

# Industry Live



## Information on the event

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209 students from Years 7 to 12 from the following schools attended the Industry Live event on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2019.

The topic for this event was – **Careers in emergency and armed services – what is it like to work in these fields and what skills do you need?**

1. Bega High School, NSW
2. Clarence HS/Rose Bay HS Extension School, TAS
3. Coonamble High School, NSW
4. Cosgrove High School, TAS
5. Deloraine High School, TAS
6. Kings Meadows High School, TAS
7. Lakes Entrance Secondary College, VIC
8. Moree Secondary College, NSW
9. Mountain Heights School, TAS
10. Ogilvie High School, TAS
11. Port Dalrymple School, TAS
12. Queechy High School, TAS
13. Trafalgar High School, VIC
14. Trangie Central School, NSW

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The logo for Tasmania Fire Service, featuring a red background with the text "Tasmania Fire Service" in white and the Tasmanian coat of arms.	Drummond – Tasmania Fire Service <a href="https://www.fire.tas.gov.au/">https://www.fire.tas.gov.au/</a>
The logo for Tasmania Police, featuring a dark blue background with the Tasmanian coat of arms and the text "Tasmania Police" in white.	Emilie – Tasmania Police <a href="https://www.police.tas.gov.au/">https://www.police.tas.gov.au/</a>

## Post event advice and tips from panellists

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### **What would you say are the top 3 skills required for someone in your profession?**

**Keri:** Leadership, communication and working as part of a team.

**Emilie:** Communication, resilience and team work.

### **Are there any resources you would recommend for students interested in getting into your profession?**

**Keri:** Understanding why we have a military is important to understanding the job and roles you may have. I would recommend that you attend career expos.

**Emilie:** Jump online to the police website for your state to find out what is required and what we are looking for. Community work and volunteering may assist.

### **What is your number one top tip for students wanting to get into a career like yours?**

**Keri:** Explore the different jobs available within the Army, Navy and Air Force (Chef, Pilot, Engineer for example), then focus your studies (subjects) on the entry requirements to do that job. Physical fitness is important but don't be scared off by it. With good training and practise it can easily be achieved. The fitter you are when joining the easier it will be for you to do well.

**Emilie:** Don't enter [the police force] too early. Have a think about it and when it feels right for you apply. If you miss out, don't be discouraged, apply again.

## Questions for panellists – Keri, Drummond and Emilie

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### 1. What does Keri know about the gap year and would she recommend one?

**From Keri:** The gap year is a great way for people to get an understanding of what life in the military is “really like”. It also gives you a good understanding of what different jobs are available to you - I had no idea what a Combat Engineer was until I was in the Army!

### 2. For all panellists, what was your most rewarding experience in those roles?

**From Keri:** My most rewarding experiences [in the armed services] have been working with some amazing people in places like Iraq, Afghanistan and Egypt to help rebuild and improve peoples’ lives in disaster or war zones.

**From Emilie:** My most rewarding experience [as a police officer] was working in an Aboriginal Community in the Northern Territory as a Remote Sergeant.

### 3. All panellists, do you get to see your family much?

**From Keri:** During your first year in the army, the training is very intense. You may go two or three months without seeing your family. This can be really difficult, but once you have done the training, then you are able to have a normal routine of living at home and coming to work day to day.

**From Emilie:** Whilst in training, you have almost every weekend off so you can spend time with your family. Once you graduate and are out on the road as a police officer you do get to see your family and you have a mixture of days off which are on weekdays and weekends. You do, however, have to quite often work over Christmas, Easter, Birthdays and New Year’s.

### 4. All panellists, are you full-time, retained or volunteer, bush or metro?

**From Emilie:** I work full-time as a police officer

### 5. To all panellists, what age do you have to be to join the armed forces, police force or fire service?

**From Emilie:** To join as a police officer you must be 18, you can apply however as soon as you reach 17.5 years of age.

- 6. To all panellists, are there any college courses / VET courses that support future employment in these fields?**

**From Emilie:** You can study a Bachelor of Police Studies at University, however if you do this and then join you would still need to complete further university study and content is not the same as the content for training and sworn police.

- 7. Keri, what are the requirements to get into army / navy / air force. Do you have to have a certain ATAR etc?**

**From Keri:** The minimum entry for general enlistment is Year 10, however, different qualifications are needed for different jobs within the service. For example, some trades like mechanic or builder may require higher grades and courses. It's worth exploring the different jobs that you can do, and then focus your study for that role.

- 8. To all panellists, do you get paid in the recruitment process for the fire department and police?**

**From Keri:** Once you have successfully joined the military and completed your initial training - all courses and qualifications are paid for. (No student loan!). You are also paid a full time salary!

**From Emilie:** You only get paid once you're accepted into the police academy, and once you start there.

- 9. To Emilie, I want to be a police officer but I have a medical condition. Does that stop me from becoming a police officer?**

**From Emilie:** It depends on your medical condition as to whether or not you may be accepted. Don't hesitate to contact police recruiting to find out :)