

# Renovations under way

TAKE a good look at this house, because over the next twelve months it is going to be transformed.

It follows on from the success of the Building Futures Program in 2017, where school-based apprentices would spend time renovating a house, to give the students real-time experience, out of the classroom.

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.

The new home is currently a three-bedroom, one-bathroom home. By the time it is finished, you can expect it to be a two level, modern home with an extra three bedrooms downstairs along with a big rumpus room.

In total, 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.

There will be work to be done involving landscaping, painting, carpentry, plumbing, construction and lots more.

The Building Futures Program includes eight school-based apprentice carpenters, six school-based apprentice painters and 40 students will undertake a Certificate I in Construction. It means that they can leave school with a head start, and real-time experience in their chosen field.

Apprenticeships Queensland General Manager Paul Hilberg said that a lot was learnt from the last project, and this one is even more exciting.

"The students learnt a lot on the last project house and so did we," Mr Hilberg said. "The new house is not as old as the last house but it has lots of character."

"We are looking to retain and enhance this and add modern living appeal so this project we be even a greater challenge for the team than the last project"

TAFE Queensland South West General Manager Brent Kinnane added that they were proud to support the initiative again that is allowing many students to gain valuable experience who might not otherwise have the opportunity.

"This project is helping young people in our local community gain in-demand, job-ready skills to develop their careers and achieve their goals," said Mr Kinnane.

Over the coming months the Queensland Times will be looking at the progress of the home, and talk to those working on the site, and it's not just limited to the boys.

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