



Students in Focus: Doorways 2 Construction Program

Mrs Shivvaan, with both Mr Daw and Mr Sheedy, recently had the pleasure of visiting the Doorways to Construction students as they continued to renovate a local property. Meadow Dinedios is one of the Doorways to Construction students, and she happily agreed to answer some questions for this Careers News.

Tell me a little about the Doorways to Construction Program. What does a typical week look like for you?

Doorways Construction program is where students who are interested in the trade life can join this program to explore all trades, at doorways we explore lots of different trades including, electrician, plumbing, painting, fencing and a lot more. A typical week for me will be at school from Monday till Thursday, in that week we have 6 lessons of doorways studies to finish out theory work. We then will go to our housing property every Friday at 8 in the morning.

What inspired you to pursue vocational study in construction, and how has your perception of the industry evolved since you began the program?

At first, I always loved houses and the way they are structured, originally, I was interested in being an Architect. I then did work experience with a carpentry company to see how carpentry was, because I love building things, like houses. I really enjoyed doing the work experience and wanted to join the doorways program. Doorways has provided me with a basic knowledge in carpentry and construction and has increased my view on it as a future career. I have started to develop more skills within doorways including leadership, resilience, and strength.

Can you share a specific task you've worked on in your during the program that challenged you the most, and how did you overcome it?

What challenged me the most was cutting the gyprock sheeting's, the most challenging part for me was using the Stanley knife to neatly cut a straight line in the gyprock. I always accidentally go off with the cutting and it's not a neat straight line and gets me frustrated within

myself. I overcome this issue by asking either Mr Thursby or Leigh for a hand on how to have more control over the Stanley knife.

In what ways do you feel the Doorways Program is preparing you for potential future career paths in the industry?

I feel the Doorways program is preparing me by providing me with the basic knowledge on how to use power tools, tools, machine, and how to do certain type of trades. It is also preparing me for the work force and showing me what a normal day at work would feel like.

As you progress through your program, have you discovered any specific areas within construction that you find particularly intriguing or that you might like to specialize in?

Yes, I have, I really enjoy doing carpentry and construction. I would like to specialise in carpentry and construction. I also very much enjoy doing demo work, potentially even specialize in demo and how to do it the safest and most effective way.

Do you have any advice for other students who might be interested in the program?

I say if you're interested in doing the Doorways program but you're not sure what trade you want to go in, do the program. Doorways will help you with understanding all the different trades. It is also a lot of fun to do with your mates and get away from school for a day.



Aquinas College Presentation

Aquinas College was established in 1950 by the Catholic Bishops of Adelaide and Port Pirie to cater for students from the country areas of South Australia attending the University of Adelaide. Since that time international and interstate students have joined the College Community and students also attend the University of South Australia and Flinders University. Dr Sarah Moller will be at Samaritan College on **Wednesday 19 June at 2:30pm** to present to Year 12 students about Aquinas College and the application process.

If you are interested in attending this session, please email or SEQTA DM Mrs Shivvaan.

BAE Systems Work Experience Opportunities

Are you thinking about completing a trade or pursuing a future career in STEM? Boost your career trajectory by undertaking a structured work experience program with BAE Systems Australia.

BAE Systems offer STEM work experience opportunities for Year 10 students. Participants work in teams on a project to develop, operate and maintain a virtual amusement park. Under guidance from engineering and project management teams, the students work through several training modules including digital design, 3D printing, workplace safety and electronics construction.

In addition, BAE Systems also offer trades work experience at their Osborne Naval Shipyard for Year 10, 11 and 12 students. We provide hands-on tooling experience to students who will develop and complete a small project under the supervision of experienced tradespeople. This four-day program runs from Monday to Thursday, and we can accommodate up to five students per week. Opportunities are currently available from Monday June 24 through to the end of October.

Priority for our trades work experience program is given to school students in Years 11 and 12, however we will also consider Year 10 students.

See the [BAE Systems website](#) for further information.

