

Gold Coast TAFE students to obtain valuable industry experience in the lead up to the Armor All Gold Coast 600

Gold Coast Institute of TAFE (GCIT) Pre-Vocational Carpentry students will play a leading role in the scaffolding safety requirements for the Gold Coast's upcoming premier event, the Armor All Gold Coast 600.

Through industry relationships made by GCIT teacher, David Bramley the students will be performing their vocational placement erecting crucial scaffolding and general maintenance work at the GC 600.

18-year-old GCIT pre-vocational carpentry student Jordan Davies said he is hoping to obtain valuable hands on industry experience which will lead to securing employment at the conclusion of his course.

"I previously attended TAFE in Victoria and undertook a similar carpentry course.

"I have found at Gold Coast TAFE we have had so many opportunities to obtain practical skills by working in the community rather than sitting in a classroom.

"Thanks to our teacher, in addition to working in the lead up to the GC 600, we have also been working each Friday on the rebuild of flood affected homes at Ipswich.

"This has not only provided valuable hands on experience but it is also helping people who are in need.

"It makes you realise how lucky we are to be living in homes which have basic things such as walls and amenities.

"We are working each Monday to Wednesday at the GC 600 and Fridays on the Ipswich flood rebuild.

"It makes me very proud to be a Gold Coast TAFE student and helping the community.

"I am looking forward to attending the Gold Coast 600 and not only experiencing the excitement of the V8s but also the satisfaction of seeing the results of my hard work," he said.

GCIT Carpentry Teacher, David Bramley said he was proud that his students were able to assist the community while obtaining practical skills.

"Since the Queensland floods, GCIT students have worked on approximately 20 homes and changed the lives of so many families.

"We are very grateful to the Ipswich community for allowing the students to enter the privacy of their homes to complete the much needed work.

“We have formed strong friendships with the home owners while providing the students with valuable experience which has seen many of the students finding employment at the conclusion of their course.

“My goal is to ensure that my students not only learn the theory side of their trade but importantly obtain the valuable practical skills to lead to job placement.

“This is our third year of working at the Gold Coast 600 and it is a real privilege to be assisting with an event of this calibre.

“Combining this experience with the Ipswich flood rebuild, which the students will continue for the remainder of the year, I am confident they will complete with work ready skills,” he said.

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