It’s my “I have a dream” moment

Imagine a network of thousands of West Australian families who all connect with each other, sharing information about their workplaces.

Imagine parents and brothers and sisters helping school students by sharing their experiences of work or study in 2019. They could tell us...

- If technology had really impacted on their work?
- If they’ve had to retrain?
- If they are part of a union?
- How young workers are doing in their workplaces.
- If their pay has gone up or if they now drive an Uber to supplement their income?

We must have an ocean of untapped information that would support young West Australians to create their best possible futures.

Know that your knowledge and experience can help our kids to survive. Use the template on the In Focus Careers website to tell us something about YOUR experience of work or study.

Together we can connect school students to real life knowledge and experiences to help them to transition to their best possible futures.

Bev

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Section 1: Students and Families

Career News

National Youth Commission Coming to WA

The National Youth Commission (NYC) is an independent inquiry into the challenges faced by young people preparing for and seeking work now and into the future. It is gathering information so that recommendations for action can be made to the government.

There are some powerful people heading up the Commission, and the more people who attend these hearings, the more power they will have to be heard.

Please support young people of Western Australia who need support to transition from school to independence.

- Go to the hearings.
- Let others know about the hearings by directing them HERE.
- Give a presentation.

This is the chance for people in the mid-west and south of Western Australia to have their concerns heard.

The NYC public hearings will be:

- Bunbury | 12th August
- Perth | 13-14th August
- Geraldton | 16th August

Find out about the public hearings HERE.
Jan Owen is Australia’s Rock Star of Careers

Jan Owen leads the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) that gives young Australians direction on how to create the best pathways for themselves.

She is smart, exciting and inspirational.

I heard Jan speak at SpaceCubed early in July. The main messages that I took away were:

- School leavers really want to love what they do. They want to have work, and a life, that is contributing to making the world a better place.
- Degrees have a two-year shelf life. You need to keep studying throughout your life.
- Current employers manage staff who are also working on their own gigs. It used to be that workers went home to family responsibilities. Now they go home to Uber driving, AirBnB businesses and AirTasker jobs.
- Trail blazing educators are collaborating across community and industry to deliver holistic educational experiences. She talked about new research that FYA has done on The New Work Mindset in Action: South West Victoria which looks at changing employment opportunities.
- The next FYA report is being done on the Flexible Economy.

The event was hosted by Keren Caple who is one of West Australia’s education rock stars. Find more of Jan Owen’s presentation HERE.

16 – 18 August SkillsWest Careers Expo

There are two careers expos in Perth each year. The first was in May and this one is from 16-18 August. This expo highlights trade and non-university opportunities although there will be some unis represented.

There are hands on opportunities to work with chefs and building trades so give yourself time at the Expo to speak to and work with the experts.

If you are not sure what career path to follow, try the Career Development Association of Australia area for some quick counselling and advice.

I will be there with the CDAA giving pro bono advice.
It’s on at the Perth Convention Centre

- Friday August 16 - 9am to 3pm
- Saturday August 17 - 10am to 4pm
- Sunday August 18 - 10am to 4pm

For further information go [HERE](#).

**VET Toolkits for Parents and Teachers**

Do you need help kick-starting a career conversation with a young person you know?

[FYA](#) has pulled together resources, information and activities to help you along the way.

The parents and teachers Toolkit has activities to initiate discussions around professional goals and helpful tools for self-directed exploration aimed at young people aged 15-21.

I particularly liked the Self Assessment Audit Tool on p21. I think that could lead to a plan on where you need to focus in order to improve.

And the simple elegance of the Ikigai (p20) can lead to deep self awareness.

You can find the Toolkit [HERE](#).
Rail Careers Booming in WA

An industry that does have a booming future in WA is the rail industry. Representatives of the Public Transport Authority presented at the Australian Careers Service seminar in July. They were excited about all of the rail construction that is happening around Perth and said there are a broad range of jobs where there are skills shortages.

