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WALL AND CEILING ROADSHOW GOES TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Association of Wall and Ceiling Industries in conjunction with South West Regional College of TAFE recently conducted a series of "Try A Trade" demonstrations at three local Senior High Schools and attended the Careers Expo at Bunbury Catholic College. The aim of this initiative was to promote the industry and the new Pre - Apprentice Wall and Ceiling Lining course to be offered by the South West Regional College of TAFE.

Students were given the opportunity to participate in the fixing and flushing of plasterboard walls, were shown a promotional DVD and provided with information about a career in the Wall and Ceiling industry by representatives from CSR Gyprock, Classic Ceilings and Ceiling Solutions whose participation in the road show proved to be invaluable.

Commencing at the at the end of July the Pre-Apprenticeship in Wall & Ceiling Lining is primarily a springboard to career in this sector but will also enable candidates to go into other areas within the building trade. Aimed at both school leavers and mature aged job seekers the course provides a comprehensive training programme that will enable employers to source apprentices from the candidates who complete the pre-app course.

The Wall and Ceiling industry is a growth sector and, with an increasing scope of work in both domestic and commercial construction, offers wall and ceiling fixers a now wide and varied range of projects.

Traditionally the Wall and Ceiling industry has suffered from a lack of awareness amongst school leavers and other job seekers as to the career path and monetary benefits available to them, and has such suffered from a shortage of quality entrants and skilled tradesmen.

For further information regarding the pre-apprentice course contact Pat Meyer on (08) 9780 7356.