

Talking about beyond school options with your child

Discussing beyond school options with your child is important in helping them plan for their future. It's a chance to explore their interests, strengths, and aspirations together. It can be hard to know where to start.

To get the conversation started, you could use these questions:

Interests and strengths:

- What subjects or activities do you enjoy the most at school?
- What do you think your strengths are?

Future aspirations:

- Have you thought about what kind of career you might like?
- Where do you see yourself in five or ten years?

Exploring options:

- Have you considered different paths like TAFE, university or starting work right after school?
- Is there a particular job or industry that interests you?

Values and goals:

- What are the most important factors for you in choosing a career? (e.g., job satisfaction, salary, working with your hands or in an office)
- Do you have any long-term goals or dreams you want to achieve?

Concerns and support:

- Is there anything about the future that worries you?
- How can I support you in exploring your options?

Practical steps:

- Would you like to visit some universities, TAFEs or colleges to see what they offer? Or go to a career expo? (Your child's school might offer excursions to these)
- Do you want to talk to our Family Partnership Coordinator at The Smith Family?

Remember, you don't have to have all the answers, and neither does your child. You can work together to find them.