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PROSPECTUS

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The Prospectus

Our Prospectus is the proposed career, competition, education, and social events that the MSLS plans to run over 2023.

Our 2023 Vision

Murdoch University is returning to life on campus after the COVID-19 pandemic and the MSLS is looking to improve student engagement and interaction over 2023.

The Society suffered from online learning over the past few years and we are hoping to rebuild engagement in 2023. The MSLS is actively planning ways to engage with new and current students over the year. We aim to listen to what students want to make sure we are providing the opportunities and services students are looking for from the society.



About the MSLS

The Murdoch Student Law Society is a student-run and student-focused society, which aims to enhance the student experience at Murdoch. The MSLS is the main student body for law and criminology students at Murdoch.

The Society is run by a dedicated body of volunteers who provide social experiences, educational opportunities, and career assistance for law and criminology students at Murdoch. These opportunities are run by a variety of portfolios, covering every aspect of life at law school. The society advocates for and assists students by providing services to make law school and going into the workforce less daunting.

The MSLS also acts as a link between the students and the law school, firms, government departments, Murdoch University and other organisations. The MSLS is a source of connection, support and education for students at Murdoch University throughout their degrees.

WHY JOIN US?

The MSLS is the peak representative body for law and criminology students. Joining the society will give you access to the resources and knowledge that have been built over the last 30 years we have operated. The MSLS has power and presence on campus that allows us to advocate for students' interests. When you join the MSLS, you are supporting our efforts to improve student experience and education at Murdoch.

President

Ella Reynolds



Welcome to the MSLS and 2023!

My name is Ella Reynolds and I am looking forward to my role as Murdoch Student Law Society President. In 2023, I will be starting my third year of a Bachelor of Laws & Bachelor of Criminology (Criminal Behaviour).

I have been a part of MSLS since I started my studies in 2021. I started in the role of First Year Representative and continued as part of the Society in 2022 as a Competitions Officer.

I believe the work MSLS does in providing a community for law students throughout their degrees is invaluable. The Society allows many diverse people who work, study, and support the law school to come together and connect with each other.

The MSLS has given me many opportunities to further my studies through attending information sessions, competing in organised competitions and participating in social events. I have gained so much through working with MSLS which makes me feel it is my time to give back to Murdoch Students.

Careers

The Careers portfolio aims to provide students with information and advice regarding law school and future careers. The Careers team provide a range of publications, panels and Q & A sessions which cover a range of topics. Look out for their sessions on applying for clerkships, getting prepared for interviews and many more!



Careers - Fairs

MSLS Annual Careers Fair | Semester 1

Our annual careers fair is an opportunity for students, firms, and government organisations to interact face-to-face. The MSLS careers fair is always well-received and attended as it is an accessible way for students to explore future career options. The careers fair provides an opportunity for firms to introduce themselves to students. This event also provides a great opportunity for those in attendance to network and connect.

The MSLS careers fair has been growing over the last few years and we seek to continue this into 2023.

PLT Conference | Semester 2

The annual Practical Legal Training Conference invites major PLT providers to discuss their programs with students. This conference provides a great chance for students to explore and consider their opportunities for practical legal training once they finish their degree.

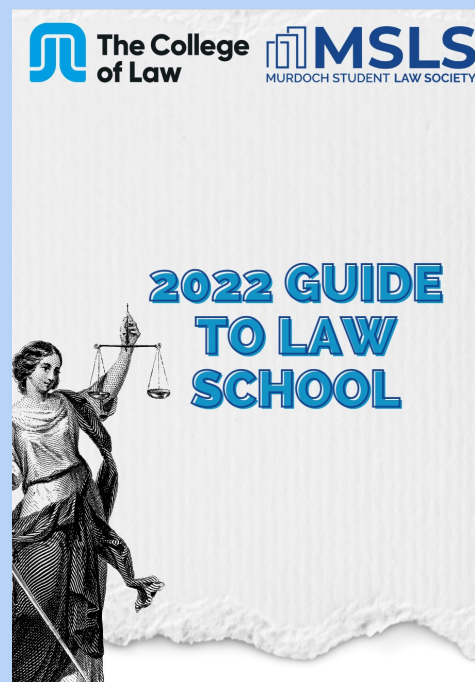


Careers - Publications

Guide to Law School I Semester 1

Starting law school can be a daunting and overwhelming experience for many students. This publication is for those who are beginning their law degree or are in the early stages of their studies. The Guide to Law School sets out what students need to know about Law School so they can make the most out of their time there.

