**Autism Hub - Vignette - How Does Your Family Encourage You**

**TRANSCRIPT**

- My mum really likes me to, I guess, push towards my dreams and my dream being obviously going to work on a cattle station. She's always pushed me to obviously work harder in that department. But while also obviously keeping a steady education, but yeah, she'll make sure I have something to do. She lets me go out and just work over the weekend.

- Lots of stuff. My brother doesn't really do a whole lot cause he's my brother and mum is probably the most vocal of all. She'll drive me places. She'll say, "Oh my God, you did so well Emma." Yeah, she's just like the big supporter and she's got me through a lot of stuff. Dad's less vocal about it. He's really, really good at doing, showing how he loves you and how he's proud of you through his actions.

- Most of the time they treat me the same as they would treat anyone else. They don't treat us like children, they don't like try and cater to the things that we want. They treat us like adults. And I think that's the best thing you can do as a parent because I don't know, I guess it helps you learn.

- My family encourage me by telling me that effort is more important and they just get me to do my best, to not have to worry about making it perfect. And they just get me to follow what I'm good at.

- They help me with like assessments sometimes, make sure that I'm not falling behind in school. Stuff like that, yeah.

- The things that they do to encourage me are basically just like, of course they love me and they are a very protective family. So they're very supportive. And they tell me never to give up and to stand my ground and be the person I want to be and follow my dreams, and the pathway that I want to go for the rest of my life.