Every student deserves a great careers teacher

I love Seth Godin. He is smart and witty and inspirational. This week I stumbled across him in the Advice that Changed My Life video where the clear message is that:

*There IS NO PRINCE CHARMING.*

*No one is coming.*

*Stop waiting to get picked.*

Nooooo. I WANT Princess Charming to come to my rescue. I want wise, benevolent inspiration from others.

That’s why I was watching Seth Godin.

Careers teachers ARE the cavalry riding in to rescue students. We are the ones who come. We walk with students as they find their places. The alternative is too awful to contemplate as the rate of depression, anxiety and substance abuse soars. We can’t send school leavers out the gate without a safety net. Even robust school leavers can be caught wasting fortunes on courses that are a pathway to poverty.

*Every student deserves a great careers teacher.*

Striking the balance between leading and walking along-side, between inspiring a feeling of possibility and not setting someone up for failure is our magic trick. We make a difference and often get it right, and that’s why we do what we do.

*Bev*
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SECTION 1: For Students & Families
Career News

Careers in Art: Congratulations to Sophia Letizia from Applecross SHS

Sophia Letizia, a Gifted and Talented art student from Applecross SHS, has taken off the prestigious National Young Archie 2019 Prize.

Congratulations Sophia. I love this piece.

I hope you have an illustrious career as an artist!!

Careers in Mining: News from a Parent

Hi Bev,

I noticed in your last newsletter that mining engineers were listed as ‘No Shortage’ (on a national level) but we’re crying out for mine engineers, mine surveyors, geologists and metallurgists in WA.

I’m a mine surveyor and we’re a bit unique in that you can do 3 years at either Curtin, WA School of Mines (WASM) or TAFE and you basically finish with the same qualification. After working 2 years underground you can apply for your Grade 1 Authorisation OR 1 year in the open pit and you can get your Grade 2 Authorisation.

Bev, I’m starting graduates on $100k! It’s a ridiculous shortage that doesn’t seem to be getting better.

The WASMA Outreach Program does have some pamphlets coming out soon with course and contact information.

She also mentioned the Hovermap “beyond line-of-sight autonomous flight” technology. You can check out a video of that HERE.

Our Hovermap autonomy and lidar mapping payload provides this capability, allowing a drone to fly into inaccessible parts of a mine to explore and map them. That uses a specialised camera sensor to map underground areas that people can’t get to.
It was developed by Emesent in partnership with the CSIRO as part of their Robotics and Autonomous Systems based in Queensland.

School Outreach Program

They also put a lot of effort into educating kids by visiting schools and being part of industry days through their own Outreach program.

Another group who have some amazing tech is Airobotics where surveying starts to meld into Geographical Information Systems. Sorry to sound like I’m trying to sell something, but I tend to get a little excited about the technology in my industry.

For more information contact Gemma. Thanks Gemma.

If you have any information to share with schools about your industry, please send it through and I will put it into the next Newsletter.

Careers In ICT: Big Day In

This is an annual “what is happening in ICT careers” day.

The big takeaways this year were:

- The number of cyber security jobs is continuing to grow.
  - To get into cyber security you must have a pristine history, including your social media profile.
  - Well-developed investigation, problem solving, critical thinking and communication skills are essential as it takes 6 – 18 months to spot a vulnerability.
  - If you are great at cyber security, you get paid a truck load!!
  - You can find cyber security degrees HERE.

- Creativity and problem solving are the key skills industry is looking for in employees. It was suggested that students start to use video or Adobe to develop creative solutions. These can be used in a portfolio for university or job applications.

- You don’t need to be able to code to work in ICT.

- Those who can code and have design abilities are well placed to succeed.
• Industry cannot meet demand from students who want to get work experience. It was recommended that students start working on creative problems solving projects while at school.

For tips on how to survive in the future workforce go HERE.

Mentoring Services for School Students

Where teachers and families may struggle to be heard by adolescents they care about, the support of a benevolent mentor can be the perfect answer.

