

How can I help my child with pathway planning?



You play a vital role in helping your child to make pathway choices. Your help is important and will make a difference. Your positive support will help your child to take confident steps to the future.

How to help:

- **Ask your child about their Pathway Planning and other learning activities**
Asking questions which need more than just a 'yes' or 'no' answer can give them opportunities to explore their feelings, attitudes and hopes.
- **Look at Pathway Planning career resources and websites with your child**
There will be things that you can share from your experiences to help them to get greater insights. Telling positive stories about your own learning and work experiences can add to their confidence. Your interest and support will help to show how useful Pathway Planning can be.
- **Explore with your child different ways in which they might get to their preferred life, learning or work choices**
If they know that they can have more than one 'go' at something you can help to reduce any anxiety.
- **Support your child's involvement in school and community activities**
They will value these choices more if you are positive about them. All these activities give them chances to learn new skills and to mix with other people. They will give your child more confidence and useful life experiences.
- **Encourage your child to do casual, volunteer or holiday work**
This will give them direct experience of the world of work and what it involves. It will also help them to build networks that may lead to work or career opportunities.
- **Encourage their interests by exploring and going to places that are related to their learning or career interests**
Visiting a learning venue or workplace can help to take the mystery out of their choices. This will help them to make more confident steps towards their chosen future.
- **Remind your child of what they are good at and what they have already achieved**
This will help them to develop a Pathway Plan and/or résumé.
- **Have an open mind about the choices your child might make**
 - Try to provide information about a wide range of choices.
 - Your child's interests may be very different to you own.
 - They need to be supported to make choices that suit their own skills and passions.

There is help available. You don't have to do it alone. Find out who your Pathway Planning Officer (PPO) is and try to see them when you go to a parent/teacher interview. Contact your child's teacher or PPO if you need to know more, or would like to discuss any concerns.

Remember that it is easy to get information from the Internet. You can access the Internet at your local On-line Access Centre or school.



The terms we use:

Career – includes all the roles a person has in life including education, training, paid and unpaid work, family, volunteer work, and leisure activities.

Pathway plan – a tool which can help young people to plan for the future.

Pathway Planning Officer (PPO) – works in government schools, alongside teaching staff, to directly support students in the development of their pathway plans.

Résumé or curriculum vitae (CV) – a detailed written summary of personal details, skills, employment history and educational experiences.

For more information

Talk to your child's Pathway Planning Officer

Phone 03 6233 7091

Visit www.education.tas.gov.au and search for Pathway Planning and Transition Support

Youth Transitions
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