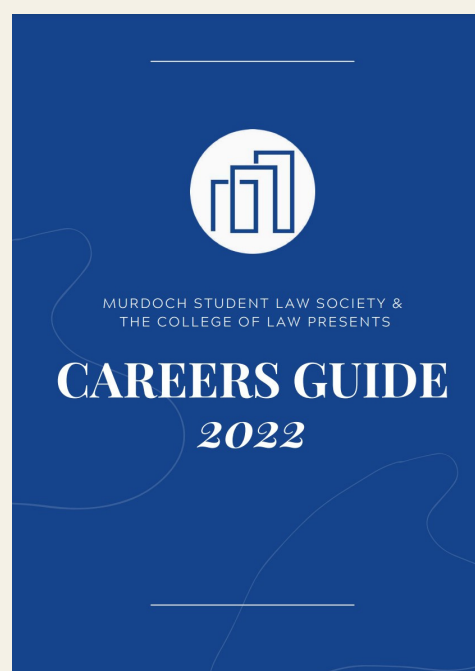
The Guide provides student testimonies that cover their experiences and the opportunities they had throughout their time at law school. The Guide is provided to students at Orientation Week in both semesters and is available on the website throughout the year.



Careers Guide I Semester 2

The Careers Guide details the various career pathways available to the recent graduates of a Law degree. The Careers guide provides a comprehensive outline of the steps to obtaining graduate employment, from cover letters, to becoming admitted.

Additionally, it details the avenues for legal work experience, securing graduate positions, information on PLTs, alternative career paths, volunteer work, social justice opportunities, international internships & more! The Careers Guide is published during semester 2 and is available to all Murdoch students.

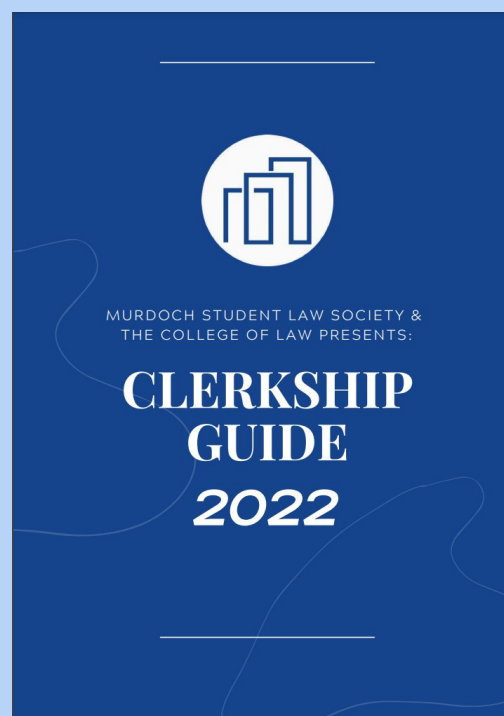


Careers - Publications

Clerkship Guide I Semester 1

The Clerkship Guide is an important publication for students approaching the end of their degree. The Clerkship Guide details the clerkship process, assisting students who are looking to undertake the clerkship process in 2023. The Clerkship Guide outlines the process of applying, includes key dates, and describes practice areas.

The Clerkship Guide provides a comprehensive Firm Directory of sponsoring firms and businesses to assist MSLS members in their research and planning for applications. The Clerkship Guide is a valued tool for MSLS members as it provides information and contacts for all firms, clerkship and graduate information.



Careers - Clerkship Series

CV and Cover Letter Writing I Semester 1

Students are invited to participate in a workshop to learn the best tips and tricks for crafting a successful CV and cover letter. Hosted by people who are involved in the hiring process, this workshop will guide students on what distinguishes an application from the perspective of an employer. This workshop is especially important for those looking to apply for clerkships and graduate positions later in the year.

