YOUR FREE GUIDE

TOP TIPS TO TACKLE LIFE AFTER YEAR 12

(WITHOUT THE STRESS)





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Why This Matters (In 30 Seconds)

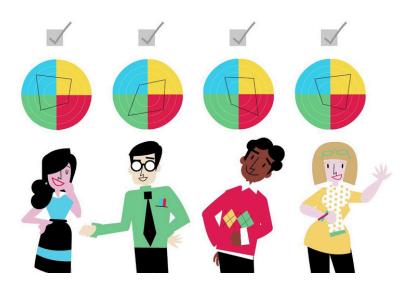
Your brain has preferences - just like you prefer certain foods or music. Understanding how YOUR brain works best can help you:

- · Choose study paths that feel natural, not forced
- Find careers that energise you instead of drain you
- Explain your choices to parents without the drama
- Build confidence in what makes you unique

The problem? Most schools treat all brains the same. Result: 75% of workers are disengaged from their jobs because they're in careers that don't match how their brains naturally work.

CHAPTER TWO

The 4 Thinking Styles



The Analyser (Blue Brain)

You love: Logic, facts, problem-solving, understanding how things work

School vibes: Math, science, tech subjects feel natural.

Career matches: Engineering, IT, research, finance, data analysis.

Study hack: Ask "why" and "how" questions, create logical

frameworks.

The Organiser (Green Brain)

You love: Structure, planning, clear instructions, details, reliability. **School vibes:** You take organised notes, follow directions and likely enjoy Economics, Geography or languages

Career matches: Project management, healthcare admin, accounting, operations.

Study hack: Create structured notes, break tasks into steps, use checklists.

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The Connector (Red Brain)

You love: People, relationships, teamwork, helping others, emotional connection.

School vibes: English, humanities, group discussions energise you. **Career matches:** Teaching, counselling, healthcare, HR, customer service.

Study hack: Study in groups, discuss material, relate concepts to real life.

The Creator (Yellow Brain)

You love: Creativity, big-picture thinking, experimenting, possibilities.

School vibes: Art, creative projects, "what if" questions excite you.

Career matches: Marketing, design, entrepreneurship, entertainment, innovation.

Study hack: Use mind maps, look for patterns, connect ideas creatively.

Most people are a mix of 2-3 types - that's totally normal!

Quick Self-Test: What's Your Brain Type?

When learning something new, you prefer to:

- A) Understand the theory behind it (Blue)
- B) Follow step-by-step instructions (Green)
- C) Discuss it with others (Red)
- D) Experiment and find your own way (Yellow)

Your worst nightmare would be:

- A) Making an illogical decision (Blue)
- B) Dealing with chaos and unclear expectations (Green)
- C) Working in a cold, impersonal environment (Red)
- D) Being stuck in a boring routine (Yellow)

- Ds The Creator Yellow Brain
- Cs The Connector Red Brain
- Bs The Organiser Green Brain
 - As The Analyser Blue Brain

Results:

Red Flags: When School Doesn't Match Your Brain

If you're struggling, it might not be you - it might be the mismatch:

Blue Brain in Red Classes

- · English feels touchy-feely and subjective
- Game Plan: Look for analytical elements, focus on structure and logic in arguments

Green Brain in Yellow Classes

- Art or creative subjects feel too open-ended
- Game Plan: Create your own structure, break projects into clear steps

Red Brain in Blue Classes

- Math/science feels cold and disconnected
- Game Plan: Find real-world applications, study with others, relate to human impact

Yellow Brain in Green Classes

- · Business studies feels rigid and boring
- Game Plan: Look for innovation opportunities, think about future possibilities

Your Path After Year 12 (It's Not Just Uni!)

University

Best for: Blue/Yellow quadrant thinkers who love theory and big-picture thinking.

Consider if: You want to dive deep into subjects, research, or need specific qualifications.

TAFE or Vocational Education and Training (VET)

Best for: Green/Red quadrant thinkers who prefer hands-on, practical learning.

Popular paths: Trades, healthcare, IT, hospitality, creative industries.

Bonus: Earn while you learn, get real experience.



CHAPTER FIVE



Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Best for: Green quadrant thinkers who learn by doing.

Benefits: Paid training, mentorship, guaranteed job prospects.

Fields: Construction, automotive, beauty, business, tech.

Gap Year/Travel

Best for: Yellow/Red quadrant thinkers still exploring options. **Smart moves:** Volunteer programs, work experience, skill

development.

Start Your Own Thing

Best for: Yellow types with big ideas.

Options: Freelancing, online business, creative ventures.

How to Talk to Your Parents (Without the Drama)

Understand Their Fear

Parents worry about:

- Financial security (will you earn enough?)
- Wasting your potential
- · Making the "wrong" choice
- · You struggling or failing

Frame It Right

Instead of: "I don't want to go to uni, it's boring" **Try:** "I learned how my brain works - now I'm looking at paths that make more sense for me"

Instead of: "TAFE is easier" **Try:** "This pathway gives me practical skills and industry connections whilst I earn"

Use These Conversation Starters

- "I've been thinking about what kind of workplace I'd thrive in..."
- "Can we research some successful people who took different paths?"
- "What if we looked at job satisfaction stats, not just salary?"
- "I'd love to do some work experience to test this out"

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Bring Evidence

- Share this guide with them
- Show career satisfaction data
- Find success stories of people in the area you're keen to work in
- Suggest you both take HBDI assessments

Compromise Ideas

- Take a gap year to explore before committing
- Start with a diploma that can lead to uni later
- Try part time study while working
- Do work experience in different fields



Your Next Steps (Choose One!)



- 1. Take a proper assessment (like HBDI®) for detailed insights. It only takes 25 minutes and can be done online anywhere, anytime.
- 2. Research 3 career paths that match your thinking style.
- 3. Try work experience in fields that interest you.
- 4. Have "the conversation" with your parents using these tips.
- 5. Connect with people working in careers you're considering.

CHAPTER EIGHT

The Bottom Line

There's no "right" path after Year 12 - only the right path for YOUR brain.

- University isn't the only option (and isn't always the best option)
- Your thinking style affects everything from study methods to career satisfaction
- Understanding yourself gives you confidence to make better choices
- · Most career unhappiness comes from brain-job mismatches

Remember: The goal isn't to find the "perfect" path - it's to find a path that works with your brain, not against it.





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