



MY EDUCATION CONSULTATION GROUP

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The Chair opened the meeting and introduced John O'Rourke who is the new Principal Project Officer for the *My Education* program and outlined the role.

The focus for the meeting was to:

- Provide an update on the *My Education* implementation in schools
- Provide an update on learning resources and curriculum development
- Presentation on eBeacon provided by Scott Harris
- Progress update on the 'Journey' pilot.

An outline was provided of the current progress with the *My Education* program progress. There has been some fantastic work happening in our various schools as they implement the program, using excellent teaching skills to assist students in exploring the future through specific links to what they are currently learning in the curriculum.

The web-based VLE Fronter system is currently being used to assist teachers with the learning and delivery of the curriculum. Parents are able to watch and see what their son or daughter is doing and thinking because Fronter is accessible to any home with the internet. The curriculum resources have links to the ME Online Tool to explore further where their interests and skills may take them and investigate what is involved in any possible career in terms of work expectations and educational pathways.

Recent work has been on transition for Year 10 students and there has been a considerable amount of work done to connect teachers in colleges and high schools in terms of helping grade coordinators and subject area leaders understand TCE and ATAR processes so that from Year 7 students understand possible pathways in terms of subjects that enable them to explore their desired options. The focus is now on the Years 7 and 8 curriculum and presenting various models of implementation and timetabling. Professional learning will be delivered for support teachers and schools to engage students with disabilities in career and life education. Other training courses have been made available for professional learning opportunities for teachers.

The group was advised that the curriculum development for Kindergarten to Year 6 has commenced with resources which will be cross curriculum as with Years 7-12 curriculum resources. There will be two *My Education* Managers appointed soon who will work with the *My Education* Northern and Southern Managers for Years 7-12 to assist and support primary schools implementing the program.



There have been 30 career videos produced in schools recently by a small production company, featuring local people and showcasing a range of industries. These career videos have been uploaded to the *My Education* website for students and teachers to access.

Students participating in pathway planning in Year 11 who access *My Education Online* will obtain the ICT tick for the TCE requirement.

The Beacon Foundation gave a presentation showing a preview of the *eBeacon* platform which is currently a work in progress on the Beacon Foundation website. *eBeacon* is designed to be a teaching tool for years 7-12 students which will offer the following:-

- High impact programs.
- Online mentoring program 'My Road' with a group of modules with industry partners as mentors explaining their pathway is being piloted next month.
- Many resources will be available for Beacon schools.
- Videos on careers and there will also be *My Education* videos.
- A 'Business Blackboard' from industries that can be done online in classrooms, making the curriculum current and relevant.
- Many industries want to connect with schools and communities and show how some industries have changed, for example dairy farming.
- A virtual work experience. Beacon are currently working with Google to make this happen in an online way.

An update was provided on the work we hope to do as a pilot with LINC, with young adults who have left Year 12 or people who are looking at career changes through extending our *ME Online tool* into a post school platform called 'Journey'. A working group will be formed shortly to consider the following:

- What *Journey* will look like and how to customise for the local community to access the online system.
- Benefits for TasTAFE and Universities.
- Look at how to roll out across the State.
- More information on the development of *Journey* and how it will be supported with ongoing maintenance and technical support will be available at the next Consultation Group meeting.

Further information and feedback about *My Education* can be directed to John O'Rourke at my@education.tas.gov.au.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jenny Gale'.

Jenny Gale
Chair