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Choosing a career path can be tricky no matter how old you are. The activities involved in making career choices, trying out different options and changing our career paths (and our minds) will become part of our lifelong career journeys.

The thing to remember is that **not** knowing exactly what you want to do isn't the end of the world. Keep focused on finding out and trying options. One thing that can help you to decide on a career path, find a suitable job or choose an appropriate course is career planning.

What is career planning?

Career planning can help step you through the process of choosing a realistic career, deciding the best way to pursue it and then taking action. Like any plan, it provides a more formal way of thinking about your future by writing down a proposed way forward and periodically revisiting your decisions to see how you're tracking. A career plan involves:

- being passionate about what you want to do;
- identifying your skills, goals and interests and then matching a job, course or training program to these;
- researching the range and type of jobs that fit into your area of interest – when you start investigating, it's amazing what different jobs are available;
- developing a strategy to find work or pursue training in your chosen field;
- carrying out your plan.

This may mean putting things into action like applying for a job or course; or may mean reviewing your goals and strategies and planning an alternative course of action.

How do I create and action a career plan?

You can create a career plan by using resources provided by your school or by information on websites.

You can seek assistance from your school careers coordinator or MIPs coordinator.



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My career pathway plan



My achievements so far at school

My achievements so far outside of school

The skills I need to develop further

My employment/career options

Qualifications/training I need for these employment/career options



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My direction in Year 11		My direction in Year 12	
Subjects		Subjects	
VET courses		VET courses	
Work experiences (paid or unpaid)		Work experiences (paid or unpaid)	
My post-school goals			
Barrier/problems I may have to overcome	Strategy	Support available from	
Steps I need to take to make my plan happen			
Alternatives if my goals are not met			