

## Introduction

You want the best for your children. All parents do. You want to support your children as they move through high school and make their first career decisions in their move towards adulthood. It is important that you are up to date with the career journey space and you use quality, timely and accurate information. A lot has changed since you left school and we do young people no service if we provide them with out of date, biased and/or incorrect information.

In general, the most up-to-date career information can be found on the Internet. This handout will walk you through the current 'career space'.



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**Make opportunities to:**

- Have ongoing discussions with your child about their ideas of what they might like to do when they leave school.
- Help them to think of the decision/s they make at the end of school as their 'first step' forward.
- Listen to your child's career dreams even if you think they are unrealistic. Career exploration often starts with a dream.
- Talk with your child about your job (take them to work with you) and your career decision-making experiences.
- Help your child gain awareness of their strengths, interests, values (what's important to them). There are many online quizzes that can help them identify their qualities.
- Talk about things that might positively or negatively influence their career decisions (e.g. your opinion, friends' opinions, length of training or study, income, employment opportunities, the media, etc.). It's important that they understand these influences and manage them positively.

## Where to find information

There are many places to gain valuable and current information that will keep you well informed and able to have a quality conversation with your child. The following will help you start to understand the current career landscape:

### *While still at school*

[Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority](#): The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) is responsible for the development and appropriate delivery of kindergarten through to secondary education in Queensland. Find out about assessments, exams and subject syllabuses.

[Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre \(QTAC\)](#): QTAC provides a one-stop shop for 17 higher education providers in Queensland and northern New South Wales. They calculate students' ATAR and give out offers to students seeking to enter university or TAFE (at diploma level and above).

### *Specific occupation information*

#### *Accounting, Finance and Insurance*

- [You Unlimited](#)
- [Accounting Careers](#)
- [Careers in Insurance](#)

#### *Architecture*

- [What does an architect do?](#)

#### *Careers in Health*

- [First Nations Peoples health workforce](#)
- [Queensland Health](#)
- [My Health Career](#) (can take up to 15 seconds to load)

#### *Construction Industry*

- [Construct My Career](#)
- [CSQ](#)
- [Construction Placements](#)

**Defence jobs**

- [Australian Defence Force Jobs](#)

**Engineering**

- [Engineers Australia](#)

**Information Technology**

- [CSIRO Digital Careers](#)
- [IT Career Finder](#)
- [Information Technology Jobs and Descriptions](#)

**Manufacturing**

- [myfuture](#)
- [Occupation and Industry profiles](#)

**Mathematics**

- [Careers In Maths](#)
- [Australian Mathematical Society](#)

**Mining**

- [Myfuture](#)
- [Occupation and Industry Profiles](#)
- [Australian Mines and Metal Association](#)
- [Minerals Council of Australia](#)

**Performing and Visual Arts**

- [Arts Hub](#)
- [Stage Whispers](#)
- [Arts and Recreation Services](#)

**Police – State/Federal**

- [Queensland Police](#)
- [Australian Federal Police](#)

**Printing & Graphic Communications**

- [Printing and Graphic Arts](#)
- [16 Jobs in Printing Technology](#)



***Project Management***

- [Project Management](#)

***Psychology***

- [Australian Psychological Society](#)

***Real Estate***

- [Real Estate Institute of Queensland](#)

***Racing Industry***

- [Racing Jobs](#)

***Sport and Recreation***

- [Careers in Sport](#)
- [Careers in Sport and Recreation](#)

***Science***

- [Careers that started in Science](#)
- [Careers with STEM](#)
- [Science Careers List](#)

***Surveying***

- [Surveying](#)
- [Queensland Spatial and Surveying Association](#)

***Teaching***

- [Queensland Government](#)
- [Queensland College of Teachers](#)

***Tourism and Hospitality***

- [Queensland Tourism Industry Council](#)
- [Australian Travel Careers Council](#)
- [Workforce Australia](#)

***Veterinary Science***

- [What's it like to be a veterinarian?](#)
- [A career in veterinary science](#)



## ***Training sites***

[Apprenticeships & Traineeships](#)

[Australian Apprenticeships](#)

[Group Training Australia](#)

[Your Career](#)

[Queensland Skills Gateway](#)

[Training](#)

## ***Selected Qld tertiary institutions***

[Australian Catholic University](#)

[Bond University](#)

[Christian Heritage College](#)

[Central Queensland University](#)

[Federation University](#)

[Griffith University](#)

[Griffith College](#)

[James Cook University](#)

[Queensland University of Technology](#)

[SAE Qantm](#)

[TAFE Queensland](#)

[The University of Queensland](#)

[Torrens University Australia](#)

[University of Southern Queensland](#)

[University of the Sunshine Coast](#)





**Labour market information**

[Australian Bureau of Statistics](#)

[Australian Jobs 2023](#)

[Occupation and Industry Profiles](#)

[Jobs and Skills Australia](#)

**Miscellaneous websites**

[Year 13](#)

[Australian Defence Force events](#)

[Australian Qualifications Framework](#)

[Career FAQs](#)

[Enterprise Network for Young Australians \(ENYA\)](#)

[Foundation for Young Australians](#)

**Conclusion**

You will find very valuable and current information:

- On the above websites (online information can change throughout the year so revisit key sites when necessary).
- Read the fortnightly *Options Career Information* bulletin (access through Options Career Information App) sent out through your school.
- Attend [career expos and institutional open days](#)
- School Guidance Officer/School counsellor, VET coordinator