

We understand that the current situation has presented school students with many challenges, particularly in the way they interact with education and training. It has also created some uncertainty around what the future may hold and how to best prepare for life after school. GOTAFE's Youth Engagement Team (YET) would like to reassure you that we are still here to help.

Who are the Youth Engagement Team?

The Youth Engagement Team are experienced pathway advisors who work closely with young people both in and out of education in order to provide information and assistance with vocational planning, pathway mentoring and post-secondary school options.

By considering a young person's interests and experience, the Youth Engagement Team provide recommendations on what study or training options can or should be considered to reach certain goals. They work closely with local secondary schools, tertiary providers and other youth focused organisations to provide a supportive environment for young people to transition smoothly between secondary school and "whatever comes next".

The Youth Engagement Team provides support to young people aged between 15-18 years old. This includes:

- Senior secondary students unsure about their pathway after school
- Year 10 students deciding between VCE/VCAL & VET
- Early school leavers

Support services we provide:

- Secondary and tertiary subject and course advice.
- Assistance developing a personal pathway plan, this includes identifying your goals and key values and recommending qualifications that could be undertaken to help reach your desired vocation.
- Resume support, cover letters and interview preparation.
- Access to assessment tools that can be used to identify your key strengths and transferable skills.
- Advice on full-time and school-based apprenticeships/traineeships
- Enrolment support to students enquiring to study at GOTAFE
- Advice on the DET transition requirements for early school leavers.
- Referral to additional service providers offering welfare support and financial advice.

In keeping with the ever-changing situation, restrictive travel and social distancing, the Youth Engagement Team are adapting and modifying our approach to our current services. Whilst we will hit pause on drop-in appointments at GOTAFE and visits to our local schools, that does not mean we cannot catch up 'face-to-face'. At this time, YET will be transitioning all of our support services to Zoom, email and phone.

How to book in a Zoom/Phone session with the Youth Engagement Team:

1. Email the Youth Engagement Team at youthteam@gotafe.vic.edu.au to request a meeting. Alternatively, please call (03) 5723 6329 and leave your details in a voicemail message.
2. When enquiring, please include the following details:
 - Your Name
 - Phone Number (if requesting a phone call)
 - Year Level
 - Most Recent School
 - Any specific course or career pathway information you are seeking (optional)
3. Your local Youth Engagement Team member will contact you shortly afterwards to arrange a Zoom meeting (via email) or schedule a time to speak over the phone.

These unprecedented times can cause confusing, anxiousness and frustration. Please be reassured that our team will continue to be available to provide advice and support throughout the year. If you need assistance, please reach out!