The Beacon Foundation was first set up in Tassie 30 years ago and is now a national not-for-profit organisation. It works with schools, businesses and communities to inspire students to think about their future long before they leave school. There are three core programs:

• **MyRoad** is a free online mentoring program which supports groups of young women to prepare themselves for the challenges of the future workforce by linking them to volunteer mentors. 2 hours

• **Industry Live** provides career exposure events delivered via video conferencing. Industry panellists are invited to share their stories, top tips for success, and answer questions from school students in Years six to 12 across Australia, in a discussion led by a facilitator. 45 minutes

• **High Impact Programs** are one-day workshops that bring career guidance and employability training into the classroom.

They are also available to design programs to meet your needs. Please check them out at [www.beaconfoundation.net.au](http://www.beaconfoundation.net.au)
**JobScan**

Jobscan is recommended by UWA as a tool that gives job seekers an instant analysis of how well their resume is tailored for a job and how it can be even better optimized for an automated job application tracking system.

You can visit [Jobscan](#) and either paste in the text of your resume or upload a Word or PDF file, then paste the text of the job posting you’re interested in. It will help you to get better at writing job applications.

**Uni News**

**Uni Students Spending MORE Time on Campus**

The Vice Chancellor of Curtin, Deb Terri, told people at the Big Day Out for Careers Teachers, that students are now spending more time on campus that they were 5 years ago.

**Curtin UniReady in Schools**

All universities providing alternative university entry pathways that do not require a base ATAR score.

A significant player in this alternative pathway is the Curtin UniReady program with 14 participating schools. Analysis of current UniReady in School programs shows:

- Students are sticking with the program.
- Careful student selection processes add to the success of the program. Students who have had health or family issues that have disrupted their ATAR studies are doing well.
- Staff who are committed to the success of the program are making a difference.

Anecdotal assessment of the program shows:

- Students learn time management as there is no flexibility in the date that assignments are due.
- Students are maturing in their study skills as they learn to adapt to external learning and assessment requirements.
- There is a big demand on teachers during the program setup within the school.
Training News

18 June Rio Tinto Apprenticeship Information Session
Thornlie Jobs & Skills

This Rio Apprenticeship information session will provide information about:

- The application process
- Rio Tinto’s Pilbara operations
- Key trade areas
- FIFO lifestyle
- A day in the life of an apprentice

Thornlie Jobs & Skills Centre, South Metropolitan TAFE, Burslem Drive, Thornlie
4pm and 5pm. Register HERE or call us 9267 7600.

June 19 – 21 Getting into Resources Expo at NM TAFE

In June North Metro TAFE is hosting the Getting Into Resources Expo.

It has released Skills to Support the Mining Industry which shows a lots of courses that you can do at North Metro that will lead to careers in the Mining Industry.

You can register for the Expo HERE.

22 June College of Electrical Training (CET) Open Day

This event gives an opportunity to find out more about electrical trades, employment opportunities and gaining an electrical apprenticeship pathway at CET.
If you're interested in a career in the electrical industry, don't miss this year's Open Day on 22 June from 9.30am to 1.00pm at both Jandakot and Joondalup campuses. Register [HERE](#).

**Australian Apprenticeship and Traineeship Practice Quizzes**

Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service’s Practice Aptitude Literacy and Numeracy [Quizzes are now online](#)!

The online versions are 10 questions long and are designed to illustrate the literacy and numeracy levels required to undertake an Australian Apprenticeship.

The Literacy and Numeracy Quizzes are located on the 'Industry Insiders' landing page or you can access them through the 'Start a Career with an Australian Apprenticeship' menu option.

**Defence**

**Work Experience**

There are three opportunities for Work Experience in the Department of Defence to the end of the year.

- There is a familiarisation program
- Health careers
- Librarian

Students aged 15 and over can apply. Go [HERE](#) for details.

