



## Future Pathway Planning

### Tips for Parents

The decision making and transition process for post school options for families can be overwhelming. It can be difficult to know where to begin. Below are some suggestions that you may find useful.

- Make use of Yarrabah senior teachers, therapists and futures coordinator.
- Talk to parents that have been through the process.
- Involve your support network.
- Attend the Yarrabah Expo, other Expo's, open days etc.
- Help your child determine their life goals.
- Start looking as early as possible.
- Take your child with you to visit services, if possible.
- Look at as many services as you can. Then compare.
- Check out their website.
- Take someone with you such as a teacher, friend, carer and or siblings so you can have an honest opinion from someone who knows you and your child.
- Don't be intimidated by time constraints.
- You are advocating for your child's future so don't feel required to choose a service because you are short on time or the provider says that they have minimal vacancies.
- Your child has a right to a placement which suits their goals and support needs.
- Ask as many questions as you can. Ask especially about having trial days.
- Go back for a second or third look around if you feel necessary. Ask more questions.