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Renowned for its magnificent weather, pristine beaches and close ties to the booming Asian economies, Western Australia is an attractive place to live, work and study.

Opened in 1975, Murdoch University’s main campus on South Street is located in Perth, the capital of Western Australia. The campus covers 2.27 square kilometres, making it Australia’s largest campus, and a key development within the suburb of Murdoch.

Boasting a vast expanse of natural bushland teeming with unique wildlife, its campus fosters a deep connection with nature, while maintaining modern amenities. The University’s art collection is installed throughout the campus making for a stimulating environment, both academically and visually.

With a focus on equipping graduates with both high scholarly and ‘real world’ experience, Murdoch has invested in state-of-the-art learning facilities for both teaching and research. Medical, veterinary and allied health training is supported by a fully operational veterinary hospital and on-campus psychology clinic, engaged in translational research. Law students hone their skills in a simulated courtroom while engineers gain hands-on experience through an experimental desalination plant and an instrumentation and control engineering pilot plant.

In 1996, Murdoch University opened its second campus at Rockingham, 45 kilometres south of Perth. The University further strengthened ties in this region, establishing a University Learning Centre at Mandurah in 2003. Known as the Peel campus, it offers a variety of courses, including the popular nursing and midwifery degrees, taught in simulated hospital wards.
Murdoch University attracts more than 22,000 students and 2,000 staff from over 90 countries.

Over 200 courses are available, across a range of disciplines.

How we compare

Ranked in the top 5% of universities worldwide (Times Higher Education [THE] 2012-13 and 2013-14, QS World University Rankings 2012). Murdoch was one of only two Western Australian universities to make the THE list.

Ranked at 57 in the 2013 Times Higher Education Top 100 Universities Under 50, recognising institutions less than 50 years old.
A global experience

Murdoch University is engaged with communities around the world through alumni, research collaborations and partnerships.
World-class research

Murdoch University is well placed to build upon its strength as a world-class research institution.

Our researchers regularly engage with significant social and scientific challenges, adding to the existing body of knowledge across a range of disciplines. A number of projects have also been applied practically for the benefit of both the local and global community.

Many of our areas of expertise have global implications, including climate change, food security and production, infectious diseases, veterinary and medical science, mental health, politics and governance. Over the next few pages, you’ll learn more about some of our outstanding work in these areas.

As part of Murdoch’s strategic vision for the future, we are looking to embed research further into the culture of all parts of the University. Research skills are an important part of the curriculum, while our staff development and recruitment practices enable us to continually build a research workforce focused on creating new knowledge. In short, we deliver research led teaching and evidence based practice.

Our research effort continues to focus on key areas of research reflecting national and international priorities, ensuring we play a part as global citizens.

Whether you are a student, academic or potential collaborator, you will find opportunities to achieve research excellence in a meaningful way at Murdoch University.

Professor David Morrison
DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR, RESEARCH

A recent Australian Government audit of research excellence found that Murdoch University is performing at world class standard (or above) in over 85% of the assessed areas.

Murdoch has established and emerging strengths across four priority themes:
• primary food production
• climate change, environmental sustainability and adaptation
• human and animal health and welfare
• future security
Murdoch University is a member of the Innovative Research Universities group of Australia, a network of comprehensive universities conducting research of national and international standing.
Unlocking the secrets of developing minds

Project KIDS, led by Clinical Director Dr Corinne Reid and Research Director Mike Anderson, uses innovative, entertaining methods to investigate how children’s brains develop. By better understanding the development of emotions, learning and reasoning abilities, researchers are able to examine the neurological impacts of illness, injury or trauma.

This playful, ‘child-centric’ research focuses on the child’s experience, reducing the stress felt by participants while allowing the team to collect an unrivalled depth and breadth of data in a cost-effective way. This unique approach has been successfully used to work with thousands of children, including those with neurological conditions, medical conditions, mental health challenges and educational difficulties.

Treating travellers’ illness

Travellers often blame contaminated water for the nausea and cramps experienced when visiting areas ‘off the beaten track’. The uncomfortable condition is actually caused by a parasite known as Giardia, with Murdoch researchers assisting in the search for an effective treatment.

By changing and testing the chemical structure of drugs, Professor Andrew Thompson is discovering new ways to treat parasitic diseases. With funding support from the world’s largest pharmaceutical company, he was able to apply his expertise to the Giardia parasite. This lead to the development of a drug which is now being used to treat children in South East Asia.