**ADFA Education Awards**

The Australian Defence Force Academy Education Award is presented annually to Year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential, and academic and sporting achievements exhibited during Year 11.

This is a prestigious award awarded to the 120 most suitable applicants who have applied for entry to the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA).

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

The Defence Force staff at the Big Day In at Murdoch in May said that Navy Communications, IT and Intelligence are the Priority Growth areas.

You can check them out plus Navy Gap Year opportunities HERE.
Year 12 News

EVENTS

27 May ECU Business and Law Information Evening

Thinking about a Business course or studying Law, or maybe both? Don’t miss this session. Joondalup Campus. Register HERE.

27 May CQU Aviation Information Evening

The Perth Aviation Information Evening will provide information about the CQU online Aviation course that is undertaken in partnership with Western Australian flight partners.

Location: CQU University Perth 10 William Street Perth 6.30pm 27 May

For more information contact Steven Thatcher at s.thatcher@cqu.edu.au

29 May ECU Media, Communications, Arts and Design Twilight Tour

Tour our Arts Hub and experience the fabulous facilities for students in these disciplines.

Mount Lawley Campus 6.00pm - 7.30pm Register HERE.

29 May Curtin Commerce Information Evening

Learn more about Curtin’s Bachelor of Commerce, including the wide range of business specialisations, industry connections, innovative teaching facilities and internship opportunities, by attending our Commerce Information Evening.

Register HERE.

5 June Murdoch Engineering Open Night

Murdoch Engineering has the highest median starting salary in Australia and boasts the $10m Bayer pilot plant which you’ll tour on the night. Learn how an Engineering degree can lead to solving problems in the mining industry, controlling pollution in cities or designing life-changing technology.

Register HERE.
6 June ECU Engineering and Technology Showcase Evening

Discover why our School of Engineering has some of the best facilities in Australia.
Joondalup Campus  6.00pm - 7.30pm Register HERE

15 June Endeavour College Open Day

Endeavour College conducts courses in natural health. They are having their annual open day on June 15. You can find more details HERE.

7 – 19 July ATAR Revision Programs

Many year 12s take advantage of ATAR revision programs during July. If you haven’t already enrolled, these are some of the providers in Perth.

These providers also do OLNA and NAPLAN revision programs.

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<td><strong>INDIVIDUAL TUTORS</strong> Many semi-retired teachers continue to tutor in their specialty subject. These teachers have a lifetime of knowledge of their subject, what examiners are looking for and tips for success. Ask at your school front office to see if they know anyone you can contact.</td>
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OPPORTUNITIES

31 July Notre Dame Early Offer Program Applications due for Semester 1, 2020

Notre Dame's Early Offer Program is open to Year 12 students who have demonstrated academic excellence and/or are making a significant contribution to their school or community.

Most Sought After Employers

Goggle, Apple, Deloitte and CSIRO are among the most sought-after employers as identified by graduates in a 2018/19 survey. Click HERE to see the top 100.

By checking out the Learn More tabs on the site you can find what sorts of jobs companies offer and what skills and attributes they are looking for.

REPORT FROM CURTIN CAREERS

TEACHERS’ INFORMATION DAY

Each year Western Australian universities run an information day where they give careers teachers information about new courses, services and opportunities that they offer. This is information from the Curtin Big Day Out for Teachers.

Curtin Business and Law Information and Advice

- Students considering going to Curtin in 2020 to undertake business or law degrees are strongly encouraged to attend the Curtin Open Day on 21st July.

- A new Business and Law course information book will be launched at the Open Day. It contains information about new courses and options to increase flexibility in business and law degrees that will begin in 2020.

- Curtin is focusing on supporting students to undertake work integrated learning for credit and they encourage students to do part of their degree overseas.
• There is a strong emphasis on innovation and a partnership is developing between Curtin and Stanford University which is the #1 university for innovation in the world. Graduates from business or law will be able to apply to do an 8 week post graduate intensive program at Stanford.

