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Navin Phan, 14, loves to read. “I read novels and stories from ancient times. I’m very interested in Cambodian history”, she says.

Navin is on grade 9 in Wattamim Secondary School near Battambang, the second-largest city in Cambodia. It is one of the very first schools in Cambodia to have career counsellors, trained by Finn Church Aid.

Career counselling is a popular subject, also due to the new, participatory teaching methods that the counsellors have adapted during their training. The work has led to important changes in the students’ attitudes towards the school, their studies and their future, as well as an increased cooperation between schools and parents.

Navin’s dream is to become a nurse, because she wants to be able to take care of her parents if they get sick.

“I want to have a good education. Good education and a profession secure a good standard of living”, she says.