Institute for Immunology and Infectious Diseases

With an extensive portfolio of research bringing hope to people across the globe, Professor Simon Mallal is making a real difference to clinical practice. As a clinician himself, he manages the care of patients with HIV, allergic and autoimmune diseases. As a researcher, he is providing new insights into these serious diseases and contributing to the worldwide search for a cure.

A long standing collaboration with Professor Ian James led to the establishment of the Institute for Immunology and Infectious Diseases. The Institute has brought together experts in clinical medicine, basic science, mathematics and computing to focus on clinical problems in infectious diseases and immunology.
Professor Una Ryan is a leading internationally recognised scientist in the transmission and classification of Cryptosporidium, an organism that can cause gastrointestinal illness. Her latest research into the life cycle of this organism could have major implications for the water industry, as it raises the possibility that Cryptosporidium could multiply in fresh water invertebrates.

Professor Ryan is also currently leading a study funded by the Australian Research Council to determine if chlorine resistant parasites in animals in water catchments are responsible for infection in humans. The team will develop risk mitigation strategies which will greatly improve the provision of safe drinking water across Australia.
An expert in wildlife, avian and exotic pet medicine, Dr Kris Warren has worked on a variety of research projects, including an orangutan re-introduction project in East Kalimantan and an investigation of infectious diseases and population genetics of Borneo orangutans.

Dr Warren is currently developing recovery initiatives for endangered species, including Western Australia’s wild black cockatoos, a common sight (and sound) at Murdoch’s South Street campus.
Sustainable mining and agriculture in Africa

Having been awarded $2.1 million as part of the AusAID Development Research Awards, Murdoch University is helping Mozambique and neighbouring African countries make the most of their natural resources.

Current projects are investigating how mining and agriculture can work together to provide equitable economic opportunities, improving the ability of smallholder farmers in South Africa to engage with markets, developing policies to better manage mines, and using resource wealth to improve access to water and sanitation.

Conserving forests in a changing climate

Led by Professor Giles Hardy, the Centre of Excellence for Climate Change Woodland and Forest Health pools expertise across a range of disciplines to preserve Western Australia’s important tree species.

A number of iconic tree species, including the tuart, jarrah and marri, are declining prematurely. By investigating the impact of climate change, as well as policy and community engagement approaches, the Centre is working to understand the cause of these declines, which could have serious consequences on forest ecosystems.

Healthy waterways

Estuaries and wetlands are the ‘kidneys’ of the landscape, filtering out the waters they receive. But these systems, along with their catchments and coasts, are increasingly threatened by nutrient inputs, population growth and climate variability.

The Estuaries, Catchments and Near Shore Marine Environments (ECANSE) Alliance, led by Murdoch University, aims to establish a long-term collaboration between researchers, managers, government, industry and the community to conserve these fragile areas in the south-west of Western Australia.
Primary Food Production

Stopping disease in its tracks
By investigating how zoonotic diseases are spread, Professor Ian Robertson is helping farmers in South East Asia develop control programs which are cost effective and culturally sensitive.

This has lead to increased productivity and more valuable livestock, crucial advances for subsistence farmers who often lack the funds to send their children to school.

Boosting agricultural yields
The Plant Biotechnology Research Group has developed an environmentally friendly ‘gene silencing’ method to control Root Lesion Nematodes, a worm-like pest known to reduce wheat and barley yields by over 15 per cent.

By blocking the formation of certain proteins in crop plants, the nematodes are unable to complete their life cycles, stopping them from invading and damaging plant roots. By boosting productivity, this important research is helping contribute to future food security.

The Australia-China Centre for Wheat Quality
Opened in late 2012, the Centre is a partnership between researchers from Murdoch University and the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences. Together, researchers will aim to map the entire wheat genome, made up of approximately 100,000 proteins.

This project has the potential to improve international competitiveness for Australian grain growers by identifying disease resistant proteins, which are able to tolerate a wider range of climates. Consumers will also benefit as experts identify quality traits, such as colour, texture and taste.
A valuable food source, legumes can grow without nitrogen fertiliser, making it an attractive option for developing economies.

An internationally recognised expert in sustainable agriculture, Professor Howieson specialises in the nitrogen fixation of legume crops. His expertise has led one of the world’s leading philanthropic foundations to Murdoch University to join its $20 million project, taking rhizobium to 600,000 African farmers.
A strong advocate of biosecurity as an integral part of food security, Professor Sharma is working to develop solutions to the challenges which threaten global food supply. With the human population expected to reach nine billion by 2050, his work is a crucial part of the worldwide effort to ensure there is enough food, and arable land, for future generations.

