

STUDENT SERVICES

Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan



What is the purpose of a SET Plan?

In 2006 the Queensland Government introduced laws that require young people to be “learning or earning”. All young people are required to complete Year 10 at school and go on to undertake a further two years of education and/or training, or until they achieve a Senior Certificate or Certificate III vocational qualification, or turn 17, whichever comes first. Young people will be exempt from these requirements if they gain full-time employment. The aim is to encourage as many young people as possible to complete 12 years of schooling or equivalent.

After completing Year 10, students will be able to choose from a broader range of learning options leading to a Senior Certificate (now called a Queensland Certificate of Education or QCE) or a Certificate III vocational qualification. The Senior Education and Training Plan, more commonly referred to as a SET Plan, is designed to map your student’s individual learning pathway through the Senior Phase of Learning.

Students should use the SET Plan process to identify and build on strengths and to work towards the Queensland Certificate of Education, Certificate III level vocational qualification, and/or a viable work option. The self-reflection and career exploration involved in creating such a plan will also assist students to make well informed choices about higher education courses should their career aspirations necessitate completion of a university degree.

On completion, the SET Plan needs to be signed and dated by the student and yourself as parent/guardian. Students will print a copy of their SET plan to take home on Thursday 22 June. Please sign and return early Term 3.

What is a SET Plan?

The SET Plan maps out how your child will work towards a Senior Certificate or Certificate III vocational qualification, and/or a viable work option. You will play a critical role in helping them to discover and plan their personal pathways through education and training, then onto further learning or work options.

The SET Plan is designed to:

- Work as a ‘road map’ to help your child to achieve their learning goals during the Senior Phase of Learning
- Include flexible and coordinated pathway options
- Assist them to examine options across education, training and employment sectors
- Help them to communicate with you and with personnel from the school/learning provider about their future options.

In the plan, your child will be able to identify suitable learning pathways, some of which may be accessed outside the current formal structure of a school. This will allow them to create more options and flexibility in learning. The plan can be altered if your child, with guidance, decides to change direction and explore different learning pathways. Your child should be responsible for the safekeeping of their copy of the SET Plan. We will also keep a copy.

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The Four Stages of the SET Plan

A SET Plan is more than a piece of paper. It is the end product of a good career education process, and involves four stages:

Stage 1: Thinking about the Future

Stage 2: Exploring Options

Stage 3: Documenting the Plan

Stage 4: Implementing the Plan

Your child will need your support to work through these stages. Support will be provided at school, but you will play a critical role in helping them to consider and make decisions about their future pathway.

Accessing Further Information

You can access your student's SET Plan by reviewing the paper copy your son/daughter has printed off. In addition, the resources used to assist them to assess and explore suitable career options are available through the Career Voyage website at: www.myfuture.edu.au

Further links to online resources that may assist can be accessed in the Useful Weblinks section at the bottom of the Student Services Page on the NCC website at:

<http://www.northside.qld.edu.au/senior-school/student-services/>

Please contact us you require further information or assistance.

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