

GREETINGS ALL

September is another busy month for career events. If you are leaving school in 2017 next year is a baby step into your next chapter, it is not a giant leap that will determine the rest of your life.

This month's **Year 12 - What Next?** feature will help you to navigate your path into 2018.

There is a **new State Training Plan** which those involved with VETiS, health industry training and ICT may want to read. There is also a new **Disability, Access and Inclusion Plan** for training.

I am keeping up the barrage of resources for Career and Transitions teachers. Let me know when you have enough and I will start collating them on my website.

Jan Owen's [great new report](#) from FYA indicates that we need to start careers immersion younger. I put up [a blog post](#) about extra-curricular, immersion activities for younger students which may help.

Cheers

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19 SEPTEMBER NEW AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIP WEBSITE INFO SESSIONS



The Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service (AATIS) has a new [AAPathways website](#).

Free interactive face-to-face sessions are now scheduled to demonstrate the improvements and functionality of the website.

The sessions will be in Perth on 19th September.

Register for the webinar [HERE](#).

29 SEPTEMBER 11PM – TISC APPLICATIONS CLOSE

You can still apply after this date but will need to pay a late fee.

Applications for a place at a Western Australian university for 2018 close on this day. Go [HERE](#) to apply.

Notre Dame and CQU conduct a separate applications process and you should contact those universities to apply for a place with them.

For information about how to apply for universities in other states go [here](#)

Auditions and Portfolio Applications

You need to apply through TISC AND submit a separate application for an audition /interview from the institution concerned ([ECU](#) and [UWA](#)) if you applying for:

- WA Academy of Performing Arts ([WAAPA](#)) courses,
- [Other ECU courses](#) that require an audition and/or interview, or
- UWA's Music Studies or Specialist Music Studies majors

More details are in the course information on [Course Search](#).

For Curtin: If you're applying for the [Portfolio Entry pathway](#) apply through TISC and submit your portfolio directly to Curtin University.

For ECU: If you're a School Leaver who will obtain an ATAR apply through TISC you can also prepare a Portfolio for the Portfolio Entry Pathway as a backup. To be considered through the Portfolio pathway, in addition to your TISC application, you will also need to complete and online application with ECU through '[Apply Online](#)' and upload your portfolio documents to your application.

If you won't obtain an ATAR you should [apply direct](#) to ECU and upload your portfolio documents to your application.

For Murdoch: If you're a Portfolio applicant apply through TISC. For information about how to submit your portfolio go [online](#).

29 SEPTEMBER – NOTRE DAME TERTIARY PATHWAYS PROGRAM ENROLMENTS CLOSE

Notre Dame is changing its enabling program for 2018.

Students will now be encouraged to apply for the Tertiary Pathways Program, rather than the Foundation Year program that has been offered in the past.

This will be a 13-week program offered in Semester 1.

Applicants will need to demonstrate potential for success within the TPP by outlining background experiences in a Personal Statement, as well as one of the following:

- Year 12 school results that do not meet the minimum academic entry requirement for undergraduate course entry; or
- Completed an AQF equivalent of Certificate III or higher; or
- An international qualification equivalent to one of the above; or
- Other experience deemed relevant by the Manager of Admissions.

Successful completion of the TPP meets minimum academic entry requirements for bachelor degree courses that have a listed minimum ATAR score of 70.

You can find a flyer about the TPP on the Notre Dame site [HERE](#).

SEPTEMBER – APPLY NOW FOR THE ADFA EDUCATION AWARD

Get your applications in for the ADFA Education Award

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

The award comprises a tablet device (or similar) and certificate for you, along with a plaque of recognition for your school. There are up to 50 awards available on behalf of the Navy, Army and Air Force, which will be presented to suitable applicants who have applied for entry to ADFA.

Find details [HERE](#).

SEPTEMBER – APPLY NOW TO THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ACADEMY FOR 2019

Applying for ADFA is a dual application process. It is preferable to begin the process in year 11 because the dual applications make it time consuming. See the [Defence Force website](#) or call 131901 for more information.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE



Rotary is looking for bright, well-adjusted students between the ages of 15 and 18 as of 1 January in the year of their exchange. Their principal purpose will be to act as Youth Ambassadors for Australia.

Students will be given the opportunity to experience first hand different cultures and lifestyles. At the same time they will be informing their host community of

the Australian way of life and building better international understanding and goodwill.

