

# Bradley ready for his new project

AFTER working to help renovate a house as a year eleven student, this senior student from Redbank Plains State High School is looking forward to spending this year working on a new project.

Bradley Haynes, 19, worked on the last project where a house was renovated in North Ipswich to give school-based apprentices real world experience.

In a partnership between Apprenticeships Queensland and TAFE Queensland, the home was purchased and after completion was then sold to fund the latest purchase at Herbert Street in Sadliers Crossing where work has been underway for several weeks now.

The new home is currently a three-bedroom, one-bathroom home. On completion, it will have two levels and will have an extra three bedrooms downstairs along with a big rumpus room.

The home has already been raised (see pics) and work is currently underway on the garden and house.

All up, 14 school based apprentices will get time out of the classroom and will learn their trade under the guidance of qualified builders and teachers, while another 40 construction students will work on the property.

Bradley is excited to get stuck into his second project, and after his experience on the last house, now knows what area of construction he wants to focus on.

"Last year in year 11 I was doing my Certificate 1 in Construction, so we did bits of everything including painting, concreting, cutting wood to shape and size...a big variety of jobs," Bradley said.

"I learnt a fair bit about all areas, so it helped me to choose what I really wanted to do, and I chose painting. I think it's different. It's different to all the others, as you have to own your job, whereas the other jobs are more of a team effort. With painting I love the attention to detail, and the small things."

Bradley knows what he's in for with this new home taking shape, and is excited now about what his future holds, now that he's had hands-on experience with a paintbrush.

"When I heard they were going to do another house, I was really happy," he said. "It's better than being in a classroom, I love that hands-on stuff, and getting dirty. It's way better than studying at a desk. You go home tired each night, and I like that."

"It's already done more for me than I expected. I have something to look forward to now, I know I'll finish grade twelve and I can go

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straight into my 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years of my apprenticeship."

Bradley has been impressed with what he's learnt and encourages anyone thinking about learning a trade to get in touch with Apprenticeships Queensland and give it a crack.

"I'd say to anyone thinking about a job like this, is just give it go. I saw the last house when it was done and I really felt a great sense of accomplishment. It made me feel really good to know that I had a hand in it, plus my family came and had a look and they were blown away."

You can follow the progress of the house in upcoming issues of the QT's Real Estate Guide every month, which is FREE with your paper every Saturday.



The house in Sadliers Crossing is coming along well. It has already been raised up and work underway.

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