

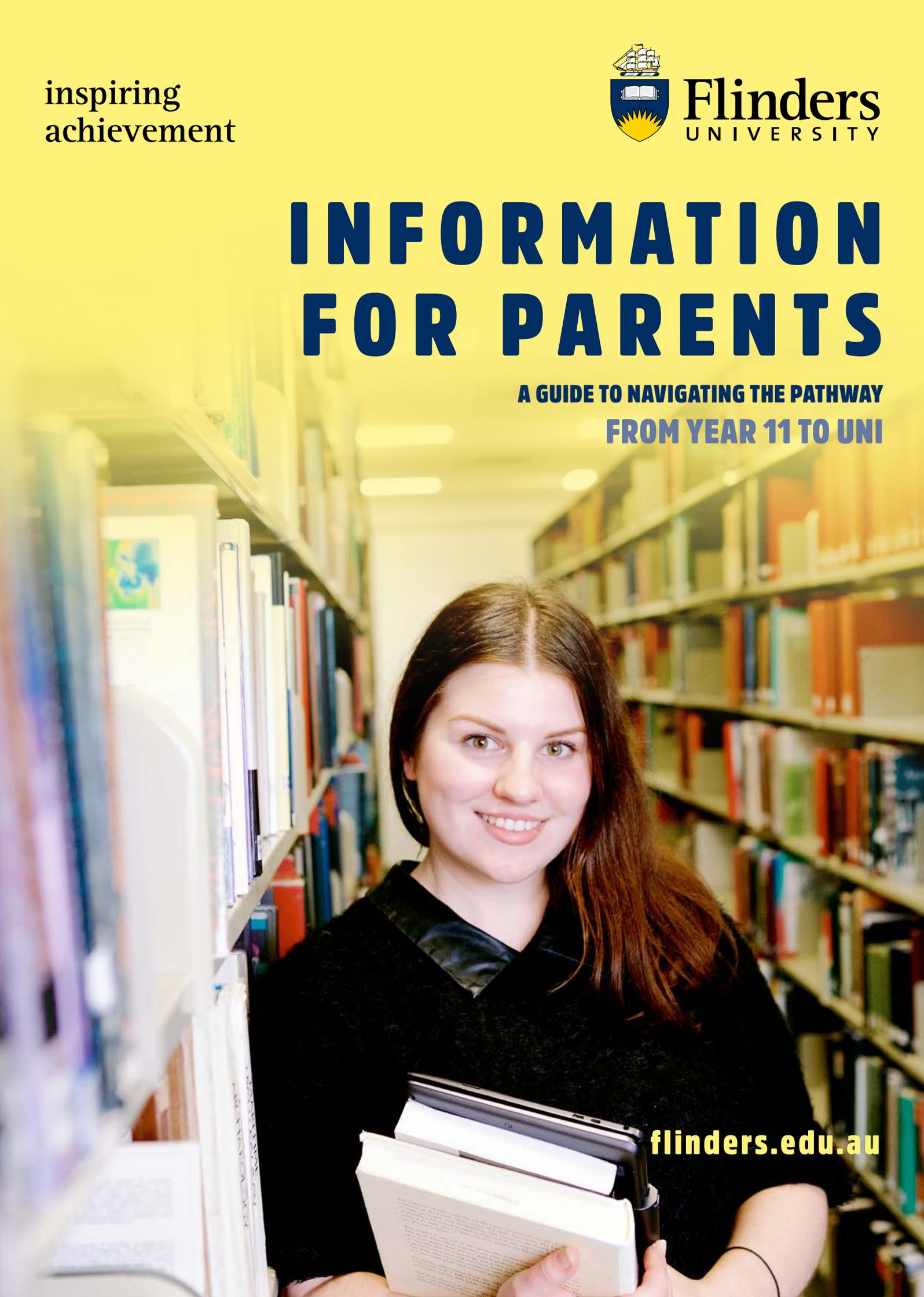
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# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

**A GUIDE TO NAVIGATING THE PATHWAY  
FROM YEAR 11 TO UNI**



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# PREPARING FOR THE NEXT LEVEL

When your child moves into year 11, they continue their career development process by refining subject choices to suit their interests and aspirations. Year 11 is the first stage of gaining their sace.

So, as life after high school is fast approaching, understanding and awareness of direct and indirect pathways to university is needed when making important decisions.

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 simple 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 11 SERVICES AT FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

We have many services designed to help you and your child find the right path. Working in conjunction with schools, we provide Year 11 students with a series of information sessions, usually in the comfort of their school classroom environment.

While parents don't attend all of these sessions, you can rest assured that they complement the Year 11 curriculum and are designed to help your child plan for their academic future. .

### 1. PRE-WORK EXPERIENCE (IF APPLICABLE TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL)

This session examines your child's interests and how they spent the summer break to find links with upcoming work experience placements. We focus on employer expectations, how workplaces are changing, the role of parents in career planning, and strategies for understanding a person's role in the workplace.

### 2. POST-WORK EXPERIENCE (IF APPLICABLE TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL)

Following your child's work experience placement, this session reflects upon what they have learnt about themselves, career options and work. It then provides hints on job interviews, writing cover letters and preparing resumes. Useful social media platforms and other forms of networking are discussed as ways of developing a considered presence in the job market.

### 3. SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

These sessions provide perspectives on the transition from Year 11 to Year 12 and how that relates to pathways towards higher education. They remind your child of the dual need to match academic performance with

development and demonstration of personal capabilities that will underpin successful study and employment.

### 4. DROP IN SESSIONS

Flinders University staff are available to attend your child's school to engage in one-on-one conversations with them. The session might cover discussion of personal decision-making, entry pathways, prerequisites, assumed knowledge and life as a tertiary student.

### 5. PARENT SESSION

Usually held at your child's school after hours, this session reviews the new and traditional pathways to gaining a place at university. These pathways are considered in relation to the changing face of work and workplaces. We 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.

## PATHWAYS TO UNI

At Flinders, helping your child to realise their goals and ambitions is important to us. That's why we have so many entry pathways available, including options through TAFE/VET, Foundation Studies, pathway degrees and adult entry schemes: as well as direct entry from school. To learn more about the many ways students can access study at university level, please visit [flinders.edu.au/future-students](https://flinders.edu.au/future-students)

# KEY EVENTS TO REMEMBER

## WHAT PEOPLE HAVE TO SAY



It's almost like the end of high school is now in sight. The jargon changes, choices have become much more important, and my son has a chance to get out and experience work on placement.



As SACE completion develops, which may include TAFE/VET studies, students will have opportunities to research employment and career pathways. Decisions made during Year 11 can pave the way to defined pathways; but can also keep students' options open.



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



In addition to the above services that are delivered through schools, Flinders University also offers a range of opportunities for Year 11 students to learn more about university life and develop their learning plan in relation to career outcomes.

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

## SACE STAGE 1

Important Stage 1 information with links to higher education pathways. [sace.sa.edu.au/the-sace](http://sace.sa.edu.au/the-sace)

## FLINDERS CAMPUS TOURS

Led by current university students or staff, Flinders provides free campus tours for school groups, families and individuals. [flinders.edu.au/future-students](http://flinders.edu.au/future-students)

## 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](http://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](http://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-talkingcareer-choices-0](http://docs.education.gov.au/documents/parents-talkingcareer-choices-0)

## JOB OUTLOOK

Covering around 350 occupations, this careers and labour market research site helps students to choose future careers. [joboutlook.gov.au](http://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](http://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](http://flinders.edu.au/schools)



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