



ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE WORK EXPERIENCE WRAP UP 2022

PROGRAM
at a glance

121

Students participated
in work experience

107

Employer Champions
provided workplace
learning opportunities

23

Industries were
explored

Employer evaluations*
on student performance
indicated...

94%

Excellent Overall
Employer Feedback

*34 evaluations
received as at 20 Sept 22

88%

of students showed
excellent interest in
industry

24%

of employers expressed
interest in school-based
traineeships

- Retail Trade
- Information, Media and Telecommunications
- Hospitality - Cookery
- Construction
- Arts and Recreation Services
- Public Administration and Safety
- Multimedia
- Other Services
- Construction - Plumbing
- Manufacturing
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- Transport, Postal and Warehousing
- Administrative and Support Services
- Health Care and Social Assistance
- Financial and Insurance Services
- Education and Training
- Accommodation & Food Services
- Aviation
- Automotive
- Education
- Construction - Carpentry
- Health
- Diesel Fitting/Heavy Engine

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Oscar, RSC Diesels

Oscar grew up tinkering with cars and trucks alongside his grandfather, igniting his passion to pursue a mechanical trade in diesel fitting. Undertaking work experience at RSC Diesels, Oscar had the opportunity to gain practical, hands-on experience servicing trucks, giving him exposure to a variety of tools and technologies within the industry. The experience confirmed his career aspirations and he is hoping to kick start his future by undertaking an automotive trade certificate at Tafe in Year 12.



Click to hear what
the students had to
say about the
program

Thomas & Riley, Aviation Australia

Two aspiring pilots, Tom & Riley completed work experience with Aviation Australia, helping their career aspirations take flight. Gaining exposure to different areas of the aviation industry the students had the opportunity to work alongside industry professionals, learning about training pathways, aircraft maintenance engineering, and gaining skills and experience required to succeed. Both students expressed admiration for the industry and hope to kick start their careers with the Air Force in the future.



Jude, Cairns ZOOM & Wildlife Dome

Jude is passionate about animals, conservation, and ecology, and hopes to study Zoology after school. Joining the Husbandry team at Cairns ZOOM & Wildlife Dome for work experience confirmed his career aspirations, and he is more motivated and determined to pursue his chosen pathway than ever. Supporting the team with animal care requirements, including daily food preparation and feedings, and cleaning enclosures, employer feedback regarding Jude's efforts was outstanding. The team indicated they would like to welcome Jude to their volunteer program, allowing him to continue gaining industry specific knowledge and experience to support his aspirations.

Elijah, Cairns Watercraft

Owning and having a licence to operate a Jet Ski means more than just a thrill ride for Elijah. He is interested in turning this deep-seated passion into employment. Placed at Cairns Watercraft, he had the opportunity to learn about the sales and service side of the industry, and particularly enjoyed the hands-on component, servicing and repairing jetskiis.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS (Cont.)

Sahan, Wellness Embodied

Sahan dreams of becoming a cardiovascular surgeon and appreciated the opportunity work experience provided to gain real world experience within allied health. Placed with Wellness Embodied, he worked alongside physiotherapists, gaining a better understanding into the human body and movement. The highlight for Sahan, was attending appointments and observing the delivery of patient treatment plans. As an introduction to the working world, Sahan feels the opportunity strengthened his organisational and time management skills, and he is excited to pursue university studies post school.



Samuel, Trinity Auto Group

Samuel's work experience with Trinity Auto Group puts him on the road to pursue a career in sales. Starting in the service centre, he gained the basic knowledge and understanding of car makes, models and industry specific terminology necessary to go on the showroom floor and shine. Shadowing sales professionals, he observed the delivery of high-quality customer service in action, learning ways to establish trust and rapport with prospective customers, and watching negotiations to close a deal in action. The opportunity allowed Samuel to gain self-confidence and strengthen his communication skills. He is motivated to turn his interest in sales into a career.



Aiden & Mitchell, My Pet Hub

Aiden and Mitchell have aspirations to pursue veterinary science in the future and undertook work experience with My Pet Hub. Observing animal surgeries and procedures, and contributing to animal care duties including feeding, cleaning and walking, the experience reinforced the students' education and career aspiration and they are excited to pursue a future in veterinary science.



Cougar, Plumbnorth

"Cougar was very interested to learn. He took on all tasks, always asked questions, and all staff were impressed with his work ethic." ~ Host Employer Feedback

Working outdoors in a hands-on practical role is where Cougar's employment aspirations lie. Interested in pursuing a plumbing apprenticeship, he was placed with Plumbnorth providing an opportunity to learn more about the trade and the expectations within the role. Working on site of a large-scale construction project, he supported the team of plumbers to dig trenches and install taps and water drainage pipes and systems. He enjoyed all aspects of the work, and is excited to secure a plumbing apprenticeship in the future.



Shaun, Sea Swift

"Sean was a very keen student. We would have him back anytime." ~ Host Employer Feedback

Shaun describes himself as a 'greece monkey' in his spare time and is motivated to turn his passion into a dual trade as a diesel fitter and electrician. Undertaking work experience at Sea Swift, Shaun had the opportunity to work on forklifts, fuel trucks, bob cats and back loaders, using a variety of tools and learning new skills in workplace healthy and safety processes and procedures. The experience confirmed his aspirations and he is excited about having a clear direction after school.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS (Cont.)

Jett, Bees Electrical

Jett aspires to be a professional soccer player and used his work experience placement to explore alternative career aspirations as a 'Plan B' for his future. Placed with Bees Electrical he gained a better understanding of working life as an electrician and enjoyed attending different residential locations across Cairns, gaining skills and experience in testing, repairing, installing, and maintaining electrical circuits and wiring. He enjoyed the nature of work and said he could see himself working within a trade if his sporting aspirations did not come to fruition.



Harrison, Bits for Bikes

Harrison undertook work experience with Bits for Bikes after expressing interest in a mechanical trade. He gained practical experience servicing and repairing motorbikes, learnt to operate a variety of tools he had not previously used, and thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie within the team environment. He continues to explore career aspirations and expresses interest in pursuing a variety of trades.



Cooper, Freedom Constructions

Cooper's work experience with Freedom Construction helped him gain better insight into the world of construction. Finding the work more physically demanding than expected, he tackled every opportunity, challenge, and experience with a genuine willingness and interest to learn. The shined a spotlight on his interest in the design and planning side of construction, more so than the labour side, helping him to confirm interest in pursuing a university pathway in civil engineering.



And here's just some of the amazing Employer feedback...

“ Alessio is a credit to St Augustine's. Very professional.

“ Lucas picked up his skill very quickly and demonstrated high level of problem solving.

“ Alex worked very positively in the role of PE teacher and can be commended for his effort

“ Tom is a very bright and polite student. He had no hesitation asking questions and completed tasks very well and in a timely fashion. He was also keen to learn new tasks.

“ Oliver was very helpful in the classroom. He was especially patient and helpful for a few of my special needs students. Well done Oliver!

“ Thomas was very switched on, took great interest in the work, laws, always offered assistance and got along with everyone.

“ Andrew was a pleasure to have in the office and was a student with a genuine interest in learning

“ In his time here, Sam grew confidence. He was helpful, used his initiative, related well to staff and students and was able to understand appropriate behaviours of students and intervene. He also understood his place as a member of staff, not student.

“ Jayden is a lovely young man who was well mannered and pleasant. He was eager to learn and always showed interest in our work.

“ It was fantastic having Ryan help out in P.E. lessons. He was great help with setting up/packing up as well as running activities. The students and I really enjoyed having him in class.