Professor Sharma has extensive first-hand experience working in several Asian and African countries, as well as the United States and the United Kingdom. He sits on several national and international committees, has authored and co-authored over 200 publications and currently leads the Safeguarding Trade program of Australia’s Plant Biosecurity Cooperative Research Centre.
Securing the Future

Asia Research Centre
Established in 1991, the Asia Research Centre is an international leader in the study of East and Southeast Asia, undertaking fundamental disciplinary and interdisciplinary research examining a range of social, political and economic forces and development.

Some of the Centre’s recent research projects include studies of the political economy of aid effectiveness, populist Islam in Indonesia and the Middle East, and several investigations of the politics of the poor, state-building, representation and political regimes in Southeast Asia.

Fresh ideas for sustainable water
The National Centre for Excellence in Desalination optimises and adapts desalination technology for use in Australia’s unique climatic and geographical circumstances, helping to create reliable climate resilient fresh water supplies for isolated rural and regional areas.

Its scientists are working to efficiently and affordably further reduce the carbon footprint of desalination plants and undertake applied, practical studies finding solutions for real-world water problems with a strong emphasis on commercialisation and industry partnerships.

Biosecurity
Through its strong commitment to biosecurity and sustainable food production, Murdoch University is taking steps to address this major global issue.

The University was a core partner in a successful bid to extend funding for the Plant Biosecurity Cooperative Research Centre, which is working to safeguard Australia from invasive plant pests and diseases.

The University is also reaching out to potential global collaborators to develop strategies, tools and technologies to produce food in a sustainable manner, protect it from loss, and provide it for regions and communities in a biosecure manner.
The Professions

Education in the age of technology
Researchers from the School of Education drew from their collective skills and experience across all levels of education to develop a first year unit outlining how information and communication technology can best be used both in the classroom and in other areas of students’ lives.

One of these researchers, Professor Jan Herrington, has spent the past 20 years promoting and supporting the effective use of educational technologies in learning in high schools and universities.

The future of television
The Audience Research Laboratory is a significant media industry research centre exploring the future of television. With leading television networks and multinational brands among its many sponsors, research conducted here influences what you see on television, and how you see it.

Among the recent projects was the most in depth study into 3D TV to date, which was conducted during ESPN’s coverage of the 2010 FIFA World Cup. The study focused on a multitude of topics including overall viewing enjoyment, fatigue and novelty effects, technology differences, production issues and advertising impact. It found that 3D TV was not only more appealing to viewers, but increased the effectiveness of advertising.

POD Supercomputer
Named among the world’s top 100 supercomputers, the Performance Optimised Data Centre (POD) will allow Australian scientists to process masses of information at extraordinarily high speed. This will pave the way for new discoveries across computationally demanding areas such as radioastronomy, nanoscience, geoscience and life science.

Developed by Hewlett Packard, and operating at 87.2 Teraflops (87.2 trillion floating point operations per second), the POD is part of a $1.1 billion Australian Government initiative to position Australia as one of the world’s best supercomputing centres. It is hosted at Murdoch’s Interactive Virtual Environments Centre (iVEC), a joint venture between the CSIRO and four Western Australian universities.
Teaching and Learning at Murdoch University

Boasting a range of quality courses across a wide selection of disciplines, Murdoch University offers exceptional teaching and learning opportunities.

With a growing international presence, Murdoch is increasingly being recognised for its flexible, student centred approach, its high quality teaching and its encouragement of interdisciplinary study.

Together, these attributes drive a rich and diverse academic experience, supported by a curriculum integrally linked to quality research. As a result, our students are equipped with life-long learning skills and the capacity to succeed on the international stage.

The University’s continued commitment to access and equity allows those from all walks of life to enjoy a distinctive and rewarding tertiary education. Those wishing to undertake postgraduate studies can pursue research ambitions or engage in one of the many world class coursework programs, all while enjoying the support and expertise of a variety of academic and professional staff.

To keep up with rapid technological and social change, as well as other challenges posed by the modern world, the University is continually reviewing its courses to ensure they are relevant and sensitive to the needs of employers and contemporary society.

The following pages will give you some insight into how the University is managing these challenges, while making the most of new opportunities.

Professor Ann Capling
DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR, ACADEMIC
Future-proofing the curriculum

The modern world is changing, and Murdoch University is changing with it.

To ensure Murdoch’s high quality courses continue to meet the growing expectations of both students and employers, the University has undertaken an extensive review, known as the Murdoch University Curriculum Commission.

