We have been very pleased with our achievements this year, as detailed in our 2010 newsletters. We also appreciate the ongoing feedback we receive from schools in our region about how we can best meet the needs of students, staff and parents/caregivers. We look forward to further strengthening these relationships, and our work, in 2011.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to the following people and organisations on their recent achievements:

• Delaney Jones, our 2010 Regional School-Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year (see article below).
• Healthfirst Training Australia and Woodville High School for winning the VET in Schools Excellence Award, and ETSA Utilities for winning the Employer of the Year Award, both as part of the recent South Australian Training Awards (see article on page 2).
• Chris, Vanessa and Saige Houltby, on the safe arrival of their new son and baby brother, Sol.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Nick Kyriazis this year as our Regional ePathways Coordinator. Unfortunately, the funding for Nick’s position will not continue in 2011. Nick has been instrumental in ensuring schools in our region have video conferencing equipment and software, and teachers trained in eLearning technologies such as Moodle, Centra and video conferencing. Thank you for your contributions, Nick.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. Thank you for your support throughout 2010.

Toni Andrew
Regional Senior Secondary Manager
Trade Schools for the Future Manager
DECS Western Adelaide Region

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

We have been very pleased with our achievements this year, as detailed in our 2010 newsletters. We also appreciate the ongoing feedback we receive from schools in our region about how we can best meet the needs of students, staff and parents/caregivers. We look forward to further strengthening these relationships, and our work, in 2011.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to the following people and organisations on their recent achievements:

• Delaney Jones, our 2010 Regional School-Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year (see article below).
• Healthfirst Training Australia and Woodville High School for winning the VET in Schools Excellence Award, and ETSA Utilities for winning the Employer of the Year Award, both as part of the recent South Australian Training Awards (see article on page 2).
• Chris, Vanessa and Saige Houltby, on the safe arrival of their new son and baby brother, Sol.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Nick Kyriazis this year as our Regional ePathways Coordinator. Unfortunately, the funding for Nick’s position will not continue in 2011. Nick has been instrumental in ensuring schools in our region have video conferencing equipment and software, and teachers trained in eLearning technologies such as Moodle, Centra and video conferencing. Thank you for your contributions, Nick.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. Thank you for your support throughout 2010.

Toni Andrew
Regional Senior Secondary Manager
Trade Schools for the Future Manager
DECS Western Adelaide Region

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

We have been very pleased with our achievements this year, as detailed in our 2010 newsletters. We also appreciate the ongoing feedback we receive from schools in our region about how we can best meet the needs of students, staff and parents/caregivers. We look forward to further strengthening these relationships, and our work, in 2011.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to the following people and organisations on their recent achievements:

• Delaney Jones, our 2010 Regional School-Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year (see article below).
• Healthfirst Training Australia and Woodville High School for winning the VET in Schools Excellence Award, and ETSA Utilities for winning the Employer of the Year Award, both as part of the recent South Australian Training Awards (see article on page 2).
• Chris, Vanessa and Saige Houltby, on the safe arrival of their new son and baby brother, Sol.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Nick Kyriazis this year as our Regional ePathways Coordinator. Unfortunately, the funding for Nick’s position will not continue in 2011. Nick has been instrumental in ensuring schools in our region have video conferencing equipment and software, and teachers trained in eLearning technologies such as Moodle, Centra and video conferencing. Thank you for your contributions, Nick.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. Thank you for your support throughout 2010.

Toni Andrew
Regional Senior Secondary Manager
Trade Schools for the Future Manager
DECS Western Adelaide Region

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

We have been very pleased with our achievements this year, as detailed in our 2010 newsletters. We also appreciate the ongoing feedback we receive from schools in our region about how we can best meet the needs of students, staff and parents/caregivers. We look forward to further strengthening these relationships, and our work, in 2011.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to the following people and organisations on their recent achievements:

• Delaney Jones, our 2010 Regional School-Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year (see article below).
• Healthfirst Training Australia and Woodville High School for winning the VET in Schools Excellence Award, and ETSA Utilities for winning the Employer of the Year Award, both as part of the recent South Australian Training Awards (see article on page 2).
• Chris, Vanessa and Saige Houltby, on the safe arrival of their new son and baby brother, Sol.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Nick Kyriazis this year as our Regional ePathways Coordinator. Unfortunately, the funding for Nick’s position will not continue in 2011. Nick has been instrumental in ensuring schools in our region have video conferencing equipment and software, and teachers trained in eLearning technologies such as Moodle, Centra and video conferencing. Thank you for your contributions, Nick.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. Thank you for your support throughout 2010.

