



## **CAREERS NEWS: 27 May 2024**

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### **UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS SESSIONS**

University application help sessions will recommence **today** and **tomorrow\_at Recess** in **GG.2**. These sessions will run **every week** on Mondays and Tuesdays to assist Year 12s apply to university.

### **SISTERHOOD SERIES**

The Sisterhood Series is exclusively for students in Years 10 - 12 and offers the chance to hear from inspirational alumni guest speakers. The series will run over recess every Wednesday during Terms 2 and 3 in the Santa Maria College **Boardroom** in the McAuley Building, with the exception of the first and last weeks of the term. All bookings can be made on the [Careers Hub](#).

Here are the event details for the fourth and fifth sessions of the series:

#### **Session Four**

**Date:** Wednesday 29 May

**Time:** 10.20 am (sharp)

**Guest Speaker:** Shandra Cohen (IT and Mathematical Science)

**Area of Expertise:** Shandra is a seasoned Data Specialist with nearly two decades of experience in the field of Information Technology (IT)

**Register:** Click [here](#) to register

This session is a fantastic opportunity to gain valuable insights into the world of data and IT - don't miss out on this valuable experience!

#### **Session Five**

**Date:** Wednesday 5 June

**Time:** 10.40 am (sharp)

**Guest Speaker:** Marie Egan (Hydrogeologist / Horticulture)

**Area of Expertise:** Marie is an esteemed professional at the forefront of horticulture, viticulture, and hydrogeology

**Register:** Click [here](#) to register

Whether you have a budding interest in horticulture, hydrogeology, or simply wish to gain valuable insights from a seasoned professional, this event is not to be missed!

### **UNIVERSITY 1:1 SESSIONS**

The WA Universities will be coming in to the college throughout June to provide 1:1 course counselling and provide advice around the application process. If you would like to book a session with any of the universities, you can do this on the [Careers Hub](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Curtin | Information Sessions

28 May 2024 Years 9 & 10: 5.30 pm – 6.10 pm and Years 11 & 12: 6.25 pm – 7.40 pm

Curtin will be running two information sessions. Parents are encouraged to bring their child along to these sessions, joining us either online or in person. If you are attending in person, you'll also have the opportunity to join us at the expo before or after your session to chat with Curtin experts from across the uni.

What you can expect from this session:

- Learn about early offers –what they are and how they can help your child.
- Find out more about the various entry pathways.
- Discover our scholarships, including those that consider extracurricular activities your child might undertake during high school.
- Gain insights from Curtin students about their learning experience, support services and the study skills that help to reduce stress.
- Talk with course experts at the expo after the session.

Find information and register [here](#)

### STEM + X Webinar Series: Maths & Data

29 May 2024

Maths is the language of science and engineering. Whether you're working on developing new technology, conducting research, or solving problems in any field, you'll need a strong foundation in maths to be able to understand and work with complex concepts and solve problems.

Join this free webinar to explore how you can combine a study in Maths with your 'X', which is your passion, another area or a big goal. [Find out more](#)

### ECU | WAAPA Production Tour

30 May 30 to 30 October 2024

ECU's Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) is one of the world's leading performing arts academies and we're giving you the opportunity to explore our behind-the-scenes production and design facilities. WAAPA is recognised nationally and internationally for the quality of its graduates and provides Production and Design students with 'on-the-job' theatrical experiences. You can find out more about WAAPA's exciting backstage Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses, admission pathways and application process during this event.