RAIL SKILLS SHORTAGES

1. Engineers
2. Train Drivers
3. Signalling Technicians
4. Educators, Trainees and Assessors
5. Train Controllers
6. Track Workers
7. Safety
8. Maintenance and Servicing

PATHWAYS

Apprenticeships are available in many trades: Telecommunications, Mechanical Fitter, Vehicle Builder, Systems Electrician, Boiler Maker, Painter

Graduate positions available for Engineering, IT and Operational, Business disciplines

Internships available for undergraduate students who are looking at gaining practical experience whilst they are undertaking their studies
They have graduate programs, they offer traineeships via the Public Service Commission and they have a small work experience program that schools can tap into.

While trains are being automated in the mining industry, this will not happen in the metropolitan area where there is too much interface between rail and road.

Find out more. See the Rail Careers Video, download flyers and check the range of job vacancies.

**Game Changers**

Last month I reported that PwC had launched its first Higher Apprenticeship Program which recruits new employees at Certificate IV level and mentors and trains them to develop the knowledge, skills and networks that add value to the PwC culture.

Now EY has removed the need for degrees from job application criteria saying that there is no evidence it leads to success.

It isn't clear how young applicants should prepare to apply for these prestigious entry level positions.

A degree is still a quick way to demonstrate that you have these skills. Degrees will still be essential for positions that require deep skills in things like auditing, specialist teaching and curriculum design and I would prefer my surgeon to have a formal qualification.
New Skills Match Tool on Joboutlook

This new tool can give you ideas about the sorts of jobs you could do, what they pay and if there is growth in that area.

Rather than say the jobs you have done, put in jobs you would like to do. It will bring up a range of jobs that match those skills.

Go here to do the quiz.

Keep up with the changing world of work

As education has gone global you may find the best course you need is available from Peru or Greenland.

This is a problem as Australian jobs and pay are often tied to a technical qualification.

It isn’t clear how we are going to get online courses recognized in Australia. The current system of recognizing overseas qualifications is too slow and expensive.

There is an initiative called Dock which is getting some traction. It uses blockchain technology to establish security of data. It is an attempt to bridge from the old qualifications system into the emerging world.

You can sign up for a free Dock account HERE.

What to do now?

- Wherever possible, get your qualifications from a recognized training provider.
- If you want short courses, look for industry recognized skills sets that are NOT a whole qualification, like the Agricultural Chemicals Skills Set. These are always industry specific and recognized by the industry.
- If you want to make sure a course is good quality email the industry body in Western Australia and ask them what they think.
- Store a copy of all qualifications in the cloud and get a hard copy which you need to store somewhere safe. (My Mum still has a copy of mine!)
Training News

1 August Recruitment for National Energy Technical Transition Scheme (NETTS) Opens

NETTS is a collaborative oil and gas apprenticeship program specifically designed for school leavers... it offers a fabulous and unique opportunity for young people to get into the industry and includes 3 trades pathways;

- Instrumentation Electrician,
- Mechanical Technician and
- Process Plant Technician (depending on our host companies’ requirements for each intake year).

Hosts involved in the program include some of the state’s major oil and gas players; Shell, Santos, INPEX and Woodside.

You will find the program on seek.com.au or the Programmed GO App. Go HERE for information. It closes on 30th August.

Semester 2 Pre-Apprenticeships at Skill Hire

There are still lots of pre-apprenticeship places available in Semester 2.

Skill Hire has a pre-apprenticeship in:

- building and construction,
- bricklaying, and
- carpentry

The courses are running at their Forrestfield site from 5 August – 14 November.

See a complete list of their Semester 2 courses HERE.

Enrol in these courses HERE.

Pre-Apprenticeship Courses Semester 2

All TAFE Colleges have a range of courses starting in Semester 2. Year 11 students are eligible to apply for many of these courses.