Toni Andrew
Regional Senior Secondary Manager
Trade Schools for the Future Manager
DECS Western Adelaide Region

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

We have been very pleased with our achievements this year, as detailed in our 2010 newsletters. We also appreciate the ongoing feedback we receive from schools in our region about how we can best meet the needs of students, staff and parents/caregivers. We look forward to further strengthening these relationships, and our work, in 2011.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to the following people and organisations on their recent achievements:

• Delaney Jones, our 2010 Regional School-Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year (see article below).
• Healthfirst Training Australia and Woodville High School for winning the VET in Schools Excellence Award, and ETSA Utilities for winning the Employer of the Year Award, both as part of the recent South Australian Training Awards (see article on page 2).
• Chris, Vanessa and Saige Houltby, on the safe arrival of their new son and baby brother, Sol.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Nick Kyriazis this year as our Regional ePathways Coordinator. Unfortunately, the funding for Nick’s position will not continue in 2011. Nick has been instrumental in ensuring schools in our region have video conferencing equipment and software, and teachers trained in eLearning technologies such as Moodle, Centra and video conferencing. Thank you for your contributions, Nick.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. Thank you for your support throughout 2010.

Toni Andrew
Regional Senior Secondary Manager
Trade Schools for the Future Manager
DECS Western Adelaide Region

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.
Construction Industry White Card Training

We have run two White Card courses this term (Work Safely in the Construction Industry), involving 38 students from eight schools in our region. We have developed a Memorandum of Understanding with Careers Australia, a Registered Training Organisation based in Hindmarsh, to deliver this training on our behalf. Congratulations to these students, who all now hold this national qualification, which allows them to access building sites across Australia - we hope this will be of benefit in your future career pathways.

Maritime High School Program

Following the announcement of the Maritime High School project for Le Fevre High School in March this year, there have been significant plans developed in preparation for the commencement of the project in 2011.

Currently, Le Fevre High School has advertised a Coordinator position to manage and implement the program. In 2011, students at Le Fevre will have access to elective programs as a part of the year 10 Science program. In addition, it is planned that students across Western Adelaide will have opportunities to participate in a range of career activities relevant to maritime industry pathways. Negotiations are currently underway in relation to RTO arrangements and the development of detailed curriculum offerings in this exciting new program for Western Adelaide students.

2011 Regional VET Programs

There are still vacancies in a number of Regional VET programs for 2011. A list of programs with vacancies is available on our website (www.wats.sa.edu.au). Program information is also available for all of these programs in the “Regional VET Programs” section of our website. Interested students will need to complete an Expression of Interest Form and forward it to their VET Coordinator.

South Australian Training Awards

VET IN SCHOOLS EXCELLENCE AWARD - Healthfirst Training Australia

Congratulations to Healthfirst Training Australia on winning the VET in Schools Excellence Award at the recent South Australian Training Awards. Woodville High School partners with Healthfirst to provide a career pathway in the health industry for Year 11 and 12 students. Woodville High also offers this program as part of our Regional VET Programs, which provides access to this program for students enrolled in other schools in western Adelaide.

As part of this program, students complete a Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance over two years, which contributes 80 Stage 2 Credits towards their South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). The course structure provides students with best practice learning and assessment in a range of flexible ways and gives them the opportunity to participate in simulated work situations with realistic, hands-on conditions.

For more information about this program, please download the Program Information Form from our website.

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR – ETSA Utilities

Congratulations also to ETSA Utilities on winning the Employer of the Year Award as part of these Training Awards. We have partnered with ETSA Utilities as part of our annual ETSA Electrotechnology Taster Program (see our October 2010 Newsletter for more details on this program). We will be running this successful program again in August and September next year (2011).
School-Based Apprenticeships

As 2010 ‘winds up’, it is timely to reflect on this year’s progress with School-Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships across the region.