#### Tour dates and times:

Thursday 30 May, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Tuesday 27 August, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Wednesday 30 October, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

[Find out more](#)

### Murdoch | Mandurah Campus Open Night

4 June 2024

Join us at Murdoch University's Mandurah Campus and discover your future career in Nursing and our enabling pathways into university bachelor degrees. Talk to Murdoch staff about the different pathway options available at our Rockingham and Mandurah campuses. [Find out more](#)

## ECU Engineering Showcase | Year 11 & 12's | Joondalup Campus

6 June 2024 | 5.00 pm

Discover why engineering is such a great profession and how ECU can provide you with an excellent start to a highly rewarding career. Hear from current students and alumni speakers about their experiences at ECU and the transition into exciting industry roles. [Find out more here](#)

## Notre Dame Undergraduate Pathways into Medicine and Health Science Information Session

6 June 2024 | 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm | Online zoom

Considering a career in Allied Health or Medicine? Join us for a virtual information session exploring our undergraduate programs in health sciences and exciting new opportunities for students interested in pursuing careers in Medicine and Physiotherapy. [Register here](#)

## BiG Day In, Perth

19 June 2024

Join us in Building 32 @ ECU Joondalup for the 2024 BiG Day In Perth. For Years 9-12 students to learn where a STEM career can take them. Hear from organisations such as Google, Avanade Australia, TCS, Bankwest, Australian Signals Directorate, Microsoft & more to come. [Find out more here](#)

## SAE | Create for a Day

6 July 2024

SAE is opening its doors this July for a one-day program, designed to expand your skills and get you working on inspiring creative projects in the fields of animation, audio, design, film, games or electronic music production. Don't miss out on your chance to experience life as an SAE student and discover what it means to be a creative professional, in state-of-the-art facilities with industry experts by your side. During the workshop, attendees will learn valuable practical and collaborative skills to build a creative piece of work. They will also receive a certificate of participation to acknowledge the creative project they have undertaken. [Find out more here](#)

## GAP YEAR

### A gap year doesn't mean a gap in learning

Do you have a gap year planned but are worried about whether you've made the right choice? Or perhaps you'd really like to take a gap year but are concerned about missing out on career or education opportunities. Fear not – a gap year doesn't have to mean a gap in learning. There are loads of reasons why a gap year can be really beneficial (as well as a lot of fun). Let's take a look.

### What you might gain from a gap year

We tend to think of learning as a structured and formal process, like what we experience at school or university. But learning can happen in lots of different ways, and sometimes happens when we're not even thinking about it. Gap years don't have to be about luxury travel or backpacking tours (though there are some great skills to be gained through these too, believe it or not). If you're worried about what you might miss if you take some time off, consider what you might gain from a gap year instead.

### Learn new skills

One of the most compelling reasons to consider a gap year is the opportunity for personal growth and skill development. During your gap year, you can explore new interests and learn valuable skills you might not have had the time for if you were busy with study or work. For instance, you might choose to immerse yourself in learning a new language. It's not just handy for travel – it could also be an asset to open doors to international career opportunities, for example.

## Reflect and explore

A bit of time out can provide the chance for self-reflection and exploration, allowing you to clarify your career aspirations. By stepping away from a traditional academic or career path, you can dig deep and think about what *truly* motivates you. Through work experience, volunteering, or travel, you may discover a new passion that changes your future career trajectory. You can try a few different things until you find something you love, or it could even solidify your original plan. Either way, you'll still be coming out the other end with a lot more experience and knowledge.

*"Taking a gap year (or two) was the right thing for me to do. It's put things into focus for me and given me the time to do the growing up I needed to do. Most importantly, it allowed me to learn a few things along the way."* Anonymous, ReachOut

## Refresh and rejuvenate

Doing the same thing over and over and over can eventually take its toll – and this includes 12+ years of school or being in the same job forever. Taking a break from study or work responsibilities can help you reset your way of thinking about learning. Or you might just need some recover and refresh before diving into something new. Whether you plan to attend university or find a job after your gap year, some time away can reignite your passion for learning and provide a renewed sense of purpose.

## Planning your gap year

If you're considering a gap year, now is the perfect time to start planning. Even if you've already applied to university, many institutions offer the option to defer enrolment for up to a year. This flexibility allows you to weigh your options and make an informed decision about whether a gap year aligns with your personal and academic goals.

