



In Focus Careers



March 2020

Hi All

Don't tell me it's March already!! And the year is off to a great start for career education.

The Labor Party policy has promised 70 new career teachers and increased focus on career education. Our students are about to be better prepared to transition from school to adulthood.

I hope we adopt a [scaffolded approach to career education](#) as outlined by Dave Turner, with:

- primary school students being exposed to a rich world of career opportunities,
- early secondary school students exploring career options, and
- older students gaining significant work experience.

The value delivered by career advisors was recognised at the Careers Connect conference by Notre Dame's VC Professor Francis Campbell, who said:

...our role is to touch lives, often when people are vulnerable and in transition, and we make a difference.

Bev

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Section 1 Students and Families

Events

Career Development is Everybody's Business



The Education Department Career Development is Everybody's Business roadshow starts in Kalgoorlie on 28 February and travels to major centres throughout Western Australia.

Find details of the presentation in your area by searching online for *Career Development is Everybody's Business* and name your town.

20 March TEDxMandurah – Morphability: The Art of Change

The line-up for this TEDX event includes people who have travelled meandering paths to doing what they love.

There will be speakers on the environment, story-telling, combatting disease through science, design thinking, agriculture.

Check out details [HERE](#) and make sure you watch the amazing video of how underwater animals morph into different forms to adapt to their environments.



30 March Future Industries Future Jobs Roadshow



Cyber Security, Data Science, Life Sciences and Renewable Energy experts come together in this special Panel Forum event.

We are hosting 5 of these events across the Perth Metro area and Mandurah during 2021.

We are launching the first event in the North on **Tue 30 March at Peter Moyes Anglican Community School in Mindarie** for Parents and Community to attend for FREE. Get your ticket [HERE](#).

News

Great News for WA Career Education

Vocational education and training (VET) in WA schools will undergo a major \$95 million expansion under a re-elected McGowan Labor Government – with a range of new initiatives to ensure every student has a pathway to a good job.

[Plan to Expand VET Training for WA High School Students](#)

- The ALP will expand VET courses to year 9 students through short taster courses at TAFE colleges.
- 70 more career teachers
- Financial support for VET students to complete their courses.
- Industry placements are to gain more attention and parents are to get more support to help their students to make career decisions.



Wage Theft Protection



This is a big initiative that has taken a while to set up, so it is great to see it is finally here.

This online service was created in response to an [Inquiry held into wage theft in WA](#)

which found how rampant wage theft is.

It is hoped that schools will promote the service to young people so that they know where to go if they think they are being ripped off. You can find the service at [PayRights](#).

Career Connect Conference Report

The Lunar New Year arrived bringing portents of *hard work in the background*. This is precisely what Robert Palmer from CDAA, and Lexi Rollins and Hannah Murray from Notre Dame brought to the table to make this day such a success.



PROFESSOR FRANCIS CAMPBELL, VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME



Professor Campbell gave the Keynote Address about career practitioners touching the lives of vulnerable people by helping them to transition to the right place, at the right time.

He told us about his career teacher who took on his family, broke down social barriers in their thinking and supported them to accept new ideas about what

careers were possible for their family.

Professor Campbell pointed out that we can't see what we are living through now but with the ability of hindsight we will no longer be complacent about the freedom to move and to engage with people.

TRANSFORMATION

Professor Campbell talked about transformation:



Hands

Before the industrial revolution work relied on our capacity to use out hands.



Head

As we moved from the industrial revolution work relied on our capacity to use our heads.

Hearts

As computers become ubiquitous our work is relying on our capacity to use our hearts to engage our hands and heads.

TOM LAMOND, SENIOR POLICY OFFICER, CCI WA LABOUR MARKET TRENDS



By December Western Australia's consumer confidence was the highest since 2007. We had the highest number of housing approvals on record.

Youth unemployment had fallen from 17% in the middle of 2020 to

13% and the number of hours that each person was able to work had gone up.

Opportunity for building apprentices had soared to 2004 levels and there have been significant opportunities for work through the National Disability Scheme. Training had come in to support skills development in these industries and there are such significant subsidies that some apprentices were paying their way without doing any work!!

FROM GLOBALIZATION TO SOVEREIGN CAPACITY

A significant move is underway to manufacture what we need in Australia. This is partly due to:

- automation has reduced the need to go offshore for cheap labour.
- the need to ensure continuity of supply; and
- the need for quality control of end products.

2021 WA APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINEESHIPS INTAKE GUIDE

Someone asked Tom about when apprenticeships and traineeships would be advertised. He said that they publish an Intake Guide. Linda Winter from CCIWA sent this through. It has great information including dates when a number of apprenticeships and traineeships will be advertised.

Find it [HERE](#).

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APPRENTICESHIP
SUPPORT NETWORK
An Australian Government Initiative

2021 WA APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINEESHIP INTAKE GUIDE

EDITION 2 - PUBLICATION DATE - 02 DEC 2020



WAYNE BETTS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, TISC

Wayne was open and honest again, doing what he could to make sure we had as much information as possible for 2022 enrolments.

- TISC had a 34% drop in applications at the end of 2020 due to the early offers that had been made by some unis.
- Some students had already accepted 2 – 3 offers and still applied for more places through TISC. Wayne said we will have more idea of actual enrolments by the end of March.
- Indicative ATAR scores were messed up for 2022 due to the range of application processes. This year it will therefore be difficult to give Year 12s an indicative score for 2022 course entry requirements.



FEEDBACK TO TISC

TISC has received feedback on the 2021 application process from over 200 schools. This information has been forwarded to universities.

The relaxation of pressure seemed to be good for some students, but others relaxed too much once they had accepted an offer. There were reports of students dropping out of school and walking out of exams which has led to a general concern about students' preparedness for university.

Wayne expressed concern that the use of Year 11 results by some universities may push pressure down to Year 11s.

TISC GUIDE

This Guide is for students who started uni in 2021. It provides standard information but things may have changed this year. Wayne said that the 2022 Guide will be produced once unis finalize what they will offer in 2022.

TISC is doing its best to be a steady influence through all of this.

TISC Guidelines will be produced as soon unis finalise what they will offer in 2022.

You can subscribe for TISC updates [HERE](#).



TISC VISITS



Wayne, or another TISC officer will come to your school to present to teachers, families and students.

You can arrange a presentation [HERE](#).

INDUSTRY 4.0 PRESENTATION FROM SOUTH METRO TAFE

Industry 4.0 is the engagement of one bit of smart technology with another bit of smart technology to deliver something new.

UWA and South Metro TAFE are working together to marry up opportunities that the energy sector delivers with opportunities that the resources industry delivers to see what new functions they can create. You can read about it [HERE](#).



