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GIRL: When I grow up...

BOY: I would like to be an animator.

GIRL: A marine biologist.

GIRL: An artist.

BOY: A forensic scientist.

GIRL: A zoo keeper.

GIRL: I want to be a photographer.

BOY: A chef.

GIRL: An author.

BOY: Teacher.

BOY: A surfer.

BOY: Video game designer.

GIRL: A doctor.

GIRL: A fashion designer.

BOY: A builder, cartoonist or stunt man.

VOICE-OVER: Join our reporters as they check out some great jobs, meet interesting people and go on some cool adventures. Enquiring Minds shows you that you can have fun while following your dreams through higher education.

SACHA: Hi and welcome to the show. On this episode – Bec and Alex take a close look into the world of social insects. But first, let's join Holly and Sabrina as they visit a police academy and meet some real life crime fighters.

HOLLY: We've all seen fictional crime fighters in action battling bad guys and in real life our local police officers are out there fighting crimes every day. They have a really important job in keeping us safe and solving crimes at the same time. Let's go meet Sabrina who one day wants to help put the bad guys away by collecting all the clues from the scene of the crime. So what's this explorer pack all about?

SABRINA: It's got some explorer items like it's got a magnifying glass, a notebook, a torch and a compass.

HOLLY: And so what do you use this gear for?

SABRINA: Maybe if you go on a bush walk you might go looking for things.

HOLLY: Looking for clues and things, are you?

SABRINA: Yes.

HOLLY: What kind of games do you play?

SABRINA: I have a game on my iPod, it's called Cludeo and you have to find these

clues and try and find the murderer.

HOLLY: So you're kind of solving mysteries, are you?

SABRINA: Yep.

HOLLY: Well I've actually got a friend that helps collect the evidence to help solve crimes, do you want to come and meet them?

SABRINA: Yep.

HOLLY: Let's go.

SANAN: I first became interested in the police force after doing my HSC. It just appealed to me, pretty much the uniform and just the different types – like getting up in the morning and not knowing what I'm going to do. That's what I like to do.

HOLLY: Hi, Sanan, how are you?

SANAN: Good, how are you?

HOLLY: Good, thank you.

SANAN: Hi, Sabrina, how are you?

SABRINA: Good, thanks. So did you go to school here?

SANAN: Yep, I went to school here. Before that I went to uni, did it for about two years and then I applied to come to the academy. Did my physical, my medical and all that. It takes about 3 to 4 months to graduate.

SABRINA: What were your favourite subjects at school?

SANAN: Favourite subjects at school was sports, sports is the best thing, art and yeah.

HOLLY: And physical education is pretty important at school so what kind of training do you do in the police force?

SANAN: You need to be fit, you need to do running, do a bit of weights, build up your muscles.

This is the gym, the working out station where you get stronger and stronger to build your muscles, I guess. The smallest ones there if you can see, they're the ones I usually carry, nothing bigger. What I really love about the career is getting up in the morning and wearing this uniform and coming to work it's such a big pride to me and I've achieved this much.

MICHAEL: It's a three-year degree. The first two years they do at the university and they finish their final session down at the Goulburn Police Academy.

SANAN: This is Rossiville Village, it's a fake town set up for policing students. It's pretty much scenarios done for police officers in training like a stealing, possibly, and us students will go down there and deal with street crime and how to handle it out on the streets to give us a hand in preparation to what we're going to expect when we leave the academy and face the real crime. That's all pretty much fake but it's giving them an idea of how to handle people if they arrest someone. Gives you a real taste of how it's going to be out on the street and how you're going to deal with people.

HOLLY: So how have these scenarios helped you in the real world?

SANAN: Getting to know your mistakes and how you can improve. When you go out there you learn from your mistakes and do it better.

HOLLY: So what's going on here?

SANAN: Well pretty much this is, like I said, it's a fake village and this is a fake scenario the police officers are dealing with. These kids obviously are graffitiing on the train which is illegal and these police officers are trying to establish who they are. From there they will find out all the consequences. Obviously they're young so there will be different consequences.

HOLLY: That was really cool, hey?

