

# Industry Live offers students top tips and stories for career success.



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**Panellist – Chelsea – Heavy Duty Diesel Mechanic**

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Chelsea has always loved working on cars and always played with the idea of being a mechanic, but just didn't know for sure if it was the right option for her.

Chelsea completed Year 12 then started a baking apprenticeship. But a few things made Chelsea realise being a baker wasn't right for her, and so she moved on to a Big W supervisor role and then roles as a warehouse store person and in real estate before finally deciding to pursue that early dream, take a leap of faith and apply for a diesel mechanic apprentice position with Cummins.

It turns out that her work experience along the way actually helped Chelsea nail her interview, and now having started her apprenticeship her employer rates her as one of their best apprentices. Chelsea has big dreams for her career and is excited to have the opportunity to share her tips and tricks for young people looking to start an apprenticeship, including how to trust your gut and find your dream career.

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Panellist – Elijah – Carpenter

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Elijah finished up school in Year 11 and moved straight into an electrical apprenticeship. Since then, Elijah has completed a cabinet making apprenticeship, as well as just recently completing a carpentry apprenticeship. So he is a highly skilled tradie!

Deciding what apprenticeship was right for him wasn't an easy decision for Elijah and he has some great advice from his experiences on how you might be able to narrow down your options and make a decision on the right pathway as soon as possible.

Elijah is looking forward to telling us what an apprenticeship is like, the differences between working for a large and small company, some advice on the importance of seeking support during your apprenticeship even if it might feel awkward, and some tips on how to best set yourself up in school so you have the most opportunities once you're out in the apprenticeships market.

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Panellist – May - ATEL Recruitment Consultant

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Although May has always had a good idea of what career path she wanted to follow, she's aware this isn't the case for all young people and dedicates her time as a Recruitment Consultant to matching young apprentices-to-be with future employers.

May has some great insider knowledge and tips on the whole apprenticeships process, from how to figure out which apprenticeship might be right for you, to how to link up with a future employer and what to wear to an interview.

May is passionate about the supports available to you as you begin your journey as an apprentice and would like to let you know the little things that can help you stand out and get ahead in the recruitment process, and how you can feel supported during your apprenticeship to make it through to the end and get out in your field and start working!

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Panellist – Raman  
Cummins Regional Apprentice Program Manager

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Raman is an experienced apprentice program manager and will be speaking at our event about school based apprenticeships. Raman will share some success stories and some important tips on how you can go about securing a school based apprenticeship and some things to keep in mind to really take advantage of this opportunity.



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**Facilitator – Renee – Beacon Foundation**

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Renee is all about creating authentic connections with people of all ages. Her long-standing career in the Hair & Beauty Industry developed her into an effective communicator with the ability to connect with others and help fuel her passion to help people on a deeper level.

In recent years, whilst owning and operating two small businesses, Renee has volunteered her time within local primary schools to deliver programs and workshops focusing on self-confidence, resilience, inner strength and unlocking potential.

And so began Renee's journey with us at Beacon as Lead Facilitator Tas (South) for our High Impact Programs and a new member of Beacon's Collective Ed Team at Bayview Secondary College.

Renee feels extremely lucky to have found a role that marries together her skills, passions and sincere desire to see young people realise their full potential.

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## Useful resources to build on the advice from this session in terms of apprenticeship supports and pathways

### Australian Apprenticeships Pathways

<https://www.aapathways.com.au/>

A useful website to find out more information about what apprenticeship pathway might be right for you. Also has practice aptitude tests that are an important part of the apprenticeships recruitment process.

### Australian Apprenticeships Support Network

<https://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/search-aasn>

This website allows you to search for apprenticeship support organisations that are in your local area.

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## Useful websites for pre-apprenticeships and school-based apprenticeships

**NSW** - [https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/apprenticeships\\_traineeships/students/pre\\_training.html](https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/apprenticeships_traineeships/students/pre_training.html)

**QLD** - <https://tafeqld.edu.au/study-with-us/our-qualifications/pre-apprenticeship-courses.html?>

**SA** - <https://www.tafesa.edu.au/apply-enrol/secondary-school-courses>

**VIC** - <https://www.skills.vic.gov.au/victorianskillsgateway/Choose/Pages/pre-apprenticeship.aspx>

**WA** - <https://www.southmetrotafe.wa.edu.au/courses/study-types/apprenticeships>

**TAS** - [https://www.skills.tas.gov.au/learners/I\\_want\\_to\\_be\\_an\\_apprentice\\_or\\_trainee](https://www.skills.tas.gov.au/learners/I_want_to_be_an_apprentice_or_trainee)

### Australian School-based Apprenticeship (ASbA)

<https://www.education.tas.gov.au/parents-carers/parent-fact-sheets/australian-school-based-apprenticeship-asba/>

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At this live event, our panellists gave attendees their top tips for working out which type of apprenticeship is right for you. Below are tips from panellists May and Chelsea

## Top tips for your apprenticeship pathway

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### May – Always be prepared

- By knowing what you want
- By being organised for an interview
- By taking initiative to do your research

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Chelsea – Don't let the fear of failure stop you from doing something, we all make mistakes.

It's a part of life, you either run from it, or learn from it.