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**SHIRE OF NORTHAM
EDUCATION PROSPECTUS**

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THE WHEATBELT REGION

The Wheatbelt Education Regional Office (WERO) is located in Northam. The WERO provides support to schools to deliver quality educational opportunities and outcomes for students in diverse school and Wheatbelt community settings. The Wheatbelt Education Region comprises 71 public schools providing kindergarten to Year 12 and includes an Education Support Centre, with school-based education programs for over 10,000 students in the Wheatbelt area of Western Australia.

The 71 schools of the Wheatbelt Education Region are incorporated into six networks of schools. The majority of essential support services to schools now operate through schools and networks. Networks also maximise each School's opportunity to share ideas, resources and professional support.

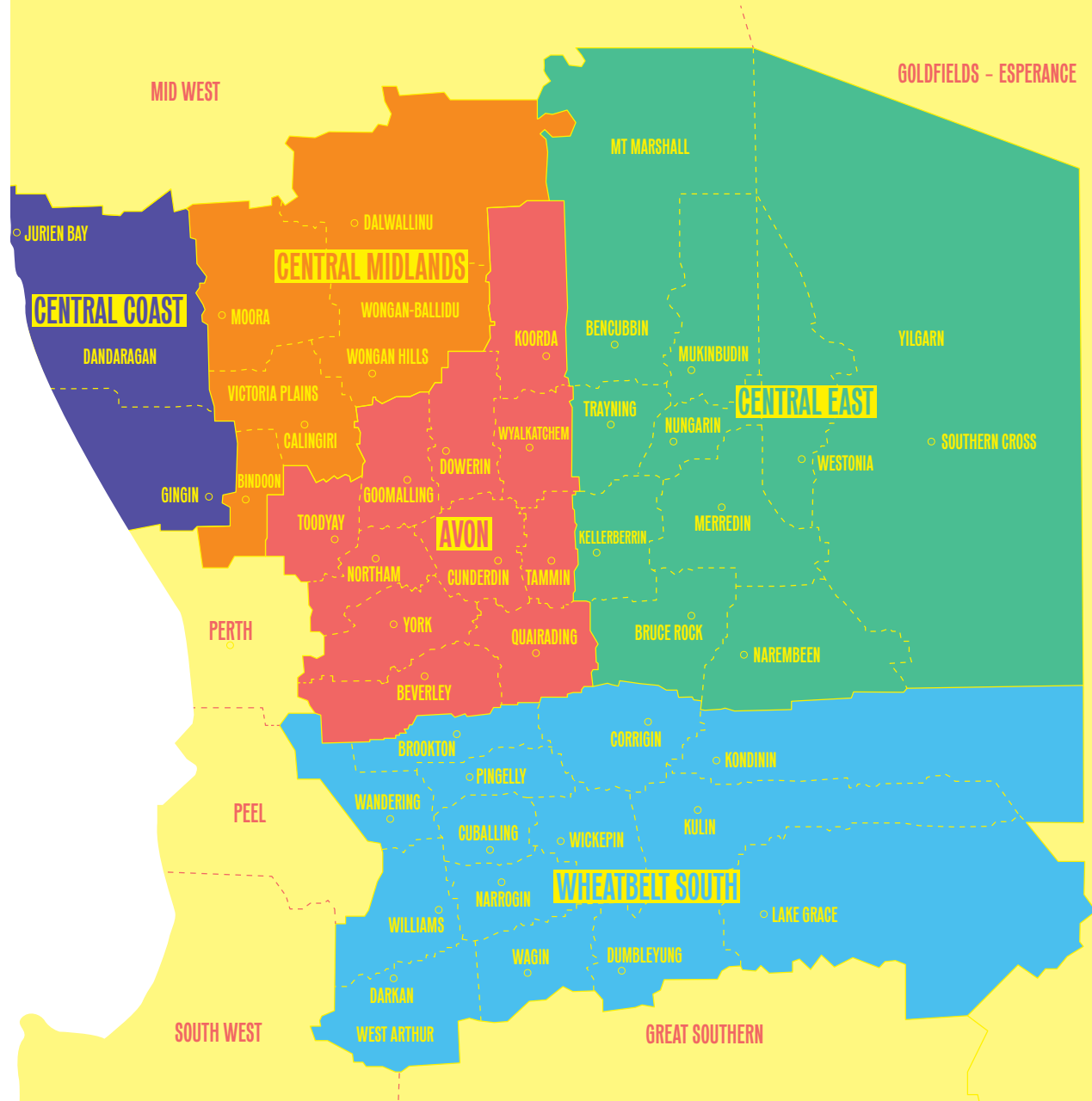
NORTHAM

Northam was one of the first towns to be founded in WA and is the regional service centre of the Avon Valley and Central Wheatbelt, being one of the largest inland towns in the state. The Shire of Northam Council is committed to developing the Shire and encouraging growth through new investment and tourism, whilst maintaining a warm country feel and friendly community.