Check out the courses that you can do:

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Check the Get Out of School Early Guide HERE.
New Employer Apprentice Incentive Scheme

Apprenticeship opportunities are down. (See infographics here.)

In order to reverse the trend there is a new Jobs and Skills WA Employer Incentive scheme that provides financial assistance to Western Australian businesses who employ an apprentice or new entrant trainee and who lodge the training contract for registration on or after 1 July 2019.

If you know of someone who might employ an apprentice if they knew there was financial support available, let them know about this scheme.

SCSA’S 2019 VET AWARDS – NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Western Australia’s School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) has opened nominations for the 2019 VET Awards for school students

Students may be awarded a VET exhibition or Certificate of Excellence, and also have the opportunity to be eligible for the prestigious Beazley Medal: VET, which is awarded to the eligible student who has demonstrated the most outstanding performance in a VET Certificate II or higher and in their other WACE achievements.

Nominations close on Monday 2 September, with winners announced in February 2020. Full information including how to apply is available on the SCSA website.

PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Please help to build our careers information network.

Help West Australian youth by sharing news about your work experience or industry.

Go to the My Experience of Work in 2019 to share your experience.
University News

EVENTS

Western Australian Open Days 21 July – 28 August

Year 10 is the latest that students start going to university open days. They are fun and going to them helps students to grow into the person they want to be.

See The Quick Guide to University Open Days to find worksheets, tips on what to look for and programs for each of the open day events.

- 28 June Murdoch University Open Day
- 28 July ECU Joondalup Open Day
- 31 July Curtin Kalgoorlie Open Day
- 4 August UWA Open Day
- 11 August Notre Dame Open Day
- 11 August ECU Mt Lawley Open Day
- 25 August ECU South West Open Day

14 August Murdoch Science Open Night

Join us to see how a science degree from Murdoch could prepare you for a career tackling some of the most significant social and scientific challenges of our time.

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16 August ECU Nursing and Midwifery

We invite you to visit our Joondalup Campus to experience our purpose-built facilities and talk to academics and students about our Nursing and Midwifery Courses. Register HERE.

20 August ECU Arts and Humanities Information Night

This information night focuses on careers in psychology, youth work, criminology, social work and social sciences. Register HERE.

21 August ECU Medical and Health Sciences Showcase

The health care industry is the fastest growing industry in Australia where we do world class research and provide world class services. Find out more about future possibilities in medical and health sciences. Register HERE.

21 August UWA Build a Career in Architecture, Design & Planning

Shape the environments in which we live. Pursue a career in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urban Design, or Building Information Modelling with postgrad studies.

At this information session you can:

- Find out about postgraduate course options for a career in built environments
- Meet the UWA School of Design’s award-winning staff
- Learn about entry requirements, the scholarships available, and our outstanding facilities and student support
- Have your questions answered and receive personal advice

Register HERE.
28 August Murdoch Creative Arts and Communication

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28 August Curtin University Law Information Evening

Curtin law school in the city offers a new form of legal education. You'll have the opportunity to gain applied industry experience via a legal clinic within the school and benefit from simulated court proceedings in our moot court facility.

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

Find out more about Curtin's Bachelor of Laws. Register for the evening HERE.

CAREER TOOLS

Career Discovery

Career Discovery is a UWA tool to help you to discover careers best suited to your skills and interests.

Try it. It is quick and it was accurate for me.

Check out this Coggle Map for more aptitude quizzes.
Year 12 News

EVENTS

31 July Final Day for UCAT for 2020 Entry

It has been much easier to arrange a suitable time for UCAT testing for 2020 medical entry. Applicants have had all July in which to do the test. The last day of testing is on 31 July 2019.

For more information go HERE.

31 July Final Day for Notre Dame Early Offer Applications

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.

With an Early Offer, you can sit your Year 12 exams with added confidence. It’s also a great way for schools to acknowledge their outstanding students. Applications for an Early Offer to study in Semester 1, 2020 are due 31 July 2019.

Find out more at your local campus HERE.

