



Careers, Counselling & Pathways Service

FOR HSC STUDENTS WHO DON'T GET THE MARK THEY WANT...

Remember, there is life after the HSC. If you don't get the mark you want, you still have many other options.

You could:

Do a TAFE NSW course in an area related to what you want to do later at University

You could get a great job after that course or use it to get into University. You may even get credit transfer, which means you may get credit at Uni for what you have done at TAFE NSW, making your time at Uni shorter and less expensive.

See the Hunter TAFE website for more information www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au or telephone 131 225 to speak with a Course Information officer.

Get a job and work for a year

People who have work experience have a great chance of getting into courses later. The job you do now may not be the one you want to do forever, but it will help you develop work skills like communication, teamwork, organisation and time management, which employers say they really need, no matter what career you are in. See www.myfuture.edu.au, phone 'Employment Services' in the Yellow Pages and look at opportunities in the paper.

'Cold calling' is another useful job-search tool where you approach potential employers with copies of your resume. Shake hands if possible and introduce yourself in a good strong voice. You may just get something - they can only say no. Try it!

Other useful websites are www.seek.com.au, www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au and www.mycareer.com.au. You can never have too much knowledge about how to get work and what is out there. Also you may be entitled to Centrelink allowances, check with Centrelink www.centrelink.gov.au.

Do a part time course

Employers are asking for computing skills these days, even in the trades areas, so sharpening up your computing skills may give you an advantage. Or you could do a part-time course in business, hospitality or retail, all big areas for employment in the Hunter. See www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au.

Get an apprenticeship

There are some real skill shortages in the trades, so anyone interested in these areas can get work and be earning good money after a few years. See www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au.

With a trade, you can also look at University later or options like Defence and Police or Emergency Services etc. See www.defencejobs.gov.au, www.police.nsw.gov.au and www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au.

Get started today

There are plenty of people around to help you with ideas after you have looked at the above websites. TAFE NSW has many people to get you thinking ahead, moving forward and feeling happier about your options. Phone us for more information on 131 225.