What skills will be needed?

- Digital transformation/ advanced digital technologies
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Robotics process automation
- Artificial intelligence
- Understanding value and supply chains
- Linking physical and digital systems – production assets and digital systems
- Applying big data and data analytics
- Cyber-physical production systems (CPPS)
- Human-Machine interfaces
- Cyber security
- Maintenance planning



CYBER-SECURITY AND IT COURSES

There are 800 students studying IT at South Metro. Students who [Cert II in Integrated Technologies](#) at school, can go into the Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology (Cyber Security).

- 22445VIC Advanced Diploma of Cyber Security
- 22334VIC Certificate IV in Cyber Security
- ICT30118 Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology (Cyber Security)
- Introduction to Cybersecurity Skill Set



The higher level students can gain credits in some university courses, but many get snapped up, particularly those doing cyber-security, before they graduate.

Check out the IT courses [HERE](#).

JUST FOR FUN

Check out these videos of some of the cool things you can do using these Industry 4.0 skills.

- [SPEE3D Printing](#)
- [Boston Dynamic Robots](#)



CERTIFICATE II STUDENTS SPEAK

- [Student of Cert II Dynamic Workforce Operations](#)
- [Automation at SMTAFE](#)

Research

Don't expect the rate of technology adoption to slow down.

The World Economic Forum Future of Jobs Report says:

- Don't expect the rate of technology adoption to slow down.
- Job creation is slowing down as jobs are automated.
- The public sector needs to provide stronger support for reskilling and upskilling for at-risk or displaced workers.

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



Tech Jobs lead the way in 2020 - LinkedIn Data

LinkedIn has rounded out a list of the 15 emerging jobs in Australia for 2020.

In its [2020 Emerging Jobs Report Australia](#), the company analysed job titles from the last five years to find the top emerging jobs which have seen a lot of growth in Australia.

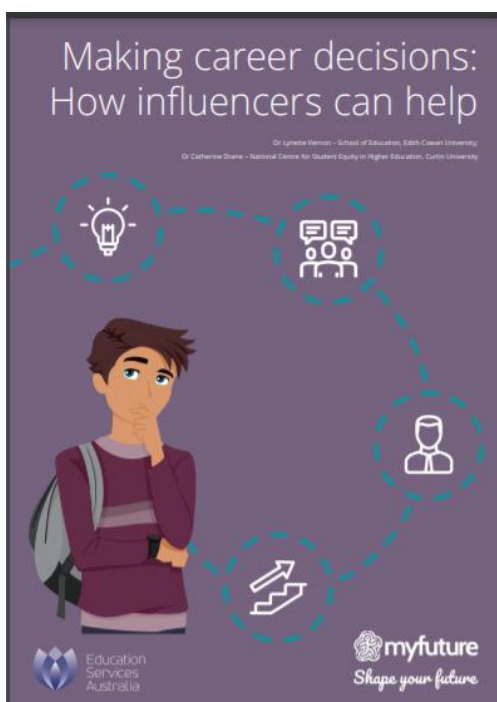
The top three positions for 2020 are:

- Artificial Intelligence Specialist,
- Cybersecurity Specialist and
- Marketing Automation Specialist.

You can see the full list [HERE](#).



Families have the biggest influence on career decisions



This research shows that parents and families have the biggest influence on career decisions.

You can find this report and career activities and lots of ways to help your kids to explore and find their right path out of school on the [Families and Carers page](#) of MyFuture.

Training News

1 March Training Awards Applications Open



The WA Training Awards program recognises excellence in vocational education and training (VET), and the outstanding achievements of VET students, apprentices and trainees, practitioners, organisations and employers.

If you get nominated it will make your job application stand out from others. If you win you can be sure that you will be able to get higher paying jobs throughout your career. Find information [HERE](#).

7 March Sunday - Construction Futures Centre Open Day

Grab the family and head on over to the Construction Futures Centre where you'll learn about the many diverse career opportunities within Western Australia's building and construction industry.

We've taken virtual reality, augmented reality, videos, games and kinetic sand and designed specific hand-on interactive experiences to educate and inspire the next generation of construction workers.

Date: Sunday, 7th March 2021 Time: 10.00am – 2.00pm

Address: 104 Belgravia Street Belmont

Admission is free and registration is essential. To register click [HERE](#).



8 March Rooftop Movies Showing *Brazen Hussies*

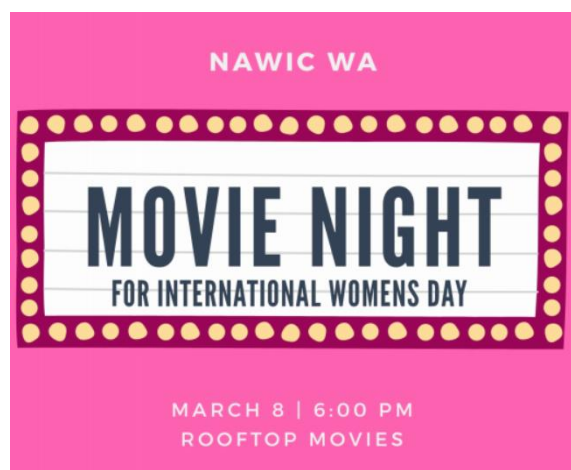
Brazen Hussies is the 2021 celebration movie for International Women's Day being shown by the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) celebrate International Women's Day

Join us for a drink, grab a pizza and a beanbag, and settle in to hear a respected industry leader's take on our IWD 2021 theme, #ChoosetoChallenge.

We will have two guest speakers to open the night - Kylie Judd who is our newly appointed board member and Isla McRobbie who is our 2020 Crystal Vision Winner to talk about their journey to being the amazing women they are now!.

Book [HERE](#) for a high energy, fun night out, to celebrate IWD.

[Organisations Supporting Women in STEM and Trades](#)



International
Women's Day

OCCUPATIONS — FINDING YOUR FIT

To help you find your fit, the Jobs and Skills Centres have over 550 occupation profiles you can browse through — use the keyword search below, or [visit our Occupation profiles page for other options](#) including an A—Z list.

You can also take a look at our [Get that job!](#) page, for great tips and information to help with your job search and decision making.



University News

Events

10 March Data Science at UWA

If you're a female student interested in studying data science and where a career in data science can take you, join us on campus for the [Data Science at UWA](#) session.

Following the session, you will have the opportunity to attend our annual [Women in Data Science \(WiDS\) Perth 2021](#) event where you'll hear from industry leaders, UWA graduates and student clubs making their place in data science.

Registration is essential, [more information here](#).



