



Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre Newsletter - March 2016

TERM 1 – OVERVIEW

Special points of interest:

- 2015 CSQ Excellence Awards Winner - Construction School of the Year
- 2014 State Showcase Winner Senior Pathways
- 2013 - 2014 Regional Showcase Winner - Senior Pathways
- 2012, 2013, 2014 Construction Skills QLD Construction School of the Year Finalist

Hello to our SCTTTC Parents, Care-givers, Supporters and Students

Welcome to our first Newsletter of the year. Being a short term of only nine weeks we all hit the ground running in February; Students, Trainers and SCTTTC Team alike and now here we are, trying to register that Term 1 is already about to finish! This year we have a cohort of 120 students attending from fifteen different high schools on the Sunshine Coast which is a dramatic increase from the four original partner schools back in 2011 when SCTTTC first opened. This is a strong indicator that word is getting out within the community and industry that SCTTTC is the place for students, who are serious about choosing a career pathway in the construction industry, to complete a Certificate Course, quality training and undergo our Structured Workplace Learning Program.

Our 2016 courses have Careers Australia delivering three classes of students undertaking a Certificate I in Construction along with three classes of students completing a Certificate II in Electrotechnology. TAFE East Coast delivers the Certificate I in Plumbing every Wednesday along with the Integrated Learning in Engineering program which is delivered here by USC every Wednesday afternoon.

For your reference, our team is comprised of:-

Deb McPherson—Centre Co-Coordinator
Karen Kehoe—Industry Liaison Officer
Judy Hicks—Administration
Rechelle Gulliver-TAFE East Coast Trainer
Rob Reid—Careers Australia Construction Trainer
Glenn Matheson—Careers Australia Electrotechnology Trainer
Martin Mitchell—USC ILEs Lecturer

Our Centre currently operates from 8.00am to 4.30pm - Tuesday through until Friday (we are closed on Monday) and we are open in line with the Queensland School Terms. In the event that there are any days that your young person is not required to attend SCTTTC, we will advise you via email.

Should you wish to contact us direct, please call our SCTTTC telephone on 5438 1037. Please note that we do have a monitored answering machine service and will return your call if a message is left.

Partner Schools



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SCTTTC would like to acknowledge Cricks Auto Group as a Major Supporter of our Trade Training Centre for 2014, 2015 and in 2016.

Cricks Maroochydore are supporting us again in 2016 by providing SCTTTC with a Mitsubishi Triton Utility which will be used to conduct site visits for our students undertaking "on the job" work experience. Approximately 35 students will be undertaking structured work placements over the Easter school holidays. We would sincerely like to thank Garry Crick for his continued support of SCTTTC for the third year running. Garry Crick is a sound supporter of our Trade Training Centre and recognises the importance of seeing our young people gain "real life experience" out there 'on the job' within the construction industry. We would also like to offer a special thank you to Tony Martin, Sales Manager of Cricks Mitsubishi who has been very helpful and a pleasure to deal with.



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Drive away happy

WISHING ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES A SAFE AND HAPPY EASTER



Many of our students completed the CPR component of their course during this first term.

Our Workshop has been put to good use in the first term with many students learning how to use different tools for the first time.



Certificate I in Plumbing

Our Plumbers have been utilising our “sand pit” at SCTTTC to learn how to accurately dig trenches to lay pipes using tape measureS, string lines and spirit levels.



Last week all Students received their High Visibility Shirts to use out on SWL placements. Below our Thursday Construction class proudly show off their new shirts.



SWL—Structured Workplace Learning

During this week and over the coming Easter school holidays, we have almost 35 students who will be out undertaking SWL or “on the job” experience. This is a fantastic result for our first round of school holidays so I would like to congratulate those students who have gone out and utilised industry connections and gained placements. We have already had a comment from one employer when asked how our young person was conducting himself this week and the response was.... *“I would have no hesitation in offering him an apprenticeship if he continues to work in the way that he has this week”*. This is the feedback we love to hear and as we are all too aware, this is where many of our young people gain their employment upon leaving school. Keep up the good work and we look forward to hearing many more positive comments when students return to SCTTTC in April.

Please note that students CANNOT undertake any form of “on the job” placement unless they have the appropriate paperwork signed prior to commencement of holidays. As this is a legal requirement of Education Queensland, there are no exceptions to this rule.

Karen will be out conducting on site visits for those students who are undertaking SWL in April so you may see the Cricks/SCTTTC Triton travelling around the Sunshine Coast.

