Work Experience at Robertson Barracks

My chosen Work Experience for the year 10 work experience week was the 8 Close Health Company imbedded in a much bigger organisation called the Royal Australian Army. For the week I was a ‘practising combat medical attendant’. This week was one of the best experiences I have ever had in my short time on earth. I went into this week with a pretty good idea of what I wanted to peruse as a career and I was going to the army to confirm this. I not only confirmed that I want to be a medic but if it were possible I’d be several other jobs all at the same time!

My week consisted of basic first aid training such as CPR and treatment of broken limbs, extensive first aid training such as cannulating and plastering, assessing situations using the DRSABC formula, weapon handling and firing. Informal talks were given by our superiors about what life is like in the army and we actively participated in the personal training session in the morning which was cardio and battle training. Throughout these tasks I was also given extensive tours of the Robertson Barracks Army Base including the Private eating ‘mess’ which was made available to me for lunch. I was also taken on a ‘show and tell tour’ to see the armoured trucks, ambulances, helicopters and artillery tanks which were absolutely ‘awesome’. Overall, I have not only learnt more than I could ever have imagined I now know what it takes to be a member in the armed forces and that it is as all the soldiers say ‘the best job I ever had’.

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