Year 12

Uni Pathway Support
**Compare Universities before you Apply**

The Good Universities Guide provides ratings of universities based on the experience of last year’s graduates. Use their experiences to help you to decide which university to put as your first preference.

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Source: Hobson’s *The Good Universities Guide* for 2016

**Teacher quality rating**

★★★★★ - Graduates rated the teacher quality higher than graduates in similar fields from 80% of other institutions;

**Generic skills**

★★★★★ - Graduates rated the generic skills they acquired higher than graduates in similar fields from 80% of other institutions;

**Overall satisfaction**

★★★★ - Graduates rated their courses (or overall satisfaction) higher than graduates in similar fields from 80% of other institutions;

**Staff qualifications**

★★★★★ - the proportion of staff at this institution holding a masters by research or a doctorate by research is sufficient to put it in the top 20% of all institutions;

**Getting a full-time job**

★★★★★ This means the proportion of job seeking graduates aged under 25 who were successful in securing full-time employment within four months of graduation is high enough to put this institution among the top 20 percent;

**Graduate starting salary**

★★★★★ The average starting salaries for new domestic graduates aged under 25 and in their first full-time job are high enough to put this institution in the top 20%;
Study Skills

You can blitz the last few weeks before exams. Find Study Skills and discover your learning style at:

Ask a Social Network of Students

I stumbled upon Whirpool.net.au when I was researching views on schools of medicine at different universities. It was initially started by techies who were having a go at Telstra.

Students are now using the discussion forum to ask questions and get information from students in courses.

I found a lot of candid information about medicine courses at universities around Australia from current and past students.

If you want to know something about a university or course before you fill out your TISC application, you could try asking a question on Whirlpool to see if you can get some good feedback. http://forums.whirlpool.net.au/forum/?action=search.

Year 12 Survival Tips

The Good Universities Guide is great for many reasons.

The Survival Tips may help you to get through to the exams.
http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/Latest-news/Getting-into-university/Year-12-survival-tips#.V8FWw_l97IV

The information for Year 12's will help you to understand the world you are about to enter.
The **TISC site** is in the running for the most boring looking site in the world.

The information is perfect but the site could do with a few Pokemon Go characters to lead you through the process.

But the process is straightforward. If you do have any questions I have always found the TISC people to be really friendly and helpful. Their number is (08) 9318 8000 or email them via info@tisc.edu.au.

You apply for up to 6 courses at UWA, Curtin, Murdoch or ECU via TISC.

- TISC ranks your application according to your ATAR score.
- It then coordinates offers in accordance with your first preference as a first step.
- They try to get you into your first preference so choose it carefully.
- All of your preferences are considered in turn until you can be made an offer.
- You only receive one offer via the TISC process.

Want to know more?

- You can calculate your ATAR score [here](#).
- Go to the TISC site to find out what to do when you receive an offer from a university.
- Go to the TISC site to find out what to do if you DON'T receive an offer.

If you want to know something about a particular university you need to ring the Admissions Centre at that university.
Time to Apply for Notre Dame for 2017
APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30TH SEPTEMBER

Notre Dame doesn't use TISC. If you want to apply to Notre Dame apply directly on the Notre Dame University site.

Due to the increased interest in many courses at Notre Dame, applications received after this date cannot be guaranteed an interview or offer for admission. This is particularly pertinent in the Schools of Physiotherapy, Education and Nursing.

Time to Apply for the WA Academy of Performing Arts

WAAPA is for artistic, theatrical types who need to be different. They have special application procedures which may include auditions, folios and interviews. Check the WAAPA site to find out how to win a place.

Apply now for WAAPA short course

13 October WAAPA PRODUCTION

TOUR
ECU Mount Lawley Campus 6.00pm
Register at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9THK3DK

Past WACE Exam Papers FREE

Past WACE exam papers are available on the School Curriculum and Standards Authority site:
**WACE Revision Sessions FREE from ECU**

Monday 26 – Friday 30 September 8.30am - 6.00pm

FREE WACE revision sessions during the week of Monday 26 – Friday 30 September at both ECU’s Joondalup and South West campuses.

While sessions are free, they are in high demand, so it is essential for students to [register online](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WACEREVISION2016) to avoid disappointment.

For general information about the WACE Revision Sessions, please contact the ECU Engagement Unit at [engagement@ecu.edu.au](mailto:engagement@ecu.edu.au) or on (08) 6304 2652.

ECU Joondalup Campus and ECU South West (Bunbury) Campus Monday,

Register at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WACEREVISION2016](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WACEREVISION2016)

**Information and Support**

The Curtin University Student Box is a great place for Year 10, 11 and 12s to learn about being a student [https://www.studentbox.com.au/](https://www.studentbox.com.au/).
Alternative Entry

People who want to study at university are required to demonstrate:

- competence in English, and
- academic readiness to succeed at university.

If your results or educational background do not provide immediate eligibility for direct entry to university each university has a number of alternative entry pathways that provide you with options.

- Curtin University
- Edith Cowan University
- Murdoch University
- University of Western Australia
- Notre Dame
Notre Dame - Changes to Minimum ATAR for Secondary Teaching

The minimum indicative ATAR requirement for the Bachelor of Education (Secondary) and the Bachelor of Health and Physical Education (Secondary) has changed from 70 to 80.

ECU Changes

Details about the ECU changes to ATAR requirements and the entry scores for each course are available on the ECU site http://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/course-entry/atar-requirements

ATAR Adjustments of up to 10 points are available to eligible schools. Check to see if you are an eligible school here: http://www.ecu.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0011/676946/ECU-Access-Eligible-WA-Schools.pdf

UWA Broadway Program

The University of Western Australia gives some bonus points for identified categories http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/entry-pathways/broadway

Curtin StepUp Program

http://futurestudents.curtin.edu.au/undergraduate/entry/flexible/stepup/

Murdoch University RISE Program

Year 12 Accommodation at University

Staying at one of the university residential options provides you with

- Easy friendships
- Mentor support
- Managed living conditions
- Introduction to university life.

To explore your options and secure a place go to the following sites:

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Scholarships for School Leavers

Get your Career Advisor, Year Coordinator, Home Room Teacher or a family friend to help you to find hundreds or even thousands of dollars in scholarships that could help you to pay for your university or TAFE courses.

Continue to apply for scholarships throughout your university career,

Many students win more than one scholarship.

Information about hundreds of scholarships is available at the Good Universities Guide.

- The Australian College of Nursing administers nursing scholarships which can be explored HERE.
- Local government Traineeship Grants

You can subscribe to a newsletter about WA university scholarships on scholarshippd.net.

The closing dates vary depending on the scholarship but many close in August or September.

Some scholarships require a personal statement and references which may take some time to compile.

Specific information regarding the scholarships available and the selection criteria used to award the scholarships can be obtained from university websites:

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TIP

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**Payments to Students and Trainees**

Check [Centrelink](http://www.murdoch.edu.au/Future-students/Domestic-students/School-leavers/Scholarships-and-assistance/) for information about financial support including relocation and rent allowances.

Check [the Good Universities Guide](http://www.nd.edu.au/scholarships/fremantle_index.shtml) for a broad range of information on how to get support and manage,

**Good luck**