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PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## Get the Edge

Tips for beyond school



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- What is the 'Edge'?
- Why do I need the 'Edge'?
- How do I get the 'Edge'?



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# What is the 'Edge'?

## Desirable Extras – Value Adding





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## Why do I need the 'Edge'?

- Assured Entry courses
- WA and Interstate residential colleges
- Scholarships
- Overseas Universities
- University Applications



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- **Gap Year Programs**

**And most importantly .....Work**



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## Example

**Candidate one – has completed a 3 years Commerce degree at university and has achieved good marks.**





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- **Candidate two - has also completed a 3 year Commerce degree, grades not as good as C1 but they have been involved in extra things – been captain of a club, travelled around the world, been on a student exchange program, done some volunteering**

**candidate two is *far more attractive* to an employer.**



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# How do I get the 'Edge'?

**Start now....Develop your skills**







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## How to develop your skills:

- Debating, Public Speaking and Drama
- Sport
- Proactive in class discussions
- Work experience/paid work
- Do something for your community
- Work experience/Paid/Volunteer



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- **Get involved in Service Activities**
- **Get involved in School and House Activities**
- **Gap Year Programs**
- **General awareness of issues in the community**
- **Being involved in Math/Science Olympiads**
- **University programs for students**



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# Keep a record so you are ready to go!

- Resume
- Portfolio





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**Good Luck!**



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# Don't rely on school yard myths...seek the truth!

- Making decisions
- University applications
- Scholarships
- Gap Year Programs
- Resume writing
- Interview skills

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# Interview Skills

**Required for:**

- **Assured Entry to Med and Dentistry**
- **Applying to Notre Dame**
- **WA and Interstate Residential Colleges**
- **Some Scholarships**
- **Overseas Universities**
- **The real world – Work!**



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# Knowledge and Experience beyond the Curriculum

Required for:

- Making decisions about post school options
- Scholarship applications and interviews
- University applications – Overseas
- Work







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## Why is it important?

- Good cultural fit is associated with many positive outcomes. A study by Kristof-Brown (2005) reported that employees who fit well with their organisation, colleagues and supervisors:
  - - had greater job satisfaction;
  - - identified more with their company;
  - - were more likely to remain with their organisation;
  - - were more committed;
  - - showed superior job performance.



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## 3 Areas of Focus

- **Interview Skills**
- **Demonstrating Leadership**
- **Knowledge and Experience beyond the curriculum**



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# Demonstrating Leadership

Required for:

- Scholarships
- Residential Colleges
- Overseas universities
- Work
- Career progression