17 March ECU Future Student Information Expo

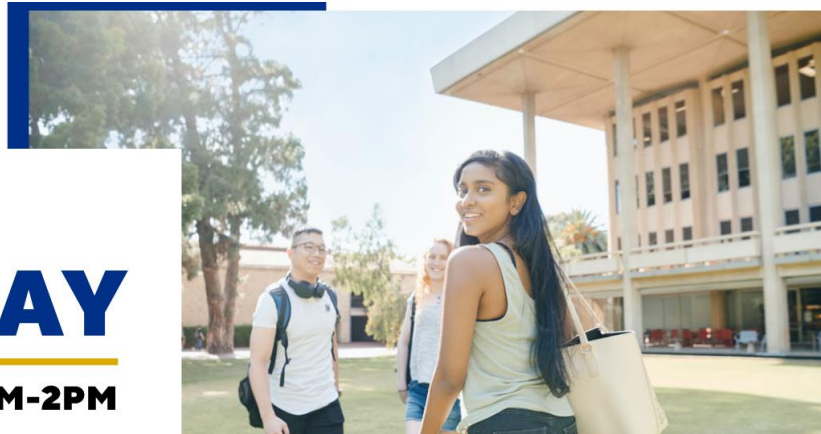
Our Information Expo will introduce you to our wide range of courses and the excellent support services you can expect as a student. Register [HERE](#)



28 March UWA Open Day

UWA OPEN DAY

SUN 28 MARCH | 10AM-2PM



For information go [HERE](#).

ECU Open Days

ECU AUSTRALIA EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY

Study Research Industry Alumni About [Apply](#) [Enquire](#)

of the dates, bookmark this page, or join a Facebook event to stay up-to-date as we roll out more details.

Location	Date	Time	Location Description
South West	Sunday, 28 March 2021	11am - 2pm	The town of Bunbury is 200km south of Perth CBD and located off Robertson Drive.
Joondalup	Sunday, 11 April 2021	10am - 4pm	25km north of Perth CBD and the intersection of Joondalup Drive and Grand Boulevard.
Mount Lawley inc WAAPA	Sunday, 18 April 2021	10am - 4pm	6km north of Perth CBD at the intersection of Alexander Drive and Central Avenue.

For information go [HERE](#).

Curtin Course Updates

1. **Advanced Biomedical Sciences:** Designed for high-ATAR students, this new course offers two specialisations for students to choose from: Clinical Medical Science and Discovery Bioscience. [View course.](#)
2. **Biomedical Sciences:** This new course has three specialisations for students to choose from: Human Biomedicine, Molecular Genetics and Pharmacology. [View course.](#)
3. **Nutrition and Food Science:** Prerequisites for this course have changed. Applicants need to have completed at least one ATAR course from: Biology, Chemistry, Human Biology, Integrated Science and Physics. [View course.](#)



UPDATE TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCE) PREREQUISITE

Previously, applicants for this course needed to have completed Chemistry ATAR. Applicants are now required to have completed at least one ATAR science course from the following list: Biology, Chemistry, Human Biology, Integrated Science or Physics.

Murdoch Course Updates

1. Bachelor of Commerce

The Bachelor of Commerce will be offered in block mode from 2022, enabling completion in two years (36 credit points full time enrolment each year).

Two majors will be available: Professional Accounting **OR** HR Management and Analytics.

Students will also complete a Professional Business Practice co-major.

2. Bachelor of Business



This will offer a wide range of majors, enabling double major combinations. Majors: Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Banking, Marketing, Human Resource Management, Hospitality & Tourism, International Business, Finance, Management, Business Law, Accounting, Global Business & Politics.

Bachelor of Business can also be studied as a combined degree:

Bachelor of Agricultural Science / Bachelor of Business

Bachelor of Business / Bachelor of Entrepreneurship & Innovation Bachelor of Law / Bachelor of Business

3. **Bachelor of Agricultural Science**

This is a new course offering majors in Crop and Pasture Science, Animal Health, Animal Science.

For more details go [HERE](#).

4. **Bachelor of Digital Media and Communication**

If you are interested in a career in online communications, the Bachelor of Digital Media and Communications is worth checking out. You can find details [HERE](#).

5. **Bachelor of Information Technology and Business**

Any career in business requires a knowledge of IT. This course gives a sound foundation in both. Check details [HERE](#).

New Majors:

- [Artificial Intelligence and Autonomous Systems](#)
- [Global Challenges](#)

NEW Portfolio Entry

Portfolio entry is designed for students who perform well in subjects / activities associated to the desired course, and who are motivated toward and capable of university study. The range of courses available has been widened to include sciences and humanities.

Find details [HERE](#).

NEW English Requirement

Murdoch believes that if you have been taught in English for two years as you did your ATAR, your English is good enough for you get through your university course.

Passing your ATAR, without English, will get you a place at Murdoch.

Notre Dame News

Fee changes to benefit undergraduate students.

The University of Notre Dame Australia has become a Table A university under the Higher Education Support Act.

This means:

- Eligible students will have full access to Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) and HECS-HELP for all undergraduate degrees at Notre Dame.
- Domestic undergraduate students will now pay the same fees at Notre Dame as if they were attending a public university.



Notre Dame tops rankings in the Graduate Outcomes Survey



The University of Notre Dame Australia has once again been ranked #1 in Australia for Overall Satisfaction among graduates according to the latest Federal Government's nationwide Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) 2020 Graduate Outcomes Survey released on 16 November 2020.

Notre Dame was also ranked #1 in Australia for

Skills Scale (90.6%), as well as #1 in WA for Full-time Employment (76.6%) and Overall Employment (88.7%) (undergraduate and postgraduate categories).

NEW DEGREES

1. Bachelor of Arts (Architecture)

In this three-year degree, students explore sustainability, housing affordability, ageing-in-place, city living, community building and much more. The degree also allows students to complete a Minor in a complementary discipline such as Archaeology, Environmental Management, Social Justice or History, expanding their career opportunities. Students who wish to register as an architect can progress to the Masters of Architecture at Notre Dame.

2. Screen Arts Major

Notre Dame's newly-launched Screen Arts Major equips students with communication and production skills to work with screen content and screen technologies across a range of industries. Our internship opportunities will ensure they receive industry experience and graduate prepared for the multi-disciplinary media landscape.

Screen Arts can be studied in the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Communications & Media, or as an elective as part of another degree. It is ideally paired with our Journalism Major or our new Photo media specialization. The Majors in Theatre Studies and Film & Screen Production have combined to become the new Screen Arts Major

New UWA Degrees from UWA



1. Bachelor of Business: ATAR 75
2. Bachelor of Music: ATAR 75
3. Bachelor of Environmental Design: ATAR 75
4. Bachelor of Automation and Robotics: ATAR 88
5. Bachelor of Philosophy, Politics and Economics: ATAR 90
6. Bachelor of Advanced Computer Science (Honours): ATAR 92

2021 Updates

UWA School Engagement Team

New Minor in 2021: Active Citizenship

The McCusker Centre for Citizenship is pleased to be a contributor to the new Active Citizenship Minor, available to UWA students from 2021. This minor will develop students' capacities to be caring, connected and socially engaged contributors to their communities through practical engagement with industry partners, and critical reflection on personal, community and government responsibility for positive change.