STATISTICS

The estimated resident population of the Wheatbelt was 75,000 in 2013. The Shire of Northam is the largest resident base in the region with more than 11,700 people, compared to the majority of community sizes which fall between 500-1000 residents.

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- 1**
EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE
- 50%**
OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE AVON NETWORK ARE IN THE SHIRE OF NORTHAM



WHY PURSUE EDUCATION IN NORTHAM?

Our education providers are dedicated to student growth and development.

When choosing to study in Northam, you can be confident that you or your children's learning needs are our education providers top priority.

Northam is the regional service centre and experiencing unprecedented growth with over \$200 million being invested over the next two years. There isn't a better time to join our community!

IN 2015, NORTHAM'S POPULATION WAS

20.3%
PERSONS 0 TO 14 YEARS

12.7%
PERSONS 15 TO 24 YEARS.

THIS MAKES UP ONE THIRD OF NORTHAM'S POPULATION, THEREFORE IT IS PARAMOUNT FOR QUALITY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.





KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is recognised as the first year of schooling and is the beginning of a child's journey through school where they learn important early numeracy, literacy and social skills.

Kindergarten is not compulsory however, is highly recommended with a number of great options for starting your child's journey of schooling in the Shire of Northam. Kindergarten is available through all seven of the Shire of Northam's primary schools providing you with a variety of options.

There are seven primary schools in the Shire of Northam which all provide kindergarten, with St Joseph's School also offering pre-kindergarten. Avonvale Primary School and West Northam Primary School also offer a 3 year old Kindergarten Program.

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PRIMARY EDUCATION

Primary school education continues from Pre-Primary through to Years 6 where children receive a strong foundation in eight core subject areas.

The environment is structured and more formal than kindergarten and teachers will plan for a balance of activities based on the learning needs of your children and other children in their class. In some instances specialist teachers teach the class, for example in art, music and physical education.

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PRIMARY EDUCATION

AVONVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL (NORTHAM)

Avonvale Primary School is an innovative and exciting learning community committed to providing a high quality educational program meeting the specific needs of all students. Students are able to explore, and develop their understandings across a diverse range of learning areas including specialist Music and Drama programs and a purpose built Science and STEM facility. Avonvale Primary School recognises the need to prepare students for a rapidly growing and changing world and provides programs to create lifelong learners and outstanding global citizens.



BAKERS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Catering for students from kindergarten to year 6 this school is located in beautiful rural surroundings just off Great Eastern Highway, approximately 75kms from Perth. The school has earned an excellent reputation as a small caring community and over the years the staff have continued to develop its strong reputation for its competency, teamwork, cooperation and collaborative planning.





PRIMARY EDUCATION

NORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL (NPS)

Northam Primary School caters for students from Kindergarten to Year 6 and currently has just over 300 students. We are proud to be one of the oldest schools in WA, there has been a school on this site since 1890. We have whole school programs in Maths and Literacy. We have a Nature Play area that has been built by the parents and staff of the school which is much loved and well used by the children at recess and lunchtime. We provide a high quality education that fosters a love of learning and empowers children to succeed.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NORTHAM

St Joseph's School Primary campus operates as a stream and a half offering a Catholic education for students from pre-kindergarten to Year Six. As a Catholic school, there is an emphasis on the faith development of students and participation in the Sacramental Program organised in conjunction with the St Joseph's Parish. At St Joseph's School all primary teachers program from the WA Curriculum and are implementing a whole school Explicit Instruction program across Literacy and Numeracy. MultiLit is an early intervention program offered to support students during Literacy Dedicated Time. A strong Physical and Health Education program is conducted across the Primary campus and Bahasa Indonesian is taught from Year 1 to 6.



PRIMARY EDUCATION

WEST NORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

With the school vision Dream It, Be It, Climb High! West Northam Primary School caters for students from Kindergarten to 6 and equips their students with the skills and ability to persevere and achieve success. West Northam Primary School fosters a sense of belonging and teaches students to care and contribute. West Northam has a strong focus on the use of Information Communication Technology (ICT) to transform learning with the children receiving the highest level of ICT instruction using the very latest in ICT.



