



School-based training offers valuable skills

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STUDYING while working can be challenging for a school student, their parents and the employer, but IMPACT Make Your Mark makes it easy by providing training and assessment support for schoolbased trainees.

Rebekah Crook, a Year 12 student is studying hard at school and at work. She is currently parttime at Zarraffa's Coffee completing her traineeship in Certificate II in Hospitality.

Completing a school-based traineeship will give Rebekah four points towards her QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education) as well as a nationally recognised qualification.

Zarraffa's Coffee Bargara manager Kathleen Baldwin knows that school-based traineeships create a great foundation for the student's future.

"I find it easy to have juniors with the learning continuity that traineeships offer us," she said.

"A school-based traineeship allows Rebekah to do her training at school, whereas in an adult-traineeship, you have to allow time off work for them to do their training.

`By hiring juniors as school-based trainees, they get a feel for the industry - it opens their eyes and they can decide if they want to continue in the industry after training.

"Rebekah is currently doing a hospitality certificate, which can take her to different areas within hospitality - not just barista work.

"Rebekah has also gained confidence and said she'll `feel accomplished' when she reaches her goal of completing her certificate."

Rebekah said "I like the fact that after I finish the traineeship I'll have a qualification and will be able to get a job in hospitality.

"It makes it worthwhile in the end - even though it's hard work."

Both Rebekah and Ms Baldwin like the support offered by IMPACT's hospitality and retail trainer and assessor Bronwyn Jenke, who has extensive experience in both industries and regularly visits Zarraffa's.

Training is funded by Department of Education and Training. Ms Baldwin said "Bronwyn will come out, supervise Rebekah doing various tasks such as make a coffee, taste and check that everything is right like no coffee grounds at the bottom of the cup, the coffee and milk isn't burnt."



IMPACT recognises prior learning, so the student's previous learning experience is recognised. Telephone IMPACT Make Your Mark on 4153 4233 for more information about school-based traineeships.

