

- Talk to your child about what they are interested in, what they are good at, and what they might want to do as a job.
- Encourage your child to complete Year 12 and think about further education and training options such as vocational education and training (VET) or university.
- It's never too early (or too late) to talk to your child about their future.
- To help your child get off to a strong start and develop good habits, try some of the following tips:
 - » be interested
 - » ask questions – you don't have to know it all
 - » talk to your child about assignments or classes
 - » help your child establish a regular study schedule and provide a space that is free of distractions
 - » encourage your child to be responsible for their own learning (turning up to each class, completing all tasks and assignments, taking the right equipment to every class)
 - » support and encourage your child through all of their successes and setbacks.

WHERE CAN YOU GET MORE INFORMATION?

- Your child's school or senior secondary school.
- Visit the Department of Education website:
 - » www.education.tas.gov.au
 - » www.myfuture.edu.au
 - » www.tastafe.tas.edu.au

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WHY FINISHING YEAR 12 IS IMPORTANT

DID YOU KNOW?

- Research across Australia and overseas tells us that most of the career choices available to young people today require them to complete a post-secondary school education or training qualification.
- Employers agree that in most cases they would rather employ a young person who has a Year 12 qualification than someone who has left school at the end of Year 10.
- Why? Because Year 12 leavers are generally more mature, have more skills and experience and are more valuable to the workforce than their Year 10 counterparts.
- To help Tasmanian students have the very best chance of getting a job and leading happy and healthy adult lives, all students are required by law to continue participating in education or training programs until they turn 17, or until they achieve a Certificate III vocational qualification.
- Finishing Year 12 is a big advantage both financially and socially. The better educated young people are, the more choices they have.

WHERE TO START

- Completing Year 12 or equivalent qualifications should be the aim of all students in Tasmanian Government schools.
- To achieve this, options include undertaking:
 - » a course of study at a senior secondary school or combined (district high) school
 - » a combined course of study with a VET program at TasTAFE and complementary subjects at a senior secondary school
 - » an apprenticeship or traineeship
 - » a training course through a registered training organisation.

FOR STUDENTS

- The sooner you start exploring your options, the better placed you will be to move through school and on to further education or training... and the job you want.
- Think about the types of things you like to do (or not do – which is just as important) and make a short list of two or three jobs that interest you. Then think about the sort of life you want:
 - » What sort of things are important to you?
 - » How will you fund them?
 - » How much money will you need to be comfortable?
 - » What sort of job can you do to make all this happen?

- Make an effort to talk to your parents, your friends, family, teachers, neighbours, the owner of the local shop... whoever it might be! Get an idea of the skills you need for the job you want. Make plans to stay at school or get a qualification.
- Your Pathway Planning Officer will help you to identify programs and experiences that you might be interested in that will help you develop a pathway for your future. There are lots of taster days and Vocational Education and Learning (VEL) programs for you to try, or you might even like to look into doing a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship.
- Remember, you don't have to lock in a decision right this minute. You just need to think and plan ahead to set yourself up with the skills and knowledge you will need to have a great future.
- Don't limit your chances. Give yourself the best chance of success in the future and finish Year 12.

FOR PARENTS

- Planning for Years 11 and 12 can and should start in secondary school. You and your child should be talking to your secondary and senior secondary teachers and Pathway Planning Officers about your child's aspirations and making sure there is a strong connection between secondary school and Years 11 and 12.
- Talk to your child about how important finishing Year 12 will be to them getting a job and having a successful life.