Career Bulletin

Ballajura Community College | Term 4, Week 3 (29 October 2026)

This newsletter lists career opportunities for students and parents. Each item has a short description, key dates, and a link for more information.

★ Did You Know?

Jobs and Skills Australia's latest Occupation Shortage List shows 293 of 1,022 occupations (about 29%) are in shortage nationally, and almost every one of those is also in shortage here in Western Australia. Trades are in the highest demand, with nearly half of all trade jobs in shortage, including electricians, plumbers, carpenters, mechanics, welders, and air-conditioning technicians. Health and education also remain in strong demand, from nurses, doctors, physiotherapists, and psychologists to early childhood, primary, and secondary teachers. Many of these careers can be reached through TAFE, apprenticeships, or a Certificate III, as well as through university — there are real options for every kind of learner. If your child is considering subject choices, work experience, or post-school plans, our careers team is happy to talk through how these opportunities line up with their interests.

★ WesTrac School-Based Traineeship – Final Reminder

The WesTrac School-Based Trainee Program gives female Year 11 students the opportunity to complete a Certificate II in Automotive Servicing Technology while gaining valuable industry experience and practical skills. This opportunity is specifically for current Year 10 female students who will be commencing Year 11 in 2027. If you know a female Year 10 student who enjoys hands-on learning, problem-solving, and practical work, this could be the first step towards an exciting future.

Apply by: 4 November 2026

Learn more

1. Apprenticeships & Traineeships

5 School Leaver Opportunities – Programmed

Apprenticeships and traineeships ready to start January/February 2027: Apprentice Industrial Electrician (Tronox Cooljarloo), Apprentice Mechanical Fitter (Tronox Chandala), Process Plant Operator Traineeship (Tronox Chandala), Surface Extraction Traineeship (Tronox Cooljarloo), and Light Vehicle Mechanic (One2One Autocare, Neerabup). Ideal for Year 12 school leavers wanting to earn while they learn.

View and apply

Dual-Trade Pre-Apprenticeship – Wall & Ceiling Lining / Solid Plastering

New 16-week pre-apprenticeship at North Metropolitan TAFE, Balga, combining two Certificate II courses so students try both trades before choosing. Includes a White Card and 150 hours of work placement. Low fee (capped at $400/year for 15–24 year olds). Suits students finishing Year 10 or Year 12 this year.

Date: Starts 15 February 2027 | Apply: Wall & Ceiling Lining | Apply: Solid Plastering

Koomba Birdal – Semester 1, 2027

Full-time pre-apprenticeship pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 15 and over, at North Metropolitan TAFE. Choose Electrotechnology (Wind Power) at Midland or Engineering (Jewellery) at Northbridge. Places still available, but limited.

Application form

WesTrac School-Based Traineeship

See the featured item above — Certificate II in Automotive Servicing Technology for current Year 10 female students commencing Year 11 in 2027.

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Hospitality School-Based Traineeships – North Metro

Eleven Certificate II in Hospitality and Certificate II in Retail Services traineeships across Kinky Lizard Cafés (multiple Perth metro locations) and Subway (Watertown Brand Outlet Centre). Students should email their resume directly and specify the branch in the subject line — positions are filling quickly.

Contact to apply

2. Scholarships & Financial Support

Ngala Kwop Biddi Brighter Futures Scholarship

Scholarship from Murdoch University. Nominate eligible students now for this financial support opportunity.

More information

3. Careers Events & Expos

NMTAFE at PrideFEST Fairday

Visit the North Metropolitan TAFE stand at FAIRDAY 2026, one of WA's largest celebrations of diversity, inclusion, and community. Chat with course experts about pathways, apprenticeships, traineeships, and short courses. Students, staff, family, and friends are all welcome.

Date: Sunday 8 November 2026 | Where: Moort-ak Waadiny (Wellington Square), East Perth | More information

Women in Business Career Taster

A collaboration between Curtin University and North Metropolitan TAFE. Students explore the campus through a scavenger hunt, learn about business study pathways, hear from guest speakers, and take part in a hands-on Career Taster. 10 female student places, booked through the Careers Office.

Date: Friday 27 November, 9:30 AM–2:00 PM | Where: Curtin University | Ask the Careers Office to book your place

ATSI Admissions Workshops – Curtin University

Workshops run by Curtin's Centre for Aboriginal Studies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students interested in enabling or undergraduate study in 2027. Held across Perth, Bunbury, Albany, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Broome, Karratha, Kununurra, Darwin, Townsville, and Brisbane through October and November. Covers available support including ITAS tutoring, Deadly Mentoring, Aboriginal Counselling, and ABSTUDY-related financial assistance.

Date: October–November 2026 | Express your interest

Year 12 Help Day

With ATAR results releasing in the morning and TISC Main Round applications closing in the evening, Year 12 students and families can get help from Curtin Connect on this day — support with updating TISC preferences, alternative pathways, English language requirements, and next steps.

Date: Sunday 20 December 2026, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM | Where: Phone and in person, Curtin Connect | More information

4. Other Opportunities

Seriously Ready

A free 3-hour event for Year 12 students and recent school leavers, touring 13 destinations across Australia from December to February (Perth event: 1 February 2027). Spots are limited — students register for a free ticket.

Date: Perth: Sunday 1 February 2027 | Register here

Go Time – Free Webinar for Year 12 Parents

A free webinar covering what to do after exams and how to support your Year 12 student through the transition. Runs on four dates — choose whichever suits.

Date: 3, 8, 18 & 23 November 2026 | Register here
