

## Daniel on the path to success

DANIEL Dickens started getting a taste for the construction industry while joining his older carpenter brother's on jobs on the weekend.

Since then St Edmund's College Year 12 student has taken the next step towards making a career out of building, embarking on a school-based apprenticeship.

Daniel is one of 35 trainee construction students on the Building Futures Program,

which is transforming an old North Ipswich renovator's dream into a bigger, better version of itself.

"It has been great learning new stuff throughout the renovation," Daniel said.

"On previous work places we haven't had the opportunity to work on older homes.

"On this job we've picked up new skills like learning how to go about replacing old VJs.

There is a lot of stuff you don't see on new houses.

"We are enjoying the project. You can really notice the difference from when we first started working here."

The Hill St home is expected to be finished by late July or early August.

It will then go on the market, with the funds used to purchase the project home for the

next round of apprentices to learn their trade.

Apprenticeships Queensland and TAFE Queensland South-West is leading the

Daniel said he was looking forward to taking on a full-time apprenticeship after completing his school-based qualification.

"I am really hoping to stay in Ipswich," he said.

Australia lives here.