Careers and Employability Award

The UWA Careers and Employability Award program encourages students to further develop knowledge and skills through practical, real world experiences to prepare for future careers. Students can access career development and practical activities which will enhance employment. Additionally, students receive an industry-recognised award that verifies enhanced practical skills.

ECU What's New

Creative Arts Portfolio Entry for:

- Bachelor of Design, majoring in any of Fashion, Visual and Spatial Design, or Games and Interactive Design
- Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Visual Arts
- Bachelor of Media & Communication, majoring in Photo-media or Screen Production

You can find details [HERE](#).

CQU Year 12 Applications Open Now

Principal Recommendation Scheme

The Principal Recommendation Scheme is an ideal entry pathway for all Year 12 students to CQUniversity's undergraduate courses whether you're studying ATAR or not.

This means that as a Year 12 student applying for university, you no longer need to wait for your Year 12 results to receive an early offer for your course*.

To be eligible you must:

- Be studying year 12
- Provide a letter of recommendation from your Principal

Applications now open.

Apply or find out more at cqu.edu.au/prs

Year 12 News

1 March Applications for University Medical Aptitude Test (UCAT) Open

Students wishing to study medicine can register for the UMAT [Here](#).



Testing begins on 1 July and you may take the test only once per year. The final day to take the test is 11 August. Results will be delivered to universities in early September.

Students wishing to undertake medicine in WA should apply using the normal TISC process.

Students wishing to apply for medicine in another state should look up specific requirements for their university of choice.

There are no scheduled Getting into Medicine presentations at Curtin, UWA or Notre Dame at this time. Notre Dame believes it will do an online presentation like that which was so successful last year.

For more information go to [HERE](#).

A Day at UWA

If you would like to spend a guided day at UWA through the July holidays you should book now.

For information go [HERE](#).

Get Help When You Go to Uni

There was a big careers conference at Notre Dame in mid-February. All universities were represented and talked about the support systems they have in place for students. They said the problem is trying to get students to use them.

Please make the most of all the services that are available. They could make a difference between you passing or failing or getting a scholarship or not.

Curtin Scholarships



Year 12 students should register now for scholarship alerts.

Throughout the year you will see the sorts of scholarships that are available.

Make applying for scholarships part of your life throughout your university career.

Register for Curtin Scholarship Alerts [HERE](#).

DOING A STEPHEN BRADBURY

There are so many scholarships available that you could end up doing a [Stephen Bradbury](#) by winning gold because you had the skills to keep going when others fall over.



Year 11 News

Semester 1 Year 11 Results Count for Early Uni Offers

In 2020 some universities used Year 11 school results to determine who was offered a place for 2021.

Universities have not announced their plans for this year so we don't know if your Year 11 results will count towards a place at uni in 2023. Your school results ARE likely to be used for scholarships and awards. If you are not getting the results you thought you would get in Year 11 see your teachers for help now.

Year 10 News

24 February or 25 February Curtin Parents Information Evening



This event is the ideal starting place for you if you're in year 10, or are a parent, guardian or teacher of a year 10 student and are wanting to know everything about subject selection, university life and your career possibilities. [Year 10 Parent Information Evening](#)

How to Apply for Jobs in Year 10

Lots of big companies just ask you to fill in an online application form when you apply for jobs with them. Even some smaller companies, like some IGAs, will just ask you to fill out a form.

If you want to do a resume to take to potential employers check out:

- [Resume template for Year 10 or earlier with no work experience](#)
- [Resume template for Year 10 with work experience](#)

Primary School News

Black Cockatoo Environmental Education

The fires have destroyed a lot of the black cockatoo habitat. Primary schools may be interested to know if there is anything they can do to help.

Kaarakin Education Program caters for incursions and excursions for primary, and secondary schools.

For more information or to book us for an incursion or excursion, go [HERE](#).



Aboriginal News

11 March ECU Aboriginal Student one on one sessions

To book a one on one information session at ECU go [HERE](#).

Mandalah

MADALAH offers Secondary and Tertiary education scholarships for Indigenous students from remote and regional communities to West Australia’s leading boarding schools and Australian universities.

In 2021it will support 365 students.

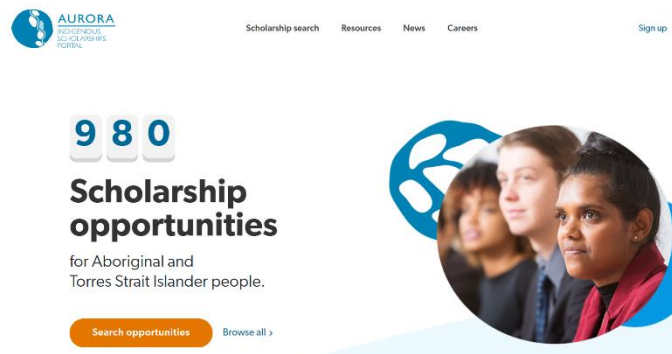
To keep up to date with Mandalah opportunities and events subscribe to the newsletter [HERE](#).

Curtin Indigenous Enabling Courses

These enabling courses equip Indigenous Australians with the skills they need to succeed at university, while providing a culturally supportive learning environment. For details go [HERE](#).

Aurora Indigenous Scholarship Portal

You can find nearly 1000 Indigenous Scholarship opportunities [HERE](#).



The screenshot shows the Aurora Indigenous Scholarship Portal. At the top left is the logo for 'AURORA INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL'. To the right of the logo are navigation links: 'Scholarship search', 'Resources', 'News', 'Careers', and 'Sign up'. Below the navigation is a large graphic with the number '980' in three boxes, followed by the text 'Scholarship opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.' At the bottom of the graphic are two buttons: 'Search opportunities' and 'Browse all >'. On the right side of the graphic is a circular image showing three Indigenous people looking forward.

RRR News

25 March ECU SW (Bunbury) One on One Counselling Sessions

To make a booking go [HERE](#).

28 March ECU SW Bunbury Open Day

Details of this event are not available at this time.

For current information check [HERE](#).

Scholarships to Study at UWA Albany Campus



News

**UWA Has Announced
\$15K And \$45K
Scholarships To Study
At Its Albany Campus**

Find details [HERE](#).

