



Gympie Trade Training Centre Newsletter

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Gympie Trade Training Centre Managers Report

I would like to start by extending a big welcome back to all students and thank families for their ongoing support of the GTTC. The newsletter will continue to be produced each Term and is available electronically and on the Lead School website (www.jamesnashshs.eq.edu.au) or we can email it directly to your email address. With regards to your child's study, if you are unsure about policy or procedure, then we are more than happy for you to call or email us directly to seek clarification. In relation to the centre's operation last year I am also happy for you to call or email me any feedback.

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Impressive start to year

The centre currently has 2 classes enrolled at the GTTC, with the year 12 cohort graduating at the end of Semester 1. This class is busy completing all the necessary certificate and QCE requirements. I wish them all the best and at the time of writing have 14 school weeks to course completion. The Year 11 Training For Futures (T4F) class is currently studying:

- Certificate I Engineering MEM10105
- Certificate I Construction CPC1011
- Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure RII20113
- English Communication
- Prevocational Maths

Semester 2 2016 Student Intake

The GTTC is looking forward to enrolling a new cohort of 16 year 10 students in the second half of this year. Interest has already been shown by students and strong competition for enrolment places is expected. The T4F course is aimed at students that are interested in pursuing a career in the trade areas of Engineering and Construction.

Applicants will need to exhibit the following:

- Demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in the trade areas of Engineering and Construction
- Pass in Semester 1 Maths and English
- B or greater grade in INTAD and a high recommendation from their INTAD teacher
- Exemplary behaviour record

Uniform Trial

The change of uniform trial which entails the wearing of **Blue KINGGEE** work shorts during the summer months is progressing well. Please be aware it is a trial and high standards of work dress are expected from all students. Students must have long trousers available (in locker) at all times when at the centre in case of unforeseen timetable changes.

Kerry Paige

Mr Harrison

The year is well and truly underway and the students have made a flying start. The class has been broken into three groups who are currently working together to complete flooring and stud timber framing for a 6m x 3m structure. The students are learning valuable hand skills and construction methods, but are also realising the importance of good communication for getting things done effectively and efficiently. As soon as the walls are completed they will be taken apart and reduced from 2.4m to 0.5m. With that safe working height the students can add roof trusses and custom orb sheeting to get an understanding of how a roof goes together. It has been good to see the enthusiasm and quality of construction that the students have displayed so far through this project.



We have started to learn about MIG welding this term in engineering. The students are appreciating the benefits that MIG welding has over MMAW and finding it a quicker and easier form of joining steel. So far this year the students have been finishing their anchors, working on their trailer locks and for some who are making good progress, starting their barbeques. The faster students will soon begin their machining work which will develop a whole new skillset for them.

We have begun a new certificate this year to replace Workplace Practices that has been phased out. The students will now complete a Certificate 2 in Furniture Making Pathways. We are very much looking forward to this as it will allow the students to show some creativity whilst still teaching them hand skills and working knowledge that can be used across the trades. Parents will also benefit from seeing some of the quality work being done at the centre brought home for their enjoyment. The first job to be completed is a towel rail which should be completed before the holidays.



Mr Woolley

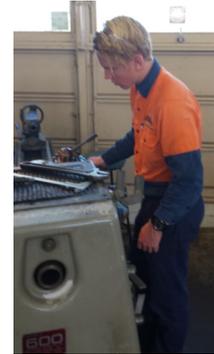
The GTTC graduating class of 2017 have achieved beyond expectations. Most of the Year 12s are now working two days per week in a work placement and eighty percent of the class will be moving straight into a paid job within their chosen industry after graduation. These students will reap the rewards of their efforts in the workplace. The feedback from employers has also been very positive and some companies are now looking to take on a student from the next cohort.



Back in the classroom the Year 12s are concentrating on completing their engineering and Workplace practices certificates. Maths and English will also continue through term 2 with only one exam and 2 assignments yet to complete. All students are on track to graduate mid-year and this is representative of their determination and commitment to their studies.

We also have one last community project on the cards which involves the removal of the Gympie Community Garden from its current home at the Gympie Retirement Village to the Endeavour Foundation grounds. Our tasks will include dismantling and reassembling a shed, pizza oven and several retaining walls which will require problem solving skills and bring a nice break of routine.

Not long to go now, I've said it that many times even the boys are starting to believe me... The next intake of year ten students will begin at the start of Semester 2 and I look forward to working with them and seeing them develop during their time here.



UEE22011 - Certificate II in Electro technology (Career Start)

The centre has 1 class of 12 students currently studying the above mentioned course on Thursday each week. The Certificate qualification is being provided by Master Electricians Training under the direction of RTO Careers Australia and has enrolled students from a cross section of Gympie High Schools.



Certificate 1 in Construction

Mary Valley State College and Gympie SHS students are using the centre on a regular basis to undertake studies in Certificate I in Construction. Train Assess Australia (Registered Training Organisation) are involved in the delivery of these programs and it is great to see the centre being used as a resource for the Gympie student community. Remember the GTTC is a resource for all Gympie High schools to use on a regular basis.



Course Fees are now due

Course fees for Semester 1(T4F \$600) are currently due as per the signed Participation Agreement for this course.

All fees are to be paid to James Nash State High

School. Statements for fees owing were posted home. If you are experiencing financial difficulties the school can offer a payment plan comprising an initial deposit of \$100 with 2 further instalments with full payment due by 30/06/2017. Please see the Business Services Manager if you wish to take up this option.

Important Dates

We will try to list upcoming events from the students home schools. Unfortunately as we only publish our newsletter once a term there maybe some events that we have missed or do not know about at the time of publishing. You are most welcome to check out your students home school webpage to keep up with upcoming events and news.

Alternatively both James Nash and Gympie High now have a Facebook page which contains useful information. Morning notices from both home schools are read out to GTTC students every morning keeping them in the loop with upcoming events as well.

21st March - James Nash day Incorporating Harmony day	31st March- Mid Semester report cards
31st March last day of Term 1	18th April - First day of term 2
24th May- RYDA road safety Year 11	

Centre Opening Time

The Centre opening times are 8.30am to 3.10pm, Monday to Friday. Students are not to arrive at the centre before 8.30am and depart no later than 3.10pm .No responsibility for students will be taken outside of these hours by the centre.

Phone Policy

Students are not permitted the use of mobile phones or ipods in class time or at breaks (they must be turned off and out of sight). The GTTC follows the same procedures as the DETE policy guidelines applicable to all QLD SHS.