**Curtin Health Sciences**

• There are 24 different courses in the Health Science School at Curtin and there are opportunities to do creative combinations like double majors from some health science courses with business and law degrees.

• Students wishing to design a unique course should go to the Curtin Open Day and speak to staff in the Admissions Team.

• Curtin is changing its Occupational Therapy and Pharmacy courses so that students graduate with an honours degree.

• Curtin has almost doubled the number of Oral Health Therapy places in order to keep up with unmet demand.

• There will be 90 places in the first-year medicine program in 2020. Most places will go to school leavers.

• It is recommended that students develop a Plan B with the support of careers teachers. For example, entry to physiotherapy at Curtin requires and ATAR. If you are unsuccessful in gaining a place based on your ATAR start another course that will enable you to switch to physio if you get good marks.

• Half of all first-year subjects are shared across the Health Sciences School.

**Curtin Humanities**

• There are 22 possible majors in the Humanities School at Curtin.

• The emphasis is on undertaking a course of study that will lead to employment.
All students undertaking a teaching degree must pass a Teaching Performance Assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. This is a Federal Government requirement that all undergraduate pre-service teachers must pass.

Curtin Science and Engineering

- The Curtin Science and Engineering School is introducing more flexibility and more digital competency across all courses.

- A Graduate Diploma in Cyber Security is increasing Curtin’s focus in this field.

- An Associate Degree in Agribusiness started this year. Entry to this course is via portfolio and it articulates into a degree in Agribusiness.

- Double degrees are common with 5 year computer science and engineering degrees being most popular.

Applying for Uni through TISC - Curtin Tips

- Make sure you put a personal email address onto your application NOT your school one.

- Be clear about deadlines. It is staggering how many applicants miss deadlines.

- Put your Number One preference FIRST, then your next favourite etc. You will have opportunities to change preferences later.

- If you are going to be overseas or out of range when offers are scheduled, put a proxy, like your parents or trusted family member who can act on your behalf, on your application.
Curtin Portfolio Entry

- Different experts assess applications for different courses and they need your personal details on the cover sheet attached to each portfolio. **EACH PORTFOLIO APPLICATION MUST HAVE A COVER SHEET.**

- There were 458 portfolio applications for 2019 entry and 58% or those were successful.
- Portfolios must demonstrate capacity to succeed at university study in the same way that ATAR results do. A good portfolio application takes a lot of effort so don’t wait until you fail to get an offer through your ATAR results.

- Put in evidence that demonstrates your aptitude to succeed in a field. If you have been doing conservation volunteer work on a project, that information may help you to get a science place.

- Humanities are best suited to portfolio applications. Students who have artistic work like websites, photography, art, theatre or music performance can use photos and videos of their work as part of their portfolio.

- If you have done well in the past, then some crisis caused you to bomb in your final exams mention that and provide evidence.

Curtin Scholarship Application Tips

Curtin has a new page where they have gathered all information about scholarships.

There is an 18-page step by step guide to applying for scholarships, starting with how to search for scholarships you are eligible for.

A key tip is to BE AWARE OF CLOSING DATES.

The best scholarships take some time and effort to create a great application.

Curtin collects information about lots of scholarships that are not just related to Curtin courses. To subscribe to updates about scholarships that may interest you go [HERE.](#)
Year 11 News

Urgent 31 May National Youth Science Forum Applications Close

Calling out to all year 11 students. If you like hands-on science workshops, meeting new people and hearing from world-class scientists, apply for the 2020 National Youth Science Forum by 31 May 2019. For more information head over to the NYSF website.

- There are Equity Scholarships that cover about $1000 of the costs.
- See a video gallery of previous camps HERE.

