



WINNING SMILE:
Emma Ismawi.

Emma scoops award

YEAR 12 Claremont College student Emma Ismawi was named the VET Student of the Year at the 2007 Tasmanian Training Awards.

In addition to this JobNet Tasmania VET award, Emma has also received an Australian Government (Department of Education, Science and Training) Vocational Student Prize.

Currently studying VET Multimedia at Claremont College, Emma is planning a career in graphic design and multimedia.

In Year 11 Emma achieved the college's highest score in Computer Graphics.

"When I first got to college I didn't know what I wanted to do, but the combination of courses I was able to take allowed me to decide what I really want to do in the future," she said.

For the VET in Schools award Emma won a computer package sponsored by JobNet Tasmania, a \$250 voucher from Andrew Jones Travel and accommodation, as well as \$2000 for the Vocational Student Prize.

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR UNI

OPENED in 1990, Claremont College is a senior-secondary government school for students in Years 11 and 12.

It provides a wide range of courses to prepare students for university, TAFE, traineeships and employment.

For students going on to university, the college has strong links with the University of Tasmania (UTAS).

A special UTAS program includes visits by university lecturers, mentorship by university students and specialised career/course counselling. Parents are also involved, with university tours and information sessions.

When students finish at Claremont College and enrol at UTAS, the college continues to support them as university students. The UTAS program offers a series of scholarships and specialised mentoring pro-

grams, as well as continued support from college staff.

The college has a study room specifically for former students now at UTAS. This UTAS Room allows university students a quiet, well-resourced place to study and is especially useful for students who have a long way to travel to university.

The UTAS Room has computers with internet access, a photocopier, a study area and hot drinks.

"The UTAS Room at college is closer to my home than Uni and it makes the transition from College to Uni a lot easier. It's excellent!" said arts student Erin Such.

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HAVING A GO: Claremont College students Shane Kent and Sophie Lipscombe try out the UTAS Research Room.

Building a great future

AN innovative program at Claremont College will help to address Tasmania's skills shortage.

The YouthBUILD program has been made possible through a partnership between Claremont College, the Department of Education (DoE) and the Housing Industry Association (HIA).

The program is available to several of Claremont College's partner high schools including Bridgewater, Rosetta, Claremont, New Norfolk and Cosgrove.

Selected students from those schools spend one day a week gaining quality tuition and guidance in fundamental



GAINING SKILLS: New Norfolk High School student Ethan Cosgrove enjoys the program.

building and construction techniques, hand and power tool skills and occupational health and safety requirements.

About 80 students are involved in the production of various projects such as cubby houses, storage boxes, gardening screens and dividing walls.

YouthBUILD gives students the opportunity to work on real-world projects for real-world organisations.

This program is an excellent example of industry and education working cooperatively to overcome a serious construction skills shortage in this state.

Taking learning further afield

CLAREMONT is Australia's only secondary college offering a Vocational Education and Training (VET) Australian Defence Force (ADF) program.

The program is a one-year preparation course for general entry into the ADF and students have the opportunity to participate in a number of exciting learning experiences.

Earlier this year, students had a sea voyage on HMAS Ballarat and an in-dock visit on HMAS Sirius.

Students have also completed a one-week work experience program at Dowsing's Point with the Australian Army 2nd Force

Support Battalion where they were introduced to military technologies and participated in a team initiative exercise and obstacle course activity.

"It wasn't easy, but it was a great experience," Claremont College student Tamara Machnig said.

Students are now taking their learning further afield with a trip to Sydney and Canberra in the first week of October, visiting defence force sites and training institutions, as well as Parliament House, Old Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, the Royal Australian Mint and the National Museum of Australia.



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