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## A Positive Attitude Pays Off



*Jack Taylor is fondly remembered by his teachers as a bit of a larrikin – he didn't take things too seriously and always looked on*

*the bright side of life. This attitude has certainly helped him through some difficult moments post-Samaritan but, as Jack himself writes, a sense of humour can help overcome obstacles and achieve goals.*

I finished school in 2010 knowing I wanted a career in construction, but not knowing specifically what trade or where to start. I managed to get some work experience with a local tiler, which turned into a paid summer job and eventually an apprenticeship. I really enjoyed working, I found I was much better suited for the workforce than school. I thrived on the physicality and perfectionism that tiling demanded of me, and turns out I wasn't half bad at it. In 2014 in my third year I received the award of apprentice of the year. I really liked what I was doing and I believe that plays a huge part in being successful, that, and not taking myself too seriously when it didn't matter.

In 2013 and 2014 I was fortunate enough to represent South Australia at the State Country Hockey Championships. I have been playing hockey most of my life and to finally train hard enough to reach a high level definitely ticked something off

my bucket list. In 2013 and 2015 I took part in the Apex Outback Postie Bike Ride, raising money for the cancer council to build holiday retreats in Wallaroo. 1000kms on a postie bike through some quite ridiculous terrain is one of the hardest things I've done, but also one of the most fulfilling.

Towards the end of my apprenticeship I decided to think about the future and completed a Certificate IV in Small Business Management to get my Contractor's Licence. When I finished my apprenticeship in 2015 and received my trade papers I decided to stay with my boss because we had a pretty good thing going, and I hadn't really figured out if tiling was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. 2016 was a big year, I got engaged, bought a house and decided that I wanted to learn something new. So, after applying for a few different jobs I managed to score a couple of interviews. Cue untimely sports injury. Rocking up to an interview on crutches with a torn ACL, MCL and shattered meniscus, I wasn't holding my breath for a call back. But the mining company saw past my unfortunate situation and offered me the job as an electrical apprentice.

Fast forward to today and I am 24, married, almost back to 2 fully operational knees and studying a second trade. For someone who didn't really like the academic side of school I have spent a lot of time since then in a TAFE classroom. With a sense of humour and a bit of ambition life can take you wherever you want to go. If you don't know where that is yet, don't stress, I still don't know what I'm going to be when I grow up and there is something exciting about that.

*Jack Taylor*

## Year 12s - Get Ready For Work!

CEG and Samaritan College are teaming up to offer Year 12 students the chance to gain basic hospitality skills that could help them gain part-time work in cafes, pubs and clubs. This week-long course is ideal for those students looking for part-time work to complement their tertiary studies next year, and covers the following:

- Use hygienic practices for food safety
- Prepare and serve espresso coffee
- Provide responsible service of alcohol
- Attend gaming machines
- Provide responsible gambling services

**When:** December 4-8

**Where:** Samaritan College (4 days) and off-site (1 day – probably West Whyalla Football Club)

**Cost:** \$575 per person

The course will run with a minimum of 8 people, and participants need to be 18 years old to undertake all 5 units. Students under 18 years of age could do the first 2 units (at a reduced cost).





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## Gap Year

Gap Years are becoming increasingly popular amongst students who wish to defer their tertiary studies or seek to gain “real world” experience before making further plans. Many students use this time to work to save money for their impending move to Adelaide or elsewhere, but more and more students are looking to volunteer or take part in exchange programs to broaden their horizons. Here is just a sample of the many Gap Year programs on offer by various organisations:



### New Hope for Cambodian Children

New Hope for Cambodian Children is an orphanage (called The Village) for orphans and abandoned children with HIV/AIDS.

New Hope for Cambodian Children collaborates with the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and non-governmental organizations to assist Cambodian children and their affected families living with HIV/AIDS.

A volunteer can assist in their school program as a tutor or a teacher's aide. Volunteers also help children in the library, the nursery and the preschool or helping the sports teacher. Volunteers are also welcome to spend time with the children during their free time, playing sports or participating in other activities with them. We occasionally have sports days that volunteers can plan and supervise.

Individual volunteers are requested to contribute US \$200 per week to cover orientation, food, safe drinking water and lodging, Wi-Fi connectivity, and airport pick-up and transportation to The Village. Reduced fees are available for longer term volunteers and for groups.

All contributions stay in the Orphanage, they don't use an agent.



### Camp America

For over 45 years Camp America has been in Australia in fact we are the longest running US camp counsellor program! As a camp counsellor you will receive a 9-12 week paid summer of fun in the USA and a great addition to your CV.

From the moment you start your Camp America application through to when you are at camp...CA supports you every step of the way. Find out everything that is included in your camp counsellor program.



### EDventure International

They say .....The "ED" stands for the educational component of our programs that develop specific leadership skills and personal growth and capabilities; as well as provide focused, hands-on experiences that could supplement your academic, professional, and personal learning.

Our leadership workshops are designed so you can apply what you've learned about your own leadership potential, and apply these not only directly to your volunteer efforts, but also to your personal life, your academics, and to your professional endeavours.



### Lions International Youth Exchange

They say .....The Lions International Youth Exchange Program was established in 1961 to give youth an opportunity to travel to exciting international destinations for up to six weeks. Whilst overseas, the youth live with one or more families associated with Lions International to experience first-hand a new culture, lifestyle and customs. Unlike some exchange programs, the Lions Youth Exchange Program does not involve tourism, academic studies or employment.

The aim of the program is "to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world".



### Raleigh International

Raleigh focuses on working through, for and with youth to inspire and make positive change in the following programmatic areas:

- Water, sanitation and hygiene
- Effective use of natural resources
- Building the resilience of vulnerable communities

Our way of working to achieve impact in all of these areas is engaging young volunteers from around the world on two delivery programmes; Expedition and International Citizen Service (ICS).



### Year 13 Youthworks Gap Year

Play your part in God's global mission as you experience real, life-changing ministry at home and overseas, including an eye opening month-long mission to Fiji. We will partner with local Fijian churches and Christians to minister the gospel during a month-long mission trip. You will serve in orphanages, schools and prisons, participate in hands-on community projects, and experience life first-hand in the homes of Fijian families. Two days a week serving at your church or school. You'll serve in ministry for two days a week over the whole year, experiencing all the joys and challenges.

### Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)

UAC process applications to most undergraduate courses at participating universities (most located in NSW and the ACT). Early bird applications close on September 29 and all applications close on 5 February 2018. Application fees apply (up to \$183 for late applications). UAC also processes equity programs for participating institutions:

- Educational Access Schemes (for students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage)
- Schools Recommendation Schemes
- Equity Scholarships (assistance for financially disadvantaged students)

More information about the universities and their courses, equity programs (including application due dates), fees and application due dates, visit [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au), email using UAC's online enquiry form ([uac.edu.au/enquiry](http://uac.edu.au/enquiry)) or phone 1300 275 822.



### TAFE SA

TAFE is a government-owned and nationally operated system of colleges offering qualifications that are recognised and transferable internationally. The focus in TAFE is on hands-on, practical training with key competencies worked into every course that are thought to be essential for people entering the workforce. Courses are developed in consultation with business and industry to ensure the skills are relevant and in demand. For more information about the wide range of TAFE SA courses available, visit <http://www.mhscareers.com/tafe-south-australia.html>

### Private Colleges

In addition to university and TAFE, private colleges offer a variety of post-school study options, including agriculture, art and design, hospitality and media and entertainment. Visit <http://www.privatecollegesaustralia.com/> for a range of South Australian, interstate and online courses.

Colleges, Universities and TAFEs around Australia