Projects Abroad

Projects Abroad offers a wide range of overseas volunteer and service opportunities for high school students. Whether it’s a group mission trip tailored to the school’s requirements or holiday programmes for individuals or small groups of friends, Projects Abroad arranges practical, educational immersion and service projects over 30 developing countries around the world. For more information go HERE.
Middle School News

EVENTS

31 May Years 9 & 10 Murdoch World Oceans Day for Years 9 & 10

In celebration of World Oceans Day Murdoch University is hosting an event for Year 9 & 10 students on the 31st May 2019.

The event will be packed with hands on activities, presentations from student researchers and special guests including real shark and ray specimens, brought into the lab by our Marine Biologists.

We are also fortunate to show students a close-up view of the Research Vessel Investigator, live, on the second International Indian Ocean Expedition as our marine researchers, and world renown partners CSIRO and more, sail 900kms off Exmouth.

Places are limited. To RSVP and find out more contact Vanessa.McGuiness@murdoch.edu.au

1 June Years 7 – 12 Murdoch Oceans Challenge

Following on from the day, there will be an opportunity for students and schools to enter Murdoch University’s Oceans Challenge. Teams and individuals from Years 7-12 are invited to use creativity and innovation to answer a scientific question about our oceans. Prizes range up to the value of $1000 and participants will have the opportunity to showcase their entries at Open Day!

For more information about the Oceans Challenge email Vanessa McGuinness.

17-19 June Year 9 & 10: Try a Trade Opportunities@North Metro TAFE

If your Year 9 or Year 10 students have an interest in the Construction industry, they may want to enrol in the Try-A-Trade program. Over three days students will try a bit of bricklaying, tiling, and plastering. The program will run at Clarkson and at Balga. A minimum of 12 students is required.

Contact North Metro TAFE for more information.
19 – 21 June Year 10: Getting into Resources Expo for Secondary Schools

This three-day event is designed to showcase the resources industry to secondary schools. It had been primarily developed to assist Year 10 students with making informed decisions about their senior school subject selections.

Students can:

- Learn more about resources careers from people who actually do it every day
- Enjoy hands-on activities providing an immersive and practical experience
- Find out about a range of technical, professional and trade roles available (both VET and ATAR pathways)
- Interact with people who love what they do in the resources industry
- Make quality contacts for the future

Find out more [HERE](#). Register [HERE](#).

Please note that places are limited so it’s first in best dressed!

Years 3 – 12: ICT Young Explorers Competition

A better way to distil gin, a bushfire early detection system and a car that automatically stops at red lights were among last years national winners of the ICT Young Explorers Competition.

Students can do a project of their choice. Find details [HERE](#).
Year 10 and 11 MESH Awards Open Now

Great to see awards available to West Australian creative students.

The MESH at Murdoch Awards recognise and reward year 10 and 11 high school students in for:

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Applications opened in April and close on 18 October. To see a video and get more information about the MESH awards go HERE.

Year 10 Information on New General Pathway

This year the Year 10 Information Handbook delivers information about the new General WA Certificate of Education (WACE) Pathway option that has been added to the ATAR and VET pathways.

Although it will no longer be essential for non ATAR students to take a VET course, several teachers have said that their schools will continue to support VET in Schools as a recommended path to helping students to broaden their WACE education.

The April Vet for Secondary Schools research report shows that the number of students taking VET subjects is increasing.
Rural Regional and Remote News

28 May ECU Bunbury Pizza Night for Year 10s

Help for students and parents in choosing subjects for Year 11 and 12. While eating pizza. South West (Bunbury) Campus. Register HERE.

Gifted and Talented Program Accommodation

Gifted and talented students from the country have wonderful boarding experiences at the Department of Education’s City Beach Residential College while they attend some of Perth’s best secondary schools.

It’s home away from home for up to 66 students who are enrolled in Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Programs at Perth Modern School, John Curtin College of the Arts and other public schools.

They live in Perth with other country students in a bush setting close to the beach and share the experience of being in a Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Program.

Find out more HERE.

