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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Australia. I just finished primary school in Denmark and am now considering what my next step should be. I'm fluent in danish. What educational path would you recommend for me?

Thanks for sharing your background—it's great that you're already thinking seriously about your next step. Since you're 16 and have just finished primary school in Denmark (which usually ends earlier, around age 13–15), it sounds like you may have completed *Folkeskolen* including 9th or 10th grade. Based on the Danish education system and your unique situation, here are a few good paths you might consider:

🎓 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

This is the most common next step for academically inclined students, especially if you're considering higher education in the future.

Options:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – General upper secondary, good for university preparation, wide subject range (sciences, humanities, languages).
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, marketing.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on science, technology, and innovation.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – A 2-year alternative, more flexible and often better for those who prefer a more mature or practical approach.

Recommendation: If you're academically strong and want to keep your future options open—especially for university—**STX** or **HTX** are great. If you're into business or entrepreneurship, **HHX** is worth considering.

🔧 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - VET)

If you're more into hands-on learning and want to enter the workforce sooner, or want a practical path with a clear career, this could be a fit.

Includes training for careers such as:

- Electrician, carpenter, chef, mechanic
- IT technician, dental assistant, and many more

You can later combine this with further education or move into higher professional training (e.g., **Erhvervsakademiuddannelser**).

Recommendation: If you're eager to work and want to gain experience early, this can lead to well-paying and in-demand jobs.

3. International Education / IB (International Baccalaureate)

Given your Australian background, you might be interested in a more international environment.

Pros:

- English-based education
- Recognized internationally, including in Australia
- Often leads directly to international universities

Recommendation: If you're considering studying or working outside Denmark (especially in Australia), or want a more global education, **IB** is a great fit.

4. Gap Year / Efterskole / Folk High School

If you're unsure or want to explore more personal development first:

- **Efterskole** (if you haven't done it already) – Usually for 9th or 10th graders, but some offer courses for 16-year-olds.
- **Højskole (Folk high school)** – Often for students 17+, but some accept younger; focus on personal growth, arts, social issues, etc.
- **Travel or exchange programs** – You could spend time in Australia to connect with that side of your heritage.

Final Thoughts:

Since you're fluent in Danish and have Australian roots, you're in a great position to move between cultures and educational systems. Here's a short decision guide:

Interest	Recommended Path
Academic/university-focused	STX / HTX / IB
Business or entrepreneurship	HHX
Hands-on and practical learning	VET programs
International opportunities	IB or exchange programs
Not sure yet	Gap year, Efterskole, or Højskole

If you tell me more about your interests (subjects you like, hobbies, career ideas), I can give you a more tailored recommendation!