

YOU + Careers Expo = Your Future

Attending a careers expo gives you a great opportunity to find out about different jobs and industries in which you are interested. You will be able to talk to people who are working in many different types of jobs and to people doing apprenticeships and traineeships.

There may be representatives and teachers from Universities, TAFE's and other training providers to ask questions about the best training for you. There may also be many different employers and careers represented – some you may not have thought of.

Asking lots of questions and listening to many different people speaking about jobs and training options will help you to decide on your future career goals.

Gather as much information as you can about the careers and jobs that YOU are interested in.

Here are a few tips to take full advantage of the day:

- Think about your own career goals and what career could be right for you.
- Consult the Expo Program – identify who you want to talk to and see them first, so that you don't miss them out, but do make sure you also keep your eyes open for any booth that might offer you other career options that maybe you haven't previously considered.
- **Read the booth information before asking questions.**
- Be confident and show interest.

Things to ask

When approaching an exhibitor, introduce yourself before asking any questions. For example, "Hi, my name is Sally and I'm very interested in a career in childcare. May I ask you a couple of questions please?"

Some questions you may want to ask exhibitors are:

- What opportunities normally exist within your industry?
- Was the job you currently do your first choice when you left school?
- Did you undertake any courses when you left school?
- What skills or interests should I have for the job?



- What do you love about your job?
- What don't you like about your job?
- Could you offer advice on how to gain a career in your industry?
- What was the path you took following school to enter the industry you currently work in?
- If you are talking to a TAFE, University or Private Training Provider, you may wish to outline your career goals, and ask for any recommended courses which would help achieve this and where to go for more information.

Finally, be courteous to exhibitors – they're giving their time to provide you with a fantastic opportunity to discover more about your future career.