



Baldivis  
Secondary College

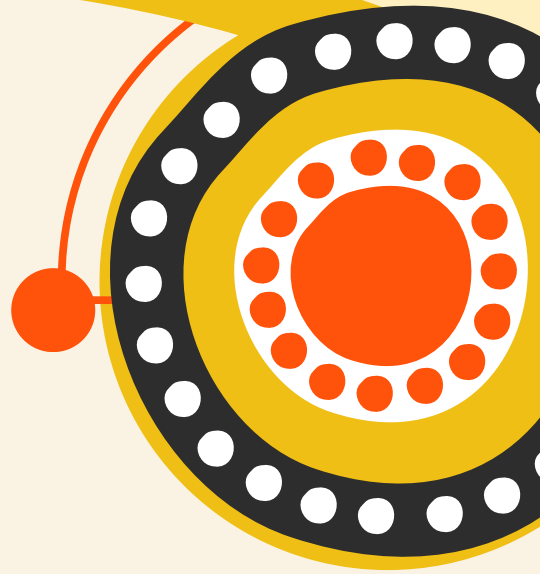


Student Information Booklet

# CURTIN UNIREADY ENABLING PROGRAM



Curtin University



Baldivis Secondary College acknowledges the traditional owners of the land where we work and live, the Noongar people and pay our respects to elders past and present.

We are proud that the site on which our school is built has been a place of learning since the beginning of time.

We celebrate the stories, culture, and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of all communities who also work and live on this land.





- 
- 
- 
- 
- 



## Principal's Message



At Baldivis Secondary College, our vision is to provide a high-quality school experience for each and every student that promotes learning and wellbeing, and equips them with the knowledge, skills and dispositions to achieve personal excellence in all they do and be the best that they can be.

We are excited to be able to offer our Year 12 university-aspirant students the opportunity to participate in the Curtin UniReady Enabling Course; a program bridges the gap between secondary and tertiary education, preparing students not just academically, but mentally and emotionally for the rigours of university life.

It's a chance to gain essential skills, bolster confidence, and get a tangible feel of university-style learning within our school's supportive environment. This partnership embodies our commitment to ensuring every student is well-equipped for the next big step in their educational journey.

Alison Parolo | Principal





**UniReady students are dedicated, hardworking and self-motivated.**





# ”About Curtin UniReady“

## What is it?

The Curtin UniReady Enabling Program is an alternate entry to university pathway run by Curtin University. It provides a pathway for students who have the drive and self-motivation into selected courses at Curtin University.

The UniReady Enabling Program is usually only available to students directly through Curtin University; however, Baldivis Secondary College and Curtin University have entered into a partnership that allows us to deliver the UniReady in Schools Program to Year 12 students at Baldivis Secondary College.

If completed successfully, it will provide students with a notional ATAR of 70 and English competency (Curtin’s minimum entry requirements for undergraduate courses). Students will then be eligible to apply for selected Curtin University undergraduate courses. Details of these university courses can be accessed on the Curtin University website.

The UniReady in Schools Program has been approved as an Endorsed Program. This means it will contribute to a student’s WACE, as well as providing entry to Curtin University.

## Pre-requisites

Before being accepted for entry into the Curtin UniReady in Schools Program at Baldivis Secondary College, students must meet certain academic pre-requisites:

- For ATAR Pathway students: Mostly C grades in Year 11 ATAR courses.
- For General Pathway students: Mostly B grades, and 60% or above in English.





**The UniReady program can help you qualify for entry into a range of undergraduate courses.**

## Cost

The total cost of participation in the Curtin UniReady Program is \$85 per unit/\$340 in total. Payment plans are available

## How to apply?

- Complete [UniReady Application Form](#).
- Provide evidence of recent academic achievement (for example school reports, certificates, awards)
- Once your application is submitted, it will be reviewed, and you will be advised of the outcome.



# Course Content



## What is the course content?

Students complete four units. Each unit is equivalent to a one semester ATAR / General course. Students will complete two units in Semester One, and two units in Semester Two. The course will be delivered over 5 sessions a week, with one period occurring after school.

The units being delivered are:

### 1. Fundamentals in Academic Writing

In the context of research and writing , this unit orientates students to develop and practice skills for entry level university courses. Students are introduced to and gain opportunities to practice and develop academic and language skills related to planning, researching, structuring, constructing, revising and proofreading academic writing tasks.

### 2. Foundations in Communication

Features of spoken, written and online communications are identified, and strategies to enhance effectiveness in learning environments are defined and demonstrated with examples. Communication strategies appropriate for purpose and audience are applied in practical and interactive learning tasks involving interpersonal communications, presentations, negotiation and language skills though individual and group learning practices using various face-to-face and online technologies.



