Your career path in the

Printing industry

The printing industry remains one of the major contributors to the dissemination of information in Australia.
The industry provides employment and career opportunities in publishing, packaging and graphic arts.
There are a number of pathways you can follow into employment and progression into senior positions.
Bear in mind when making your choices that employers value communication skills, digital literacy, adaptability and emotional intelligence.

Step One

The first step on any pathway is completion of years 11 and 12 at high school.
Explore the electives that your school offers. Think about a school-based traineeship. Discuss your options with a careers advisor.
In addition to English (a mandatory subject), consider the following industry-suggested electives:

- **Information and Digital Technology** (there are 2 and 4 unit options that require work experience)
- **Enterprise computing**
- **Mathematics**
- **Health and Movement Science**

Step Two

Make the choice between Vocational Education & Training (VET) or university.
For instance, you could undertake a **Certificate III in Printing apprenticeship**. This involves three to four years of work and study. It will give you the skills and practical experience to be effective on the job and an income.

Step Three

Gain further qualifications.
For instance, you could undertake a **Certificate IV in Printing and Graphic Arts Management**. This will take one year full-time or two years part-time and is a cost-effective way of gaining the skills you need to progress in your career.
Adding further qualifications to your resume is always worth the effort in the long run.

People with digital skills are absolutely necessary to 21st century workplaces

Make digital skills part of **your** future

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