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HEAVY DIESEL MECHANIC

CMV TRUCKS AND BUS

Senior School Subjects

- Year 11: English, General Mathematics, VET Lighting and Sound Recording, Product Design and Technology - Materials, Chemistry, Religion.
- Year 12: English, VET Lighting and Sound Recording, Further Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology.



Why did you choose these subjects? Year 11: I wanted to study Chemistry because I had an interest in learning about different chemicals that exist. Product Design and Technology for the practicality, and this is when I became interested in blacksmithing. Vet Lighting and Sound Recording because I enjoyed working backstage in all the school productions and other school related things that involved that sort of work.

Year 12: I only studied Biology because I needed a sixth subject, and because I thought it would be easier than Physics which I got put into because I put it down as only a reserve subject; apparently I was wrong on the simplicity part. Chemistry I continued on with because I still had a strong interest in that field. Vet Lighting and Sound Recording - much the same because I liked that kind of work

What resources did you use to choose subjects? I mainly used the Senior Course Guide to read about the different subjects.

What do you enjoy about your apprenticeship? Being that I have a good mixture of technical skills with computers and mechanical skills I thought Volvo would be the perfect thing for me when I learnt about all the electronics and computer controls used in Volvo trucks.

How did your senior school subjects prepare you for your apprenticeship? Systems Engineering (Year 10) helped with learning how circuits work. I started out wanting to carry on with VET Lighting and Sound Recording in Melbourne until I went on an open day and learnt living in Melbourne wasn't for me, but here I am spending a great deal of my time in Melbourne for my apprenticeship training. I suppose in a way I wanted to do stage work so I studied chemistry and became a diesel mechanic.

Do you have any advice for students considering applying for an apprenticeship in this industry?

Commitment, always be keen to do the expected small and non-enjoyable jobs; people in the industry will notice and will start giving you bigger and more technical jobs. Don't say you know how to do something. During my interview with the Technical Manager for all of CMV Truck & Bus, I was asked if I would know how to service one of the trucks he pointed to sitting out on display, a Volvo FH. I responded with "I'd probably have a fair idea", with a hint of doubt in my voice, thinking I was putting on a good display but was met with the response, "I don't want you have any idea, I want you to be able to learn how to do the job correctly".

Occupation information: Heavy Vehicle Mechanic, <http://bit.ly/29Letir>