

## **Gold Coast TAFE pays tribute to their teachers on World Teacher's Day**

Gold Coast Institute of TAFE (GCIT) will celebrate World Teachers' Day on Friday by paying tribute to over 200 educators that play an important role in supporting the Institute's 16,000 students.

GCIT Chief Executive Officer, Aaron Devine said the Institute was well aware of the positive difference a teacher can play in our student's education.

"Our teachers are connected to their industries and provide the students with the practical skills they need to enter the workforce.

"Each year the Institute acknowledges the GCIT Teacher of the Year at our annual Excellence Awards.

"Last year GCIT plumbing teacher, Kingsley Tynan took out the honour of this award.

"Importantly it is the GCIT students who nominated their favourite teacher and Kingsley received numerous votes of confidence," he said.

When you look at what makes a teacher of the year, Kingsley Tynan is the perfect candidate.

Kingsley from Southport said he has been teaching plumbing at GCIT for four years and has enjoyed every single moment.

"I actually started my plumbing career as an apprentice at GCIT and to now be on the other side of the fence as a teacher is extremely rewarding.

"I had owned and operated by own business for twenty years and decided to complete a Certificate IV in Training and Assessing at GCIT as a personal goal which led me to undertaking work experience as a teacher.

"I have since completed a Diploma in Training and Assessment and undertaking a Bachelor of Adult Vocational Education with Griffith University.

"My passion has always been plumbing and some of my teaching success can be attributed to my regular industry engagement as it provides the knowledge of what is currently happening in the work force and up to date with current industry trends.

"As a teacher you are rewarded when you see your students excelling.

"I have had the pleasure of training the 2009/10 GCIT Plumbing Apprentice of the Year and the runner-up Apprentice of the Year at the 2011 Plumbing and Gas Industry Awards.

“I have also enjoyed my role as the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Co-coordinator for Plumbing at GCIT.

“It is extremely satisfying to assess clients on their prior knowledge and skills and to assist them in obtaining a full or part qualification.

“Over the past four years I have enjoyed sharing my experience and perspective on the plumbing industry with my students.

“Seeing them gain qualifications that will put them in good stead for a successful future in the construction industry it immensely satisfying,” he said.

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