5 August TISC Applications Open

Applications open on 6 August for students who wish to go to university in Western Australia in 2020.

The offer you receive will depend on your preference order, so it is important to be clear about your options and which ones you choose.

Students can download the TISC University Admissions Information for 2020 HERE.

Find information about:
- Course Pre-requisites
- Guaranteed ATARS
- Minimum ATARS
- Selection Rank
- Lowest Offered Rank

You can find out about Alternative Pathways to uni HERE
If you want to go to university but your ATAR results look grim go HERE for information.

Go here to find Which University is Right for You?
Notre Dame does not use TISC.

If you wish to apply for a place at Notre Dame, you need to apply HERE.

**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 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
- [University of Tasmania](#) incorporating the [Australian Maritime College](#)
- [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)](#) for VIC
- [Open Universities Australia](#)

**7 August Innovators Tea Party**

As part of science week successful women working in STEM are holding this event to encourage more girls to take up STEM jobs.

High school students are invited to come along, meet successful women working in STEM and talk with them about future opportunities. Register [HERE](#).

**9 August Student Economic Forum for Year 12s**

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia (CCI) would like to invite you to attend the 2019 Student Economic Forum. The event is in conjunction with the Economic Teacher’s Association of WA (ETAWA).

This forum provides an opportunity for the top economics students in year 12 to engage with each other in interactive exercises that challenge and stimulate their understanding of economics within a key business environment.

For more information go [HERE](#).
20 August UWA TISC Information Session

The TISC Information Evening is designed specifically for Year 12 students and their parents. We’ll advise on how to make the most of your ATAR score and help you get into your preferred course at UWA.

This session will cover:

- Important application dates and deadline
- Entry requirements
- TISC application and offer process

To register go HERE.

ECU ATAR Revision About this Event

ECU is pleased to offer ATAR Revision Sessions as a service to Year 12 high school students.

Each ATAR subject generally includes a four hour revision seminar covering the Year 12 syllabus per subject; examination techniques and hints specific to the revision subject; a question and answer session, and a copy of revision notes.

Please register here for all ATAR Revision Sessions that are being held at ECU Joondalup or Bunbury that you wish to attend. You will receive a confirmation for the session/s you have selected.

Unfortunately we do not offer a "wait list" facility.

Register HERE.
SCHOLARSHIPS

It’s Scholarship Time

All year 12’s who plan to go to university or TAFE should register for scholarship emails from the **Good Universities Guide** and from **Curtin University Scholarships**. Both provide information about a wide range of scholarships and about financial support available to students going to TAFE and university.

UWA 2020 Scholarship Applications - NOW OPEN

The University of Western Australia offers scholarships to assist in areas of financial need, remoteness from the University, disability, and educational disadvantage.

Find out more [HERE](#).

You can search 254 results on [the UWA undergraduate scholarship search page](#).

Curtin Scholarships

The 2020 - [Curtin Principal's Recommendation Award](#) opened on 19 July and closes on 8 November.

There are pages of Curtin scholarships [HERE](#).
Murdoch Scholarships

Murdoch has a VC (Vice Chancellor) Development Fund that students can tap into if they want to take studies in addition to their course. This could help to pay for plane fares and accommodation at a conference for example. To see the range of Murdoch scholarships go [HERE].

ECU Scholarships

Again, there are pages of scholarships available through ECU. They have them categorised in a way which makes them easy to find.

Find ECU scholarships [HERE].

Notre Dame Scholarships

While the selection criteria vary for each scholarship, community involvement and leadership roles, as well as academic performance and financial hardship, are considered as part of the application process.

- Fremantle Undergraduate Scholarships
- Academic Merit Scholarships for all Schools School of Arts and Sciences School of Business School of Education School of Health Sciences School of Law
- School of Medicine School of Nursing and Midwifery School of Philosophy and Theology School of Physiotherapy

Find Notre Dame scholarships [HERE].

