



Our career is no longer linear. We start in one direction and change course several times along the way based on what we learn about ourselves and the 'happy accidents' that occur in our everyday life.

WHERE WILL YOU GO FIRST?

Pathway Goal:

"I want a full time, entry level job when I leave school"

- Be working or volunteering while at school
- Be studying or have enrolled in a Certificate level course
- Undertake work experience (will your study load support this?)

ACTION: Make an appointment with the Pathways Officer (D09) to discuss your work goals

Pathway Goal:

"I want to go to University within 2 years of leaving school"

- Select a minimum of 4 General subjects + 1 Applied / Certificate III or higher course
- Select a minimum of 5 General subjects if want to work towards a higher ATAR score
- Each subject is scaled and influences the ATAR score
- Your top 5 subjects are used to calculate your ATAR points
- Some subjects attract bonus ATAR points (rank adjustments) e.g. Languages, Mathematical Methods
- Completion of a Certificate III course or higher qualification gives a stand alone ATAR score of '68' for a Certificate III, '74' for a Certificate IV. This is a valuable back up plan.
- Study a university subject while at school - can offer guaranteed entry & bonus ATAR points, e.g. CQU Sun Program

ACTION: Make an appointment with the Guidance Officer to discuss your university goals



Pathway Goal:

"I want a traineeship or apprenticeship"

- School based (1 day a week at work) vs full-time apprenticeship and traineeships (left school)
- Students must be QCE eligible and meet senior expectations for school based arrangements
- Electrical pathways need a year 10 Maths, English and Science pass
- School based is not suitable for ATAR pathway students
- Undertake work experience to get your foot in the door

ACTION: Make an appointment with the Pathways Officer (D09) to discuss your work goals

Pathway Goal:

"I want to be skilled to improve my career prospects"

- Select a combination of Applied subjects and VET courses while at school to learn more about occupations and industries
- Undertake Work Experience opportunities to help clarify your interests
- Government offers free and subsidised training for school leavers e.g. Fee Free TAFE, Certificate III Guarantee, Higher Level Skills, Skilling Queenslanders for Work

Pathway Goal:

"I may want to go to University but I don't want to take an ATAR pathway"

- Select a Certificate III course or higher that gives you a stand-alone Selection Rank (Certificate III - '68', Certificate IV - '74')
- Select General subjects that are required as university course prerequisites (check you meet school subject prerequisites; **OR**)
- Enrol in a free Tertiary Preparation Program after finishing school e.g. CQU STEPS program. Successful completion is your pathway into university.