



Name: Christopher Krlinski

Apprenticeship: Certificate III in light vehicle automotive
Completed Citi New Recruits Phase V

You might think working in the automotive industry is just about being on the tools, but a new apprentice Christopher Krlinski, 18, says he was surprised “there’s a lot of paperwork”.

“It has to be carried out to ensure the customer knows exactly what’s been done to their car. But we do use technology as well to plug into the car’s computer to diagnose any problems,” says Chris.

Early in February, he started his apprenticeship at Mercedes Benz in Alexandria, inner Sydney and he’s studying a Certificate III in light vehicle automotive at TAFE. Chris obtained his HSC at Aquinas College and as part of that did a Certificate II in construction.

“Earlier, I had wanted to do a construction trade, carpentry, but I found a new love, automotive. Getting my licence, and being around friends who also drive cars, I wanted to know more about how engines work. My mates and I have already done simple oil changes and I’ve helped a friend and his father rebuild a Honda Integra motor.”

Chris enrolled in the Citi New Recruits program because he heard it would prepare him for his apprenticeship. It’s done that and more as he’s learnt about workplace safety, working as a team and co-operating with people who he didn’t know very well. Once he finished the Citi program, he went straight into his apprenticeship.

“The program helped me open up a bit meeting new people and everything I learnt was very usual and actually related to going into apprenticeship. It covered skills you use as an apprentice or trainee whatever area you’re going into,” says Chris.

“I’m on the right track for my career. I wake up every day and I’m eager to learn.”

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