



### **Preparing students for the transition to work or further study**

This literature review provides a comprehensive analysis of national and international research to assist with the development of an evidence-based model to better support students in Years 8-10.

See - [http://www.thsmithfamily.com.au/webdata/resources/files/FINAL\\_engaging\\_students\\_fullreport.pdf](http://www.thsmithfamily.com.au/webdata/resources/files/FINAL_engaging_students_fullreport.pdf)

### **How Young People are Fairing - 2011**

The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) has launched the How Young People are Fairing (HYPAF) 2011 – the latest report in an annual series on the employment and education situation of young Australians.

See - <http://www.fya.org.au/research/how-young-people-are-faring-2011/>

### **You're probably wrong**

Mission Australia have released their annual National Survey of Young Australian. Check out this great website –if you think you know what goes on the heads of young people - then take this challenge and see if you are wrong.

See- <http://www.youreprobablywrong.com.au/>

### **The nation's shame: A racist education system which excludes Indigenous children**

Neil Hooley, education lecturer at Victoria University, comments on the inequality of indigenous education and calls for reworking the curriculum to be more responsive to the needs of the students and their communities.

See - <http://theconversation.edu.au/the-nations-shame-a-racist-education-system-which-excludes-indigenous-children-3913>

## Guide to services for young women in Queensland

The Department of Communities has published a "Guide to Services for Young Women in Queensland". The guide contains information on services specifically designed for young women, dealing with issues such as housing, health, legal and education. There are statewide services, as well as local youth services located throughout Queensland.

See - <http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/women/>

## Equal Work, Equal Pay

Prime Minister Julia Gillard announces to a packed and very excited meeting of ASU members that the commonwealth will support our bid for Equal Pay and Queensland rates for all.

See - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9G3yGPhiKq4&feature=share>

## Refugee and migrant young people with caring responsibilities: what do we know?

Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria, the Centre for Multicultural Youth and Carers Victoria have produced this paper exploring the effects of caring responsibilities upon young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

See - <http://www.cmy.net.au/Assets/1783/1/RefugeeandMigrantYoungPeoplewithCaringResponsibilities.pdf>

## Teen Parents made to finish school

A trial program will see 4000 teenage parents forced to finish Year 12 or risk having their welfare payments cut off after laws were passed recently in parliament.

See - <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/more-news/teen-parents-made-to-finish-school/story-fn7x8me2-1226204068943>

## Education investment essential in moving towards a fair state

The announcement of a 'Queensland Education Trust' by the Queensland Government is a positive move for our state. The government has pledged half of its future royalties from liquefied natural gas to a multi-billion dollar education fund for future generations. It appears that the investment is intended for all levels and types of education and training which is positive.

See - <http://www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au/gi/consultation/205/view.html>

## Scientists shed light on self-harm trends

Researchers have found one in 12 Australian teenagers engage in self-harm practices but most stop the behaviour as they grow older.

See - <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2011-11-18/scientists-shed-light-on-self-harm-trends/3681086>

## Give kids a chance

The 'Give kids a chance' report from Wesley Mission recommends additional support for young people in planning for their futures.

See - <http://www.wesleymission.org.au/Research/Kids/Research.asp?zbrandid=2039&zidType=CH&zid=2289968&zsubscriberId=502820960&zbdom=http://aracy.informz.net>