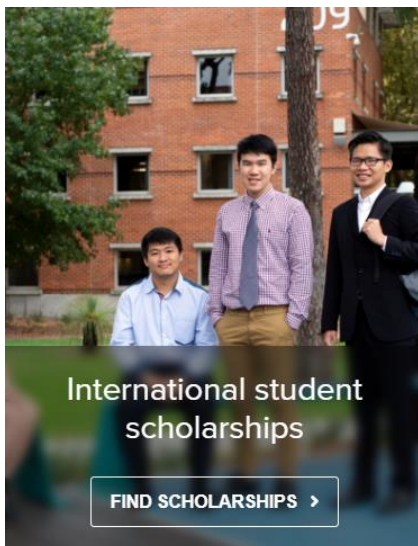
International Student News

3 March ECU International Student One on One

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 one-on-one appointment is perfect for you!

To book a session go [HERE](#),

International Student Scholarships



ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS

Curtin University has an expanding alumni community and is pleased to offer the Alumni & Family Scholarship to any nationality except Australian.

This scholarship category awards eligible students 25% off their first year of tuition. Curtin University acknowledges the importance of this group in growing the University and this scholarship aims to foster trust and confidence in

Curtin University as a place for students to further their studies, careers and life experiences.

For details go [HERE](#).

AUSTRALIAN YEAR 12 SCHOLARSHIPS

This scholarship aims to assist international students of any nationality except Australian, who successfully complete an Australian high school qualification either in Australia or overseas.

For details go [HERE](#).

Disability News

Dawn Bennett has left Curtin

A long time friend of In Focus Careers was one who left Curtin at the end of 2020. On LinkedIn she wrote:

Many of you know that I left Curtin at the end of 2020 and lots of colleagues have asked whether the employABILITY tools and reports will be available this year. Please be assured that the tool, resources, educator and student reports will be delivered as before - only better! The site is currently being rebuilt and a second chart with 16 dimensions of employABILITY will be added to the reports. Dawn

TEDX Mandurah Presentations

Michelle Wong and Tom Oliver at TEDX @ Mandurah

Does anyone know Michelle Wong? She is researching autism, movement and motivation with the Curtin Autism Research Group.

She is one of the presenters at the [Mandurah TEDX conference](#).

Michelle has developed educational experiences through movement without a desk, pencil or notebook in sight.



Or



Tom Oliver who,

believes that for most autistic people caught up in our justice system, the underlying cause for their crimes is their autism and the way society deals with this needs to change.

Find out more [HERE](#).

Disability Employment Toolkit

The Disability Services commission has designed the Disability Employment Toolkit which has



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Communities**
Disability Services

the following contents:

- [Recruitment and selection](#)
- [Is my workplace inclusive and accessible?](#)
- [What financial support is available?](#)
- [Retention of employees who acquire a disability](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)

- [Benefits of employing people with disability](#)

People with Disability: Action Plan to Improve WA Public Sector Employment Outcomes 2020–2025

Those engaged with helping people with disability into work can tap into the new [Public Service Action Plan](#).

All government agencies have targets to meet.

Priority 2 is to *Attract and Develop* and one of the actions is to identify traineeships and all jobs must be advertised through the [Jobs and Skills Centres](#).



Blog Posts @ [Infocus-careers.com.au](https://infocus-careers.com.au)

Getting into Medicine



The process for getting into medicine in 2022 has begun with UCAT applications opening on 1 March.

You can get an overview of how to get into medicine in WA [HERE](#).

Which Uni is Best for You?

If you plan to spend some of the best years of your life at university, you need to pick the one that suits what you need.

[This post gives an overview](#) of universities in WA.



Commonwealth misses the mark in VET Review



This is a “Bev Rant”. If the Commonwealth wants to stop paying for vocational education for higher level courses, it shouldn’t hide behind saying it is *trying to remove obstacles to lifelong learning*.

The ONLY recommendation in this review that will remove those obstacles is one about

improving adult literacy and numeracy. The rest is about cost shifting which will INCREASE barriers to lifelong learning. You can read my analysis and rant [HERE](#).

4 Tips for Uni Open Days

The Open Days are early this year. These tips will help you to make the most of your day.

Find them [HERE](#)

Open Day Cheat Sheets

[Year 12 Cheat Sheet](#)

If you plan to spend some of the best days of your life at uni, you’d better pick the right one.

[Year 11 Cheat Sheet](#)

Year 11. Time to bite off more than you can chew.

[Year 10 cheat Sheet](#)

Dive deep. Explore. Have fun.



Curtin University Open Day

Section 2:

For Insanely Great Careers Professionals



Events

10 March CDAA Breakfast @ Dome East Vic Park

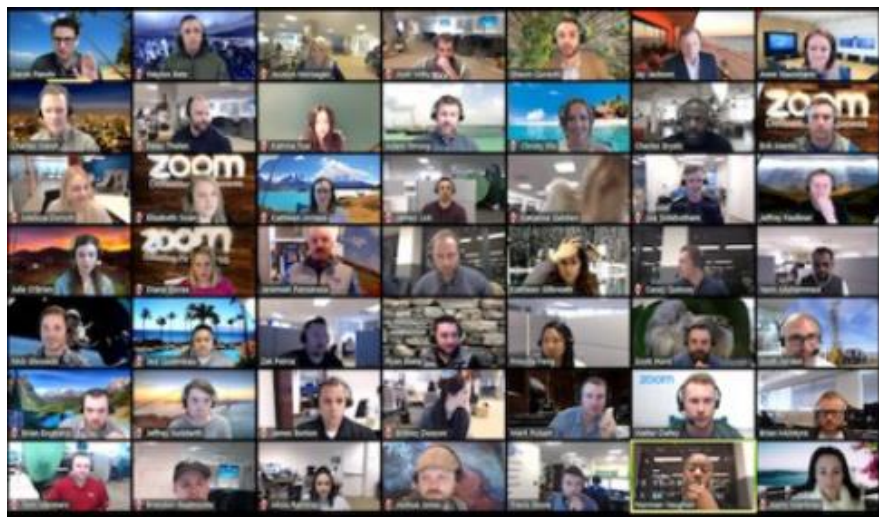
You don't need to be a CDAA member but please register so that Dome knows the numbers [HERE](#).



19 March UWA Career Advisors' Breakfast

UWA does not send an open invitation to this event. Watch for your personal invitation.

23 March Community of Practice Online Meeting



You don't need to be a CDAA member to join us. Register to get the Zoom link [HERE](#).

28 March ECU Career Advisors Event

This was mentioned at the Career Connect conference but there is no information on the ECU site, and I wasn't able to get information from ECU when I rang.

April 7 CDAA Innovative Professional Development Starts

The idea for this creative PD experience was identified by the CDAA last year as it recognised how much things were changing.