Exchange students in 2019 may reside in Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark including Iceland, Finland including Estonia, France, Germany, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Spain, Poland, Thailand, South Korea, USA, Peru or Italy. Closing date for 2019 is March 31 2018.

The closing date for Rotary Youth Exchange Applications for 2019 is March 31st 2018

FIND OUT MORE <http://www.youthexchange.asn.au/>

OPPORTUNITY FOR LEAVERS

Jump onboard Leeuwin's Youth Explorer Voyage sailing from 29th November to 5th December.

This voyage is available for any youths keen to experience a week at sea and develop skills in leadership, teamwork and communication. Onboard participants are involved in all aspects of sailing the ship



from taking the helm, furling and unfurling sails, climbing aloft and hauling lines. For any students who are interested in a career in the marine industry or maritime environment, they can apply for a Woodside scholarship. This scholarship can assist with up to \$1500 of the voyage fare.

For more information go [HERE](#).

WORLDS OF WORK (WOW)



WOW is a FREE careers learning program that builds students' personal and enterprise skills. Tailored for students in Years 8-10, WOW activities facilitate meaningful career-linked experiences that aim to answer *What does it take to succeed in life and work?*

Find details [HERE](#).

ECONOMIC NEWS

If you are interested in economic trends that will impact on the employment prospects of your students you can subscribe to [WA Works HERE](#).

YEAR 12 WHAT NEXT?



If you are leaving school in 2017 next year is a baby step into your next chapter, it is not a giant leap that will determine the rest of your life path. This summary guides you as you make your choices about 2018.

Career Advice

You can ignore making a decision about what to do in 2018 but next year will not stop coming just because you ignore it.

ACTION

If you are not clear about what to do in 2018 get help.

- See your school career counsellor.
- Get free advice from the [Careers Centre](#) in Forrest Place Perth or in [regional centres](#).
- Each Western Australian university and TAFE College has free career counselling. You are under **no obligation** to enrol at the place where you get your counselling.
- Consult a private career planner.

Youth Allowance and Scholarships

Your decision to study may depend on finances. If you are 18 - 24 and you have supported yourself for 18 months you MAY qualify for Youth Allowance.

ACTION

Check the [Youth Allowance](#) site to see if there are any benefits that you are eligible for. There is an Ask for Help button which could save you hours trying to get through on the phone. If you need to leave home to study don't forget to ask about travel allowance.

Also check for financial assistance on the Good Universities Guide site [HERE](#).

There are scholarships for so many purposes, not just academic excellence and they are often only available when you start university or TAFE. Search online for scholarships in your field. The [Good Universities Guide](#) tries to capture most scholarships on its site.

Ask your career advisor for help searching for scholarships.

PATHWAYS

1. Uni Pathway

Very few people have a clear idea of what they want to do at university. If you want to start university in 2018 but are not exactly sure what course or subjects to take, apply the same thinking you used in Year 10 when choosing WACE subjects to keep your opportunities open.

ACTION

- Talk to your school career counsellor about what course to apply for and subjects to take.

- Go to see a career planner at one or two universities to clarify what course and subjects you wish to take.
- Decide on your top choices.
- Apply to your chosen university either via [TISC](#) or via Notre Dame or your chosen university.

2. Unsure about Uni for 2018

If you MIGHT want to go to Uni in 2018 APPLY through [TISC](#).
If you get offered a place you can accept and **DEFER for a year**.

ACTION

- [Read Is the Uni Bus Right for You?](#)
- See a career planner.
- Apply for a course at your chosen university via the normal TISC or direct application process
- When you get an offer contact your university to hold your offer and defer it to 2019.

3. Alternative Pathway to Uni

If you want to go to Uni in 2018 but don't get the required ATAR score there are many alternative pathways you can take. Some universities will consider your current scores if you have a year between leaving school and starting university. They consider that the break can result in you gaining maturity that will help you to succeed at university.

