



Adam Hungerford

Are you nominating yourself or someone else?

Someone else

Does the nominee know that you are nominating them?

Yes

Please note that the nominee will be notified that you're nominating them. Please add their email address below.

Does the nominee identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person?

Qualification name (eg. Certificate III in Commercial Cookery)

Certificate III in Business

Name of School

Clifton State High School

Name of Registered Training Organisation

Australian Retail College - First Impressions

Name of Group Training Organisation

N/A

Name of Employer

Clifton News

Overview

I am a current Year 12 student at Clifton State High School and have been a student here for all of my high schooling. In 2015 I commenced a school based traineeship with Clifton News. I am undertaking a Certificate III in Business with First Impressions providing the training for my qualification. I currently work 1 day a week and during my school holidays. I completed the training for my Certificate this month and have had my completion agreement signed off and lodged. I have chosen this industry because I believe that business skills are essential and will provide me the skills and training to apply to any situation I undertake. I have already taken these skills and applied them to running my own small business venture. The retail and business industry is a growing industry that has provide me with the necessary skills to put to use in my future career choices.

Criterion 1: Career and study achievements

I have recently completed my Traineeship in 12 months, while undertaking it I was competent in all areas. The skills I have learnt while undertaking my traineeship included a strong retail focus. The tasks undertaken included customer service, cash handling, cash register usage, the promotion of Golden Casket products, the use of the Gold Lotto machine, receipting magazines, checking the breakdown of receipts on orders, returns of papers and magazines and

set up of product displays - planning, organising and set up of various themed displays. I chose to undertake a School Based Traineeship as I saw it as an opportunity to gain a higher business qualification than I could complete at school. I am the type of student that always tries to push myself and strive to do the best I possibly can, the traineeship provided me the opportunity to extend my skills. With my passion for volunteering and community work I see my future career in Community Youth work or Humanitarian services and in both these areas business skills and knowledge will be essential. At school my results are of a high standard. My effort and behaviour results for all subjects are rated as excellent. I strive to do my best in all subjects I study and my results reflect this: English Communication - A; Mathematics A - B; Business, Communication and Technologies - B; Hospitality Practices - A; Industrial Technology Studies - B; Certificate III in Rural Operations - WTC; Certificate I in Furnishing - WTC. Both my schooling and the completion of my school based traineeship have provided me the necessary skills and knowledge to work toward my future career plans.

Criterion 2: Communication, team and leadership skills

During my time in my Traineeship I have developed excellent communication skills and have learnt to function effectively in a work environment both individually and as part of a team. By dealing with both work colleagues and customers I have had the opportunity to communicate in many different situations and have been able to take these skills and use them in other aspects of my schooling and community work. Leadership is a passion of mine and I have been elected to the role of School President this year. This is our school's main leadership position. Here I must lead and guide the SRC (Student Representative Council) team, undertaking various projects to enhance and improve various aspects of our school. The communication, teamwork and leadership skills I have developed through undertaking my Traineeship will assist me greatly in this role at school. Within my community I am very heavily involved in fundraising for Singing Kites a small school in Cambodia. I have used the business and retail skills that my Traineeship has developed to fundraise for this organisation. I have undertaken a Christmas Plum Pudding business where I held various stalls at markets and the local Christmas carnival, along with a Plum pudding drive through the school to sell Plum Puddings to raise money for a trip to Cambodia where a group of students will visit the school, work and take donations of much needed supplies to the children. I used my business skills to source the customers and purchase ingredients. I then produced and packaged my product for sale. In total I made and sold over 600 Puddings. It is by undertaking a Certificate III in Business and the training I received from this traineeship that I had the confidence to embark on my own business idea. The business, communication and leadership skills my Traineeship has developed have allowed me to run and organise a successful business venture raising money for my charity. I have developed and improved upon my communication and public speaking skills through my involvement with Lions Youth of the Year. I was the Clifton finalist and went onto represent my school at the Darling Downs level. I believe I have the capacity to be an effective ambassador for both my industry, community and Australia wide.