Catering for students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The staff at Wundowie Primary School are committed to providing a safe, supportive and nurturing learning environment for students.

WUNDOWIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school's vision is 'quality teaching empowering students to maintain improved performance' which is reflected in their learning programs.

The community of Wundowie Primary School has a common focus on maintaining a safe, harmonious and stimulating working environment in which students have the opportunity to achieve to their potential.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

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NORTHAM SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (NSHS)

Northam Senior High School is a school where students matter and teachers work in partnership with students and their parents to cater for each individual's needs.

The school has a strong Pastoral Care program and uses this as a foundation to provide a comprehensive education. This program is made up of a suite of courses to prepare students for further study at university or TAFE, training and apprenticeships or employment.

The choice of pathways includes - ATAR, General and Vocational Education and Training (VET).

ATAR students graduating from this school have been successful in gaining places in many courses at university including medicine, law, education and science.

The VET program has links with the state of the art Trade Training Centre on the school site, which delivers Certificate courses in Hospitality and Kitchen Operations.

Further community links with Central Regional TAFE and Muresk College, allows students to pursue training in industries local to the area and beyond.

Engagement programs including School Based Alternative Education and Bushranger Cadets, together with partnerships incorporating the Clontarf Foundation Northam Academy, Wirrpanda Foundation Girls Program, Follow the Dream and Northam Residential College, are all providing opportunities for success.

Northam Senior High School is steeped in history, being established in 1921, and continues to provide a comprehensive education for the future.



SECONDARY EDUCATION

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NORTHAM

Our School offers a rich secondary educational program within the context of a Christian environment which is based on respect for the self, others and the environment while nurturing each individual's personal relationship with God.

An education at St Joseph's School will equip your child to be a life-long learner, able to meet future challenges with increased confidence. Through a strong pastoral care program, we endeavour to provide a learning environment in which the spiritual, intellectual, physical, social and emotional needs of each child are met.

In Years 7-10 we offer a range of learning experiences aimed at providing a strong foundation for future years. Students are enrolled in Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Humanities and Social Studies, Science and Physical Education and Health. Opportunities exist for study in a variety of courses such as Outdoor Education, Food, Wood, Construction and Italian.

In the Senior school (Years 11 to 12) students have access to a number of pathways involving ATAR, General and VET courses. These include university, a vocational educational pathway (CRTAFE), Workplace Learning Program and ViSN – eLearning experience.

We encourage our students to value the many opportunities that are offered to them at St Joseph's School, not only in their academic studies but the vast range of co-curricular activities. The da Vinci Program and Drama pursuits, in addition to our MaJEC (Christian service learning) program, sporting and cultural programs, enable our students to experience success with all of their talents.



AVONVALE EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

(Northam) Kindergarten to Year 12

Avonvale Education Support Centre caters for students from Kindergarten to Year 12 and is an educational facility for students with intellectual and adaptive disabilities. We are the only specialist school in the Wheatbelt that caters for students with special needs.

The primary school site has a purpose built centre with three well-equipped classrooms able to facilitate a wide range of activities. We have 2 sites located on the Avonvale Primary School grounds that caters for Primary and a shared site with Northam Senior High school. Sharing sites with these schools allows for integration and transition opportunities for our students. Students have the opportunity to participate in additional joint activities between the 2 schools.

Students are provided with individual education plans that cater to their strengths and needs. We provide a targeted, differentiated curriculum based on the Western Australian Curriculum and Abilities Based Learning Education, Western Australia, combined with a rich social environment designed to meet the individual learning needs of each child.

Staff are trained to incorporate research based teaching strategies into their teaching. Social and play skills programs are implemented with communication as the focus. Our teaching practice also incorporates Protective Behaviour programs.

Students with sensory needs are provided a number of sensory options and experiences throughout the school day. This includes accessing our state of the art sensory rooms located at both sites. Through a wide number of programs we work together to ensure our students are supported to participate meaningfully and successfully within their family, school and local community.

We believe that we offer the best of both worlds for our students, a more intensive learning environment as well as a close connection with their peers in the primary school and secondary school. Early intervention is the most effective for students with any disability however students' with special needs may enrol at any year level.



NORTHAM RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

The residential college provides a home-away-from-home for regional secondary students (Years 7 to 12) attending Northam Senior High School and St Joseph's School.

Students enjoy living with other country students in a supportive and caring environment while studying in Northam.

Located opposite Northam Senior High School and a short bus ride to St Joseph's School, the residential college gives country children in regional areas the opportunity to access high quality secondary education in a regional centre. For many, they are close enough to their families to visit at weekends and on special occasions, and their families are welcome at the residential college at any time. Families are considered an integral part of students' boarding experiences.

