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CAREER WORKSHEET 9

WORK EXPERIENCE

One of the best things you can do before you choose your further study and career path is to try work experience. Even if there is no pay involved, the value of work experience includes:

- Getting a 'real' picture of what the work is all about
- Making new connections that could lead to employment
- Getting a good referee statement from the supervisor who is monitoring you
- Learning new skills
- Hands-on learning outside the classroom

YOU are the most important part of your career future. Your thoughts and **experiences** around work and careers will help guide your decisions.

Go to www.theresmoretoit.com.au and click on the "Career Quiz" tab. Find the link "Jobs" and read what it has to say.

Now, look at the list below and pick your **top two career areas of interest**:

Analytic or scientific

These occupations involve working with ideas to investigate or seek solutions to scientific, technical, social or other issues.

Creative or artistic

These occupations involve working with ideas to creatively express, present or perform them.

Helping or advising

These occupations involve working with people to help, inform, teach or treat them.

Practical or mechanical

These occupations involve working with things, using the hands or special tools and equipment to make, fix, install or adjust them.

Nature or recreation

These occupations involve working with things in the natural world, such as conservation, handling animals, raising crops or livestock, or sport.

Organising or clerical

These occupations involve working with data to order, process or retrieve facts and figures, or to develop or administer policies and procedures.

Persuading or service

These occupations involve working with people to sell to, influence, motivate, negotiate with or serve them.

*Taken from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations website:
www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com*

Which career areas would interest you the least? Why?

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Go to “Amazing Career Journeys” and watch Simon Turnbull’s video.

What did he study to get where he is now?

What kind of work placement did he do to help him decide to go down his career path?

Why did he change his mind along the way and choose a different pathway to where he first started?

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How do you think he developed the leadership skills he now has, as a business owner, while he was studying at university?

What is his advice to employees about employers?

Do you agree with him? Why or why not?

Where would you like to do work experience? Why?

What employers would you contact in your area to get work experience?

At “Amazing Career Journeys” watch Peter O’Neill’s video. If you wanted to do his kind of career, what kind of employers would you approach to give you work experience?