## Learn more

Ready to start planning your gap year or want some more ideas? You can find heaps more information on our website here.

## WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Defence Work Experience Program has a range of programs available for students to apply for and attend during term two.

To be eligible to apply student's must:

- Be aged 15 – 24
- Currently enrolled in an educational institution
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident

### Army

A Day in the Life of a Soldier – 15 August 2024. Students can apply here: [Day in the life of a Soldier: Irwin Barracks](#) applications close 7 July 2024

### Air Force

An Aerial View: Air Force Careers Experience 20 August 2024. Students can apply here: [An Aerial View: Air Force Careers Day RAAF Base Pearce](#) applications close 7 July 2024

There are more placements for later in the year available on our website

[Jobs List - Defence Work Experience](#)

Questions can be directed to [wa.workexperienceprogram@defence.gov.au](mailto:wa.workexperienceprogram@defence.gov.au)

## OVER EAST UNIVERSITY SPOT LIGHT

### Career as a Podiatrist

The **Good Universities Guide\*** states that *Podiatrists look after the health of people's feet by diagnosing, treating and preventing foot abnormalities, and educating the public about good foot health. Podiatrists may develop a special interest in dealing with particular client groups, such as children, the aged or sportspeople. They may also work in a particular area, such as occupational health, or with general medical conditions that result in foot and leg problems.*

**Of particular interest is that podiatrists, like doctors and dentists, are approved to prescribe medications and do some surgery.**

In Victoria, only one university offers a bachelor course in podiatry, and that is La Trobe University. La Trobe offers the ***Bachelor of Podiatry (Honours)*** which is a 4-year degree, and students are taught by experts – experienced podiatrists, researchers and teachers in sport medicine, biomechanics, hospital-based podiatry, paediatrics and foot surgery.

Students get plenty of opportunities to practise the skills they gain in the course by treating real patients in La Trobe's on-campus podiatry clinic.

**Find out more about studying Podiatry at La Trobe University. Monash University offers a 2-year Master of Podiatric Medicine at its Peninsula Campus.**

### Career as an Orthoptist

The **Good Universities Guide** states that an Orthoptist *detects, diagnoses and treat disorders of the eye and associated eye movement and vision problems.* Orthoptists may specialise in:

- Ophthalmic eye care, which involves treatment of general eye diseases such as glaucoma, cataracts, diabetic eye disease and age-related macular degeneration.
- Neuro-ophthalmology, which involves the treatment of neurologically based eye disorders caused by stroke and head injury.
- Eye movement disorders and paediatric eye care, which involves the treatment of conditions such as strabismus, amblyopia and double vision.
- Vision rehabilitation, which involves maximising remaining sight in people with low vision using rehabilitation strategies and magnification aids.

Orthoptists are employed in a wide range of settings, including private practices, specialist eye clinics, public hospitals (including children's hospitals), vision impairment agencies and research centres. [Good Universities Guide – Orthoptist](#)

La Trobe University offers the [Bachelor of Orthoptics \(Honours\)](#), a 4-year degree with a strong focus on clinical experience which commences in the first year of study. Students also have the opportunity to complete a placement beyond Melbourne in their final year with one of the university's partner clinics in regional Victoria, interstate or overseas.

## EXTRA CAREER INFORMATION

### VET Pathway to University

Many VET courses are currently free, and they deliver practical technical skills that support successful careers. This VET to university pathway provides useful information including credits awarded to graduates of Diploma and Advanced Diploma VET courses who want to do a degree. For example, Advanced Diploma

of Graphic Design. Graduates can earn up to two years credit for a three year Bachelor of Design (Graphic Design) degree. They can also continue to work as graphic designers, earning good money, while they study for their degree. [Get your copy here](#)

### **ECU Creative Humanities Portfolio Entry**

The Creative Humanities Portfolio Entry (CHPE) is a pathway into university for students who are creative and curious people but don't have an ATAR or don't meet the minimum entry requirements for our courses by another means. Through CHPE, you can show your unique skills and achievements to demonstrate your motivation and potential for success in your chosen course.

- Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Visual Arts
- Bachelor of Communication
- Bachelor of Screen Production
- Bachelor of Journalism and Broadcast Media
- Bachelor of Creative Writing

For more information on how to meet the CHPE requirements visit [here](#)

### **NEW – Curtin Bachelor of Science (Paramedicine)**

Students wishing to become a paramedic can undertake our 3-year bachelor's degree in paramedicine. They will be taught by experienced paramedics and will gain the fundamental knowledge and skills of out-of-hospital emergency care, including evidence-based clinical best practice, emergency and crisis management, and effective communication. Students will put these skills into practice through a range of clinical placements and simulation exercises preparing them for the diverse workload of a contemporary paramedic. For more information, visit [here](#)

### **WORK – JOB SPOTLIGHT**

[Music therapists](#) work in health-related fields, treating clients of all ages from babies through to the elderly, and assist with varying problems and disabilities. Music therapy can be used to help patients with developmental, cognitive, neurological, or physical disabilities, from speech and hearing impairments to psychiatric disorders. Sometimes the therapeutic benefits of music are simply used to bring relaxation and enjoyment to patients with long-term physical or mental health problems. If you are empathetic, passionate about music, and love helping people, working as a music therapist could be a very rewarding career to consider.

#### **What skills do I need as a music therapist?**

- Caring & empathetic
- Passionate & dedicated
- High level of musical proficiency
- Creative & intuitive
- Great imagination
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Non-judgmental & flexible
- Great communicator

#### **What does the job involve?**

- Meet with clients to assess their needs
- Plan & design customised music therapy sessions
- Provide instruction & motivation to clients
- Analyse & measure clients' progress

- Adapt plans or goals if needed
- Write progress reports & provide feedback
- Liaise with other health professionals

### What industries do music therapists typically work in?

- Health Care & Social Assistance
- Education & Training
- Public Administration & Safety

### What Career Cluster do music therapists belong to?

Because their work involves helping others to feel their best, music therapists are usually strong [guardians](#)

### What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

Many music therapists work part-time, so there is some room for flexibility. You can expect to do most of your work during normal business hours, and you probably won't need to do much work on weekends, holidays, or overtime. Music therapists can work in hospitals, mental health centres, aged and day care centres, schools, community groups, or their own private practices. In some cases, you might even be able to do some work from home, or conduct sessions remotely via Zoom.

Most music therapists earn an average salary throughout their career.

### How to become a music therapist

Music therapists typically need to complete a recognised training program, which can range from several months to several years in length, depending on the level and complexity. The training often includes both theoretical and practical components, as well as supervised clinical practice, and may also require ongoing professional development to maintain certification or registration with relevant industry bodies.

If you're in high school and you'd like to find out if a career as a music therapist is right for you, here's a few things you could do right now:

- Keep your passion for music alive, learn to play different instruments, and explore lots of different kinds of music.
- Volunteer in health and care settings or find work experience in a related area.
- Work on your interpersonal skills, put yourself out there, and engage with lots of people from diverse backgrounds.

Find out more here:

- [Australian Music Therapy Association](#)
- [Music Therapy New Zealand](#)
- [British Association for Music Therapy](#)
- [Irish Association of Creative Arts Therapists](#)
- [European Music Therapy Confederation](#)
- [American Music Therapy Association](#)
- [Canadian Association of Music Therapy](#)

### Similar careers to music therapist

- Music teacher
- Dance therapist
- Counsellor
- Psychologist
- Social worker

- Acupuncturist
- Massage therapist
- Occupational therapist

Find out more about [alternative careers](#).

Please be aware the opportunities in this newsletter are not endorsed by Santa Maria College. We wish to merely make you aware of opportunities provided by organisations in the wider community. We strongly urge you to conduct your own due diligence around the suitability and safety of these activities for your child