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# Taking steps to a new career

VICTORIA Point teenager Tiana-Jade Marshall hopes a job readiness program will be her first step towards employment in business administration.

On the last day of the two-week Ready 2 Work program, the 17-year-old said she had learned so much during a week of work experience with Redland City Council.

One of Tiana-Jade's roles was to talk to people about their ideas to improve the community.

Skilling Australia Foundation apprentice and trainee manager Craig Knight said

the work experience followed a week in the classroom during which participants learned about writing a resume, interview preparation and increasing their earning potential in business.

Tiana-Jade said the training had built up her self-confidence.

"The theory helps so much when you get to the work experience," she said.

The Ready 2 Work program was Tiana-Jade's first step towards getting a job as a business administrator.

The former Victoria Point High School student said she

had learnt about the work that was done by employees at city council and the variety of jobs available.

"Hopefully I will be able to get a traineeship with council from January.

"I am hoping for a business administration role and will look for another job in the meantime," Tiana-Jade said.

Mr Knight said the Westpac-funded job readiness program provided youth aged between 17 and 24 with resources, opportunities and support to gain a rewarding career.

— CHERYL GOODENOUGH



**READY TO WORK:** Redland City Council's strategic partnerships senior adviser Kerry Youdale with 17-year-old Tiana-Jade Marshall. **Photo: Cheryl Goodenough**