

Study options kick start careers

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SARINA Russo Schools principal and general manager Jill Lange-Mohr said now was the time for 2006 school leavers to start building the foundations for a career.

“With the majority of school leavers not going on to university, many young people need to make some very important decisions,” Ms Lange-Mohr said.

She strongly urged school leavers to make the right decision for themselves, with options including:

- Studying a diploma or course to upgrade an OP score;
- Undertaking vocational education and training courses;
- Undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship;
- Entering the workforce on a full-time basis.

“Young people are fortunate to be able to pick and choose job offers, however they still face potential employment pitfalls,” Ms Lange-Mohr said.

“The danger is many young people forego further study which reduces

their chances for career advancement and future earnings.

“Once locked into a job many young people tend to accumulate debt, which keeps them in the workforce and stops them from further study.

“Skills are the key driver of economic growth which will deliver professional, financial and personal rewards.

“I recommend young people get a qualification.

“Even a short three-month course can make a world of difference,” she said.

Ms Lange-Mohr said young people entering the workforce should:

- Research the industry they were interested in;
- Understand what they needed to improve their skills;
- Draw up a prospect list of potential employers;
- Prepare a good resume;
- Practice interviewing skills.

“Rewards will follow if jobseekers put in the extra effort to build the foundations for a future career,” she said.



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