Step 1: 7 April Expert presentation available The Real Future of Work starts with video presentations by three speakers who are best qualified to deliver information that we need to respond to the emerging world of work.

Step 2: 20 April WA response. We get together in small groups to discuss questions that the CDAA will provide.

In Perth we will meet in the [Food Fibre and Timber Industry Training Council](#) conference room on 20th April. You can tune in on Zoom or you can have your own coffee shop meeting then send and thoughts you want considered through to me. Contact me on at Bev.J@infocus-careers.com.au to discuss how to do this.

We thought we might go and have something to eat in the Vic Park café strip after the Perth workshop.

Step 3: 5 May National Hook Up Join with CDAA members across Australia to share thoughts and ideas.

Final Outcome

The aims are to avoid difficulties of face to face conferences while helping career professionals from across Australia to build their professional capital through connecting and sharing.

I hope the program starts some profound thoughts, networking and ideas.

To register go [HERE](#).

3 May Curtin Teacher's Big Day

This event provides secondary school teachers and career advisors with information about Curtin's courses and future careers for students, admission requirements, and the student experience.

You will be able to find details on the [Events Page](#) soon.

17 – 23 May National Careers Week



If you are planning an event for Careers Week you can register it [HERE](#).

If you would like a notice about your event in the April and May In Focus Careers News email it to me at Bev.J@infocus-careers.com.au

What's New

70 new Career Practitioners Positions to be Created



What a breakthrough for career education in Western Australia.

As part of the ALP [Plan to Expand VET Training for WA High School Students](#) 70 new career practitioner positions are to be created. They will lead career development and be the key conduit between schools and industry.

- *And we'll support school teachers and TAFE lecturers to take up professional development opportunities with industry – making sure they are at the forefront of trends to give their students the best possible guidance on their career options.*
- *The plan includes new initiatives to educate students about non-university pathways, provide teachers with new professional development opportunities, support vulnerable students and provide more information for parents.*
- *The VET practitioners will form meaningful relationships with key industries to lead career development for students and facilitate engagement with industry to support pathways into STEM and trades.*


Read the press release [HERE](#).

Strategic Planning for Career Education

WA Department of Education [Strategic Directions for Public Schools #5](#) gives a clear path for career educators to go crazy with career goals that *Partner with families, communities and agencies to support the engagement of every student.*

This Priority may also be the one that you use to get the career development PD, from the [VET Training for High School Students](#) strategy into your school strategic plan.

Our improvement drivers:



- 1** Provide every student with a pathway to a successful future.
- 2** Strengthen support for teaching and learning excellence in every classroom.
- 3** Build the capability of our principals, our teachers and our allied professionals.
- 4** Support increased school autonomy within a connected and unified public school system.
- 5** Partner with families, communities and agencies to support the educational engagement of every student.
- 6** Use evidence to drive decision-making at all levels of the system.

For a quick guide on getting careers into your school's strategic plan go [HERE](#).

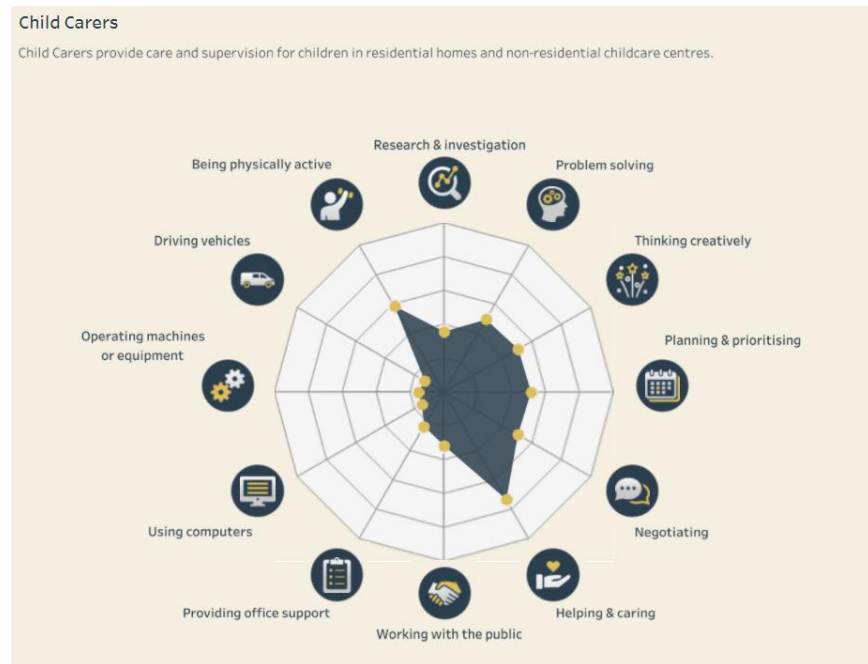
Next Step

Once you have your brilliant ideas accepted, you may need some guidance on setting up partnerships. You can check these out:

- [Cyril Jackson's Partnership Model](#)
- FYA developed a [Toolkit](#) which is an excellent and thorough step by step approach to setting up collaborations.
- Social Outcomes also has a [toolkit for collaboration](#).

Cool new tool from Jobs Outlook

The [Skills Spiderweb](#) shows 12 skills that are common across many jobs. You can check out the level of skills usually needed in a job on the [Skills Spiderweb](#). Just type in the job you are thinking of and it will show you what skills you need.



Impact of proposed industrial laws on school leavers

[This analysis in The Conversation](#) identifies the good and bad aspects of the proposed industrial relations laws. School leavers and less powerful workers are most likely to be badly impacted as:

The bill also proposes to “simplify” the agreement-making process and make it harder for unions and others not directly involved to object to their approval.

This would weaken the few procedural safeguards that the Fair Work Act provides for workers, especially since there is no requirement for bargaining or negotiation to take place.

Read the analysis of the bill [HERE](#).



Resources

For those teaching Year 9

People keep telling me how great the Victorian career development tools are. You can find the Year 9 ones [HERE](#).

Idea Academy

You may have met Rebecca Loftus when she was running the Fogarty Foundation EdFutures initiative. She left to have a baby and has come back with the [IDEA Academy](#).

It is an RTO which is trying to prepare students to be innovators and entrepreneurs.

Rebecca was such a powerhouse at EdFutures. You

may want to check out if your school can find a way of benefitting from the IDEA Academy [HERE](#).