Working in the Practice Areas Q & A I Semester 1

This Q & A session will allow students to find out what work in the different practice areas consists of and the opportunities for career development in that area of practice. It provides an opportunity for students to learn the ins and outs of the practice area, often only possible through conversations with professionals in the field. Students are invited to join a conversation about what day-to-day clerking in the practice areas will look like

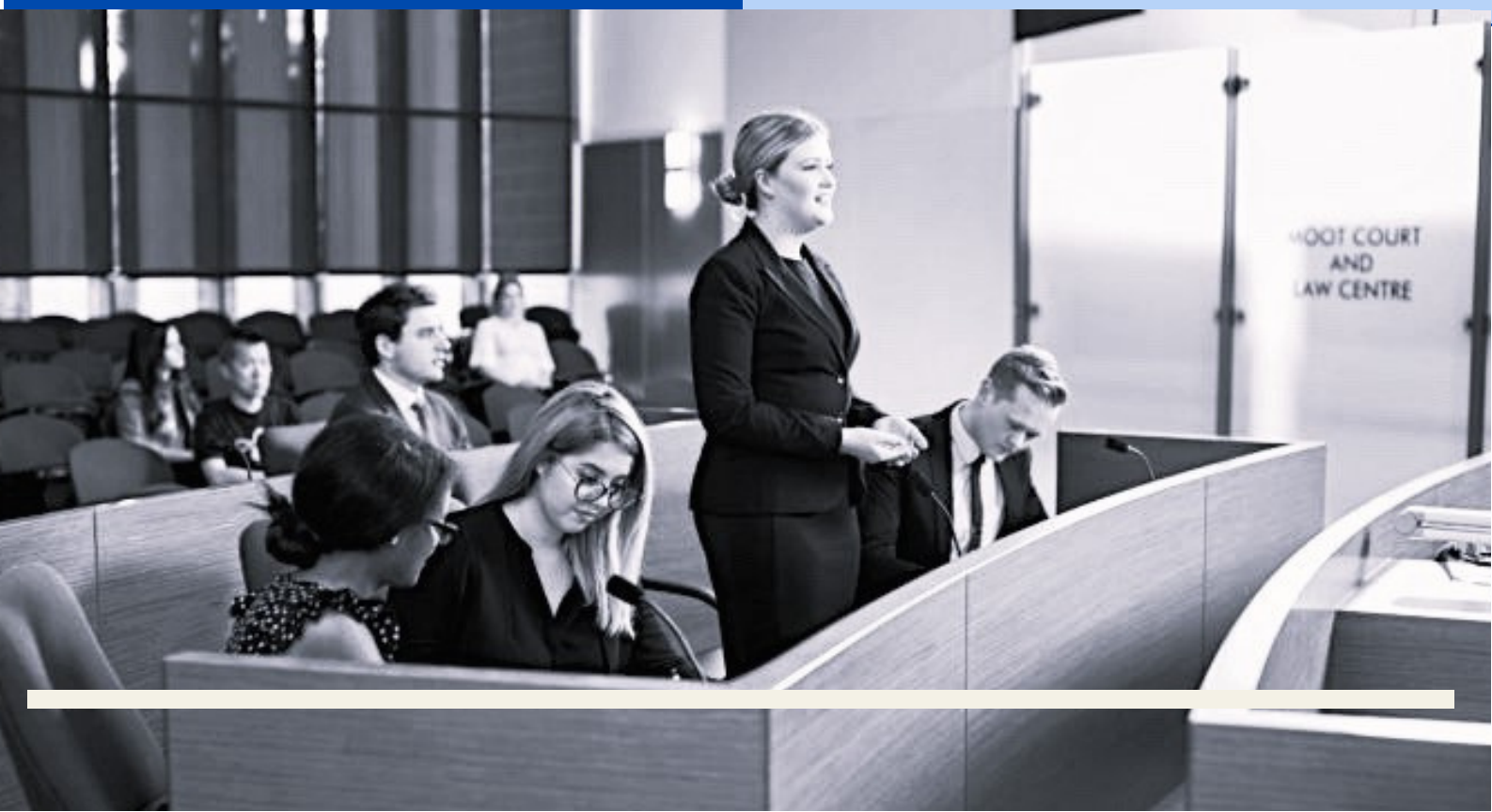
Clerkship Interviews - How to Guide I Semester 1

Hosted by those well-versed in conducting interviews in the legal industry, this workshop aims to help students enter into interviews with confidence. Students will first participate in a workshop with the experts and then have the opportunity to put those skills to practice if they choose to. This workshop aims to benefit students who are either applying for clerkship programs, graduate positions, and other opportunities for law and criminology students.

