

DOING AN APPRENTICESHIP: WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE THINK

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A recent study of 1700 secondary school students and 850 current apprentices in South Australia identifies the key factors which encourage young people to pursue an apprenticeship. Information from students and apprentices indicates that the key drivers of apprenticeship uptake are intrinsic interest and academic ability. School students with higher academic ability are less interested in apprenticeships. In contrast, those who are part way through their apprenticeship are very positive about the experience, especially the enjoyment of learning new skills and future prospects for career progression and pay. The author also discusses the impact of socio-economic factors, and influence of parents, friends and teachers on decisions to take up an apprenticeship.

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