CQU Scholarships

The CQU scholarships can be found [HERE].
2020 Pinnacle Foundation Scholarships Open

Applications for the 2020 Pinnacle Foundation Scholarships are now open and close on 15 September 2019.

The Pinnacle Foundation gives young students who because of their gender identity, sexual orientation or characteristics have been marginalised the chance to reach their full potential and to achieve their goals and aspirations. Find details HERE.

Beyond School Study Guide

School leavers who want more information about VET and uni courses and about financial support should go to the Beyond School Study Guide.

School to Work Pathways

This research paper identifies 5 key pathways from school:

- Pathway 1: Higher education and work
- Pathway 2: Early entry to full-time work
- Pathway 3: Mix of higher education and VET
- Pathway 4: Mixed and repeatedly disengaged
- Pathway 5: Mostly working part-time.

Find the report HERE.
Year 11 News

30 July - Wonder Women in Science

With the health industry being the fastest growing sector and opportunities to work in pure science being scarce in any other sector, young women who are interested in a science career could unearth a future for themselves at this Wonder Women in Science panel discussion.

The Perkins Institute of Medical Research extends an invitation to those interested in Biomedical Sciences. Join us for a panel discussion with some wonderful women in science and learn more about where a career in science can lead. Hear from:

- Professor Lyn Beazley - Neuroscientist and former WA Chief Scientist
- Dr Gina Ravenscroft - Geneticist and medical researcher
- Dr Nikki Stamp - Cardiac surgeon, writer and TV presenter
- Daphne Lakhiani - Cancer researcher, working in the field of biomedical engineering

Where: McCusker Auditorium, Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, QEII Medical Centre, Nedlands
When: Tuesday 30th July, 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Register HERE.

Murdoch Horizon Summer School

If you’re starting Year 12 next year, our three-week Horizons Summer School will help you maximize your Year 12 results and kick-start your university degree.

- 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.
**Year 10 & Middle School News**

**August 9 Applications close for 2019 round of ABCN mentoring and financial scholarships**

Target Audience: Year 10 students experiencing hardship.

The ABCN Scholarship Foundation provides mentoring and financial scholarships to exceptional students facing economic, family or social challenges which impact on their study or capacity to pursue their desired tertiary pathways.

Successful applicants participate in the Accelerate program, a three-year program spanning Years 11, 12 and the first year of tertiary education or training.

For more information go [HERE](#).

**10 – 18 August National Science Week**

Events designed for students of different ages.

This year’s National Science Week looks amazing. So many schools and community groups and libraries are staging events.

Please support the fantastic efforts that everyone has made to make this year’s National Science Week a big deal. Check out the events in your area [HERE](#).

**15 August HackEd**

HackEd is open for Years 7 – 12.

Many schools use this as their introduction to collaboration on a practical geo-spatial project.

This is true use of big data to build information. It gives a practical grounding in the use of AI for problem solving.

For more information go [HERE](#).
The Conoco Philips Science Experience

Target Audience: Year 9 & 10 students.

Students in year 9 or 10 are encouraged to apply to be part of the eye-opening, engaging and hands on four-day program that exposes you to the large variety of disciplines within the science and engineering fields.

If you go to the site you will see there are still places at each of the West Australian locations. Click for details on the Conoco Philips Science Experience.

Defence

18 August Veterans Assistance Trust Scholarships Open

Scholarships for children or grandchildren of veterans open on 18 August. Applicants must be studying or planning to enroll in TAFE or university.

To find out more about how to apply go HERE.

Work Experience Opportunities

The Defence Work Experience Program provides young Australians interested in Defence as a future career, the opportunity to sample life in Defence and learn more about the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and the Australian Public Service (APS).

For queries about the Defence Work Experience Program please email Defence.WorkExperienceProgram@defence.gov.au

For more information on the Defence Work Experience Program and how to apply, click here.

