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GCESS NEWS

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TEN CENT TOM



Tom is completing a School Based Traineeship through GCESS with Pacific Fair's Concierge team. During Tom's spare time, Tom collects bottles to recycle for 10c each. This hobby has grown and Tom is quite famous in his neighbourhood. Tom was featured on Channel 7 Gold Coast news, pictured with the 7 news reporter.

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From the Managers Desk

I hope this Newsletter finds you all coping as best you can in this new world of Corona- Virus. Here at GCESS we want you to know that we are abiding with all the social distancing and hygiene protocols to keep everybody as safe as possible.

Although mutual obligation requirements are voluntary until the 22nd of May I do encourage you to stay in touch with your Training & Placement Officers and take full advantage of the support they can offer. Servicing continues via phone where possible.

It is a great time to ensure you have your resume, cover letters etc up to date and also to look at the many training opportunities available to assist you to upskill. Although the vacancy numbers are lower than pre lock- down there are still positions to be found so it is well worth working with your Training & Placement Officers so you have information on all industries still requiring staff.

Your Training & Placement Officers are also a great resource should you need information on any other services that may assist you, so please do not hesitate to speak to them about your situation.

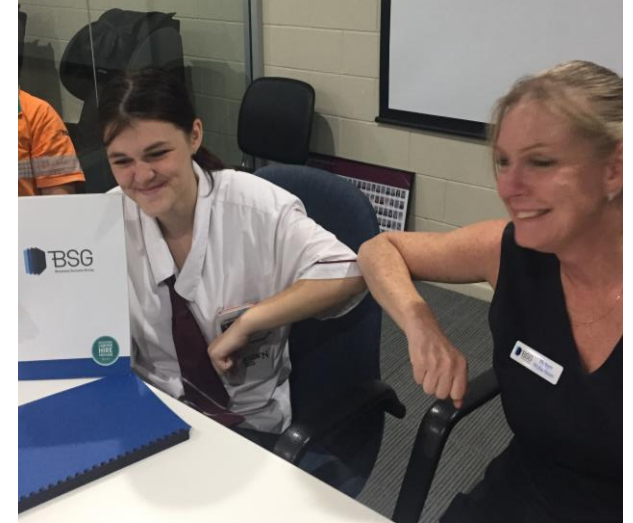
Due to the impact on income GCESS staff are working 4 days a week but do not hesitate to contact us even if your Training & Placement Officer is not working there is always someone here willing to assist you.

Melissa Williams - Manager

GOOD NEWS STORIES

Kirsty

signing up for a
Retail
traineeship.
Pictured with
Robyn from BSG
practicing safe
handshakes



CONGRATULATIONS

Hayley

on her last shift as part
of her traineeship at
Just Ride. Hayley will
receive a Certificate II in
Retail and Just Ride are
also looking to hire
Hayley Part Time whilst
she completes Year 12



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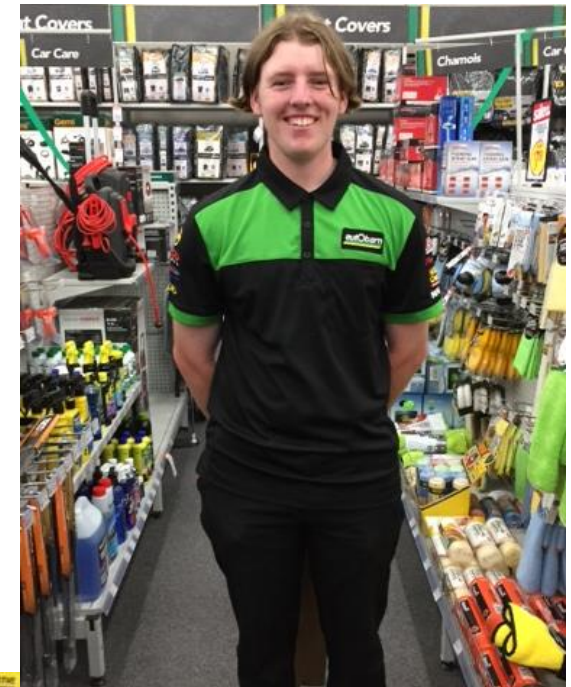
Kale
is working at Big
Gunn Meats (16
years of age). His
mum has lost
her job due to
Covid-19 so he is
now supporting
his mum and
little brother

Bailey

This young
student lost her
traineeship due
to covid-19, but
was able to find
a part time job
to fit in around
school at Paws
Only as an
assistant dog
groomer



GOOD NEWS STORIES



Ethan
in his new Autobarn
shirt.
Very happy and
kicking goals



Harmony
on her first day
at Spotlight

CONGRATULATIONS



Ashleigh

This first photo is of Ashleigh on her first day at Spotlight, featured in our March 2019 newsletter

This next photo is of Ashleigh 12 months later on her last day of her traineeship at Spotlight. Ashleigh will be awarded a Certificate II in Retail plus have 12 months of work experience, while still full time at school completing year 12



CONGRATULATIONS

Jared – with the help of his Training & Placement Officer Hayden, registered with Volunteering Australia and started volunteering at the Gold Coast University Hospital for 12 months when he applied for a government internship program at the Hospital and was successful in his application. Jared is now a paid employee working in the laundry section of the



Environmental Services Department at Gold Coast University Hospital.

Jared has said this is a dream come true for him and he is very excited to go to work every week.