

WWHS students master new skills in

Wee Waa High has a proud history of a highly successful School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships program, also known as its abbreviation SBAT.

More than just part-time jobs, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships are a great way for

students to set themselves up for the career they want while completing their HSC.

This year, 12 WWHS students are participating in the popular program.

This week's and next week's edition will feature stories from students about their experiences.



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Year 10 student, Kirrily Johnson is WWHS' first School Based Trainee to pursue a Certificate III in Property Services.

Her host company is local realtor, JMW Real Estate where she works one day a week during the school term, and full-time during the holidays to gain the practical experience required as part of her SBAT.

Students undertaking a SBAT need to achieve 100, eight hour days of work experience to complement their weekly TAFE studies.

Currently Kirrily is studying how to list a property for an open house and to script emails to landlords.

Kirrily's practical experience at JMW Real Estate has given her excellent experience in the sales process.

It has also inspired Kirrily to pursue her Cert. IV in Real Estate while on a gap year after graduating from Year 12. Her longer-term plans are to study Architecture at University.

Lydia Moon

Certificate III in Health Services Assistance at Wee Waa Hospital

With a shortage of health care professionals in rural Australia, Year 12 student Lydia Moon's aspirations for a career in the health services sector is good news indeed.

Lydia is pursuing a Certificate III in Health Services Assistance at Wee Waa Hospital, and is another fine example of how the School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship program is providing meaningful career pathways for many students.

As part of her SBAT, Lydia works one day a week at Wee Waa Hospital during the school term, and has worked many hours during her school holidays to meet her course requirements.

Her SBAT experience has confirmed for Lydia that she is committed to pur-



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suing health studies at university. After graduating from Year 12 this year, Lydia plans on pursuing health studies at the University of New England.

Hayden Shearin

Certificate II in Agriculture at Merced Farming

Year 11 student Hayden Shearin is another of WWHS' great young School Based Trainees.

Hayden started his SBAT this year at school and this is complemented by his work at Merced Farming.

Merced Farming is providing Hayden with the opportunity to put into practice what he has been learning in the classroom, as well as a great deal of other valuable farming experience.

Hayden has long been passionate about agriculture and said he "really enjoys the opportunity to work once a week, and during his school holidays



LEFT: Year 11 student Hayden Shearin is completing a Certificate II in Agriculture, gaining invaluable experience at Merced Farming.

with Merced Farming". Hayden will graduate at the end of 2022 and hopes to continue to work in the area of agriculture.

Chloe George

Certificate III in Health Services Assistance at Wee Waa Hospital

Year 11 student, Chloe George is forging a career path for herself in the health sector.

Chloe is highly motivated and very passionate about her Certificate III in Health Services Assistance studies at TAFE.

Most of the theory component of Chloe's course is online, however she enjoys meeting up and studying with other students from the region at Gunnedah TAFE once a term. The practical component of Chloe's course is achieved through her work at Wee Waa Hospital.

A wonderful endorsement about



LEFT: Chloe George working at Wee Waa Hospital as part of her Certificate III in Health Services Assistance.

the great value of SBATs is hearing Chloe regularly speak of the positive experience she is having and the great people she is working with.

"Working in a smaller rural hospital has given me a greater sense of my community and in understanding the vital role the hospital plays in rural towns like Wee Waa," said Chloe.

Her SBAT experience has been such a rewarding one that Chloe is keen to continue her studies at university when she graduates from Year 12 in 2022.

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