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Aboriginal News

3 August Mandalah Ball

If you haven’t booked your table for the Mandalah Ball you have missed out for 2019. Tickets have sold out.

School and tertiary students can apply for Mandalah scholarships and support programs HERE.

Indigenous Pre Science and Engineering Enabling Course — Curtin

Indigenous students who wish to build their knowledge and skills about how to succeed at university are invited to enroll in the Pre-Science and Engineering Enabling course. This course prepares Indigenous students to succeed in their studies and students gain credit points towards their science or engineering degree while undertaking the program.

For more information go HERE.

Curtin Indigenous Tertiary Enabling Course

This course is taught by the Centre for Aboriginal Studies. It aims to prepare Aboriginal students to succeed in mainstream university. Find out more about the course HERE.

WA Police Trainee - Applications Now Open!

As a trainee in the WA Police Service 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.

Successful applicants will receive an initial 12-month contract with a possible extension to 24 months, a competitive salary of $30,211-$48,498 per year (dependent on age), uniform, shift allowances and generous leave entitlements.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander OR Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD)* OR Maori or Pacific Islander

17 years of age or older (no maximum age)

Find more information HERE.
Scholarship Time

A lot of scholarships are coming online for 2020. Go to this site to find scholarships that suit your needs.

Indigenous Scholarships Portal

Scholarship opportunities for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Australians

Find My Scholarships

By answering 9 short questions, we can help target your search.

Get started >

View all 966 listings

Disability News

Curtin Autism and related conditions mentoring

The Curtin Specialist Mentoring Program (CSMP) is a peer support mentoring program specifically designed for students with an autism spectrum or related condition.

CSMP mentors help guide and support their mentees to reach their academic, employment and personal goals. CSMP also provides a weekly social group during the semester to help develop friendships and enhance students’ sense of belonging at Curtin.

Any student who has been diagnosed to be on the autism spectrum or has a related condition that is diagnosed by a qualified health service provider that affects their ability to study successfully may be eligible for support through the program.

Please register with AccessAbility Services to be referred to CSMP.

You are not the first person with a disability to want to go to uni...

All universities in Western Australia have services designed to support people who have a disability to succeed in their university studies.

To see what services are available at each university and who to contact go HERE.
RRR News

24 July Notre Dame Information Evening Busselton

Discover the Notre Dame difference at our Information Evening in Busselton on 24 July.

You can even receive 1-on-1 program advice or have your application reviewed by an Advisor.

24 July 6.00-7.30pm Multipurpose Room @ St Mary MacKillop College
College Avenue, Busselton

For further information go HERE, email future@nd.edu.au or call (08) 9433 0533.

August 10 – 18 National Science Week Hits the South West

From hot air balloons to how to survive the end of the universe, the South West has really engaged in National Science Week this year.

There seems to be something for everyone.

Please support the efforts of these teachers and community members by going to the events.

See details HERE.

Scholarships now open to support rural and regional students to study courses Australia wide.

Scholarships of up to $18,000 are available to support students from regional and remote Australia for study in any discipline Australia-wide. Eligible study can be at Certificate IV to PhD level and can be undertaken face-to-face or online. Assistance is also available through the program to support recipients who want to take part in an internship.

The third round is open to regional and remote students who have started their eligible course of study in Semester 1, 2019 and are continuing in Semester 2, 2019.

Applications for the program close on Friday, 21 June 2019. You can find more information, including how to apply, on the Department of Education and Training’s website.
StudyAssist information

For more information on allowances, scholarships and financial assistance go [HERE](#).
Section 2: Insanely Great Careers Teachers

EVENTS

13 September Women’s Leadership Development EOI Close

Cheaper than a Masters…. And more fun.
Teachers frequently don’t know about, or don’t consider these programs as a pathway to promotion.
A pool of scholarships is occasionally available for women across Australia to participate in a range of leadership courses.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CLOSE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH.
The grants are allocated with the specific intent of providing powerful and effective development opportunities for women across Australia.

Find more information HERE.