ACTION

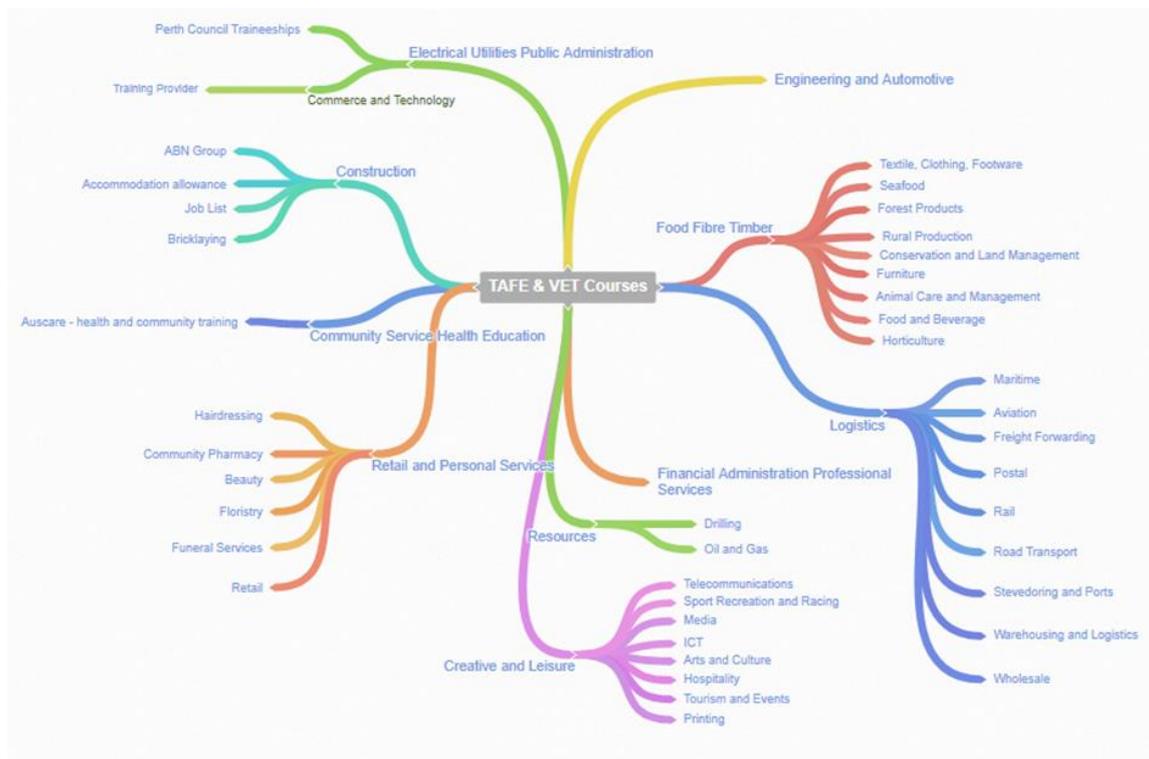
- [Contact me](#) and I will send the latest WA information on alternative pathways at all WA universities including TAFE colleges.
- See a career planner at the university or training college of your choice.
- Decide on your best option.
- Apply for the alternative pathway of your choice.

4. TAFE Course

If you are clear about what TAFE course you want to take in 2018 contact your chosen college to enrol. Full time TAFE enrolments open on 1st September.

ACTION

- Talk to your school career counsellor about what course to apply for and subjects to take.



- Each of the arms of this map contains a link to information about TAFE courses. Email me at Bev.J@infocus-careers.com.au and I will give you online access to the map.
- Go to see a career counsellor at TAFE to clarify what course and subjects you wish to take. Ask the counsellor to advise you about courses that are subsidised by government because of skills shortages. These courses are on the State Priority Occupation List (SPOL) and are cheaper than many other courses.
- Decide which course to enrol in.
- Apply for a place in your chosen course. Check the college website for online applications.

5. Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Getting an apprenticeship or traineeship is like getting a job.

ACTION

- The latest and best information to start with is the new [Australian Apprenticeship and Traineeship Information site](#).
- Get the apprentice [job search app here](#). That will help you to find your local [Group Training Provider](#) in WA.
- Get help from your school career advisor to prepare your CV ready for job applications.

- Get references from school before you leave and get copies of them. Get the correct title and contact details of those at school who give you a reference.
- Ask your family and friends if they know of any apprentice opportunities.
- Search for apprenticeship opportunities on sites like [Indeed](#), [Jora](#) and [Seek](#).
- There is a list of apprenticeship mentor services that can lead to you getting an apprenticeship. [Contact me](#) for the latest list.
- Ask your local TAFE if they have any **pre** apprenticeship programs. They can be tricky to get into as demand is always high. Employers often contact their local TAFE to find a good employee to take on as an apprentice.

