









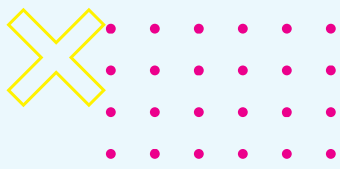
# ECU PATHWAY SCHOLARSHIP

## YOUR INVITATION TO APPLY

We have partnered with Edith Cowan University to bring you the ECU Pathway Scholarship, an academic enrichment program which opens up opportunities for select students enrolled at Dianella Secondary College.



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# A message from Professor Arshad Omari



Edith Cowan University has enjoyed a strong partnership with Dianella Secondary College for many years, including links through both our School of Education, our mutual involvement in the New North Education Initiative, and through activities enabled by the Higher Education Partnerships and Participation Program.

Our university is very pleased to actively support Dianella Secondary College's innovative Pathway Scholarship, which aims to introduce students to a university environment from Year 7 and open their minds to the possibilities available to them in the future. We know from experience that early engagement of students with future education and career options are key to building aspiration and supporting success.

A good education is the great enabler, establishing a firm basis for positive life outcomes and the prosperity of an individual and society. The challenge for a contemporary

school is to prepare students to take the next step toward their future – a future of work, a career and lifetime of learning. This future will require further education post-school, either at TAFE or University, supported by a school experience that has provided the initial skills and background required to succeed.

I am pleased to support this wonderful initiative and look forward to welcoming Dianella Secondary College students to our campuses.

**Professor Arshad Omari**

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## About the Edith Cowan University Pathway Scholarship

At Dianella Secondary College, we are committed to providing the best opportunities for your child. We seek to inspire students, allowing them to create and achieve greatness. One way this is being accomplished is through our strong partnership with Edith Cowan University (ECU).

Dianella Secondary College, in conjunction with ECU's School of Education, has launched the University Pathway Scholarship for students. This scholarship offers support to students throughout their high school journey, from Year 7, to assist them to obtain university entrance after Year 12. It is a powerful way for Dianella Secondary College to ensure students are achieving excellent results throughout their schooling.

### Benefits for Students

Scholarship recipients will be enrolled into the specialist STEM extension program. STEM Education involves an integrated approach to learning by combining key elements of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to engage students in a collaborative manner and address the needs of 21st century skills and employment opportunities.

Students are immersed in a creative environment, whereby they are encouraged and motivated to find solutions to real problems both locally and globally. This is achieved whilst simultaneously addressing the requirements of the WA and Australian curriculum.



### Students will **receive**:

- An initial once off payment of \$500 towards school expenses;
- Ongoing coaching and mentoring sessions with an allocated mentor on site at Dianella Secondary College;
- Visits to ECU campuses, either for tours, guest lectures or workshops, or hands-on activities;
- Recipients will participate in activities conducted by ECU at Dianella Secondary College and ECU campuses (Mount Lawley & Joondalup locations)

### Who is **eligible** for the scholarship?

The ECU Pathway Scholarship is open to Year 6 students commencing Year 7 at Dianella Secondary College. There are a limited number of scholarships on offer.

### Application **Requirements**

#### Applicants must submit:

- Written Application Form
- NAPLAN results in Reading, Writing and Numeracy
- Reference from Primary School (e.g. Teacher or Principal)

#### Short listed applicants may be required to attend:

- Parent Interview
- Student Interview

## How to Apply

1. Pick up an Application Form from the Reception at Dianella Secondary College or from the Reception at your Primary School.
2. Complete the Application Form, ensuring you have met the necessary requirements.
3. Return the Application Form, along with Year 5 NAPLAN results and latest school report to the Dianella Secondary College Reception or to your Year 6 teacher for collection, by the date specified on the Application Form.





## FAQ

### How are scholarships selected?

Applications for the ECU Pathway Scholarships will be reviewed and shortlisted by the ECU Pathway Scholarship panel. Shortlisted applicants and their parents will be interviewed by the panel.

### When do applications have to be submitted?

Refer to the closing date on the Application Form.

### When will I know if my child is successful?

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview two weeks after the cut-off date. Scholarship recipients will be advised within a week of interviews.

### What information needs to be included in the application?

In your application please include:

- Student's Details
- Parent's Details
- An explanation of the student's interests
- The student's current school report (submitted with application)
- The student's Year 5 NAPLAN results
- A reference from the student's Primary School Representative (Teacher or Principal)



### What can I spend the \$500 scholarship money on?

This money can go towards school expenses such as Contributions and Charges, or excursions. It cannot be refunded for cash.

### Does my child have to attend ECU after Year 12?

No, scholarship recipients do not have to attend ECU. The aim of the scholarship is to expose students to a university environment and the possibilities tertiary education can offer.

### Can I submit my application after the cut-off date?

We cannot guarantee late applications will be accepted. Please contact Dianella Secondary College for more information.

### When will I know the ECU excursion dates and locations?

Successful applicants will receive a program overview for the school year. However, specific dates and locations may vary.

### Does the student have to be an Australian citizen to apply?

No, any Year 7 student attending Dianella Secondary College will be considered for this scholarship.

## About Edith Cowan University



Edith Cowan University (ECU) provides the ideal learning environment for people who want to reach their potential.

Located in Western Australia, our industry-relevant teaching and research, supportive study environment and award-winning facilities enable ECU students to do more than just survive in this world – they thrive in it.

Established in 1991, ECU took the opportunity to reshape the way higher education is delivered in a distinctive and inspiring campus environment.

ECU courses are developed in consultation with industry, and teaching staff have extensive industry experience and networks. It's why ECU students can expect placement opportunities, fieldwork, practicums and networking events as part of their studies.

This approach has been rewarded with five-star ratings for teaching quality over the past 12 years, along with consistently high ratings for graduate satisfaction and generic skills, as reported in the Good Universities Guide.

ECU's world-class research strives to make a difference to the community in Western Australia and beyond. ECU focuses on working with our communities, business and government organisations to solve real-world problems.

The University was named after Edith Dircksey Cowan, the first woman to be elected to an Australian Parliament. Her life was dedicated to the belief that education was the key to growth, change and improvement in society.

Her example informs ECU's values as we pride ourselves in developing capable graduates who lead engaged and productive lives in the communities in which they live and work.



## At a Glance

ECU has more than 30,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students. We also annually welcome over 6,000 international students, originating from more than 100 countries.

Our eight Schools collectively deliver more than 250 diverse courses across Medical & Health Sciences, Engineering, Education, Arts & Humanities, Business & Law, Nursing & Midwifery, Science and the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

Courses are offered on our three campuses – Joondalup and Mount Lawley in metropolitan Perth and the South West Campus at Bunbury, 200km south of the capital city. ECU also offers a comprehensive suite of online study options.

ECU incorporates the world-renowned Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, the oldest and most popular School of Education in Western Australia, the largest Nursing program in the State, and Kurongkurl Katitjin, our Centre for Australian Indigenous Education and Research.



## For more info

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