



# Chippy in waiting can't wait to put his skills to good use

BRENDAN Hoang has always wanted to work with his hands and the chance to put his skills to use in North Ipswich was too good to turn down.

As a part of the Building Futures Program through Apprenticeships Queensland, Brendan is just one of many high school students who are getting practical experience on the project which is going to see a house totally renovated and then sold to a lucky buyer.

The seventeen year old who is in his last year at Centenary State High School said that he's enjoying learning new things on the job.

"I was doing a manual arts class at school and one of my friends told me about it," Brendan said.

"I got really interested in the concept, and now I'm here one day a week.

It's been about six months and its been a great experience.

"It's as good as I imagined it would be.

"I like carpentry as I'm always learning new things.

"I've learnt its really hard work, you can't

**“I'm fixing walls one day, fixing windows the next, a bit of everything.”** Brendan Hoang

mess around on a job site.

"Eventually I'd love to be a tradesman full time."

Brendan enjoys the variety of the jobs that he's done on the project.

"I'm fixing walls one day, fixing windows the next, a bit of everything.

"I'm tired when I get home as we're here at 7am till 3.30pm. it's a long day but its fun.

"The teachers are really good, and have learnt so many different ways of doing things."

The Hill Street home is a hive of activity as completion draws nearer, with the finishing touches due to happen over the coming weeks.

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Apprentices involved in the Building Futures Program house renovation project at North Ipswich. PHOTO: ROB WILLIAMS



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