Criterion 3: Ability to represent the national training system at a broader level

I would be a worthwhile ambassador for Queensland Training as I would encourage other students to enter into school based arrangements as it is a fantastic opportunity and a great stepping stone to cement a career path whilst still at school. I have a strong work ethic, great organisational skills and a positive attitude towards life and my school studies. I would convey this enthusiasm in representing the National Training system. I have a very comprehensive understanding of the VET system and the requirements of gaining certificates and various competencies. I presently have a Certificate II in Workplace Practices and a Certificate I in Information Digital Media Technology which I completed at school. I am currently undertaking a Certificate III in Rural Operations and a Certificate I in Furnishing as part of my school studies. Along with my Traineeship which I have recently completed in a 12 month time frame I fully understand the importance of vocational qualifications and the value of completing both school offered VET along with School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships. I believe I would be a great role model for any student wishing to follow this path while at school and would be able to confidently speak and promote Vocational training to the wider community.

Criterion 4: Other pursuits

My achievements outside of study at school include Clifton State High School 2016 Student Council Representative President and a representative on the Student Council for the past three years. I am a very active community member

and volunteer. I have been nominated for and gained selection as Toowoomba Regional Council Leader in both 2015 and 2016. To gain selection I had to undergo an interview process. This role involves attending Youth Council meetings and the development of individual community projects. My project came about from my belief that there was nothing for the youth of Clifton to do in their spare time, so I set about contacting Toowoomba Regional Council re the need to improve our local skate park. I organised a tour with both local youth and council reps to look at different options for ideas to upgrade our skate park. A bus load of students and council reps toured skate parks in Toowoomba and held a consultation meeting with council to put forward ideas. The concept was so successful that council is undertaking the project with other communities in the region. I am involved in supporting the Singing Kites school in Cambodia. Later this year we are travelling to Cambodia to visit and work at the school. I have been fundraising for this school for the last three years. I also volunteer for many local community groups. I assist the Lions Club at the annual country races by volunteering as a car park attendant, I assist the Show Society with pavilion set up for the local show, assisted the Clifton Progress association and the Clifton Dabblers by acting as Santa Claus at the Clifton Community Christmas Carnival. I also volunteer for the FE Logan Hall committee with moving furniture and cleaning of the hall when local events are held here, along with acting as usher, doing lights and assisting with catering for the New Tivoli Theatre in Clifton. I help with catering at many local events, by volunteering for the Clifton Golf Ladies when they conduct BBQs and cater. I also give my time volunteering for Toowoomba North MP Trevor Watts by putting up signs, letter box drops. I believe volunteering and giving back to your community is a very important personal trait to have. I was very privileged to be nominated for and receive the Clifton Young Australian of the Year award on Australia Day this year.

I have attached my 6 workplace photos



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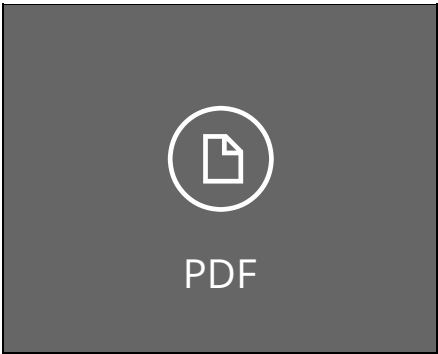
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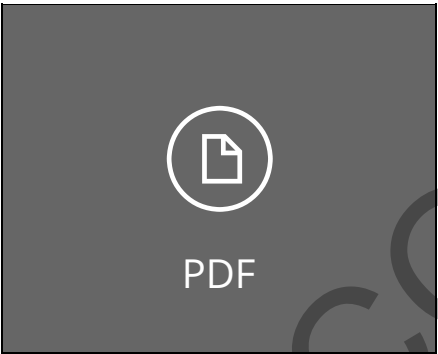
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