Competitions

The Competitions portfolio is focused on providing students with the opportunity to practice the skills they are learning in class. Competitions are run in a safe and supportive environment and provide students with practical feedback from judges and older students.

The winners of all competitions will get the chance to participate in the Australian Law Students Association (ALSA) Conference to compete and represent Murdoch University. The ALSA Conference takes place in different locations around Australia and is an opportunity for students to travel and compete interstate.



Competitions

Junior Witness Examination I Semester 1

Junior Witness Examination is a classic law school competition that sees two competitors compete in a simulated criminal trial. The junior level of this competition is constructed for first year students to introduce them to the competition. The competition allows students to practice their oral advocacy, creativity, and persuasive argument creation. The competition requires competitors to prepare and deliver opening and closing addresses as well as examine witnesses and object to arguments.

Senior Witness Examination I Semester 1

The Senior level of Witness Examination is aimed at older law students, or those who have competed in the junior level of the competition. This competition is popular among the competing crowd at Murdoch and allows for students to continue practicing their skills in a more challenging competition.

Junior Moot I Semester 1

Junior Mooting is one of the first opportunities that students have to practice mooting skills. Mooting is a valuable skill to practice throughout law school but can seem quite daunting to first year students. The Junior Moot competition provides a safe space for students to practice mooting arguments and get feedback from judges.

This competition sees four first year students in a simulated civil appeal and requires students to formulate legal arguments and present them in a persuasive manner. The Junior moot competition follows the Torts unit offered in semester two, allowing students to use the theory they are learning in class to assist in their arguments for the competition.

Competitions

Senior Moot I Semester 1

The Senior Moot competition allows for students to practice and refine their mooting skills at a higher level. The competition provides an opportunity for students to further refine their skills before going on to compete in national moots for Murdoch University. As with the Junior competition, this competition sees 4 students compete in a simulated civil appeal, testing research, problem solving, presentation and argumentative skills.

Junior Client Interview I Semester 2

The Junior Client Interview competition involves teams of two taking turns interviewing a client. This competition simulates real working environments with potential clients. The competition requires the teams to ask questions and investigate where the legal issues may be, as well as providing advice about next steps and options for the client. This competition is designed to help students practice their interpersonal, communication and teamwork skills.

Senior Client Interview I Semester 2

The Senior Client Interview is a higher level of the Client Interview competition. Similar to the Junior version, this competition requires teams of two to investigate the legal issues a potential client has. This competition simulates a real working environment and allows older students to practice these skills. As this is the senior competition, the standard expected of students is higher.

Competitions

Paper Presentation I Semester 2

Our paper presentation competition allows students to present their research and writing skills. Students will undertake a research topic and submit their work, from there the finalists are chosen to present their papers to judges. The paper presentation competition allows for students to refine and practice their research skills. The focus of the paper presentation can be at the discretion of the firms, on their specialised practice areas.



Education

The Education portfolio focuses on making sure that students can make the most out of their education at Murdoch. The Education team focus on advocacy, representing students' needs and desires. The education portfolio advocates for mental health, support and representation for all members of MSLS.



Education - Equity Events

Charity Quiz Night | Semester 1

Our Charity Quiz Nights continues to be popular and successful events. The Charity Quiz Night is an opportunity for members to come along and have a fun night testing their knowledge. MSLS donates the funds raised at the event. Previously, we donated to not-for-profit legal organisations and mental health support groups.

Mental Health Drop-In Sessions | Semester 1 & 2

The Mental Health Drop-In Sessions are run from the MSLS café and provide the students with access to the mental health resources on campus. These sessions, often run before exams start, provide an opportunity for students to come together and debrief, pat a therapy dog and ask the counselling services any questions they have about exams and stress.

Walk for Justice | Semester 1

The MSLS Walk for Justice team raises money for the state-wide charity Law Access. Law Access provides support through pro-bono work. The money raised from this event supports the charity and is a beautiful morning walk along the Swan River. Started in 2022, we hope to continue this tradition in 2023.

Other Equity Events | Semester 1 & 2

RUOK? Day - Students are invited to come along to the café and enjoy time together for RUOK? day. We hope to support the day by providing a space for students to come together, talk, drink some coffee and play some board games.