**The course content prepares students to successfully undertake undergraduate programs.**

### **3. Introduction to Humanities**

This unit explores the interrelationships of people within society. Students will explore themes related to society, culture, environment and technology and their reciprocal impacts. The unit seeks to develop students understanding of self as part of diverse and complex systems viewed through a critical lens.

### **4. Introduction to Health Sciences**

The introductions to health sciences unit will provide students with a basic understanding of some of the human anatomy and physiology components of an undergraduate Health Science program. This includes an overview of several of the human body systems. Throughout the unit's topic, students will be exposed to some basic scientific concepts including: osmosis, diffusion, lever systems, DNA, cell membrane transport and electrical charges as well as familiarisation with some of the basic conventions of academic writing for the health sciences.





## Questions & Answers

### **How will I keep track of my progress in the Curtin UniReady Program?**

The campus will provide a schedule for course content. Content will be delivered via the Curtin University Information Portal (Blackboard), with Baldivis Secondary College teacher support. However, students are responsible for their own progress. This is reflective of the University environment. Students will submit assessments regularly and the marks will be published on Connect, and also via the Curtin University Information Portal (Blackboard).

### **How much out-of-school study is needed?**

Students will have approximately four (4) hours of classroom time allocated to the program and one (1) hour before or after school, and are expected to commit to a similar amount of time for homework and preparation. Students are expected to attend the scheduled times.

### **Is there interaction with people outside the school environment?**

On occasions, students will be required to participate in discussion groups; these may be undertaken online and may include students from other schools. Assessments may be marked by a variety of markers, some of whom are external to the college (for example, teachers at other schools or Curtin University staff). Students will also have the opportunity to attend an excursion to Curtin University during school hours, for a tour of the campus.

### **Are there exams?**

All units, except the Foundations of Communication unit, have an examination. Students will undertake these examinations during the regular Campus examination periods.



## **UniReady students are resilient, and can cope with adversity**

### **What happens if I hand in assessments late, or not at all?**

An academic penalty will be applied by Curtin University if assessments are not submitted, or submitted after the due date. Failure to submit all assessments will lead to the student failing the UniReady Program.

### **Can I withdraw from the Curtin UniReady Program?**

Students are permitted to withdraw from the Program within the first three (3) weeks of the academic year. In this case a refund of fees will be provided. After this time, no refunds can be made and withdrawals from the program will not be possible.

### **Will I receive accommodations if I have a learning difficulty?**

The Curtin UniReady Program in Schools at Baldivis Secondary College is open to students with learning issues, including students who receive extra time for assessments and students on Individual Education Plans (IEP). However, all students must meet the necessary prerequisites for entry into the Program. Some adjustments can be made, for example, students may receive extra time for assessments or may be permitted to use learning aids. Students should note that course content and assessment content cannot be modified.



# Other Universities

## Is the Curtin UniReady Program recognised by other universities?

Please see the table below for further information:

### **Curtin University**

- Valid for entry into a wide range of selected courses.

### **Edith Cowan University**

- Valid for entry into selected courses.
- Check with University admissions.

### **Murdoch University**

- Valid for entry into selected courses.
- Check with University admissions.

### **University of Notre Dame**

- Valid for entry into selected courses.
- Check with University admissions.

### **University of Wetsren Australia**

- Not valid for entry to courses at UWA

### **Interstate and International Universities**

- Some interstate and international universities may also recognise the Curtin UniReady program.
- Please contact the universities directly





**Other universities also accept UniReady for entry to some of their undergraduate courses.**





# Academic Support

## What happens if I fail assessments, or fail a unit?

Students will study four (4) units and must pass all four (4) units in order to successfully complete the program. A 'Pass' grade is a mark greater than 50%. There are several options for students who fail a unit (or units) within the program.

Please see the explanatory table below:

### **Fail one unit, with failed unit being a mark between 45% and 49%:**

- Further assessment may be offered.
- If further assessment is offered, successfully complete at school.
- Achieve a passing mark
- Successful completion

### **If further assessment is not offered for a failed unit, or there is a fail in the further assessment:**

- Repeat the relevant unit (or equivalent) at Curtin University (or online) during the summer break. Note that not all units are offered during the summer period and this is also subject to student enrolment
- Achieve a passing mark
- Successful completion

### **Fail one or more units:**

- Repeat the relevant unit (or equivalent) at Curtin University (or online) during the summer break. Note that not all units are offered during the summer period and this is also subject to student enrolment
- Achieve a passing mark
- Successful completion

# Get In Touch

## For further information contact

**Clare Baker | Pathways Coordinator**

BSC UniReady in Schools Coordinator



Pathways Centre  
Baldivis Secondary College



08 9523 3600



[clare.baker2@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:clare.baker2@education.wa.edu.au)



**Baldivis**  
Secondary College

