



# Parent Tip Sheet 1. Preparing for Secondary School

## When choosing a secondary school:

- Visit the *Find a School* website at [www.education.vic.gov.au/findaservice](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/findaservice) or [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au)
- Visit school websites
- Attend parent information sessions and open days
- If you miss the open day, call to make an appointment for a tour
- Think about how your child will travel to and from school
- Find out what facilities and resources the school offers– are you comfortable with the ‘feel’ of the school?
- Find out what the subject choices are.
- Are there specialty programs to meet your child’s needs, interests or talents?
- Ask if the school offers Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) in the senior years?
- Find out what help is available if your child requires English as a Second Language support
- Find out what additional support is available at the school – for example for students with a disability
- Read the school’s latest annual report and newsletters
- Understand school policies on homework, discipline and uniforms
- Ask about how you can get involved.

