognitive load management*
- *virtual collaboration*

Lots of Applications for the Careers Grants

There has been a strong response to the first round of grants offered by the National Careers Institute (NCI) which attracted more than 500 applications.

The program will provide grants ranging from \$20,000 to \$700,000 for up to two years to industry, employers, schools and tertiary institutions to deliver innovative approaches to careers advice.

The Knitting

(This Section provides operational information about In Focus Careers Resources)

How to get the best from this Newsletter

The newsletter is now so long that Craig Hillman has offered this strategy that may help you to get the best from it.

TIPS FROM CRAIG HILLMAN, HELENA COLLEGE

1. I read it straight off my screen. It is a skim/scan effort and usually takes 5 - 10 minutes.
2. I cut and paste, so...on my second reading (or third or fourth attempt depending on interruptions) I take the relevant info from your newsletter and put it in a word doc.
3. The information then goes into the Daily Notices on SEQTA and/or to our Community Relations Team for inclusion in the next newsletter.
4. Depending on the timing of your newsletter, I will either refer directly to or prepare handouts for parents during the Parent Information Evenings I deliver.



My top tip: TEACHER REGISTRATION BOARD PROFESSIONAL LEARNING LOG

I log the reading of your newsletter on the TRBWA Website as Professional Learning, Informal Category, I log it as 30 minutes. I guesstimate it at that length and tick the following boxes

Professional Engagement

- **Standard 6**
 - 6.2 (Engage with professional learning and improve practice)
 - 6.3 (Engage with colleagues and improve practice)
 - 6.4 (Apply professional learning and improve student learning)
- **Standard 7**
 - 7.3 (Engage with the parents/carers)

Notes Relating to Readings

There is a Documents retained section on the TRBWA website so I tick the "Notes relating to readings ..." as well as the "Copies of articles ..." and "Conference papers" when I share the information at Parent Nights.

Back Copies

I keep an electronic copy of your newsletter and have been able to go back to find dates and contact information during interviews with students and their parents.

Summary

The In Focus Newsletter is long but the information is rich and really valuable. The in-school opportunities and post-school options for our senior students are extensive. I personally value and thank you for you distilling the vast array of material into bite-size chunks with links to further details when I require them

Thanks again

Craig

 <p>HELENA COLLEGE <i>Bringing out the best together</i> Bilgoman Road, Glen Forrest, WA T: +61 8 9298 9100</p>	<p>Craig Hillman Acting Deputy Principal - Operations chillman@helena.wa.edu.au www.helenacollege.wa.edu.au</p>	
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Special Interest Email Groups

There are currently two email groups that I send occasional information to that doesn't necessarily appear in the newsletter. They are:

- **RRR Group**
- **Disability Group**

If you want to receive those emails let me know. Sometimes the information isn't quite career-related so doesn't make it into the newsletter.

I am going to set up a **Women in Tech** Group. I get lots of information through from Women in Tech WA (WITWA) and from the Innovators Tea Party. Both are volunteer initiatives and I am happy to help them.

You don't need to be female to be in the email group! You just need to be interested in helping girls to take on IT as a career path. Let me know if you are interested.

Entrepreneurial Project Support

If you have students doing entrepreneurial projects that you want to promote through the In Focus Network, please send in the information to Bev.J@infocus-careers.com.au I am sure that we would all be happy to support their efforts.

A photo of the product or service would be good.

Year 10 Magic Happens Handbook

I have gradually been saving clips to update the Year 10 Magic Happens Handbook 2020. If you can think of anything that I should put in can you let me know as I need to start working on the 2021 issue?

Still No Concerts

I discovered [Maydie Myles](#). She does a Chill Out thing [here](#) that reminds me of something from the Ministry of Sound compilations, or maybe Basement Jaxx?? Can't quite get where the drumming and chant comes from. Can anyone help? I just can't nail it.



I hope Term 3 is great for you.

Bev

Section 3: Calendar

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p>Murdoch Open Day</p>	<p>27</p> <p>BP Apprenticeship info session contact SMTAFE</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Curtin Engineering Info Evening</p> <p>ECU International Drop-In</p> <p>Kalgoorlie Jobs Fair</p> <p>Career Advisors Community of Practice Zoom</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Curtin Science Info Evening</p> <p>BP Apprenticeship info session contact SMTAFE</p> <p>Big Day In Presentations</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Curtin Parent Info Evening</p>	<p>31</p> <p>UCAT Test last possible test day</p>	

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Extension Opportunities
Professional Events

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 <u>Global Sustainability Challenge Closes</u>					1 <u>CQU Virtual Open Day to 20</u> <u>HASS Week Begins</u>
2 <u>UWA Open Day</u>	3	4 <u>RoboCup Registrations Open</u>	5 <u>Murdoch Law and Criminology Open Night</u>	6	7	8
9 <u>ECU Open Day</u>	10 <u>VET Skills Webinar for Parents</u>	11 <u>Construction Pre-apprenticeship Starts</u> <u>CDAA High Tech Hiring Webinar</u>	12 <u>Murdoch Business Info Evening</u> <u>CDAA Breakfast EVPark</u>	13	14 <u>WA Training Awards Applications Close</u>	15 <u>CQU Virtual Open Day</u> <u>National Science Week starts</u>
16	17 <u>Carpentry Pre-apprenticeship starts</u> <u>Bricklaying Pre-apprenticeship starts</u>	18 <u>Veterans Scholarships Open</u> <u>CDAA Social Media and Employment</u>	19 <u>Murdoch Science Open Night</u>	20	21	22
23 <u>National Science Weekends</u>	24 <u>Construction Pre-apprenticeship starts</u> <u>ICT Young Explorers Final</u>	25 <u>Year 13 Webinars Begin</u>	26 <u>CDAA myfuture webinar</u>	27 <u>Year 13 Webinars end</u>	28	29

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <u>Murdoch TISC Admission Pathways Application Support</u>	3	4	5
6	7	8 <u>Notre Dame Admissions Evening</u>	9 <u>CDAА Breakfast EV Park</u>	10	11	12
13 <u>Curtin Open Day</u>	14 <u>Mandalah scholarship applications close</u>	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Last day of term	26
27	28 <u>ECU ATAR Revision Program Starts</u>	29	30			

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <u>ECU ATAR Revision Program Ends</u> <u>Murdoch Portfolio Preparation Day</u>	3
4	5 <u>UWA Campus Tour</u>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 <u>SkillsWest Careers Expo</u>	24 <u>SkillsWest Careers Expo</u>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER

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1	2	3	4 Robocup State Finals	5	6	7
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DECEMBER

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6	7 UWA Campus Tour	8	9	10	11	12
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