

PATHWAY PLANNING:

A guide for students

Getting Ready- Be aware of your strengths and skills. Work out what additional skills you may need to focus on before you leave school.

Making a Transition plan with my pathway support team- Talk about the different options available (like TAFE, Private RTO & University courses, Apprenticeships, Employment Options, Volunteer Work and Community Awareness Programs) and what you may be interested to do.

Preparing and Connecting- Attend information sessions, expos, taster days, work experience or workplace visits. Meet the people or agencies that you are likely to need (eg. Disability or Open Employment agencies, Course Coordinators, Disability Liaison Officers, Employers, Activity Organisers).

Be clear about what assistive technology/devices or accommodations you need to participate fully in your chosen pathway.

Leaving school- Ensure you fill in the necessary paperwork to apply for your chosen courses, work or community options.

If applying for University or VTAC courses you may wish to apply for the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS).

Ensure you complete your Disability Support Pension forms, Disability Employment Indicator forms and Employment Assistance forms at Centrelink and apply for a Tax file number if necessary. Other funding may be available depending on your chosen option.

The information presented in this flowchart outlines transition steps and does not cover Futures Funding.

Futures for Young Adults (FFYA) is a joint initiative between DHS & DEECD and provides funding for transition support for eligible students who are funded for support in school.



Further Education-

Each TAFE and University in Victoria has a Disability Liaison Officer (DLO). The DLO can facilitate supports and adjustments to ensure you can participate fully in your chosen course.

Apprenticeships-

There is a Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support scheme which provides funding for tutoring, mentoring & interpreting. Australian Apprenticeship Centres can assist with apprenticeships. www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au

Employment-

Centrelink can organise a Job Capacity Assessment then refer you to an appropriate employment service. A Disability Employment Service assists you in finding work and provide you with support and your employer with incentives.

Volunteering-

Can be a great way to contribute to the community and apply and build on your work skills. This can be organised by the Volunteer Resource Bureau or directly with the organisation you're interested in helping.

Day Programs-

These programs are run by a number of organisations in this region. They offer independent living skills, recreational and social activities.