Online ATAR Revision

I discovered Revise Online at the Careers Expo. This is an online WACE student revision service that RRR students may find useful. You can find them HERE.

New Jobs and Skills Centres

The Jobs and Skills Centres are the best thing to happen to careers support in WA for a long time. There are three new Centres, Geraldton, Broome and Bunbury.

They deliver free career advice, they have a jobs board, courses on writing job applications and on interview techniques. They are your one stop shop for careers.
They are mainly based on TAFE college campuses, but they give a broad range of information and advice about uni courses, jobs and VET courses.

You can get find your local Centre [HERE](#) and follow them on Facebook to find out the latest course information [HERE](#).

**Do You Know About Meshpoints?**

With the growing emphasis on the need for students to grow their entrepreneurial skills it is good to know about organisations like [Meshpoints](#) that could help schools and individuals to get their ideas off the ground.

*Meshpoints Mission is to provide practical support to local innovation facilitators who deliver social benefits to regional communities.*

*We envision more innovations emerging from regions, thanks to high-quality support and collaborative initiatives that reach across regions.*

...read more about our model, focus and people

You can sign up for their newsletter [HERE](#).

### Aboriginal News

**Curtin UniReady for Indigenous Students**

Curtin has two UniReady programs designed specifically for Aboriginal students.

- There is the general [Indigenous Tertiary Enabling Course](#) run by the Centre for Aboriginal Studies. It takes 6 months and gives 100 credit points at Curtin.
- [Indigenous Pre Science and Engineering Enabling Course](#) which takes 12 months and gives 200 credit points.

### Mandalah Scholarships

MADALAH offers secondary, transition and tertiary education scholarships for Indigenous students from remote and regional communities to West Australia’s leading boarding schools and Australian universities.

We believe education is the key to generational change and opportunity, and we are committed to making a difference in the lives of our participants, their families and communities. ‘Making A Difference and Looking Ahead’ is what our name stands for. You can explore Mandalah opportunities [HERE](#).
Scholarship Application Tips

You can also get Hints and Tips for Writing a Good Scholarship Application from Aurora Education Foundation.

Aboriginal Police Traineeships Open

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who are at least 17 years old can apply for a Traineeship in the WA Police Service. For more information go HERE.

Indigenous Youth Mobility Program

The Indigenous Youth Mobility Program helps young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 16 – 24, move from remote communities to a new location to go to further education and training opportunities.

These opportunities could include an Australian Apprenticeship, VET or university study. Click here to view full funding guidelines on the provider's website.

Jobs in the Public Sector

Both the Commonwealth Government and the Western Australian Government have programs that target the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

GenerationOne Free Career Guide

This Guide is aimed at Uni students but the information and tips are suitable for school students too:

- Career pathways and planning
- Steps to success
- Pro interview tips and how to get hired
- Indigenous graduate career programs
- Indigenous cadetships and internships

For more information go HERE.

Disability News

Open Day – Make Some Noise

Universities have their Open Days coming up in July and August. If you have a disability, contact the universities that you plan to visit NOW and tell them of your needs.
Your first point of contact will be the future student office.

Be specific. Tell them details of your needs and tell them what courses you are interested in. That will give them a chance to get organised so that you get the most from your visit.

**Autism Academy**

Curtin University has established an Autism Academy for Software Quality Assurance. This program recognises the specialist computer aptitude and taps into the potential talent pool of many students with autism.

The program has linked to the existing CoderDojo network and has enlisted support from the Health Science School. CoderDojo meetings are held on campus each Saturday morning and participants get support from current Curtin students and staff.

See the YouTube video on the program [HERE](#).

**Betta Outcomes and Successful Transition for Autism (BOOST A)**

These resources are designed to support school students with autism to prepare to transition from school. You can find the resources [HERE](#).

**UWA Access Career Service**

UWA provides a specialist employment consultant based in the UWA Careers Centre every Friday to assist students with disability to find employment.

