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Course to make job dreams come true

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DREAMS come in all shapes and sizes and for Hayden Oliveira the dream is to get a job at Woolworths when it is built in Tuncurry.

The year 12 student is moving to Tuncurry next year and will be close enough to ride his bike to work if he gets a job at the supermarket.

Recently he came one step closer to achieving his goal when he finished an eight-week course with Nova Employment. Hayden was one of 11 stu-

dents in year 11 and 12 to complete the Job Club program in work-readiness skills.

The students, all from the special education unit at Great Lakes College, looked at resumes, occupational health and safety issues, job-match, presentation, hygiene and interview skills.

"The Job Club program is about the skills and abilities you need to work with," said course facilitator, Lyn Leonard.

"We get them to see that a job is not something that's just handed to

them, they have to go out and get it."

The program has taken the students out of school into an informal setting and given them an insight into different careers. The young people hope to get jobs in areas ranging from childcare, hairdressing and retail to working in the motor vehicle industry, while others, like Brock Ballard: "haven't exactly pinned it down yet".

One certainty however, is the class' appreciation of all the help provided by Lyn and the team at Nova Employment.



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