

Career pathway training for parents

A tool-kit for schools

Career pathway training for parents/careers is a great way to address the gap between parental aspirations for their children and parental knowledge about Tasmanian industries of the future (food, tourism, advanced manufacturing, health), education pathways to those careers, and to better understand and support their children's career and education aspirations.

More than just one way to share the information.

Empower parents to be involved with your school to deliver career education opportunities to other parents.

Best-practice and innovative career education for parents will involve moving away from an over reliance on traditional forms of information (newsletters, parent information sessions) to interactive forms of information sharing and career conversations. Career education opportunities that aim to inform parental aspirations and raise the value attributed to opportunities are characterised as having the most impact on learning and transition outcomes for young people [reference].

The information and resources presented in this tool-kit are designed to assist school staff plan and organise career events and opportunities for parents/carers. Spending time planning for career events will ensure success and positive outcomes for families, school staff, employers and education providers. The events in this tool-kit were collaboratively ***planned, organised and facilitated with parents.***

In addition to this tool-kit, the University of Tasmania has compiled a number of best-practice materials and tools to support effective parental engagement in schools, it is highly recommended that these be read in conjunction with the resources used in this tool-kit.

Equipping parents to support their children's aspirations: What works?

www.utas.edu.au/equipping-parents

Facilitating School-Parent-Community Partnerships Project

www.utas.edu.au/parent-engagement

Strengthening family and community engagement in student learning

www.utas.edu.au/parents-matter/schools



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Career and education strategies for parents/carers:

Speed Careering for Parents

- An informal way for parents to meet employers and education providers in small groups, and works like Speed Dating restricted to time
- A high intensity session for information sharing with parents and guests



Tours

- Tours provide opportunity for parents/carers to see schools, colleges, VET and university campuses, meet and talk with staff specific to their child's aspirations

Expos

- An informal way for parents/carers to meet with employers and education providers in a large setting
- Expos enable parents/carers to meet and talk with staff specific to their child's aspirations, and are most effective when aligned with students pathway planning activities at school

Morning/afternoon teas

- Morning and afternoon teas are an effective strategy for targeted career and education pathway training for parents/carers
- They can be large or small scale, and planned for specific parents/carers and their families information needs



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Speed Careering for Parents

Speed Careering for Parents is an interactive and informal strategy to broaden and deepen parents knowledge and understanding of specific job requirements for their children, whilst engaging with a range of different positions found within in a particular industry, sector and professions.



Easy steps to plan Speed Careering for Parents:

Step 1: Assemble the organisers

Every successful event needs a group of people to plan and organise it. Gather a small group of parents volunteers to work alongside a school staff member/s to assist with planning and organising. Positive school support is essential providing refreshments at planning meetings, admin support such as photocopying, and a meeting venue. Tap into the wealth of parent skills, networks and contacts that can positively enhance the event.

Step 2: Determine a date

A great strategy is choosing a date that aligns with career education and learning taking place in the classroom. This creates greater opportunity for richer career conversations at home between parent/child.

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Morning/Afternoon Tea

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Suggested websites and information for parents:

Years 11 and 12 and Student Guide

www.tasc.tas.gov.au/students/studying-in-years-11-and-12

documentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/Documents/Year11-12-course-guide-2018_Web.pdf

Tasmanian Certificate of Education

www.tasc.tas.gov.au/students/qualifications/tasmanian-certificate-of-education-tce

Australian School-based Apprenticeships (ASbA)

www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/programs/australian-school-based-apprenticeships

Apprenticeships and traineeships

www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/australian-apprentices

TasTAFE

www.tastafe.tas.edu.au

University of Tasmania

www.utas.edu.au/undergraduate-study/parent

University entrance

www.tasc.tas.gov.au/students/university

Parents Matter

www.utas.edu.au/parents-matter

Grow Careers

www.growcareers.com.au

Skills Road

www.skillsroad.com.au

My Future

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

Bullseye Career Information: school subjects you like and jobs they can lead to

https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/2013_-_bullseye_booklet_update.pdf



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