Located in the Careers Centre, the on-campus employment service is available every
EmployAbility Finishing School?

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry has this resource for students who have a disability.

EmployAbility- Finishing School? I Can get a Job!! (The Essential Guide aimed at Students with a Disability)

Go HERE to find the resource.

EmployABILITY Thinking

EmployABILITY Thinking has been developed by higher education institutions. It uses a six-step process and the Literacies for Life (L4L) model to engage students in the development of their future lives and work.

The measure that underpins the self-assessment tool incorporates the following broad aspects of employability:

- self-management and decision making relative to self and career
- personal and academic self-efficacy
- self-esteem
- professional identity construction related to academic work and future work
- conceptualisations of self and employability
- emotional intelligence
- self-assessment of learner and graduate skills and attributes.

Although it has been designed by higher education students and educators, school students may find the Self-Assessment tool useful. You can register HERE.
International Student News

31 May  International Direct Entry Pathway to UWA Medicine closes.

High achieving secondary school leavers may be eligible to apply for an International place in the Direct Pathways for the Doctor of Medicine (MD) and the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD). Go HERE for information.

Semester 2 TAFE Applications Open

Applications are open for international students wishing to study at TAFE in Semester 2, 2019. For more information go HERE.
SECTION 2: for Insanely Great Careers Teachers

EVENTS

5 – 7 June GLOBAL GOALS CHALLENGE: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Servite College in Tuart Hill hosting a Global Goals Challenge June 5-7 and invites interested schools to submit an expression of interest to have students participate.

Contact Ryan Wiles (Servite College - Tuart Hill) to find out more or submit an expression of interest.

18 June Register for the Notre Dame High Schools Symposium

Teachers who want to take students to the Notre Dame Symposium will need to book ASAP.

Teachers, please contact Michael Wade on michael.wade@nd.edu.au or call 9433 0535 to secure places for your students. For more information go HERE.

18 June Career Education Australia WA Meeting

Robyn Ekberg from Aquinas is doing her best to raise the profile of careers in schools. She would welcome your support. The next CEAWA meeting is on at Churchlands SHS on 18 June. Please contact Robyn for more information.
21 June Online Agriculture Careers Expo for Teachers and Career Advisors

The Online Agricultural Careers Expo has been designed for agriculture teachers, primary industries teachers, careers advisors and others who assist young people entering the workforce. Year 10, 11 & 12 Students are also welcome to attend with teacher supervision.

The speakers will be top-level professionals from some of Australia’s most successful Agricultural companies, and the online format removes the barriers of distance making the event available right across the country. Agriculture is a thriving Industry with competitive salary packages and it is important that young people continue to seek out careers and further education in this field.

Topics include:

- Working in Agriculture - overview of salaries and conditions (Holmes Sackett)
- Types of jobs, salaries & conditions
- Scholarships, graduate and traineeship program information
- Careers and growth areas
- Pathways in Agriculture Education

To register go HERE.

1 July ACS Careers Seminar

This seminar gives us a chance to find out more about industry and diverse pathways from school.

This year it is at the totally cool Centre for Entrepreneurial Research and Innovation on Stirling Highway in Nedlands. It is a great venue and you won’t find this information at any other event this year. Register HERE.
RESOURCES

Curtin University Digital Schools Network

Curtin and Cisco have partnered in a project which aims to deliver learning without limits.

By hooking into the Digital School Network students become connected through a global engagement platform.

This looks like a great tool to help students engage globally. To find out more go HERE.

Curtin Website for Careers Teachers

The Future Students unit at Curtin has organised all of the information that they think careers teachers might need onto one portal. Yay!!

Curtin is the university of choice of most WA students, so this will make it easier to find all of the information about Curtin that we need to pass on to students. You can find the site HERE.

