

Apprentices making great progress at home in Ipswich



Apprenticeships Queensland trainees from left, Callum Mahoney, Kai Harvey and Liam Courtney hard at work in North Ipswich. Apprenticeships Queensland trainees from left, Callum Mahoney, Kai Harvey and Liam Courtney hard at work in North Ipswich. PHOTO: DAVID NIELSEN

THE next generation of builders is making excellent progress on their project at North Ipswich.

The 130-year-old house on Hill St is looking more like a home every week, as the team of 35 apprentices embarks on the six-month Building Futures Program.

This week the students started building the ensuite and main bathrooms, with the main wall going up between the two the the roughing in

getting under way.

When it's finished, the property will boast a generously-sized master bedroom with a walk-in wardrobe and a handy ensuite bathroom - something that was lacking up until Apprenticeships Queensland and Tafe Queensland south-west got involved.

Foremen Jamie Robinson said the school-based apprentices and Certificate 1 Construction students from Ipswich and the

south-western suburbs of Brisbane were on track to complete the job within the time-frame.

"The cladding will be done on the external walls soon and that's when we'll start doing the bathrooms," he said.

"It's coming along nicely and it is on schedule."

There is good progress being made elsewhere, with retaining walls complete at the front of the house, and gardens ready to be

planted.

Out the back, the roof is finished on the new, open-plan living area and kitchen, with some work left to be done on the floorboards, which suffered some significant water damage from a leaky shower over the years.

Painting is under way on the bedrooms and the holes have been dug for the new massive back deck, which will connect up to the back living area.

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