Murdoch Street Law Incursion Program

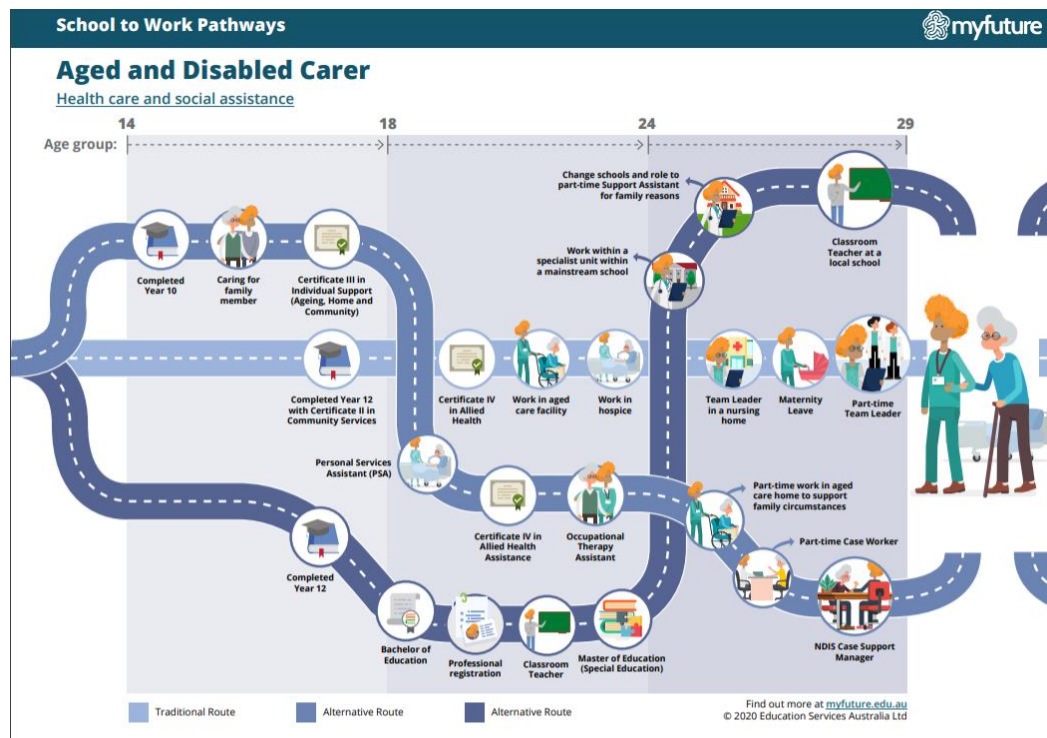
Are you interested in having two classes of Law or Law-related subjects run by our Murdoch third-year law students while teaching students their personal legal rights? Murdoch's Street Law program trains up our law students to come into your classrooms and provide information and legal education (both curriculum and other) to your students in a fun way over the semester.

For more information email: J.Dohle@murdoch.edu.au

MyFuture

[MyFuture](#) continues to be my favourite user friendly online career resource.

Check out the [Alternative Pathway infographics](#) that they are developing.



MyFuture Career resources for subject teachers

Each resource is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and relates to an Australian Curriculum learning area. To access each resource, you will need to log in to [Scootle](#) **this link will open in a new window**, the national digital learning resources portal.

Years 7–8

- **Arts** – four resources ([DOCX, 110KB](#) / [PDF, 227KB](#))
- **English** – five resources ([DOCX, 115KB](#) / [PDF, 248KB](#))
- **Humanities and Social Sciences** – four resources ([DOCX, 107KB](#) / [PDF, 195KB](#))
- **Science** – five resources ([DOCX, 110KB](#) / [PDF, 238KB](#))
- **Maths** – five resources ([DOCX, 111KB](#) / [PDF, 232KB](#))

Years 9–10

- **Arts** – three resources ([DOCX, 111KB](#) / [PDF, 208KB](#))
- **English** – five resources ([DOCX, 113KB](#) / [PDF, 211KB](#))
- **Humanities and Social Sciences** – four resources ([DOCX, 107KB](#) / [PDF, 217KB](#))
- **Science** – six resources ([DOCX, 115KB](#) / [PDF, 248KB](#))
- **Maths** – four resources ([DOCX, 110KB](#) / [PDF, 220KB](#))

Years 11–12

- **Science** – two resources ([DOCX, 109KB](#) / [PDF, 169KB](#))
- **Maths** – three resources ([DOCX, 110KB](#) / [PDF, 205KB](#))
- **History** – one resource ([DOCX, 106KB](#) / [PDF, 179KB](#))

MyFuture for Primary Schools

Years 5–6

- **General** – one resource ([DOCX, 109KB](#) / [PDF, 209KB](#))

Stadium

This is a new West Australian system that works to change the career decision making process.

You can find out more by going [HERE](#).



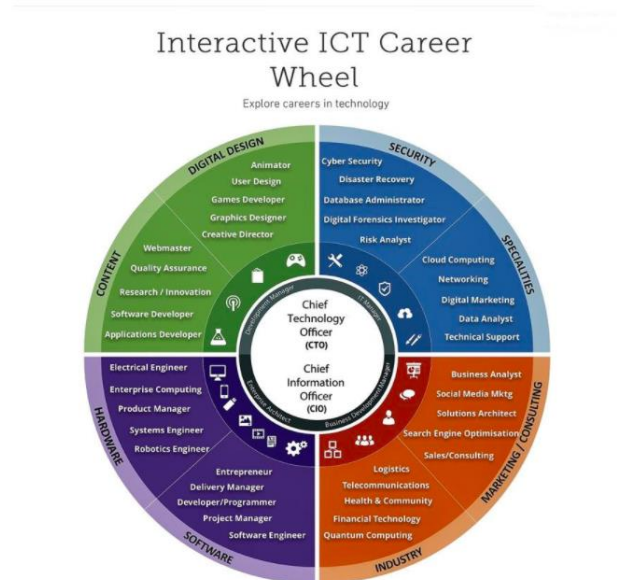
ICT Career Wheel

Kerrie Bisaro from the [Big Day In](#) is reminding us about the ICT Interactive Career Wheel

Our Career Wheel www.careersfoundation.com.au is divided into quadrants with various roles sitting within each quadrant

*- Digital Design, Security, Specialties,
Marketing/Consulting, Industry,
Software, Hardware & Content.*

Click on any role & there is a video behind it featuring someone who works in that role, talking about what their role entails, what they studied etc.



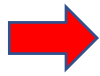
Career Map

We also have hard copies of the Career Map available (DL size) that we're more than happy to post out to your school if you'd like some hard copies to hand out/put up on the walls.

If you'd like any hard copies, please send me an email with the quantity you'd like & your postal address & I'll get them out to you asap.

Kerrie.bisaro@acsfoundation.com.au

Research



If you only read one piece of research this year, make it this!

I hope the [WE3 Continuum and Activities](#) is going to revolutionise the way that we do career education in Western Australia.