The interest for School-Based Apprenticeships has certainly gained momentum, and is a serious preference amongst students and parents/carers, as an alternative and valued pathway to achieve the SACE.

This year we have been successful in facilitating over 80 apprenticeship and traineeship placements. Fifty-six of these positions have been under School-Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship arrangements. Additionally, over three quarters of these placements have been at Certificate III level. The majority of these are in electrical, mechanics (light vehicle and marine), metal fabrication and fitting, carpentry, childcare and commercial cookery.

We urge any prospective students who can provide evidence of their commitment via completion of a relevant Vocational Education and Training (VET) course or work experience, to review the vacancies we currently have on offer on our website: www.wats.sa.edu.au (click on ‘Vacancies’ under the ‘School-Based Apprenticeships’ menu item).

You can also contact us on our mobile phones:

- Vicki Bryant: 0458 564 603
- Chris Houltby: 0488 584 029

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge VET Coordinators in each school for their valuable time and assistance in making this program the success it has been this year. Their support, along with the Principal’s commitment to School-Based Apprenticeships as a pathway within the school curriculum, has supported the number of commencements this year (see table below). Your support is greatly acknowledged and appreciated!

Vicki Bryant and Chris Houltby
Apprenticeship Brokers

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Industry</th>
<th>Certificate Level</th>
<th>Number of Students</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Automotive</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Automotive</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bread Baker &amp; Pastry Cook</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Building and Construction</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community Services</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Engineering</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Financial Services</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Food Processing (Baking)</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hairdressing</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Horticulture</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hospitality</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hospitality</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Meat Processing (Butchery)</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retail</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retail</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sport and Recreation</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transport and Logistics</td>
<td>III</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>56</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**ASBA Commencements (December 2010)**

Thank you for your encouragement and positive attitude towards flexible, online learning to support student learning. I would like to especially acknowledge the following people and schools for their active involvement in the program this year:

- Sam Heiditch (teacher at Underdale High School): Sam has worked with Don Pappageorgiou (Automotive teacher) to develop four Moodle courses. These courses will all be available on the Western Adelaide Trade School for the Future Moodle:
- Peter McLaren (Director of Studies at Ocean View B-12 College): Peter has led a team of teachers to develop a Moodle course for a SACE Stage 1 subject (preparation for Stage 2 Research Project).
- Woodville High School, School of Languages, Adelaide Secondary School of English and Findon High School: for their enthusiasm in moving forward with eLearning.
- Sotithya Gardner (teacher at Adelaide High School): Sotithya has delivered a Moodle course for teachers across the region this term. Participants provided excellent feedback.

I am continuing to work with schools until the end of this year to support Moodle course development, as well as setting up of the desktop video conferencing equipment that has been distributed to schools this year.

My funded role as ePathways Coordinator will not continue next year, but I still plan to continue my passion and involvement in eLearning across the region.

Nick Kyriazis
ePathways Coordinator

Thank you for your encouragement and positive attitude towards flexible, online learning to support student learning. I would like to especially acknowledge the following people and schools for their active involvement in the program this year:

- Sam Heiditch (teacher at Underdale High School): Sam has worked with Don Pappageorgiou (Automotive teacher) to develop four Moodle courses. These courses will all be available on the Western Adelaide Trade School for the Future Moodle:
- Peter McLaren (Director of Studies at Ocean View B-12 College): Peter has led a team of teachers to develop a Moodle course for a SACE Stage 1 subject (preparation for Stage 2 Research Project).
- Woodville High School, School of Languages, Adelaide Secondary School of English and Findon High School: for their enthusiasm in moving forward with eLearning.
- Sotithya Gardner (teacher at Adelaide High School): Sotithya has delivered a Moodle course for teachers across the region this term. Participants provided excellent feedback.

I am continuing to work with schools until the end of this year to support Moodle course development, as well as setting up of the desktop video conferencing equipment that has been distributed to schools this year.

My funded role as ePathways Coordinator will not continue next year, but I still plan to continue my passion and involvement in eLearning across the region.

