

## Schools and education settings

Schools and education settings are encouraged to provide an opportunity for young people in the ACT to engage in Pathways Planning. The Pathways website is best accessed in a supportive learning or home environment that focuses on helping young people to develop their own Plan. The three Plans on the Pathways website are structured around four key questions that ask young people to consider:

- Who I am and who do I want to become?
- What are my opportunities?
- What are my goals?
- What is my Plan for achieving my goals?

## Parents, carers and support networks

Research indicates that having a plan helps the transitions of all young people from school\*. Many people play an important role in supporting young people with their Plan, and preparing them for future learning and transitions. Pathways provides young people with opportunities to start career conversations. Parents and carers are encouraged to engage in positive career conversations with their child from an early age.

\*Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth 2014

## Sharing the Plan

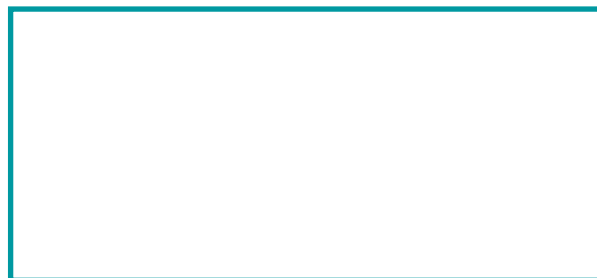
Pathways Plans are developed by the young person and they can choose to share part or their entire Plan via email or in hard copy format with parents, carers, teachers or their support network.

## Careers Help

All young people in the ACT are able to access the help of a qualified careers adviser via the 'Careers Help' form on the Pathways website.



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# Pathways Planning

A website assisting young  
people with their transitions  
and career planning



# Pathways

<https://pathways.act.edu.au>

The Pathways ACT Government secure website assists young people with their career planning and aims to support them in times of transition. The three Plans are designed to meet the developmental needs of young people and provide them with online interactive activities which allow them to reflect on who they are, identify their interests, set goals, practise decision making and develop a Plan. Pathways can be accessed anytime from a range of devices including smart phones, tablets and PCs. Every young person in the ACT is invited to take the opportunity to develop their own personalised career and transition Plan on Pathways.

## Links and résumé builder

All three Plans provide links to quality career development, education and training websites. Both the Pathways Plan (7–10) and the 11–12 Plan feature a résumé builder. Information entered by the young person into the 'My achievements' section is captured to generate a formatted résumé.

### 5–6 Plan

The 5–6 Plan encourages students in years 5–6 to learn about who they are and think about who they wish to become. This is the foundation for young people to make confident, optimistic and successful decisions about their future.

Interactive activities allow young people to develop self-awareness, record their strengths and interests, set goals and develop a Plan. It focuses on assisting young people to make a smooth transition from primary to secondary school.

Although the Plan belongs to the young person, young people are encouraged to share their Plan with supportive people around them.

### Pathways Plan

What young people believe about themselves and their future opportunities significantly influences the choices they make and the degree to which they are able to achieve their goals.

The Pathways Plan has been developed to support young people in years 7–10 to:

- understand there are many pathways to success
- recognise planning is an important factor in achieving success.

The Pathways Plan builds on a young person's knowledge and skills and asks them to explore possible learning/career/life opportunities, set goals, make considered decisions and take action. It can also help them transition to their next education, training or work destination. Pathways can be accessed by all young people in the ACT to help them develop an awareness of the importance of planning for their future.

### 11–12 Plan

Transitioning from year 10 to year 11 and year 12 to post-school destinations are challenging times for many young people. Smooth transitions contribute to a strong foundation for success at school and beyond.

The year 11–12 Plan provides young people with the opportunity to examine their personal, learning, training and career goals, and consolidate their decision making skills. Young people are encouraged to explore their options after year 12 and plan their preferred education, training and/or employment pathway.