Wear it Purple Day - Students are invited to wear purple and support LGBTQI+ students. The MSLS will provide events through the day

Education - Social Events

First Year Event

This event is for first-year students, run by first-year students. The First Year Representatives on the MSLS committee run an event of their choosing to help new students socialise and connect with each other. This exciting event has included sundowners and games nights over the last few years.

Criminology Event

The Criminology Event is run by the MSLS Criminology representative and is an opportunity for criminology students to get to know each other. This event is new in 2023 and we hope it is an opportunity for criminology students to connect with the MSLS.

Mature Age Event

This event is for mature aged law and criminology students. The Mature Age Representative on the MSLS committee runs an event of their choosing throughout the year as an opportunity to engage mature age students. This event is always a big success and brings together a large number of students and staff. This event has continued to grow in engagement over the last few years and we hope to continue this in 2023.

Carpe Diem

A tradition that began with the start of our Society, Carpe Diem is our highly anticipated annual publication. It features articles outlining current Honours theses, winning competition submissions, the highlights of our events and student articles on emerging areas of law.

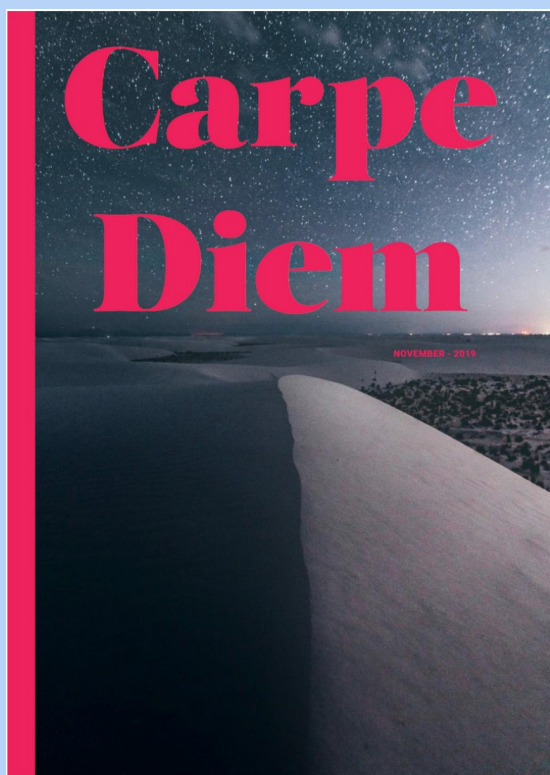


Carpe Diem

Carpe Diem will be returning in 2023. Carpe Diem will include honours papers, high quality competition submissions and students personal articles.

