



3 TRANSITIONS AND STUDENT TO WORK ARRANGEMENTS

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Young people need assistance to make successful transitions from school to work or from school to further study. They need sound advice from professional careers advisers, and need to balance their skills, interests and potential with a range of expectations and pressures from parents, peers and friends.

Today, our society tells young Australians, in all kinds of ways, that success is a university degree, a mobile phone, a fancy car, and all the material trappings of life.

Today, we don't tell our children often enough – success is finding what you are good at in life, and giving it your best.

The Australian Government supports young people in making career decisions through a network of 220 local community partnerships, bringing together schools, universities, TAFEs, local government, industry and government services to assist students in trying different occupations through structured workplace learning, and navigating their way from school to beyond.

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through schooling and to help prepare them for the transition to further education, training or work. Assistance may include, but is not limited to, transition planning including help with curriculum choice, development of resumes, job search preparation, and information about the local labour market.

Over the next 12 months the Australian Government will work with career practitioners to develop professional standards and a national accreditation scheme for all careers advisers, including those providing vital assistance to young Australians in schools.

The Howard Government will develop a professional development package for careers advisers comprising a resource manual for careers advisers containing information, advice and practical tools, an on-line professional development programme for careers advisers who seek to develop their skills, and a course elective for careers education to be offered as part of a Bachelor of Education.

Through the *National Skills Shortages Strategy*, the Australian Government will also be directly supporting the provision of quality careers information in the retail automotive and building and construction industries, building on the work done under the National Industry Skills Initiative (NISI).