

MY EDUCATION CONSULTATION GROUP

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In August 2014, the Minister for Education and Training released *My Education* to strengthen the Tasmanian Government's approach to career development in schools.

My Education is a Kindergarten to Year 12 approach to career and life planning that provides students with a strong focus on their future by supporting students to identify their personal interests, strengths, abilities and aspirations and linking these to the Australian Curriculum.

The *My Education* Consultation Group has been established to act as a sounding board and advisory group to the Department. The Consultation Group comprises representation from key stakeholders including the Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations, the Australian Education Union, Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the University of Tasmania.

The Consultation Group's role is to:

- provide feedback to the Department of Education on the development and implementation of *My Education* and resource development for teachers, parents and students
- ensure that stakeholders are informed about the project's progress and have opportunities to provide feedback.

In the first meeting of the Consultation Group, held 26 September 2014, the group was given an overview of *My Education*. The Group discussed how *My Education* could support career development in Tasmania and what additional considerations are required, such as how career development will be articulated and evaluated when embedded within the curriculum.

A discussion was held regarding current information about career development and the world of work. This included recognition of work undertaken nationally, such as the [Australian Blueprint for Career Development](#), the [Core Skills for Work Framework](#) and the draft [Work Studies](#) curriculum.

As the world of work is currently undergoing change, the Group agreed that *My Education* must have a future focus, including supporting students to build resilience and the skills required to navigate their career and life rather than a focus on the attainment of a particular occupation.

Links to career development through the General Capabilities in the Australian Curriculum were also considered. The Group was provided with a draft copy of the *My Education* Curriculum Scope and Sequence for their feedback and to inform ongoing discussions. It was noted that *My Education* would act as the framework to draw together parts of the Australian Curriculum to support teachers to build on the work they are already doing.

The Consultation Group provided feedback on the proposed consultation for *My Education*. As the future of Tasmanian students is a shared community responsibility, *My Education* will require participation from key stakeholders including teachers, parents, students, industry, further education and training providers and the wider community. In light of the draft scope and sequence, the importance of engaging teachers in meaningful, ongoing ways was raised. It was noted by the Group that stakeholders are an importance voice in the development and implementation of *My Education*.

It was acknowledged by the Group that consultation will include focus groups with teachers, parents, students, industry and further education and training providers. Consultation with focus groups will begin in late 2014; with feedback from these focus groups to be used to inform the development of *My Education* and the thinking of the Consultation Group.

It was noted by the Consultation Group that the priority for 2014-15 would be a focus on Year 10 students and teachers.

A potential online tool, which could be localised for Tasmania, was presented to the Group with the opportunity to make comment and provide feedback. Online support will be used to complement the Australian Curriculum and support schools to deliver *My Education*. This tool offers evidence-based online education and career planning for all ages, roles, and levels of involvement in primary, secondary, and post secondary education. This tool could also allow students to connect with further education and training providers and industry representatives, and to link their education and career planning to their choices after Year 12.

Further information about *My Education*, the purpose and membership of the *My Education* Consultation Group is available on the department's website: www.education.tas.gov.au.

The Consultation Group will meet again in November.

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