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## 'Pioneers' graduate from tech college

**T**OBIAS Scheid is among the first 12 students to graduate from the Australian Technical College Adelaide South at Christies Beach.

The 17-year-old was named Apprentice of the Year and will begin a full-time apprenticeship with IJ & SL Woods Building Contractors, who employed him part-time while he completed his South Australian Certificate of Education this year.

The college opened its doors this year to Year 11 and 12 students to complete their SACE around the requirements of their chosen trade.

College principal Jim Fenoughty praised Tobias's achievements, his determination and self-management skills.

"It has been a tough journey for some of our students to combine training with their studies but they are pioneers in their field," Mr Fenoughty said.

He praised the first group to begin trade careers at the Adelaide South college.

"Tobias came to the college with significant work experience in the construction industry but lacked the appropriate vocational training for the trade," he said.

The course structures at the college and his mentor, SACE co-ordinator Deb Maddock, helped him to balance school

### Class act



**DETERMINATION:** Apprentice of the Year Tobias Scheid.

work with on-site, practical work.

More than 400 expressions of interest were received for the initial intake in February this year. Out of the 105 students who were accepted, the first Year 12 students graduated last month.

About 70 students will begin Year 12 subjects next year.

The college – one of three Australian Technical Colleges in SA – offers a combination of SACE and nationally accredited Certificate III industry training.

Businesses such as Dinki Di Engineering, Vater Corporation and Hills Industries have supported the Adelaide South college by taking on school-based apprentices and sponsoring awards for outstanding students.