

Uni setback is not the end of the world

Career path takes detour

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When you begin your last two years at secondary school (VCE), a lot of emphasis is put on the score you get for your end-of-year exams, with regard to what you'll be able to do in the future.

It was something I was concerned about, as were many of my friends.

I knew I wanted to study journalism, and I knew what score I needed to enable me to attend university; but there was always the question looming – what happens if I don't get it?

As it turned out, I didn't get the ENTER score I so desperately wanted.

For a while I considered changing my career choice, but I really did not want to do anything else.

I thought to myself: Why should I give up on my dream just because of a little setback?

After doing some research, I discovered there were other ways you could go about getting into university and achieving the career you want.

I decided to go out in the workforce to get some hands-on experience, and I was given the opportunity to do two weeks' work experience in the editorial department of **The News**.

About a month later, *SN Weekly's* Christine and Kate agreed I could work with them two days a week for three months so I could obtain even more



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experience, and I couldn't have asked for anything better.

I'm getting a feel for the job and what work is involved.

I now know that journalism is something I really want to do in my life, and I'll keep going until I get to exactly where I want to be.

It isn't happening the way I planned, but this experience has taught me that some things happen for a reason – and the end result could well be the same as if I had gone to university in the first place.