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Enthusiasm pays off

A COMPULSORY school work experience placement has lead Evan Williams to a career in carpentry.

Evan, 16, of Kangarilla, started work with Vortrak Construction, Blackwood in August after doing a work experience placement there last year.

"I liked it and decided that's what I wanted to do," he says.

"After work experience they signed me up."

Evan says the best part of his job is knowing he will never be in the same place for too long.

"We're always going to different sites and you get to travel around and see different places," he says.

As part of his apprenticeship, he

studies at the Australian Technical College, Christies Beach.

Evan also works as a kitchen hand at the Royal Oak Hotel, Clarendon, to earn extra cash.

His advice for job seekers is to be persistent and look for work experience.

"Keep ringing around different companies and go out to the work sites and speak to the bosses there and see if you can find work experience first," he says.

"Then try your hardest at work experience and see if you can get a job through that."

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