Zoos SA Careers Day opportunities

Term 2 2024

Adelaide Zoo and Monarto Safari Park

If you have students passionate about wildlife and interested in a career with animals and conservation, they can join us for one of our Career Awareness Days in 2024.

We are excited to be offering the program from both Monarto Safari Park and Adelaide Zoo in Term 2.

These special full day events give students an unique opportunity to learn all about the variety of careers that are needed to keep our sites running.

The Zoo Learning teams will introduce students to a range of guest speakers from animal care to horticulture, marketing and administration, as well as investigate training pathways to animal-related careers.

Open to students in Years 10, 11 and 12.

All day events from 10:00am – 3:00pm (Adelaide) and 10.30am – 3.45pm (Monarto).

\$49.90 per student.

<https://www.zoossa.com.au/careersday/>

PARTNERSHIP

The Department for Correctional Services has engaged in a partnership with AFL Sports Ready (AFLSR) to help support and provide mentoring to the selected school-based trainees.

Together, DCS and AFL Sports Ready will ensure to:

- Provide a safe working environment
- Support formal training
- Provide structured on-the-job training
- Provide supervision and support

Please consider a school-based traineeship pathway with CEG and DCS if you are entering year 11 or 12 in high school.



HOW TO APPLY

Please apply online at

Career Employment Group
<https://www.ceg.net.au/jobs/>

We encourage all those who are eligible to please apply.

Department for Correctional Services

ABORIGINAL SCHOOL-BASED TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM



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WHY BE A TRAINEE?

The School-Based Traineeship Program will provide:

- Paid employment/work experience
- Professional development
- On the job training
- Obtain a **Certificate III in Justice**
- Get school off one day a week to work with a Department that betters the community.

The School-Based Traineeship Program hopes to lead students to further employment opportunities following the completion of their traineeships and schooling.

REQUIREMENTS

Identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person (confirmation of Aboriginality may be requested).

Entering year 11 or 12 in high school.

ABOUT THE ROLE

The School-Based Trainee will be supported in order to develop skills to:

- Deliver a range of administration functions that support Branch/Unit operations
- Produce data records (electronic and manual) that are up to date, by accurately preparing and entering new information
- Answer enquiries in a timely and professional manner
- Participate and contribute to the Branch/Unit team
- Contribute to the delivery and maintenance of efficient work practice and processes

Apprenticeships vs university - Finding what's right for you

When it comes to planning your future career, there's always more than one road to success. While university is usually the most popular route, an apprenticeship can be a practical and rewarding alternative. Let's explore the advantages of starting an apprenticeship vs heading to university, and why it might be the right choice for you.

Benefits of apprenticeships over university

While university is a great way to become qualified for some careers, it's not for everyone. And these days, there are apprenticeships available in a huge number of industries, from construction and hospitality to business and arts.

Hands-on learning experience

Apprenticeships are unique in the way they offer a hands-on approach to learning. Instead of spending most of your time in a classroom, you'll have the opportunity to work directly in your chosen field. This means you'll gain practical skills and experience right from the start and is a great way to apply what you learn in real-world situations.

Earn while you learn

Perhaps one of their biggest benefits is that apprenticeships come with a pay check – you're essentially being paid to learn and grow in your chosen career. This can be a huge advantage over university, where you'll need to find a job on the side if you want to earn some cash, or in some cases undertake unpaid placements to become qualified.

Early career progression

In many apprenticeships, you'll have the chance to work alongside experienced professionals right from the first day, leading to faster advancement in your career compared to a traditional academic route. You can start building a network and making valuable industry connections that might come in handy down the track.

A direct path to employment

Lots of apprenticeships come with a direct pathway into a job. Many employers who offer apprenticeships end up hiring their apprentices as full-time employees after they complete the program. This means you could have a job waiting for you at the end of your training period, which isn't always the case with a university degree.

Is an apprenticeship right for me?

