

Links for Parents

Places To Go And People To See

1. Attend Career Expos and Open Days at school and in the community.
2. Visit training and education institutions and workplaces with your teenager.
3. Attend Parent Evenings and subject selection events at school.
4. Encourage your son/daughter to contact the Career Advisor at school.

Centrelink Career Information Centre

Pacific Square Shopping Centre, 2532 Gold Coast Highway Mermaid Beach Phone: 1800 641 459

This centre has friendly, helpful staff and free take-away Career brochures and booklets, Resume-writing information; Career videos; University & College information; and Defense Forces information and visiting service. There are also computer generated career interest tests available (OZJAC & JIIG-CAL).

Making decisions about careers and exploring the world of work

<http://www.jobguide.gov.au>

The 'Job Guide' website contains information for young people making their first career decisions, and for all those thinking about study, employment options and career changes.

Note: Hard copies can be ordered through DEST.

<http://www.myfuture.edu.au/>

'My Future' is Australia's online career information service with a wealth of useful information on careers, courses, training providers, financial advice, support services, industries, labour market information, awards, scholarship and much more.

<http://jobjuice.gov.au>

'Job Juice' is an easy to use website for young people with tips and useful resources like: Career Quiz, Resume builder, Making decisions at school, Choose a direction, How to get that job, Indigenous section

Life at School

<http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/>

The 'Queensland Studies Authority' website has an informative section for parents, which covers everything to do with your young person's schooling - from pre-school to Year 12. It also answers frequently asked questions and provides links to other relevant websites.



<http://www.cis.qsa.qld.edu.au/>

The 'career information service' is an individualised, online service offering information to help young people and their parents map a pathway to a Queensland Certificate of Education (Year 12) and beyond. It's a one-stop shop with information on careers, what, where and how to study, writing resumes and a link to online job vacancies.

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au

'Australian Apprenticeships' gives you all the information you'll need on what traineeships and apprenticeships are; how you can get one and who to speak to; which industries they're available in; wages and more.

www.aajobpathways.com.au

This website provides overview and detailed Australian Apprenticeships information through Job Pathways Charts and Job Descriptions; job availability per state; job hunting tips and other useful links and information.

<http://www.grouptraining.com.au>

This website gives you information on group training companies, their role in traineeships and apprenticeships, where you can find them and contact details for local group training organisations.

www.grouptraining.ntis.gov.au

This website explains what Group Training Organisations (GTOs) do with regard to apprentices and trainees; the benefits and funding involved with GTOs; gives some case studies and provides contact details for local Group Training companies.

Life after School

<http://www.year12whatnext.gov.au/>

'Year 12 What Next' is a guide to help plan post-school education and training. It includes information about working life in the future, course options and where to get help and information.

<http://www.tafe.qld.gov.au>

This TAFE website is particular to Queensland and covers everything to do with going to TAFE, TAFE courses and Job and Career planning.

<http://www.goingtouni.gov.au/>

'Going To Uni' is a comprehensive guide on going to Australian universities for current and prospective students and their families. It includes information on schemes to help with paying university fees and contributions, courses offered by eligible higher education providers and information on scholarships.

<http://www.thegoodguides.com.au>

'The Good Guides' is a comprehensive database of courses, careers, and education institutions as well as the unique ratings and rankings which helps students choose between them.



Looking for work and learning about work

<http://www.jobsearch.gov.au/joboutlook/>

'Job Outlook' is a great site to find out about job prospects, weekly earnings, type of work and other useful occupational information.

<http://www.jobsearch.gov.au/>

'Job Search' is an Australia-wide jobs site where Job Network Members, Group Training companies and employers advertise their vacancies. Job seekers can also create and post their resumes on this site.

<http://www.trainandemploy.qld.gov.au/>

The Department of Education and Training website is a Queensland - specific entry point to jobs, careers and training, apprenticeships and traineeships, and employment and training government assistance.

General Youth Information

www.thesource.gov.au

'The source' is useful site which covers a wide range of issues and topics for young people. You'll find information, competitions, programs, services, resources and entertainment for young people between the ages of 12 and 25. There is also information and links to other sites about how to manage money, voting, consumer rights, getting involved in the community, using the internet and lots more.

All about Careers

Below is a list of sites and resources where you can find out more about specific careers you may be interested in.

www.getatrade.gov.au

Lists industry skills shortages and has links to industry websites

www.abc.net.au/acedayjobs

Online videos about people working in different careers

www.autocareers.com.au

Careers in the retail automotive industry. Order Top Gear Careers CD

www.bigplans.com.au/home.html

Careers in the building industry.

www.beconstructive.com.au

More about careers in the building industry. Order Be Constructive CD or download a Be Constructive brochure with 12 pages of information

www.careersthathgo.com.au

Careers in science and others such as finance (see A to Z list). Download career profiles, including wages.

www.chef.org.au

Careers in commercial cookery. Download the Chef pamphlet.



www.ee-oz.com.au

Careers in the electrical, electronic and communications industries. Order the Powerup CD.

www.electrotecfutures.com.au

Provides information about career and training opportunities in the electrical, electronic and communications industry.

www.itskillshub.com.au

Careers in Information Technology including case studies of real people working in IT.

www.makeit.net.au

Careers in manufacturing e.g. aerospace, clothing, boats, furnishings, glass, print
Order career information sheets or pocket card. Send an e-card to a friend.

www.plumbingcareers.com.au

Information about in the plumbing industry.

www.questacon.edu.au

Science career information and links to a large range of science websites.

www.ruralskills.com.au/Ontrack

Careers in agriculture, horticulture and animal care, as well as areas like land and park management, the environment, aquaculture and livestock production.

www.zoom.aigroup.asn.au

Careers in engineering and manufacturing. Links to websites of businesses in these industries are provided.

www.zoom2.aerospace.aigroup.asn.au

Careers in aerospace e.g. flight crew, avionics, mechanics.
Links to websites of businesses in these industries are provided.

www.zoom3.aigroup.com.au

Careers in the boating industry e.g. boat building, sail making, fitouts. Links to websites of businesses in these industries are provided.

Accessing Youth Services, Support Agencies and Alternative Education Providers

There are many valuable services provided on the Gold Coast for youth.

Details of these can be accessed through:

- Your son/daughter's school
- The Young People's Help and Information Page in the White Pages
- SCISCO Career Pathways
- Youth Activities Card & Youth Info Card – available at schools and community centres
- Your local community centre
- Gold Coast City Council Website