



TAFE is turning students into trained specialists

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With Claire Schnitzlerling

CHRISTMAS is now close at hand and TAFE courses have mainly finished for 2011.

But that isn't the end of work at Warwick.

Teachers are busy preparing next year's programs with student interviews for courses.

Shearing training finished last Tuesday and now teacher, Lex Brackin is busy with future students.

It's been a busy year for secondary school students from Warwick High School, The Scots College and from the Jackeroo/Jillaroo Group.

High school students from

Year 11 and 12 have enrolled in Certificate II Agriculture specialising in wool handling and shed hand work, while The Scots students enrol in shearing.

Both are a two-year course with the kids attending Warwick TAFE one-day a week on separate days.

This course will count towards their OP score at the end of Year 12 and they will receive credits towards their future career in the wool industry.

Isn't it great that young people are choosing this work for we all feared that the land would run out of skilled people doing the work.

Not that the oldies weren't the experts but none of us last forever.

The Jackeroo/Jillaroo Certificate II and III Agriculture has been an outstanding success.

Already future students have enrolled for 2012 and are ready for interviews.

It has created the breakthrough enticement for young people to choose the land as a career.

I have already told you of our young granddaughter who completed Certificate II and III in the Jackeroo/Jillaroo course.

She is absolutely brilliant and has a great work ethic.

And she was a townie from Brisbane.

She absolutely loves the work and plans her future on the land.

Her granddad calls her his right hand man and they love

working together with a great respect for each other's point of view.

So many thanks for the professionalism of this course and the teachers for helping students not only gain skills but for their love for the work.

So if you intend in enrolling in any of the above courses or teacher Kellie Monckton's horse breeding course, please contact Warwick TAFE now.

The college closes in two weeks time and rural commences at the beginning of February.

The Jackeroo/Jillaroo program will start a bit later on that month.

For further information please ring TAFE on 4660 4600 and leave your contact details.

Students win recognition for excellence

MORE than 30 high students across the region are being recognised for their excellence in vocational study through the TAFE in Schools Program with a new initiative by the Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE (SQIT).

The SQIT Outstanding Vocational Student Award aims to recognise and encourage students who demonstrate dedication and discipline to their study.

"As part of our commitment to continue to promote positive and successful pathways for young people into higher qualifications, this award recognises outstanding achievements by individuals from year 11 and 12 participating in vocational study," SQIT Institute director Trevor Schwenke said.

"We are very excited to work with our participating high schools to promote excellence in vocational

education and training.

"I congratulate the winners in receiving their awards, which are judged on the students' dedication to study, their achievements, attendance and overall employability," he said.

Year 11 student from The Scots PGC College, Shannon Kriedermann was the most recent recipient from Warwick to be presented with the SQIT Outstanding Vocational Student Award.

The SQIT Outstanding Vocational Student Award was presented to students as part of the annual high school student awards evening. Each student was presented with a Certificate of Achievement and an iPod Touch.

For more information on how the TAFE in School Program works, go to www.sqit.tafe.qld.gov.au or call Toowoomba TAFE on 4694 1600.



STANDOUT: Year 11 Scots PGC student and school-based Trainee Shannon Kriedermann recently won the SQIT Outstanding Vocational Student Award.



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7. Junior Sports
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