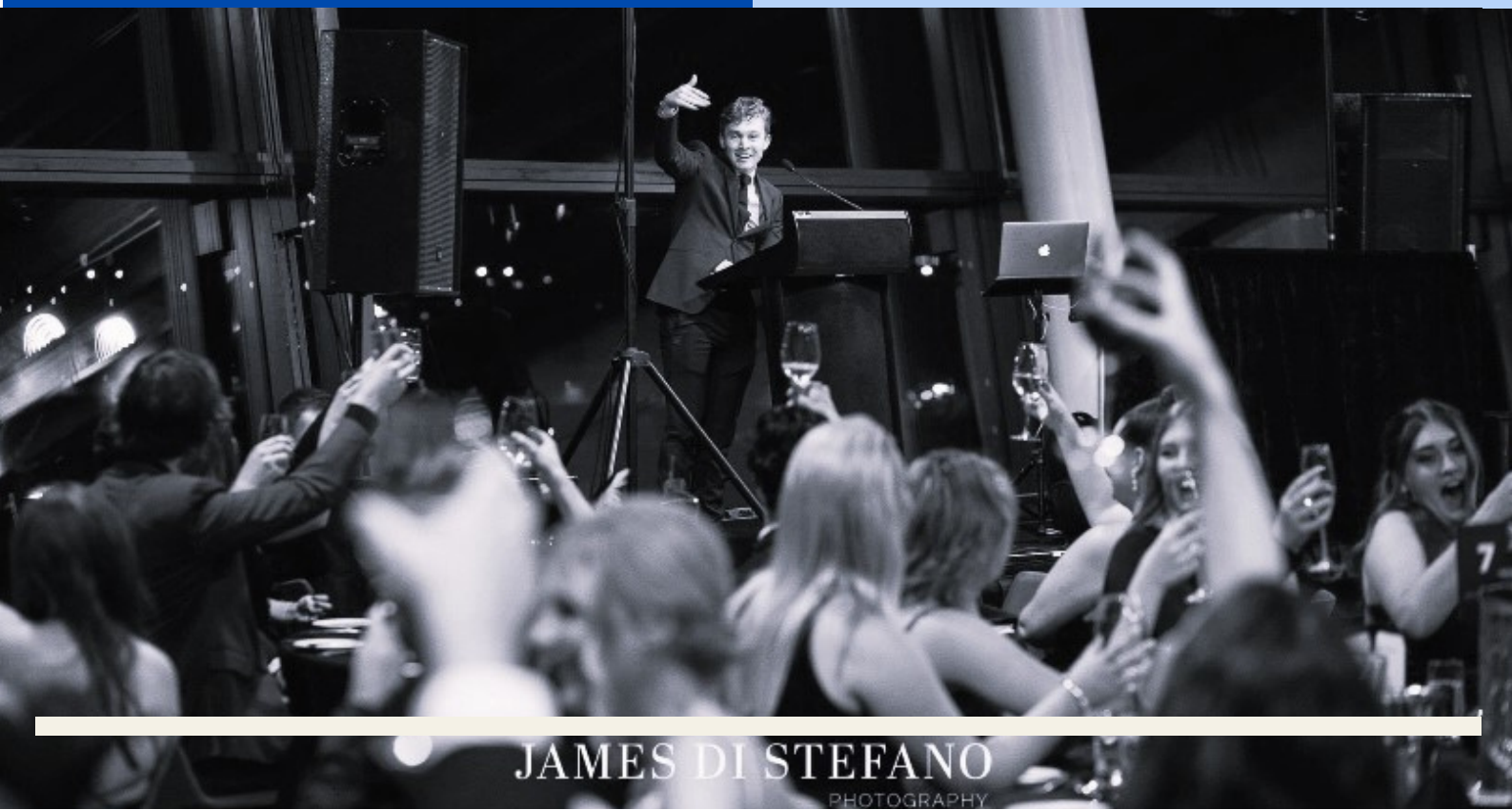
Honours papers' abstracts will showcasing the high quality work we see from some of Murdoch's highest-achieving students. These research projects are supervised by Murdoch academics and are of the highest quality. We are now hoping to include competition submissions from students who attend the ALSA Conference. These submissions showcase the work of our students and their ability to compete at a high level.

Students are welcome to submit their research and articles they write throughout the year. Carpe Diem will remain a place for students to write about life at law school and the experiences they have while at Murdoch.



Socials

The Socials portfolio is dedicated to creating social opportunities for MSLS members. The Socials portfolio run a number of social events throughout the year, providing a break from studies. These events are an opportunity for society members to socialise, laugh, dance and drink. The society offers a wide range of events, so we hope you will find one that suits you!



Socials

2023 Law and Criminology Ball | Semester 1

The Law and Criminology Ball is the most anticipated event of the year! The MSLS ball is expected to bring in around 300 students, staff, and alumni in our most attended event of the year. The ball has taken place at venues like the Ritz Carlton, The Crown, and Optus Stadium. Join us to celebrate the night with food, drink, and dancing. We hope to see you all there to celebrate together.

End of Year Gala | Semester 2

The End of Year Gala is MSLS's end of year event to celebrate members hard work and success over the year. The Gala is held once exams are completed and is an opportunity for students to celebrate the end of the year together. This event has taken place in the past at the Reveley and Prince Lane Rooftop Bar. We welcome you to come and celebrate your achievements of the semester with us, welcoming in summer in style!

Semester 1 Social Events

Welcome Event - Celebrate the beginning of the year with the MSLS, welcoming back previous students and new faces for 2023!

Wine Tour - MSLS is bringing back a favourite from 2022, our Wine Tour. Join us on a trip throughout WA's beautiful Swan Valley.

Winter Bar Night - Celebrate the end of S1 exams with the MSLS.

Semester 2 Social Events

Welcome Back Sundowner - Start the beginning of semester two. New students are invited to come down to the café and meet their peers and the MSLS committee.

Themed Party - A mid semester event for students to dress up and take a break from studying.

Bottomless Brunch - A favourite from 2021 we are bringing back!

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