From 2014, undergraduate bachelor offerings will be streamlined to seven degrees with strengthened majors. Courses will place a greater emphasis on research skills and encourage interdisciplinary studies, while providing clear pathways for students after graduation.

The embedding of research within the undergraduate degree not only allows students to develop these highly marketable skills valued by potential employers, but also opens up new opportunities for postgraduate study.

In short, graduates will be better equipped to succeed in an ever-changing world.

Murdoch University’s Undergraduate Degrees:

• Bachelor of Arts
• Bachelor of Business
• Bachelor of Education
• Bachelor of Engineering
• Bachelor of Laws
• Bachelor of Nursing
• Bachelor of Science
Restructuring the Academy

In addition to the dynamic new senior leadership team, the University has also been revitalised by a recent academic and professional services restructure. Implemented in 2013, this new structure will enhance the management and governance of the University’s operations.

These changes saw the number of Schools streamlined to eight, complemented by the introduction of a new graduate school – the Sir Walter Murdoch School of Public Policy and International Affairs.
Meet the Deans

Following a highly competitive and international search, a team of outstanding Deans has been appointed to lead our Schools. Our Deans are all active scholars with international reputations, bringing with them global expertise from some of the world’s most renowned universities.

Professor Rikki Kersten
DEAN, SCHOOL OF ARTS
Leading analysis of international history and politics, and setting benchmarks for research into Asian studies and Asia policy.
Professor Kersten began her career as a Diplomat in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade before moving to an academic career at the Australian National University.

Professor Stephen Ritchie
DEAN, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
An expert in classroom learning and teaching with an extensive international profile in research related to science education.
Professor Ritchie joined Murdoch from Queensland University of Technology and has served as Editor-in-Chief for Research in Science Education.
Professor Bogdan Dlugogorski  
DEAN, SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Distinguished for his contributions to the field of industrial safety and environment protection through the innovative development of safe industrial processes.

Professor Bogdan Dlugogorski was the Director of the Priority Research Centre for Energy and a Professor of Chemical Engineering at the University of Newcastle.

Professor Jurgen Bröhmer  
DEAN, SCHOOL OF LAW

An expert in European international law rights, Professor Bröhmer is widely published in Germany and Australia.

He has held positions at the Saarland University School of Law in Germany as well as the University of New England. Professor Bröhmer has been Dean of the Law School since early 2012.

Professor Michael Anderson  
DEAN, SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

Leading the University’s research at the intersection of behaviour, social policy, genetics and neuroscience.

Professor Anderson holds an MA (Hons) from the University of Edinburgh and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Oxford.

Professor Paul Morrison  
DEAN, SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

An accomplished practitioner, educator and applied researcher with over 30 years’ experience in the health sector.

Professor Morrison has held a range of academic posts at the University of Wales in Cardiff, Queensland University of Technology and the University of Canberra and is a registered nurse and psychologist.

Professor Peter McKiernan  
DEAN, SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Engaged in cutting edge analysis of changing political, economic and social trends, their impact on strategic formulation and implementation for businesses.

Professor McKiernan was formerly a Professor of Management at Scotland’s leading business school at the University of Strathclyde.

Professor Peter McKiernan  
DEAN, SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

A veterinary bacteriologist acknowledged for his strong global research collaborations with colleagues in Australia, Europe, the USA and parts of Asia.

Professor Hampson is currently working on the development of vaccines and novel diagnostics for infections in swine and poultry.
The Sir Walter Murdoch School of Public Policy and International Affairs

Named in honour of the famous Australian academic and essayist Sir Walter Murdoch (after whom the University is also named), this graduate school is the first of its kind in Western Australia.

Developed in close consultation with industry, each program will equip graduates with the knowledge and skills top employers demand. Course delivery and assessment structures have been specifically designed to enable this, while meeting the needs of culturally diverse and globally mobile students.

Each degree concludes with a ‘capstone’ experience, allowing students to apply their knowledge through a policy case study project, a professional internship, or a supervised research thesis.

Meet the Dean

Professor Benjamin Reilly

Leading the way in democratisation, comparative politics and political development.

Professor Reilly has worked with the Australian Government and the United Nations and has held visiting appointments at Harvard and the University of Oxford.
Strengthening Murdoch’s international presence

With the world’s attentions turning towards the booming Asian region, Murdoch University is ahead of the game. With 6,000 students in Singapore and strong links to Indonesia and Malaysia, the University is well positioned to establish even greater links with one of the most dynamic and populous regions of the globe.