SANAN: Yeah, really good.

HOLLY: Those kids were good actors.

SANAN: Yeah, they were.

SABRINA: Since you have graduated do you work at a real police station?

SANAN: Yeah, I do work at a real police station, do you want to come see it?

SABRINA: Okay.

SANAN: It's pretty cool.

SABRINA: Thanks.

SANAN: Obviously as a police officer you have to be a role model, no criminal

histories, just be good at school, listen to teachers, do your homework.

SABRINA: Sanan, what do you love about your job?

SANAN: Working with the community, helping out other people and mostly getting up in the morning and don't know what to expect. So every day is different and, yeah, I love it. Working in this station is really good.

SABRINA: So do you think you can show us around the station?

SANAN: Yes, I'll show you around the station, come along.

SABRINA: So do you come in casual clothes?

SANAN: Yep, we come in casual clothes in the morning and then we come over here, put our uniform on and start the day.

HOLLY: So Sanan, what happens out here?

SANAN: This is where our caged truck, police car comes in to transport prisoners or people that we've caught on the street.

SABRINA: So is this where all the police cars go?

SANAN: Yep, when they have a prisoner or someone like I said they catch, they bring them down here. They unload the person out of the caged truck. Before we do that the police officer must put their gun away and their Taser before going into the custody room. This is where we bring our prisoners until we do the process of the charge and then if they're free to leave they can leave.

HOLLY: So if you get to this point in time it's pretty serious?

SANAN: Yeah, it's pretty serious coming down here.

Sabrina, this is the room where a suspect line up and then usually the victim on the other side to identify who the suspect is. The suspect can't see inside who the victim is but the victim can see to protect the victim's identity or a witness to identify who the suspect is. In the police force not just the general duties like us there's different fields we can go into. Hi.

SABRINA: Hello.

HOLLY: Hello, how are you going?

SANAN: There's detective, forensics, there's highway patrol, there's riot squad, OSG, all that kind of stuff that we can do.

HOLLY: So what's going on over here?

CANDICE: I'm just going to do a quick demonstration on how to get fingerprints.

SABRINA: So what is a fingerprint?

CANDICE: So a fingerprint is basically the ridge lines in your fingers and the oils and the sweat kind of from your pores comes through and when you touch a shiny, glossy surface it leaves the pattern on that surface. So this is just a white powder and if you look closely can you see that fingerprint just there?

SABRINA: Yep. After you get the fingerprints where do you take them?

CANDICE: We just take photos of them and then we put them on our computer system and send them off to our fingerprint experts and they look at them and put little points on them and say this person might be the match for our fingerprint we found.

HOLLY: So when you go into a house what are the typical areas that you dust?

CANDICE: Depends on the point of entry. So if they've come in through a window or a door we dust the window frame, the window sill. If there's broken glass pieces on the inside or the outside we'd probably dust them just in case they've touched it with their hands or climbed in, usually you get good fingerprints on a window sill climbing in. Would you like to have a go?

SABRINA: Yep.

CANDICE: Pick up the brush, put a bit of powder on there. So you can see the fingerprints coming up?

HOLLY: Yep, there they are.

CANDICE: Look, there they are, they're perfect fingerprints.

SANAN: Sabrina, you're lucky enough to come on a patrol with us. This is done on daily duties, we get in the car pretty much and go along the street, patrol around to show the community we're out there to protect them. We don't go fast, we go slow just to see what's happening around us. The slower we go the more visible everything is.

SABRINA: What's the most common kind of crime?

SANAN: It varies every day. There's a lot of motor vehicle accidents around the

area. Every day varies, it just depends. At the moment I'm loving getting out there and doing all this traffic stuff, just the fact being here and getting up in the morning and seeing what I've achieved is really good.

HOLLY: Well, I've certainly learnt a lot about all of the training and work police officers do. And I'm pretty sure Sabrina had a fun time seeing them all in action. Maybe in a few years she will be a member of the police force solving her fair share of crimes.

SABRINA: It was really fun. I would definitely like to do this when I get older.

SACHA: Up next – Bec and Alex get their hands on some giant cockroaches.

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