Hannah has launched her career in business with a traineeship at Mercedes-Benz Melbourne.

“I wanted to do a Real Estate Agents Representatives course after finishing Year 12 but I couldn’t afford it,” said the 19-year-old, who commenced her Certificate III in Business traineeship in April. “I considered it beneficial to get a qualification that would help me enter into the world of business and that may help me later in my career if I decide to pursue real estate down the track,” she said.

After high school, Hannah struggled to find employment in her field of interest. “I didn’t have the experience,” she explained. “After searching for awhile I came across the concept of traineeships and I thought that would be a great place to start working in business.”

Hannah set about completing the Citi New Recruits Program in February, which paved the way to her traineeship with Mercedes-Benz Melbourne. “It’s been a life-changing experience,” she said. “I’m now going to have an amazing future because of what they have done for me, having faith and encouraging me to get this job.”

Hannah has found that learning on the job is the best way to develop her skills. She is responsible for a variety of tasks, including some invoicing, loaning cars, closing internal request orders and helping out in reception, so it’s important to stay organised and positive.

“I like combining my business traineeship for my love with cars. I have gained more confidence since being here. I enjoy the change of lifestyle compared to being at school and it is great having an income,” she said.

Hannah recommends on-the-job training for anyone starting a career. “Traineeships are a great way of entering the workforce and obtaining a qualification at the same time,” she said.

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