Over the next few years, the University will expand on its strengths and take advantage of new opportunities in these locations, positioning itself as Australia’s leading university in South East Asia.

As part of the renewal process, the University is reviewing its transnational educational operations offshore. The goal is to enhance Murdoch’s reputation as a quality provider, rather than simply a volume provider, particularly in South East Asia.

Associate Professor Peter Waring, an Australian citizen and permanent resident of Singapore, was recently appointed Singapore Principal. Peter has lived in Singapore for the last 10 years working largely in the private education sector. As Singapore Principal, Peter is responsible for advancing the University’s interests in Singapore.

The appointment of a new Singapore Principal is the first step in the University’s plans for a deeper engagement in Singapore and the region.
Alumni

The Murdoch University experience doesn’t end at graduation. The alumni team continues to engage and support former students well into their careers, offering advice, regular networking opportunities and professional development.

Our alumni are as diverse and connected as the University itself. As such, they have a lot to contribute to the University community and are encouraged to do so in a number of ways. Whether it be mentoring, promoting Murdoch University among their industry contacts, or simply staying in touch.

From time to time, former students work together on fundraising projects to allow current and future students make the most of their time at Murdoch, unlocking valuable opportunities for those in need.

Murdoch graduates are achievers, and we’re thrilled to share in their successes, now and in the future.

Vanessa Fernandez-Kennedy
MANAGER, ALUMNI RELATIONS
Jessica Evans (2002)

Now based in Washington D.C., Jessica is putting her Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts to good use, working as a senior researcher and advocate for International Financial Institutions at Human Rights Watch.

Timothy Marney (1991)

Since attaining a Bachelor of Economics with Honours, Timothy has continued to serve the Western Australian community. Currently, he is the Under Treasurer of WA and the Chair of the Western Australian Treasury Corporation Board.

Amitav Acharya (1987)

Since completing his PhD, Amitav took up a number of international academic postings at some of the world’s most prestigious universities. He continues to make outstanding contributions to the field of international relations, working with UNESCO and publishing widely in books, journals and magazines.

Alvin Lai Oon Ng (1998)

After graduating with a Bachelor of Psychology, Alvin pursued further study, completing his doctorate in 2002. He has since taken an academic position in Malaysia and contributes his expertise to a range of public health issues including healthy living, obesity management and positive parenting.
Looking to the future

As Murdoch University emerges from this period of revitalisation and heads towards its 40th anniversary, the University shifts its focus to what lies ahead.

Located in a rapidly developing part of a flourishing city, on the doorstep of the blossoming Asian region, the University is presented with a number of exciting opportunities.

Internationally, the University is strengthening its ties with the Indo Pacific region, bringing together business, academia and government to guide Western Australia’s future in the region.

Locally, Murdoch is forging new partnerships and embarking on major projects to increase our capacity and establish the University as a premier knowledge hub.

Murdoch University is also expanding its offerings at its other Perth campuses, and supporting this with a range of initiatives to make tertiary education a reality for those from all walks of life.

The forthcoming innovative, educational and commercial activity will add to the University’s vibrant culture and give students access to integrated learning, exciting research opportunities and new amenities.

All of this is now supported by a fresh new structure and dynamic leadership steering Murdoch University towards a successful and sustainable future.
Serving the community

**Murdoch University Veterinary Hospital**

More than just a teaching hospital, the Murdoch University Veterinary Hospital (MUVH) provides a comprehensive referral service to Western Australian veterinarians, their clients and their patients.

MUVH veterinarians have extensive experience across a range of disciplines, including oncology, surgery, ophthalmology, dermatology and veterinary acupuncture. These professionals are supported by skilled diagnostic and anaesthesia staff.

The Pet Emergency Centre is open to the community 24 hours a day, every day of the year, and includes an intensive care unit and emergency services for horses and companion animals.

**SCALES**

The Southern Communities Advocacy Legal and Education Service (SCALES) provides free legal advice, information and representation to low-income people living in the Kwinana and Rockingham areas. SCALES also provides a statewide service in the area of immigration.

Its clinical programs are nationally recognised and allows students to study the practical operation of the legal system. Students at SCALES are responsible for real files and real clients, providing legal advice to over 800 people each year that otherwise would not have access to assistance.

**Murdoch Psychology Clinic**

The adult clinic and a new specialist child psychology clinic provide clinical training and translational research opportunities for students enrolled in postgraduate psychology programs. Clients are seen by trainees, who are closely supervised by qualified Clinical Psychologists.