If you thrive in a hands-on environment and prefer practical learning over traditional classroom settings, an apprenticeship could be perfect for you. But don't forget your apprenticeship will still involve some study too – plus, you'll be committing to a real job and all the responsibility that entails as well. This includes turning up on time, doing what you're asked, and adding value to your workplace.

For some people, university might be a better fit – and that's OK too. If your dream job requires a specific academic qualification or demands a deep theoretical understanding, you'll need to study. You might find you learn better in an academic setting rather than getting hands-on, and university will be a better choice in this case too.

Learn more

Remember, your decision should be based on your goals and learning style, not what someone else thinks is best for you. And if you try one pathway and decide it's not for you, it's never too late to try something else.

Upcoming Events

Adelaide Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo 2024

June 30 to July 1

Get free expert advice at the Adelaide Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo, TSCEA incorporating the South Australia Work & Skills Expo for your transition from education to employment.

TSCEA provides a fantastic opportunity to find all the information you need to kick start or redirect your career and find information all under the one roof!

TSCEA is suitable for a range of visitors including:

- High school students and their parents,
- Mature age and post graduate students,
- Career seekers of ALL ages,
- Employers looking for staff training.

[Find out more](#)

STEM + X Webinar Series: Maths & Data

May 29

Maths is the language of science and engineering. Whether you're working on developing new technology, conducting research, or solving problems in any field, you'll need a strong foundation in maths to be able to understand and work with complex concepts and solve problems.

Join this free webinar to explore how you can combine a study in Maths with your 'X', which is your passion, another area or a big goal.

[Find out more](#)

Job Spotlight

Music Therapist

Music therapists work in health-related fields, treating clients of all ages from babies through to the elderly, and assist with varying problems and disabilities. Music therapy can be used to help patients with developmental, cognitive, neurological, or physical disabilities, from speech and hearing impairments to psychiatric disorders. Sometimes the therapeutic benefits of music are simply used to bring relaxation and enjoyment to patients with long-term physical or mental health problems.

If you are empathetic, passionate about music, and love helping people, working as a music therapist could be a very rewarding career to consider.

What skills do I need as a music therapist?

- Caring & empathetic
- Passionate & dedicated
- High level of musical proficiency
- Creative & intuitive
- Great imagination
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Non-judgmental & flexible
- Great communicator

What does the job involve?

- Meet with clients to assess their needs
- Plan & design customised music therapy sessions
- Provide instruction & motivation to clients
- Analyse & measure clients' progress
- Adapt plans or goals if needed
- Write progress reports & provide feedback
- Liaise with other health professionals

What industries do music therapists typically work in?

- Health Care & Social Assistance

- Education & Training
- Public Administration & Safety

How to become a music therapist

Music therapists typically need to complete a recognised training program, which can range from several months to several years in length, depending on the level and complexity. The training often includes both theoretical and practical components, as well as supervised clinical practice, and may also require ongoing professional development to maintain certification or registration with relevant industry bodies.

If you're in high school and you'd like to find out if a career as a music therapist is right for you, here's a few things you could do right now:

- Keep your passion for music alive, learn to play different instruments, and explore lots of different kinds of music.
- Volunteer in health and care settings or find work experience in a related area.
- Work on your interpersonal skills, put yourself out there, and engage with lots of people from diverse backgrounds.

Find out more here:

- [Australian Music Therapy Association](#)

The infographic features a central image of a rainbow-colored acoustic guitar. Text elements include: 'JOB SPOTLIGHT' at the top; 'Music Therapist' in large white font; 'the guardian' logo; 'about you' with a description: 'If you are empathetic, passionate about music, and love helping people, music therapy could be a rewarding career.'; 'the job' with a description: 'Music therapists treat clients of all ages from babies through to the elderly, and assist with varying problems and disabilities.'; 'outlook' with a description: 'We expect very strong growth over the next five to ten years.'; 'AVERAGE STARTING ANNUAL SALARY' in a box; 'INDUSTRY GROWTH VERY STRONG' in a circular graphic with an upward arrow; 'PLAN GUIDE PLAY' in a vertical stack; and 'studyworkgrow' at the bottom.

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