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## FEVER & Southern Futures Local Community Partnerships

*Working together across Southern Adelaide, the Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island to deliver the Career Advice Australia strategy*

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent's Briefing – This monthly newsletter will aim to provide info on a wide range of programs and services which can assist you to support your child to make a smooth and successful transition through and from secondary school. We hope that this initiative will enable you to become more involved in the exploration of your child's post school options and assist you to help them through this important stage and into their chosen career pathway.

Your feedback and suggestions for topics to include in future editions of this newsletter would be most welcome.

### Skill Shortage Industry Snapshots ...

**Health & Community Services Industry:** Child Care Workers – good employment growth in the last 5 years and prospects remain very strong; around 38% of workers hold a Bachelor degree or higher qualification; good opportunities to work part-time with 48% of workers employed part-time; [www.jobsearch.gov.au](http://www.jobsearch.gov.au) provides links to over 45 child care courses.

**Construction Industry:** Electronics trades / Electricians - large number of electrician jobs available on JobSearch; almost 45% of workers aged less than 35 years; good prospects for full-time employment with just 5% working part-time; the Australian Training website provides links to 85 electronics trades and electricians courses across Australia.

Senior school students are able to undertake **Vocational Education & Training** (VET) accredited preparation courses in these as well as many other industry sectors through a school in their local area as part of their SACE. Contact the Local Community Partnership below for further information on these courses.

### Helpful Resources

Australian Training [www.jobsearch.gov.au](http://www.jobsearch.gov.au) – The Skills Shortages section of this website allows your teenager to map out their career pathway by viewing; occupations in demand, the courses that relate to these occupations and specific job options that are available after completing the recommended training. In addition there are hundreds of career tips and hints to assist.

The **Job Guide 2008** is written and produced for a year 10 audience primarily, although it is also valuable for older students. It is distributed to schools March/April of each year with a copy for each year 10 student and several reference copies. It is also available on the web via [www.jobguide.dest.gov.au](http://www.jobguide.dest.gov.au) The Job Guide provides an in-depth look at a range of occupations, and their education and training pathways. It also gives useful info about how to work out what occupations would suit the young person best, based on their interests and abilities. It aims to help students select the occupation that is right for them and to make sound decisions about selecting courses at school for the following year and future further education/training info.

**Teen Matters Magazine & website - [www.teenmatters.com.au](http://www.teenmatters.com.au)** Did you know 3 out of 4 parents feel overwhelmed by the task of raising teenagers? Teen Matters magazine is for families from all backgrounds. It is published as a quarterly magazine, aimed at parents and families with teenagers, as well as professionals who work with young people. Articles explore many topics, including career and financial advice for parents to help them and their kids make choices. Content covers a wide range of issues, including mental health, nutrition, cyber bullying and internet technology, body image, shyness, friendships and relationships. Regular writers include familiar faces such as David Koch, Noni Hazlehurst, and Dr Michael Carr-Gregg.

### Did you know ...

**Key Competencies** There are several generic skills or competencies considered essential for people to participate effectively in the workforce as these are known as 'Key Competencies'. They include: collecting, analysing and organising information; communicating ideas and information; planning and organising activities; working with others and in teams; using mathematical ideas and techniques; solving problems; and using technology.

**Australian Apprenticeships** - Australian Apprenticeships (often referred to as apprenticeships or traineeships) combine practical work with structured training to provide a nationally recognised qualification and experience. Participants earn while they learn. There are hundreds of different Australian Apprenticeships in all industries. Visit [www.aajobpathways.com.au](http://www.aajobpathways.com.au)

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