St Leo's Achievement in Work Placement Awards

Students undertaking a VET Framework course are required to participate in structured workplace learning. This prepares them for the workforce and enables students to undertake tasks in the industry workplace that builds on the skills they have learnt in their VET course.

Five St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga students were nominated by host employers for achievement in work placement through the Hills Schools Industry Partnership. This is an outstanding result given they were competing with 2200 VET students from 32 schools in the Region. The employer comments indicate the enormous advantage VET students have for transition into the workplace following completion of a VET course.

AWARD WINNERS

Carl Smith – Information Technology: "Carl provided excellent presentation skills. He was willing to learn and adapted to the environment well."

Adam Tanner – Information Technology: "Adam took on all his tasks with enthusiasm and knew exactly what he was to do and strived to do his best in the workplace. In a few years he'll make an amazing employee."

Peter Tavernese – Information Technology: "Employability Skills displayed: communication, teamwork, technology, initiative and enterprise. Personal Attributes: personal presentation, commitment, common sense, honesty and integrity, enthusiasm and reliability."

Thomas Finn – Information Technology: "Employability Skills displayed: good communication, planning and organisation, teamwork, technology, problem solving, self management, initiative and enterprise. Personal Attributes: loyalty, commitment, honesty and integrity, enthusiasm, positive adaptability, reliability, sense of humour, motivation, ability to deal with pressure. Thomas was all of the above. He would come in every morning with another idea for our website. He has shown commitment. We have taken Thomas on to work on our website!"

Carla Valeri – Hospitality: "On one day in particular, we had a third year apprentice call in sick. Carla slotted in to his position in the kitchen and did his section, which can be the busiest in the kitchen, for the entire lunch service. She did extremely well and actually performed better in most areas than the actual apprentice. I highly commend Carla. She was a pleasure to have in the kitchen and if a position was available, would not hesitate offering her a spot in my team."