Decisions to be made about career choices can be difficult and challenging for young people. Here are some useful questions to facilitate creative, productive conversations with your child:

- What do you love doing? What are you good at?
- Do you know the entry requirements for the path you want to take?
- My career choices?
- Where can we find information?
- What’s on offer?
- How could you use your skills in the future?

Higher education, be it at university, TAFE, private provider or apprenticeship/apprenticeship, offers your child:
- Better employment prospects
- Experiences and opportunities in an increasingly competitive world of work
- Recognised and respected qualifications
- Access to a more diverse range of career choices
- The chance to make a difference

Start by thinking about passions, strengths and goals. Teachers and career practitioners at school can be a great source of information – they are familiar with your child and can help them think objectively about what they want to do and where they want to go. Explore the myfuture website – it contains a wealth of information for both parents and their child (a good place to start is www.myfuture.edu.au (My Future > Assist your child)).

Tertiary education and the world of work has changed a lot in the past twenty years. Traditional courses and industries have shifted and the range of courses and opportunities is always expanding. Students now have greater access to scholarships, grants, opportunities to travel while they study, leadership and mentoring programs, and the opportunity to tap into highly sought after industry experience as part of their learning. Tertiary institutions and apprenticeship providers, as well as the Careers Advisors in the Pathways Centre at CCCC are always willing to help you find out this information.