



Career Development Newsletter

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HELPING YOUR TEENAGER LOOK AT CAREER OPTIONS

Navigating career options can be a challenging process for young people, particularly today when there are so many different pathways leading to a variety of career outcomes. I encourage you to start having conversations with your teenager about what they might want to do when they finish school as early as possible. Exploring options early will help them to focus, set goals and prepare for the future. This will also guide them in choosing subjects/courses that are relevant to their aspirations. This can be a daunting process, so here are some tips for helping your child assess their career options and selecting the career path for them.

1. Encourage your child to take a Career Quiz to assess their personality style and the types of occupations that may suit them.
2. Talk to them about what they actually want to do – their ideas about their future may differ from yours, but it is important to remember that a happy worker will always be more satisfied than one who is stuck in a career they do not like. Talk to them about what they are passionate about, as they are far more likely to stick with something if it aligns with their passions.
3. Encourage them to use the internet to research the career paths of people in the public eye or people that they admire. You might be surprised at the route that took them to their final career!
4. Talk to them about your career journey and how you got there. They could also talk to other family members, friends, neighbours and others in your family and employment networks.
5. Suggest that your teen talks with me as the careers advisor and to other teachers at school about what other students have done and how they got there. We might also advise them on other resources and opportunities for finding out about careers.
6. If your teen is specifically interested in a field, help them find potential events/talks that they could attend to find out more.
7. Visit a Career Expo with your teenager.
8. If you can, take your teen to work with you one day, or see if another family member or friend would be prepared to do this so that they can get some insight into working life.
9. Lastly, encourage and coach your young one to 'have a go'. Remind them that people have to start somewhere when launching their careers, even if it means making a few changes along the track.

Opening your teenager's eyes to the possibilities that are out there is important in helping them choose the right path for them. The earlier they start doing this the better!

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IMPORTANT DATES



Sunday 8 April

UWA Health Campus Open Day

<https://study.uwa.edu.au/Events/UWA-Health-Campus-Open-Day>

Wednesday 11 April

Murdoch Teaching and Training Information Evening

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/education-and-teaching-information-evening-tickets-42699374980?aff=Muwe>

Tuesday 17 April

ECU Campus Tour Mount Lawley

<https://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/events/campus-tours>

17-19 April

UWA Year 10 – 11 Student Advisory Sessions

<https://study.uwa.edu.au/Events/Year-10-11-Individual-Advisory-Sessions--17-19-April-2018>

Tuesday 24 April

ECU Campus Tour Joondalup

<https://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/events/campus-tours>

Thursday 26 April

Curtin University Medicine Information Evening and Webinar

<http://news.curtin.edu.au/events/medicine-information-evening/>

30 April

Fogarty Scholarship closes

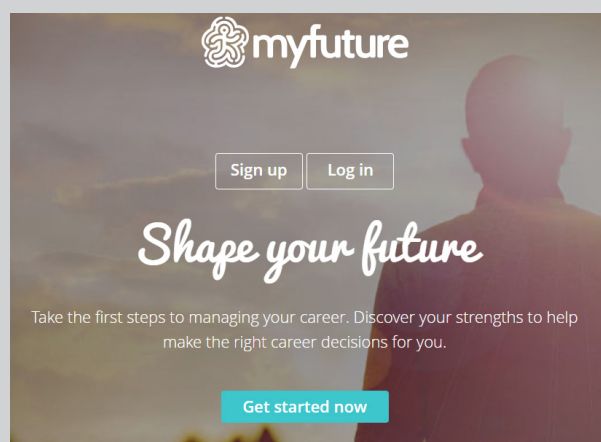
<http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/search?id=268>

FEATURE WEBSITE

MY FUTURE

<https://myfuture.edu.au/home>

As the students in Year 10 and 11 start to make the decisions regarding Subject Choices in 2019 and those in Year 12 start to look at Post-School options the My Future website is a valuable resource in helping young people shape their future. Note: Students from Government Schools are able to use this site free of charge, but must sign up with their Churchlands email address.



FEATURE VIDEO

SKILLSROAD YOUTH CENSUS 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ru8he-jbQYs0>

The aim of the survey was to better understand the hopes, fears and realities of young people living in Australia today and explore attitudes and concerns around career pathways and workplace expectations. The insights gleaned ensure Apprenticeship Support Australia and Skillsroad can continue to provide evidence-based approaches for best practice skills development advice and solutions.



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INTERSTATE UNIVERSITY VISITS TO CHURCHLANDS (Students in Year 11 and 12 only)

- Monday June 11th Monash University 3.15pm to 4.15pm.
- Tuesday June 12th University of Sydney.

Note: I have asked students to express their interest in attending these presentations via a 'Forms' survey. They were sent the link via email.



MONASH University



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY



Booking appointments

The Career Development Practitioner is always happy to book appointments for students with or without parents in order to help support their Career Development, help with subject changes/choice etc. Students can self-refer and parents can book appointments by phoning on 9441 1704. We understand that many parents work full-time and therefore she will endeavour book before and after school appointments where possible. Please be mindful that she is not always available to take phone calls, but messages can be left on her voicemail and she will return them as soon as possible.