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CAREER WORKSHEET 5

SUBJECT CHOICES

One thing you may do as part of your PLP is consider your future career options. The subjects you choose to complete your SACE may lead to further study at university or TAFE, an apprenticeship or traineeship, or a VET qualification.

Go to www.theresmoretoit.com.au and read the “*Your Subject Choices*” page. Do you agree with the subject choice advice that you have just read? Why or why not?

What subjects are you doing now that you are doing well at or enjoy?

Go to “*Amazing Career Journeys*” and watch the video of Adelaide Astronaut Andy Thomas. What did he first study when he went to Adelaide University?

One area of concern for parents and teachers is that students choose subjects that don't meet the **prerequisite courses** required by universities. Some students don't find out the right information until it's too late. **What are prerequisite subjects?** Do a search on the internet to find a definition that you think best describes what this is. (Or ask your teacher)

If you wanted to study what Andy studied, you would need to choose specific subjects in order to gain entry to that course. Go to:

http://www.adelaide.edu.au/programfinder/2011/beng_bemechans1.html
Scroll down to 'Admission Information' and select 'I am a domestic applicant'. Then, scroll down the page, find and list the prerequisite subjects:

SACE: _____
Or IB: _____

Why do you think some university courses put prerequisite subjects into some admission requirements?

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“**Assumed Knowledge**” is also an important aspect to consider. According to the University of Adelaide definition, this means:

“These subjects indicate the academic background that it is assumed students entering the program will have. Studying these subjects is highly desirable but is not a requirement of admission.”

Again, scroll down to ‘Admission Information’ and select ‘I am a domestic applicant’. What subject is identified as “Assumed Knowledge” for the degree that Andy Thomas did?

Find Emilio DeStefano’s video at “Amazing Career Journeys”. After watching the video, identify what subject he did **after** he finished high school to get into his engineering degree:

Do a bit of detective work! Here is an example of how to plan your study and career pathway. Either do the research on this example or choose a different career. **Start with a title:** For example: **Marine Biologist**

- Find out what universities offer Marine Biology as a subject
- Really get to know what you would actually be studying and consider if these subjects would really interest you
- Find out what subjects you have to do **while you are still at high school** in order to be accepted into the university study pathway
- Find out if you need to have outstanding high school subject results to get in
- Find out what the different employment options are once qualified
- Anything else? _____

If time permits, write down a few of your career options that you are considering (its good to consider several!):

_____	_____
_____	_____

What subjects could you study now in high school, that would support your career interests? *Make sure you check to see if there are any prerequisites required for the career pathways you are interested in!*

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Your parents, your teachers as well as your school Careers Counsellor should be able to assist you with your choices when it comes time to locking in your subjects. **TOP TIP: Don’t wait until the last day to make your decision.**