

# Kurri Kurri Learning Community Career Education for Young Learners

## What will I be when I grow up?



**How many police, pilots and fireman have played in your house?  
Young children love to fantasise about their futures and imagine themselves in brave or adventurous roles. They love to dress up and role play in a range of community or familiar occupations.**

**As they grow older children's career selections will become more realistic but for the moment, to dream, act and play is to create possible, positive futures!**

**Why does Career Education matter, when you're only 4?**  
During these impressionable years children develop many attitudes and understandings about the world of work based on what they see, hear and copy around them.

To give children the best opportunity for the future we need to set them on the right path now!

### IDEAS FOR PARENTS

Help children to understand that school is important for them. School is where they will learn to:

- read, write and count, which are skills they will need for all aspects of their lives,
- be part of a team and get on with others,
- be responsible and reliable
- become productive citizens and
- develop an understanding of the careers in their community.

Be positive about the world of work, learning and school life.  
Be optimistic about their future.

Explore jobs and work as you read stories and watch TV together.

Encourage a strong work ethic through age appropriate responsibilities. Have high expectations for their success.

Take advantage of all opportunities to discuss the jobs that people do in our community. Talk to your children about their interests and help them to imagine themselves in that job.

**Keep the discussion going!**