[CICA](#) presented the WE3 Continuum and Activities webinar by Dave Turner in mid-February.

You can read a summary in the webinar brochure [HERE](#).

The “WE3” refers to the 3 stages of career transition:

- Stage 1: Work Exposure
- Stage 2: Work Exploration
- Stage 3: Work Experience.



Read the [paper](#) then see if you can [get hold of the webinar from CICA](#). You will need to pay but it is worth it.

When Too Much Data is Barely Enough

PISA is the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment. It measures 15-year-olds ...PISA shows that the career ambitions of young people are commonly narrow, confused and distorted by social background.

The OECD Career Readiness project highlights practical examples how schools are helping young people prepare for their futures. Check it out [HERE](#).

To be drip fed the latest research and discussions follow **Anthony Mann on Twitter** @AnthonyMannOECD

Career Readiness

Helping schools to better prepare young people for working life

Thanks for the info Michael Openshaw. Follow @MOpenshaww

Job Seeking Trends

Costs are driving recruiters away from Seek and Indeed

- Last year Ivan Neville, from the [National Skills Commission](#), told us that free sites like [Perth Jobs](#) were getting more traction with recruiters. SEE [Tips to help you to Network Like a Pro](#).
- The Australian HR Institute published [3 Trends Shaping Recruitment in 2021](#). They suggest LinkedIn will become more important for recruitment. You need to make sure your profile will be captured by understanding [Boolean searches](#).

Online Interviews

Vanessa Fainking, CEO of Brook Recruitment, said it is unlikely the use of video interviews will slow down.

Be prepared for online interviews. Check [How to build your career online](#) for tips. You may even need to become familiar with [automated video interviews](#). These remove the need for an interviewer, instead a question pops up on the screen and then films the candidate responding.

To read the full article go [HERE](#).

The Knitting

Something nice for enthusiastic career educators....

"And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music." ~Friedrich Nietzsche

Visa Payments

I have finally learned how to send out invoices so that you can use Visa to pay. If you would like do pay using Visa please email me. Bev.J@infocus-careers.com.au



Thanks for the Referrals!

Thanks to those of you who have encouraged others to subscribe. We are getting a broader network base including peak bodies in employment and training.

Being President of the CDAA

I spoke at the Careers Connect conference at Notre Dame.

My message was:

It's time for career practitioners to be the leaders that people need, with new approaches to the career problems of today and tomorrow.

I had a ball. I love a good conference.



Section 3: Calendar 2021

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21	22	23 <u>ECU International Student one on one</u> <u>CDAA Zoom Catchup</u> <u>CQU Info session</u>	24 <u>Curtin Year 10 Parent Info Session</u>	25 <u>ECU Future Student one on one SW</u> <u>ECU Aboriginal Student one on one</u> <u>Curtin Year 10 Parent Info Session</u> <u>Career Dev is Everybody's Business Kalgoorlie</u>	26	27

University VET Extension Opportunities Professional Events

MARCH						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p><u>Training Award Applications Open</u></p>	2	<p>3</p> <p><u>ECU International Student One on One Career Development is Everybody's Business Bunbury</u></p>	4	5	6
<p>7</p> <p><u>Construction Futures Centre Open Day</u></p>	<p>8</p> <p><u>Career Development is Everybody's Business Henderson</u></p> <p><u>Women in Constructino Brazen Hussies movie</u></p>	9	<p>10</p> <p><u>Career Development is Everybody's Business Broome</u></p> <p><u>CDAA Breakfast</u></p> <p><u>Women in Data Science UWA</u></p>	<p>11</p> <p><u>ECU Aboriginal Student one on one</u></p>	12	13

14	15 <u>Career Development is Everybody's Business Geraldton</u>	16	17 <u>ECU Future Student Information</u>	18 <u>Career Development is Everybody's Business Northam</u>	19	20 <u>TEDX Mandurah</u>
21	22	23 <u>Career Development is Everybody's Business Albany</u>	24	25 <u>ECU SW one on one</u> <u>ECU Aboriginal one on one</u> <u>Career Dev is Everyone's Business Narrogin Merredin</u>	26	27 <u>Autism Awareness Week</u>
28 <u>UWA Open Day</u>	29	30 <u>Future Industries Future Jobs</u>	31			

APRIL						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 END OF TERM	2 GOOD FRIDAY	3
4	5	6	7 CDAA Real Future of Work starts	8 ECU Aboriginal student one on one	9	10
11	12	13	14 CDAA Breakfast	15	16 UWA Campus Tour	17 CQU Virtual Open Day
18	19 TERM 2 STARTS	20 WA Meetup The Real Future of Work	21	22 Career Development is Everybody's Business Kununurra	23 Murdoch Careers Masterclass.	24
25	26	27 Community of Practice Zoom	28 Career Development is Everybody's Business Esperance	29 ECU Future Student SW CQU Live Online Chats Career Expo	30 Career Expo	

May						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31					1 Career Expo
2 Career Expo	3	4 Career Development is Everybody's business Tom Price	5 Career Development is Everybody's business Newman Real Future of Work National webinar	6	7	8
9	10 Data Science Week Career Development is Everyone's Business Mandurah	11	12	13 Career Development is Everybody's Business Hedland	14	15
16	17 National Career Week Year 13 Career Expo Career Development is Everybody's Business Karratha	18	19 Big Day In	20 CQU Live Online Chats	21	22
23 Fogarty Scholarship Applications Close	24	25 Career Development is Everybody's Business Bentley	26	27 Career Development is Everybody's Business Connolly	28	29

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for SCSA VET Awards 		1	2 <u>Career Development is Everybody's Business Carnarvon</u>	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Murdoch Admissions Evening	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <u>ECU Future Student one on one SW</u>	25	26
27	28	29	30			

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9 <u>UWA Campus Tour</u>	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 <u>A Day at UWA</u>	17
18 Murdoch Open Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 <u>CQU Virtual Open Day</u>

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 <u>CQU Perth Information Evening</u>	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 <u>SkillsWest Careers Expo worldskills</u>	27 <u>SkillsWest Careers Expo worldskills</u>	28 <u>SkillsWest Careers Expo worldskills</u>
29	30	31				

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Murdoch Admissions Pathway	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <u>UWA Parents information</u>	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 <u>Year 10 A Day at UWA</u>		

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					1 Murdoch Portfolio Presentation Day	2
3	4	5	6	7 <u>Year 11 A Day at UWA</u>	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 UWA Career Advisers' and Teachers' Professional Development Day	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACER Scholarships for primary and secondary schools open • Applications for Gifted and Talented programs open. 			

DECEMBER

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 
26 	27	28	29	30	31 	

2022 School Year starts 1 February