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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

**A GUIDE TO NAVIGATING THE PATHWAY
FROM YEAR 10 TO UNI**



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IT'S TIME TO PLAN AHEAD

When your child moves into Year 10, the future begins to feel much closer. At this stage of learning they need to start considering their interests, strengths, experiences and subject choices based on the sort of careers that appeal to them.

As parents, we need to:

- acknowledge that adolescence is a complex time for sorting identity and relationships
- help our child appreciate that happiness and performance will come doing things that are fulfilling and relevant to them
- assure them that it is okay to be undecided and that there are a variety of pathways to higher education and employment
- support and congratulate them for having started this journey.

It doesn't matter if you attended university or not, the pathways to university entry have changed considerably in recent years and some of your broader knowledge and experience will be beneficial in supporting your child.

This guide has been created to help you assist your child as they move towards uni and beyond. You can be assured that Flinders University is here to help.

YEAR 10 SERVICES AT FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

At Flinders University, we have many services designed to help your child explore their course and career options. This includes supporting them to undertake the Personal Learning Plan (PLP) component of their SACE.

While parents don't attend these sessions, you can rest assured that they complement the curriculum and personal development goals of schooling. In particular, your child is shown that the personal capabilities being developed at school are strongly aligned to the graduate qualities identified for success in tertiary education and the employability skills sought by employers. This provides them with the purpose and tools to engage in career development.

1. REFLECTION SESSION

In Term 1, Year 10 students are asked to think about the things they enjoyed doing most during their recent summer break. This builds the self-awareness that your child can derive from any life experience to inform their future education and employment choices. Parents can be instrumental in facilitating reflections from other experiences in various aspects of their own and their child's life.

2. PRE-WORK EXPERIENCE

This session is designed to clarify the purpose of work experience and to provide real insights into an actual workplace environment, what employers expect and what does or does not appeal to them. We also spend time discussing how to get the most out of the opportunity and other forms of work experience that they might also pursue.

3. POST-WORK EXPERIENCE

Following your child's work experience placement, this session generates a reflection on the experience and then provides hints on job application and interview skills. Useful social media platforms and other forms of networking are discussed as ways to develop a strategic presence.

4. YEAR 11 SUBJECT CHOICES

During this presentation, your child is introduced to university pathways and related careers. The session covers the variety of entry pathways, prerequisites and assumed knowledge for university courses that could influence subject choices at school. We also provide access to useful online tools that help to explore long-term career goals and contingencies.

5. PARENT SESSION

Usually held after hours at your child's school, this session reviews the new and traditional pathways to gaining a place at university. These pathways are considered in relation to your child and the changing face of work and workplaces. We also provide insights into the expectations of employers and the importance of having a positive online presence.

6. CAMPUS VISITS AND OTHER EXPERIENCES

Schools are able to organise interactive campus visits or other experiences that align with the curriculum and career development requirements of their students. These create familiarity with the tertiary environment through exposure to university students, lectures, workshops and facilities within the university environment.

KEY EVENTS TO REMEMBER

WHAT PEOPLE HAVE TO SAY

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As a parent of a Year 10 student, having access to resources to help with subject selection has been invaluable.

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As a career counsellor I believe it's never too early to start thinking about careers. As new jobs, industries, and opportunities emerge, the choices open to Year 10 students can be daunting; for them and their families. ”

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My parents helped me identify, develop and cultivate my passion and supported my choices in education.

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In addition to the above support that is delivered in school, each year Flinders University offers a range of other opportunities for Year 10 students to learn more about university life and add to their learning plan.

Visit our website or contact us for more information.

ANNUAL CAREER EVENTS

- Adelaide Careers & Employment Expo
- Tertiary Studies & Careers Expo

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY ANNUAL OPEN DAYS

- Our Open Days are held in August each year

OTHER USEFUL RESOURCES

FLINDERS' COURSE NAVIGATOR

The Course Navigator is a tool that finds the link between the things that students enjoy doing and the range of courses or careers they're suited to in just three easy steps. flinders.edu.au/coursenavigator

MY FUTURE

My Future is a website that enables your child to more clearly identify themselves and to explore course and career options. myfuture.edu.au

CAREER CHOICES

A downloadable PDF of “Parents Talking Career Choices” provides you with information about career pathways and how you can help a student to make career decisions. docs.education.gov.au/documents/parents-talking-career-choices-0

JOB OUTLOOK

Covering around 350 occupations, this careers and labour market research site helps students to choose future careers. joboutlook.gov.au

AUSTRALIAN JOBS

This online publication provides national, state and industry overviews of employment conditions and prospects. employment.gov.au/australian-jobs-publication

SCHOOL/PARENT INFORMATION

Further information and support can be accessed at the Flinders University webpage. flinders.edu.au/schools



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