Study program tailored for CAREER QUESTS

CAREER planning at Prince Alfred College begins in the Middle School (Year 7-9) when boys start considering senior education pathways and choosing to either enter university or the workforce.

Most students take the university pathway and will either complete a degree or double degree. But there are students who prefer to enter the workforce through an apprenticeship or full-time work.

A key feature of PAC is the resources available to these students who prefer the workforce pathway.

Its Vocational Education and Training (VET) program enables students to commence an apprenticeship in the final three years of School.

VET coordinator Tahitha Noble said PAC strives to provide an environment for boys to develop all-round skills, initiative and a strong work ethic.

"By engaging our network of Old Scholars and securing partnerships in industries such as building, construction and design, our students are able to commence school-based apprenticeships in Years 11 and 12," she said.

In 2011, Jack Luke, a boarder from Maitland, commenced the VET program and he has recently started a full-time boilermaker apprenticeship with Transco at Lonsdale, making drill bits for the mining industry.

He found out recently that he has completed all but two modules of his first year trade school requirements due to the VET courses completed in Years 10 and 11 and through his Year 12 English studies.

George Hannaford, who also completed Year 12 in 2013 with a significant VET component, has accepted an apprenticeship as a diesel mechanic working on large trucks for South Central Trucks at Gepps Cross.

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Henry McMurray (Year 11 in 2013) is also commencing a diesel mechanic apprenticeship with Wickham Flower, the local John Deere dealer in Keith.

In the past five years we have developed a relationship with AFL Sportsready as students seek pathways in sport and recreation. Students have been undertaking traineeships in partnership with SANFL Clubs that compile the players and offer this educational experience.

Two Year 11 boys — Will Combe from Crystal Brook who plays for North Adelaide and Ashley Giles from Clare who is with Woodville West Torrens — are completing the Certificate III in Sport and Recreation through AFL Sportsready.

This study also contributes to an ATAR score for those boys applying to university at the end of Year 12.

AFL Sportsready’s Craig Berry said the boys had a pretty intense three-day workshop during each of the school holiday breaks as well as skills coaching from AFL players.

This course is particularly popular with boarders as they gain a better understanding of how clubs and businesses operate, enabling them to contribute proactively in their local communities when returning home.

We expect the boys to complete Year 12 as it enables them to consolidate their learning and accept leadership roles in the College.

It also gives them an opportunity to participate in final year experiences such as the Red and White formal or being a member of one of the many sporting or co-curricular teams.

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