VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET)

What you will need:

In order that your young person can remain in contact with their teacher and class – a phone or internet-enabled device may be needed for this purpose. They may need access to the school’s agreed means of electronic file sharing and contact information such as the teacher’s e-mail address. Find out what Learning Management System or document sharing platform your young person’s class will be using.

If possible, provide learning materials and a space for your young person to move or work online.

In addition:

- Each VET qualification has a detailed list of core and elective units and can be found on the training.gov.au website: [https://training.gov.au/Home/Tga](https://training.gov.au/Home/Tga)
- Each teacher will have recorded what units are covered throughout the year – if your learner does not have this then please contact the school.

How you can help:

Vocational Education and Training (VET) is education and training that focuses on providing skills for work. It has both theoretical and practical components to help young people develop new knowledge and skills to help them succeed in the workplace.

Your young person will receive advice from their teachers about practical activities. There will be opportunities for your young person to develop and practice their skills based on the type of industry qualification and elective units they are studying. You or other family members may be able to assist with practical activities, if safe to do so.

Your young person’s VET teacher will identify the units, topics and activities for them to focus on. Regular communication will be important to inform the teacher of progress and provide feedback.
Complementary activities:

Depending on the VET qualification, there are a number of resources and activities that can support your young person to deepen their skills, knowledge and understanding. You can encourage them to:

- Research the qualification that they are undertaking at school and learn about the career pathway this will put them on. My Skills website is the national directory of vocational education and training (VET) organisations and courses. On this site young people can explore an industry they are interested in, or browse through them all to see which one might suit them: https://www.myskills.gov.au/

- Explore career planning, career pathways and work transitions for options after leaving school. Myfuture is the national career information service that allows young people to build a career profile, discover occupations, browse courses, explore case studies and career insights, and discover the world of work: https://myfuture.edu.au

- Investigate career/s within an industry to discover firsthand what working in that industry would be like. Job Outlook has career profiles including future outlook, pay, main tasks and physical and other demands of different careers: https://joboutlook.gov.au/

- Be part of a skills community. SkillsOne.com.au provides information about trades and skills. The online content includes the key elements of lifestyle, career opportunities, positive attitudes and job satisfaction reflected through individuals sharing their experiences, stories and wisdom: http://www.skillsone.com.au/about/

- Consider ways they might interact with their classmates to discuss and reflect on how they are developing and practising knowledge and skills

Links to more information:

- Learning at home on the Department of Education website

1 www.education.tas.gov.au/learning-at-home/