

# Josie Lindner, Certificate III in Education Support

## What qualification did you receive from your traineeship?

Certificate III in Education Support, Catholic College Wodonga.

## Why did you apply for the traineeship?

I didn't really have an idea of what I was going to do after school. I didn't get a very high ATAR score so I had to look at my options. I was just going to follow others down to Melbourne but once I heard of the opportunity to work within my own school as a trainee, I knew that was something that could lead me in the right direction and give me some training for future jobs or help me get into university.

## What did you do on a day-to-day basis?

Each day I would go to different classes informing students about upcoming youth events, giving speeches about my experience at school, emailing staff about updates, working on my Tafe course, planning meetings, planning camps and retreats, ordering supplies and creating posters.

## What were the great things about your traineeship?

While doing my traineeship, I was lucky enough to become a leader for a group of students involved in community service. I was able to participate in many different camps such as a week long hike in the Grampians National Park, retreats, canoe trips, over night camps, and a week long teachers conference in Bendigo that takes place every four years. From all my community service, I received the Education Award from our local Member of Parliament and was named Young Citizen of the Year for Wodonga.

## What were some of the not so great things?

Some of the camps were very long and tiring. Many days spent trying to fight off colds that were passed around the school. I think I cooked about ten BBQ's in total. By the end I could do it with my eyes closed.

## What are you doing now that you have completed your traineeship?

Since my traineeship I have still been involved with students and the school through volunteering, mentoring and meetings. Since receiving my awards, I was able to get into studying teaching through Swinburne and have started this year online. My year at Catholic College as a trainee has lead me in many great directions from having afternoon tea with the Governor of Victoria, to being the guest speaker on International Women's Day. And this is only the start.



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Youth Leadership Program-

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/1350271/youth-leadership-course-gets-josies-tick/>

Winning the Albury Show Girl competition-

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/404954/a-kids-joy-now-the-real-thing-for-josie/>