



Speaking from Experience Families & Chronic Illness

Transcript for chapter 7 of 8: Looking to the future

Jessica and Alister (age 17 and 18, respectively, both cared for grandfather): My future's going pretty good now. I'm on track with footy. I drifted off a bit and came back on. But it's going pretty good now.

Jessica and Alister: My future, I reckon it's going good. I'm doing a course. I drifted off the same as well. I didn't want to do anything. I was upset and stuff, but now I'm doing it for him, because he always wanted us to go somewhere in life.

Shiralee (age 22, cared for father): Feeling myself is pretty good, because I can do a lot more stuff because I'm older. I can do what I always wanted to do - which is cooking. That's what I always wanted to do. And that's what I'm doing now.

Tianna (age 14, cared for grandmother): I want to be a childcare worker, like at a childcare pre-school sort of thing.

Jandarmarra (age 11, cared for grandmother): Probably be a singer or something.

Lisa (age 14, cared for grandmother): I haven't really decided on what I want to be, but yeah... I don't know.

Sheridan (age 16, parents with illness): Um, I want to be a professional dancer, through Aboriginal dancing, Aboriginal contemporary. Yeah.

Aaron (age 17, cared for grandparents): I went to a job agency yesterday and they hooked me up with a pre-apprenticeship for bricklaying. That's a seven-week course. I've got to go to School's West on Tuesday; they're going to enrol me.

Jessica and Alister: You have to be committed and dedicated to it, if you want to go far.

Sheridan: It is a bit nerve-wracking, but I'll get through it, like everything else I do.

Shiralee: As my mum always said to me, just think positive, do what you want to do, and don't tell anyone what you don't want to do. Just say to yourself, "I'm going to do it." And just don't back down from it.