SPATIAL INFORMATION SERVICES

Steve Larsen, Program Coordinator: My name is Steve Larsen, I’m the Program Coordinator for the Spatial Information Services program. Spatial Information Services takes in surveying, mapping and geographical information systems

Aaron Mericka (RMIT Student): I didn’t really know much about it until I actually found out about the course, then I looked into it and it looked really good. It helped me get a job as well so it all paid off.

Steve Larsen, Program Coordinator: Most students who enrol here are sought after by the surveying profession, the opportunities are enormous and there’s just a massive shortage as there are right across the trade and consequently employment prospects are very very good.

Student: I wanted to do something that was pretty much involved with outdoors and I always liked the idea of doing accurate work and when I combined those two elements together, I found that this course was probably the way that I wanted to go.

Aaron Mericka (RMIT Student): I like the practical side of it, so every second week we are out at Yarra Bend Park doing field exercises, so we’re using instruments all the time and getting a good feel of how they work, and then bringing that into the classroom and you can see what you’ve done, so I really like the practical side of it.

Student: I’ve learned a lot, just about the surveying game. I didn’t really know much about it, how GPS works, how everything works, I really knew next to nothing about it, its all been new but its all been really interesting.

Aaron Mericka (RMIT Student): If you’ve got an interest in it, if you’ve got an interest in anything, you should do it but his course in particular is very good because you learn the theory side of it, so you learn how it works but you also go out to use the instruments so that when you do get a job, you don’t need more training, you basically know how to run the show.

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