Nick Kyriazis
ePathways Coordinator

Thank you for your encouragement and positive attitude towards flexible, online learning to support student learning. I would like to especially acknowledge the following people and schools for their active involvement in the program this year:

- Sam Heiditch (teacher at Underdale High School): Sam has worked with Don Pappageorgiou (Automotive teacher) to develop four Moodle courses. These courses will all be available on the Western Adelaide Trade School for the Future Moodle:
- Peter McLaren (Director of Studies at Ocean View B-12 College): Peter has led a team of teachers to develop a Moodle course for a SACE Stage 1 subject (preparation for Stage 2 Research Project).
- Woodville High School, School of Languages, Adelaide Secondary School of English and Findon High School: for their enthusiasm in moving forward with eLearning.
- Sotithya Gardner (teacher at Adelaide High School): Sotithya has delivered a Moodle course for teachers across the region this term. Participants provided excellent feedback.

I am continuing to work with schools until the end of this year to support Moodle course development, as well as setting up of the desktop video conferencing equipment that has been distributed to schools this year.

My funded role as ePathways Coordinator will not continue next year, but I still plan to continue my passion and involvement in eLearning across the region.

Nick Kyriazis
ePathways Coordinator

Sotithya Gardner delivering a Moodle course earlier this term.
Professional discussions and collaboration across schools
Curriculum development, including online curriculum
Establishment of industry partnerships, including Hendon Semiconductors, ASC Pty Ltd, Pacific Marine Batteries and Smart Fabrication
Industry Tour for teachers to Techport Common User Facility site.

Teachers, under the expert tuition of ETSA Trainers at their Angle Park Training Facility, spent five days during November learning about the specialist area of “Power Line”. A “project” will be planned for next year that will incorporate competencies specific to higher level ETSA training programs so that students interested in careers in this area can begin their study at school while completing their SACE.

**Electrotechnology IPP**
Our Electrotechnology IPP is being supported by ETSA Utilities through successful Taster Programs (run during 2009 and 2010) and training and development for teachers to support project-based learning. We all assume that we will have a consistent, reliable power supply. This is due to the high skills and quality of work done by ETSA Utilities to plan, install and maintain our power supply systems.

**Plumbing IPP**
The Plumbing Institute of Australia has also supported quality training that will enable teachers to be capable of delivering Certificate I in General Construction with a Plumbing bias. This IPP will also enable students to begin a career in the Plumbing industry while they are still at school.

The Industry Skills Program has supported the development of these IPPs with release time for teachers. They will be trialled and implemented in 2011.

**Cherry Robinson and Rod Hunter Industry Skills Managers**
DECS Western Adelaide Region

---

**Advanced Technology Project**

The Advanced Technology Project is a four-year program which aims to prepare students for careers in engineering, electrotechnology, technical design and manufacturing. This program is funded from the Commonwealth by the Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO).

In our region, Henley High School is the lead school for this program, working with four partner schools: Seaton High School, Ocean View B-12 College, Le Fevre High School and Underdale High School.

There have been a number of outcomes for this project in western Adelaide this year. This includes:

- Professional Development for teachers (provided by the Australian Science and Mathematics School), and including presentations from industry and Flinders University
- Establishment of a Steering Committee
- Professional discussions and collaboration across schools
- Curriculum development, including online curriculum
- Establishment of industry partnerships, including Hendon Semiconductors, ASC Pty Ltd, Pacific Marine Batteries and Smart Fabrication
- Industry Tour for teachers to Techport Common User Facility site, Maritime Skills Centre and ASC Submarine site
- VET program development at Henley High School – Certificate II in Electronics (this is offered regionally as part of our Regional VET Programs)

**Brenton Evans**
Assistant Principal – Technology
Henley High School

Left: teachers on the recent Industry Tour.

“Industry immersion allows teachers to encounter a real, modern industrial environment. This experience will help teachers appreciate more the usefulness of mathematics, science and technology as tools in enhancing the lives of people and will surely inspire our students as they share with them real industry stories.”

Brenton Schulze
School Industry Pathways Broker
Advanced Technology Project