July 2019 New Trainer and Assessor Credential Requirement

For those of you teaching VET subjects new standards came into effect on 1 July.
If you are not sure where you stand, see HERE.

RESOURCES

Follow YOUR dreams. They know the way.

There have been two studies undertaken that show that if we follow our own advice (rather than the advice of others, or what we think we “should” do) we come more in line with the person we would like to be. See the report HERE.
The “My Life at 70” game, where students list their lives in decades, counting BACKWARDS from when they are 70, helps students to map out their own futures. (If you go forward from their current age up to 70, students often get stuck at foreseeable problems.)
The new 7Up episode that was recently shown on SBS could be used to help students to reflect on their lives.
Murdoch University School Student Workshops

Chill out and let Murdoch University run student workshops for your students from years 8 – 12.

These programs frequently have a career focus and help students to understand where their studies can lead.

A range of workshops can be found in each of these subject areas:

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If it is not possible for students to attend Murdoch, it may be possible for Murdoch to come to your school.

Explore the range of workshops on offer HERE.

VET Qualifications Register for Secondary Students for the 2020 School year.

DTWD has released the revised VET register for 2020. You can find a copy HERE.

FORWARD PLANNING

National Careers Week 2020

You might want to put this week into your school 2020 diary.
2020 Planning

You might want to put these ideas into your diary for 2020 planning. Curtin has a swag of extension programs for school students including:

- UNAA Global Citizenship and Sustainability Program
- Young Persons’ Plan for the Planet (ANU)
- Mission Discovery Program
- National Questacon Invention Convention
- Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Youth Explorer

To see the full range of programs available, go HERE.

RESEARCH

Great Podcast about Training

The Money is an ABC Radio National show that featured the VET system on 11 July.

In less than 5 years TAFE and college numbers have gone down by a third and less than a half of those who start, complete their training. Funding to VET across Australia has gone down from $10bn to $6bn per year since 2012. Because of the attrition rate $2bn of the $6bn is wasted each year.

There is now a skills shortage across many of the areas covered by training programs and over 70% of those finishing a VET program go straight into employment in their chosen field.

There seems to be a greater need for:

- school students to explore VET courses before they leave school,
- more investment in comprehensive career counselling, and
- more investment by the Department of Training and Workforce Development in helping school students to understand the opportunities available through VET.

Listen to the podcast HERE.
Peak Human Potential Report

I didn't find anything new in this Peak Human Potential report although it may be because my eyes glaze over whenever I see even more “shoulds” relating to schools and digital skills.

There are some cool infographics which are worth looking at. Check them out HERE.

Global demand for skills report

The Department of Education and Training commissioned an update of the 2016 KPMG report the Global Demand for Skills. The updated report identified a growing global need for upskilling, with occupations within the transport and logistics sector having the highest need.

See the report HERE.

Cross Sector Trends 2019

Australian Industry Standards (AIS) have released an analysis of Cross Sector Trends in 2019. The analysis examined thirty years of employment data in combination with other research and consultation and identified several key themes influencing skill demand, including but not limited to: • Disrupters: new technologies, Internet of Things, Big Data and Automation • Digital Literacy • Cybersecurity • Soft Skills • Shortage of trainers and instructors

Find the information HERE.
Local Learning Eco Systems: Emerging Models

In her presentation at SpaceCubed in early July, Jan Owen gave a lot of attention to the need for a holistic, learner driven approach to education that was based on a comprehensive ecosystem of knowledge and skills.

Keren Caple, from the Innovation Unit, who was hosting the event supported Jan’s example of the Linfield Learning Village ecosystem by saying the NSW system is even more prescriptive than ours.

The Local Learning Eco Systems Report gives case studies of collaborations that are creating new learning opportunities and pathways.

This report has some interesting case studies. It will be of interest to those who are looking for models that successfully educate for the 21st Century.

See the report HERE.

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# Section 3: Careers Calendar 2019

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