At the College, students are supported and encouraged to do well in their education. Dedicated and experienced staff work with the schools to ensure

students are progressing in their studies and are accessing any resources or support they require. They also provide structured study times for students to complete their homework and assignments, and help arrange any tutoring students may need.

Personal development is also a priority at the residential college. Staff provide a nurturing environment that promotes healthy living and supports their emotional, social and physical wellbeing. Students eat healthy meals, are encouraged to be physically active.

At Northam Residential College, students enjoy country living while they study, form lifelong friendships, and become independent and active members of their community.

Email: www.education.wa.edu.au/northamresidentialcollege





FURTHER EDUCATION

In 2015, 67% of Northam's population was made up of people aged 25 years and above. We believe it is important to have extensive options for further education regardless of age!

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FURTHER EDUCATION

Central Regional TAFE (CRTAFE) is the only State Government Vocational Education and Training (VET) provider in the Wheatbelt region of WA.

CENTRAL REGIONAL TAFE

CRTAFE offers over 300 courses and a variety of training options to suit all lifestyles, including part-time, full-time and online. Their nationally recognised qualifications range from Certificate I to Advanced Diploma level including traineeships, apprenticeships and short courses.

Graduates with a VET qualification are highly sought after by employers in many fields due to the combination of practical skills and academic knowledge gained through studying at TAFE.

Whether you're a school leaver, returning to study as a mature aged student, interested in expanding your current skills or looking for a career change, your local TAFE has everything you need right here in Northam.

CRTAFE's experienced staff will help you find the qualification and pathway that suits your needs. They also offer several payment options and student support services.

Qualifications are available in the areas of:

- Agriculture
- Animal Studies
- Veterinary Nursing
- Horticulture
- Automotive
- Building and Construction
- Electrotechnology
- Business and Finance
- Leadership and Management
- Creative Industries
- Visual Arts
- Nursing
- Health
- Retail
- Tourism
- Local Government
- Engineering and Mining
- Conservation and Land Management
- Education and Community Services
- English, Languages and Foundation Studies
- Information Technology and Digital Media



FURTHER EDUCATION



APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

CRTAFE offers a broad range of apprenticeship and traineeship training in a variety of industries. Apprenticeships and traineeships require you to enter into a formal training contract with an employer to learn skills on the job.

With your employer's support, you will complete the theory components at CRTAFE. A training plan will be developed outlining the necessary skills and knowledge you need to attain in order to receive your qualification.

Assessments may also be conducted by qualified lecturers in your workplace.

Prospective students can view CRTAFE's Course Guide online at www.centralregionaltafe.wa.edu.au

To enrol or make an enquiry call **1800 672 700 | (08) 9622 6777** or visit the campus at **Lot 1 Hutt Street, Northam.**

OTHER TRAINING OPTIONS

CRTAFE provides short courses and skill development solutions across the Wheatbelt region. A range of short courses are on offer in the areas of Mining, Computing, Management, Government, Safety, Lifestyle and Leisure.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is a process that recognises your existing skills and knowledge. You may be eligible to apply for RPL for a number of units in a qualification, assisting you to complete the qualification sooner. CRTAFE can conduct a Verification of Competencies (VOC) assessment for RPL. This may be conducted in the workplace or on-campus.

CRTAFE also offers clients the opportunity to customise courses to meet their specific needs. Get in contact to discuss your business/organisation's training needs.



FURTHER EDUCATION

Leading agricultural education and training.

MURESK

Muresk Institute is a trusted broker of agricultural education and training, partnering with leading training providers to equip the Western Australian workforce with relevant and contemporary skills.

In collaboration with its partners Muresk Institute cultivates modern agriculture by providing:

- A specialised agricultural facility for scientific research and professional development;
- Contemporary learning spaces, student accommodation and a working farm; and
- Industry driven education and training opportunities delivered by leading training providers.

Muresk through a range of public and private education and training provider partnerships offers the following:

- Certificate II - Agriculture, Production Horticulture, Conservation Land Management, Rural Operations.
- Certificate III - Agriculture, Rural Operations & Merchandising, Industry specific, Equine Hoofcare Practitioner Course, Skill sets- precision agriculture, cropping, harvest, shearing, wool and livestock handling.
- Certificate IV - Vet Nursing, Agriculture, Project Management, Training and Assessment, Safety & Health Representative.
- Diploma - Agriculture, Agribusiness, Leadership & Management.
- Associate Degree - Agribusiness, Agriculture (from 2019).





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