



Name: Emincan Ocal

Age: 20

Employer: Mercedes-Benz Airport Express

Location: Melbourne

Automotive Light Vehicle Mechanic Apprentice

Studying: Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology

Citi New Recruits Program: VIC Phase 4

When Emi Ocal was at high school, his dad bought him a car to work on during the weekends. He eventually coaxed it to life, and now drives it to work every day at Lei Shing Hong Mercedes-Benz Melbourne.

Turning his hobby into a career, 20-year-old Emi is now almost halfway through his light vehicle mechanic apprenticeship.

Emi loves that the wheels of change are constantly turning in the automotive industry.

"You can never learn enough because there is something new coming out every year. You learn everything about mechanical cars and then the next year there are hybrids coming out. You are always learning something," Emi says.

He secured his apprenticeship after

taking part in the Citi New Recruits program, which included a week's work experience at Ford. Emi says he learnt a lot about how workplaces operate and credits the free three-week program for giving him the edge to get an apprenticeship at Mercedes-Benz.

"Without the Citi New Recruits Program, I wouldn't have come across this opportunity and might still be looking for a job, so it made a big difference."

At Mercedes-Benz, he began working in the service section, looking over the shoulder of a more experienced mechanic. Over time, his responsibilities increased, and currently in his second year, they have continued to go up a gear or two.

Emi says having mentors in the workplace makes a huge difference to

his development.

"You're learning from people who have been doing their trade for 10-20 years, so they show you the right way to do it. I get tips from my fellow technicians and managers and it helps me a lot."

He is driven to one day become a foreman, so he too can share his knowledge with others.

Emi says working has made a difference to the way he speaks and acts and has enhanced his personal and professional skills.

"I have learnt a lot about discipline, getting to work on time, doing overtime and respecting other people in the workplace. Working makes you become more mature – you're not a kid anymore."

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