

Get ready to get out there



Summer holidays are coming and so is Christmas. It's usually a very busy time of the year for retailers and other businesses, which is why they often employ young people to help them out. In Australia, if you're over 14 years and nine months old, you can legally get a job.

Working over the Christmas holidays is an opportunity to learn new skills, meet people and perhaps even discover some hidden talents! Getting a part-time job is also an excellent way to get ready for the 'real world' while you are still at school. You never know where it might lead and it will help you to build up your confidence and add experience to your resume.

TIP...
Keen to look for a job?
Here's a great place to start.
www.entryleveljobs.com.au

Follow these tips and get ahead of the job-hunting pack.

Create a great resume – work on it until it's great. If you're not sure what to include or how best to present your resume, check out resume.careerone.com.au for some great tips.

Be tidy – it's a cliché, but first impressions count. Clean fingernails and neat hair matter. Save the 'cool do' for after work.

Dress appropriately – another oldie but a goodie. Always wear a freshly ironed shirt, and trousers or a skirt, not jeans (your school uniform may even be ok). School-shoes are fine as long as they're not scuffed.

Do your research – hop on the internet to find out more about the company. And don't be shy about telling them about it during the interview. They'll love it!

Relax – employers want to know what you can do. This is your chance to shine!

Interesting facts...

The search engine name 'Google' came from the word 'Googol', the mathematical term for a 1 followed by 100 zeroes.

You're born with about 300 bones, but when you get to be an adult, you only have 206.

There is no land at all at the North Pole, only ice on top of sea.

Every person has a unique tongue print.

A camel has three eyelids per eye, that's six eyelids in total. The extra eyelids help protect the camel's eyes during sandstorms.

Why big isn't always best

Many small banks and credit unions offer the same savings, investment and lending services as the larger banks but often at a lower cost. Some of these smaller financial institutions are called mutual banks and credit unions and they differ from the larger banks in some other very distinctive ways.

Teachers Credit Union is owned by its members. This means it's part of the community and is interested in what's important to you. So when you have an Under 18 Savings account with Teachers Credit Union, you're not considered a customer, you're a **member**.

Members receive additional benefits. Your savings earn a competitive interest rate, you pay no \$1 Everyday account keeping fees when you're under 18 years and you'll get regular newsletters.

Don't forget to check out the Teen Plus page on our website as well, go to TeachersCreditUnion.com.au/teenplus

Anyone can be a customer of a bank. But not everyone can be a member, so it's pretty cool when you have your own account with Teachers Credit Union.

What's more, once you turn 18, you'll have voting rights at the Annual General



Meeting, so you can participate in making decisions about the credit union's future.

And when you think about it, that makes it a great partnership, because the credit union is here for your future.

What's on?

Around Australia

Big Day Out 2012

Sydney	26 & 27 January
Gold Coast	23 January
Melbourne	30 January
Adelaide	4 February
Perth	6 February

www.bigdayout.com

BMX and mountain biking

Sydney - Homebush
International standard indoor or outdoor ramps

www.monsterpark.com.au

Laser Skirmish

Queensland, Victoria, South Australia

www.m9laserskirmish.com



What are you reading?

Teen Plus interviewed Laura, 14, WA

Teen Plus: Have you read any books you'd like to tell us about?

Laura: Yep, I've just read *Love, Aubrey* by Suzanne LaFleur.

TP: Is that a school book?

L: No, my friend lent it to me.

TP: What was it about?

L: *Aubrey* is an 11-year-old girl. Something bad happens and she moves in with her grandma.

TP: Do you know what happened?

L: Not at first. You get hints, but it's not until nearly the end that you find out.

TP: Was it a surprise?

L: Yes, and a bit sad.

TP: Besides *Aubrey*, who was your favourite character?

L: I really liked Bridget because she was a good friend.

TP: What made Bridget a good friend?

L: She was supportive to *Aubrey*.

TP: How long did it take to read?

L: Nearly two weeks.

TP: And you kept up with school work too?

L: Yep!

TP: Would you recommend this book to other Teen Plus readers?

L: Yes. I enjoyed it.

TP: Why?

L: Because it was a bit of a mystery. It was good.

Source: LaFleur, Suzanne. *Love, Aubrey*. Random House, New York, 2009