Assessment and treatment is offered for a range of problems being researched by staff and students.

**Exercise Science Clinic**

The new exercise science clinic provides clinical and research training opportunities for students to explore the nature and treatment of metabolic and rare diseases, cardiovascular disease, neuromuscular conditions, musculoskeletal conditions and cancer.
Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre

Established in 1988, Kulbardi plays a vital role in supporting the University’s commitment to the education of Indigenous people. The Centre facilitates support for Indigenous students studying at Murdoch and offers alternative pathways to tertiary study.

Kulbardi also serves the wider community by advocating for social justice, undertaking unique research, promoting cultural awareness and facilitating community debate and discussion.

Nexus Theatre

As a major teaching venue at Murdoch University, Nexus Theatre provides students with a modern, professional theatre space to hone their craft in performance or production. The Theatre showcases performances by some of Western Australia’s best emerging talents, from within the University and in the wider community.
The Murdoch Commission

The Murdoch Commission was established in 2012 as a platform that seeks to develop greater understanding among nations, especially in the Asian region, and to address common policy questions and issues that cross national borders.

The Commission functions as an international and independent ‘think tank in motion’ addressing contemporary policy challenges. It draws together senior practitioners, international experts and thought leaders from Australia and around the globe to work on pressing problems and issues of public concern.

In keeping with the University’s commitment to quality research and teaching in public policy at both the national and international levels, the Commission and its reports are exercises in applied public policy informed by rigorous scholarly research and analytical thinking.

The First Murdoch Commission, entitled *Western Australia and the evolving Regional order: Challenges and opportunities*, completed its deliberations and published its Final Report in November 2013.

The Commission Secretariat is currently planning a second commission of inquiry, with further details to be released during 2014.
Whitby Falls

Established as a pastoral property in 1858, this 230-hectare site will soon be used to enhance Murdoch’s teaching and research efforts in veterinary and agricultural sciences, environmental science and conservation.

The University will invest $1.7 million to re-establish a working beef cattle and sheep farm at Whitby Falls, and is seeking further investment and support for the development of teaching and public use facilities.

Located south east of Perth, in the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale, the site is of significant cultural and heritage value. With the support of the National Trust, Whitby Falls will be preserved for future generations, while presenting exciting opportunities for students, staff and the local community.
Building aspirations in regional communities

Perth’s southern corridor is one of Western Australia’s fastest developing regions. With rapid population growth predicted over the next decade, Murdoch University’s Rockingham and Peel campuses are well placed to help establish strong, sustainable communities.

Currently, tertiary enrolments in the region are around half the state average.

Murdoch is working with the Australian Government to deliver a $5 million program in local high schools to increase the number of students who are eligible, willing and able to attend university.

Known as MAP4U, Murdoch’s Aspirations and Pathways for University project engages students in innovative ways, arming them with the knowledge, resources and confidence to achieve their goals.

With alternative entry pathways and a local scholarship fund available, Murdoch is making it easier for local students to consider further study at their local university. And, by producing job ready local graduates, Murdoch University is helping the fast growing Rockingham, Mandurah and Peel communities reach their full potential.
Murdoch Activity Centre

Within a stone’s throw of Murdoch’s South Street campus is the biggest infrastructure project ever undertaken in Western Australia, the Fiona Stanley Hospital.

When complete, the $2 billion project will cover the equivalent of four city blocks, with state-of-the-art technology built into every level.

To make the most of this significant investment, Murdoch University is a major player in the development the Murdoch Activity Centre (MAC). The overall project, which includes the Fiona Stanley and St John of God hospitals, will see the University build a number of multi-use facilities and research institutions in its Eastern Precinct.

These new facilities will link to the University’s research strengths in biomedical sciences, microbiology, immunology and related teaching areas, establishing Murdoch as a premier knowledge hub.

The facilities will also complement our Rare Diseases Research Centre, the Centre for Comparative Genomics and the new partnership with the University of Notre Dame to teach the pre-clinical subjects of their Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) program.

The innovative, educational and commercial activity will add to the University’s vibrant culture and give students access to integrated learning, exciting research opportunities and new amenities.
An invitation...

Wherever you are, and whatever you do, Murdoch University can support you on the path to greatness.

The University invites enquiries and proposals from all corners of the globe. Whether you are looking to expand your knowledge through further study, take your career to new heights or make new discoveries, Murdoch can help you reach your full potential.

Take the first step towards a brighter future by exploring the range of opportunities at Murdoch University.
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