

Choice career



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ARMY Logistic Training Centre recently hosted the annual Schools Careers Day at Latchford Barracks.

More than 550 secondary school students from the Albury-Wodonga region experienced Army trades and training.

The intent of the careers day was for students to see the trade training that soldiers undergo at ALTC, and to understand the opportunities that a trades-based career in Army, and the ADF, offers.

Defence Minister Joel Fitzgibbon said he was pleased the students were provided with this opportunity. "It's important that Defence pursues further opportunities which will enable

students to get a taste of military life and the benefits of a career in the ADF," he said.

This also complements other youth-orientated schemes such as the Defence Gap Year Program, Cadets and the Work Experience Program which is under development."

ALTC Commandant Col Michael Batiste said, "I believe students and teachers alike were impressed with the variety of opportunities that exist within one employer – Army."

During the day the students were exposed to demonstrations and hand-on activities at the Army School of Health, Army School of Transport, Army School of Ordnance and Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

Ready to jump: Trainee pararigger Pte Thomas Bauer helps a student at the ALTC careers day. Plumbers, electricians, carpenters, medical assistants, drivers and parachute riggers were some of the careers on show.