

Term 2

Opportunity awareness

Six ways secondary school educators can help students to learn about the world of work

The more young people know about the range of career pathways available to them, the better. Help your students develop their career information research skills and learn about what different jobs are like, the types of skills required, and what education pathways they might choose to pursue.

1 Encourage your students to explore myfuture's occupation profiles.



They can search hundreds of occupations to learn about their main tasks, required skill level, salary and job growth prospects.

► [Log in to view myfuture's occupation profiles](#)

2 Have them browse myfuture's industry profiles.



Help your students learn about industries, including top occupations and growth prospects. Help them understand how occupations and industries differ, and how they work together in career decisions.

► [myfuture's industry profiles](#)

3 Suggest they search courses to build awareness of education pathways.

Encourage students to explore courses related to occupations or industries that interest them. This isn't always about *choosing* a course but can be great for expanding their awareness of options.



► [Log in to search courses on myfuture](#)

4 Facilitate informational interviews.

Informational interviews are a fantastic way to better understand an industry or occupation. Connect your students with industry and alumni in networking and mentoring activities.



► [myfuture article: 4 steps to a successful information interview](#)

5 Help your students make the most of work experience.



Work experience is the best way to discover what a job or industry is all about. Spend time helping students to understand and plan for work experience and then reflect on what they learned.

► [myfuture's Work experience toolkit for students](#)

6 Enable their first steps into the world of work.



Part-time/casual jobs and volunteering enhance career learning and employability, and build independence and maturity. Provide students with tips and templates to develop their resume writing and job seeking skills.

► [myfuture's job seeker resources](#)