The site includes a Pathways Options Wizard which may be useful for your students.
The Interactive ICT Career Wheel has been developed by the Australian Computer Society. The Career wheel breaks different ICT careers up into four categories:

- **Content & Design**
- **Technology Services**
- **IT Engineering**
- **Business Information Systems**

You can find the Wheel [HERE](#). When you go to the site you can click onto different jobs and information about careers and training requirements will be shown. Some jobs are also linked to a video.

**Learning Futures Network**

The Curtin Learning Futures Network grew as an outcome of repeated requests for Curtin to do something to support innovation in education. There are now school and non-school members from around the world. You can join [HERE](#).

**Innovation without Burnout**

The Learning Futures Network is run by the King of Networking, Kim Flintoff.

If you are not sure how to introduce innovation, or if you KNOW that taking on something extra is going to tip you over the edge, contact Kim.

He has now worked with West Australian trail blazing schools as they introduced innovative projects.

He will be able to give you suggestions, connect you with successful project coordinators and help you to take shortcuts that he has learned through trial and error.

You can contact Kim via the [Learning Futures Network](#).
Kidpreneur

The call for students to develop entrepreneurial skills has been growing over the past 3 years. Until now I have only been able to recommend the FYA S20 Boss to teachers who want to develop entrepreneurial skills in students.

This program is for Years 6 – 7 students and links entrepreneurial skills with the Australian Curriculum. It provides practical exercises that help students to prepare for the future.

You can find out more about the program by contacting Vanessa La Rosa-Iacono from MakerKids via vanessa@makerkids.club.

Eco Challenge for Years 5 – 12 (Science and Geography Teachers)

The Curtin Eco Challenge provides a great opportunity for science and geography students to engage in real world issues and solutions related to water management and sustainable development.

The Eco Challenge is a United Nations Environmental Project initiative in partnership with consulting firm DHI.

Students can form teams and play the game which only takes 1 – 4 hours. Schools may enter as many teams as they wish. There are national and international winders of the competition.

See details HERE.

Equal Opportunity Commission – Speakers for Schools

The Equal Opportunity Commission will provide speakers to schools so that students understand their rights.

A key focus of “the rights-based program” is to empower people who are most likely to experience discrimination, harassment and vilification.
The key objectives are for people:

- to know their rights,
- to develop their skills in asserting these rights, and
- to work with their communities to develop their own solutions.

**Drowning NOT Waving Resources**

Someone at The Big Day In asked the audience “Are you stressed? Do you feel stressed in your life?”

There were 750 kids there and about 70% of them put up their hands.

The role of careers teachers is a critical one in helping kids to cope. We are not psychologists, but we care, and we know stuff.

I thought you might like to add this stuff to the bucket you dip into as you strive to provide every student with the information they need:

- The Turia Pitt book [A Good Selfie](#) which you might find useful in helping kids to get through their tough times.
- The [Friends with Dignity scholarship](#) for students under 18 who have experienced domestic violence.
- I found this article by Julia Gillard in Teacher magazine on the [Mental Health of Teachers](#)
- The Teacher magazine article introduces [Be You](#) which provides resources for educators which promote and protect positive mental health in children and young people.
- The [Pinnacle Foundation](#) provides scholarships & mentorships to young LGBTIQ+ students to give them the chance to achieve their full potential, and Light The Spark within.

**RESEARCH**

**The Role and Function of Small VET Providers**

NCVER recently published research on the role of small VET providers. You can find the [report HERE](#) and the [infographic HERE](#)
They trained less than 1% of VET students in 2017, which is about 19,000 students.

While they offer courses found at other stable providers, they also offer many niche courses:
- Dancing
- Acting
- Theology
- Religious ministry
- Yoga

In 2017, they had more qualification enrolments in the Funeral Services training package than other stable providers. 50 qualification enrolments out of a total 95.

Some qualifications were only delivered by small VET providers:
- Diploma of Access Consulting
- Certificate III in Rail Customer Service

They had more enrolments in higher-level qualifications than other stable providers. 33% of their program enrolments were at the diploma level or higher.
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