My name’s Dean, I’m in Year 11 and I study VET Information, Digital Media and Technology.

I chose to study VET because I’m interested in IT. Ah, when I was really young, I wanted a computer so I got my dad to buy me the parts and I built it myself. So I just kept on going from there.

I didn’t know a lot about VET, at the time I thought it was just a replacement sort of subject, but I was definitely wrong. I’m actually really happy with my choice. It’s a lot more hands on, I reckon. It’s a lot more, I feel like, more practical work most of the time. There’s two big subjects basically. There’s games and creation and ICT. One clearly focus on game development and stuff, things like animations, and then the other one’s more networking and computer operations.

So ICT stands for information, communication and technologies and it basically covers things such as hardware, software and cloud-based operations. Some of the cloud technologies we’ve looked at is setting up a server, a fake server, on a computer.

Some hardware components from a computer are stuff like the motherboard, the CPU, graphics card, all that sort of stuff.

It’s got a good focus on hands-on work and stuff that would really help me in an actual career. Ah some jobs that would require these sorts of skills would be like an IT tech team sort of thing, maybe at a business, big business, helping organise all that stuff. Maybe just a general tech support guy on the phone.

Ever since studying VET IDMT I’ve been a lot more confident trying to get some casual or part-time work and I’m working towards my, well partially towards my, Cert III for Information, Digital Media and Technology. I reckon I might take it to uni, get a little bit further, maybe a Cert IV, and VET IDMT has the option to have scored assessment, which can help me with my ATAR, and that’s something I’m hoping to do.

So the scored assessment is a combination of three SACs and an exam. Some of them have been, we’re in a certain position, maybe we’re part of an IT crew and we just have to sort out some operating systems or help multiple users on a computer.

So, I’m currently doing VCE. I’m also studying Physics, English, Maths, Bio and Music. Physics is very formula based and it’s helped me a lot with VET IDMT, but it’s a lot more different than a regular VCE subject. It’s a lot more hands on and you meet a lot of people and I reckon it’s just a whole bunch of fun the whole way.

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