6. Gap Year

If you are not sure about going to Uni or TAFE in 2018 why not really embrace Gap year opportunities. The Victorian Government provides free unbiased advice about taking a Gap Year [HERE](#).

I have listed a number of Gap Year opportunities for you to check out [HERE](#).

Contact: Bev.J@infocus-careers.com.au for worksheets, links to sites and more information.

SUMMARY

Pathway	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
1. Uni 2018	Apply for preferred uni through TISC , Notre Dame or CQU			ATAR results	Offered a place at university Accept offer	Orientation Week	Uni starts
2. Unsure about uni	Apply for preferred uni through TISC , Notre Dame or CQU			ATAR results	Offer of place at university - Accept offer AND defer for a year		
3. Alternative Uni pathway	Apply for course of choice	WACE Exams Prepare portfolio if required		ATAR results	Miss offer. Seek info about alternate pathway at uni of your choice.	Orientation Week	Uni starts
4. TAFE Course		Apply to preferred college		WACE	Offer of place in TAFE	Courses start.	
5. Apprenticeships/ Traineeships	Start looking for apprenticeship opportunities	Apply for apprenticeships	Check this Australian Apprenticeship site for information Check TAFE colleges for pre apprenticeship opportunities.			TAFE starts	
6. Gap Year	Look for organised Gap year opportunities.						

[How Parents Can Help Year 12s](#)

Teaching your teenager to drive is EASY compared to helping them with their career choice!!

Your school leaver will probably NOT be one of the few who knows what they want to do next year. Your teenager WILL probably be one of those who is stressed and worried about 2018.

These ideas will guide you to help your teenager to start their next chapter with as little stress as possible.

1. Slow Down

Your teenager is not unusual. School leavers can take years to decide what they want to do. They narrow down their choices as they get experience. This can be costly if they get experience through education and training with fees being so high so check [Is the Uni Bus Right for You?](#) to find information about some of the options.

2. Get Career Information and Advice

The hardest part is deciding what direction to take.

- There are [Careers Centres](#) in Forrest Place Perth and in the [regions](#). You can do the [JigCal](#) aptitude test to identify some career pathways to suit and get free advice about what direction to take based on the test results.
- Try these online career quizzes [Student Edge Career Matcher](#), [UWA Career Quiz](#), [SkillsRoad Career Quiz](#). They are fun and may give a clue about possible career directions.
- Consult a private career planner who knows how to identify appropriate career paths and opportunities to match who people are and their abilities.

If your son or daughter is thinking of going to university or TAFE they both provide free career counselling. You are under no obligation to enrol at the place where you get your counselling.

Online Information

There is enough online information to drown you. Check what these sites have to offer.

- [Career Bullseye posters](#) are useful tools to narrow down the types of work that students find interesting.
- [The Job Guide](#) provide an in-depth look at a range of occupations and education and training pathways to support people to make informed career decisions.
- The [My Skills](#) website connects individuals and employers looking to undertake training with training organisations that best suit their needs.
- The [MyUniversity](#) website provides students with access to clear, meaningful and transparent information about Australia's higher education providers.
- The [Job Outlook](#) website is a careers and labour market research information site to help individuals decide on their future career.
- [The Good Universities Guide](#) is worth checking out. It has information about TAFE and university courses. It ranks the different organisations based on student feedback and they provide information about scholarships and funding for study.

[Go to Year 12](#) to find links that are helpful.

3. Take Action

This is the easy part. When a decision has been made to go to uni, do an apprenticeship, get a job for a year it is time to take action.

Going to Uni

Make sure the uni application is in by the end of September. You can always change your choices.

- If you want to defer for a year, put in your application first. When you get offered a place, then you defer for a year. Contact your university for more information.
- If you want to go but didn't get offered a place

Didn't get offered a place??? Check [Alternative Pathways to University](#).

Going to TAFE

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- Get help from your school career advisor to prepare your CV ready for job applications. Seek.com has great tips for a good CV.
- Check [Youth Central](#) for advice on how school leavers can write a good job application.
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Gap Year

If your son or daughter doesn't know what to do, take a break.

- Check out [Gap Year](#) opportunities and travel.
- Take some part time courses.
- Try getting a job in a field you are interested in.
- Check the Seek.com Volunteer button for volunteer opportunities in fields that interest you.