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Four ways to help if your child is giving up on school



Worried your child may be giving up on school? Check out the four ways you can help your child to stay motivated and inspired, and access support from their school, to get the most out of their education.

1. It's not too late.

Schooling and education will be a different experience for all young people. It's important to know- it's not too late. You can reach out to your child's school to find support and ideas to help them in school; seek help to re-enrol if your child has left school and wishes to return; or talk to your local regional office to find out what solutions and opportunities are in your local area.

2. Talk to your child's teacher

If your child has lost interest in school, talking to their teacher can help you understand more about your child's experiences at school. You can make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher face-to-face, or over the phone.

You might want to start with some of these questions

- What subjects does my child enjoy most?
- What subjects does my child find most difficult?
- Do you think my child struggles or switches off at particular times during the school day?
- Have you noticed anything happening at school that might suggest my child is having a hard time?
- What can I do at home to help my child's schooling?
- Are there any teachers my child has a strong connection with who could help?

3. Work together to find a solution

Sharing what you know about your child can help your child's teacher better understand what your child is going through. It also means they can understand your child's hobbies, personality and strengths- which can help them create a better experience for your child at school.

- what your child enjoys doing at home and at the weekend
- what your child tells you about their day at school
- how your child is sleeping at night
- any significant changes at home or in your family

4. Contact your local RYES support

The Department of Education's Regional Youth Engagement Service have staff ready to help your child reconnect with their education. They will put you in touch with guidance counsellors and other professionals who can support you and your child.

DoE region	Contact Details
 Metropolitan	Metro.Pathways@qed.qld.gov.au School Community Liaison Officers ph (07) 3028 8166
 South East	enquiries.SER@qed.qld.gov.au ph (07) 5656 6688
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