



PLUGGING INTO A BRIGHT FUTURE



Kale Scott has wanted to be an electrician since year 10 and now the 17-year-old from Hackham is well on the way to achieving his goal.

That's thanks to help from the City of Onkaparinga's Jack Ellis OAM Vocational Scholarship.

Kale, a drift car and motorbike enthusiast, was nominated by two teachers for the scholarship and has earned high praise for the way he has applied himself to his studies. Kale transferred from Tatchilla College in McLaren Vale to study at Marcellin College, formerly the Australian Technical College. 'He is a very good student,' says Peter Sudaj, Trade Principles Teacher at Marcellin College. 'He applied himself and achieved his SACE (year 12) and has now rolled over into a full time apprenticeship from a school-based apprenticeship.'

As well as completing his academic and vocational studies, Kale also took on unpaid work experience in his determination to reach his goal. He is now working as an apprentice for South City Electrical in Seaford. Kale says he



loves it and is really enjoying working in the domestic and commercial sector.

'It (year 12) was all a bit hectic,' he says. 'The scholarship was really good. It really helped.'

The scholarship gave Kale \$2000, which he spent on school fees, tools for his apprenticeship and a laptop to help him study.

The City of Onkaparinga established the scholarship in 2007 in tribute to Jack Ellis OAM. Jack was the founder of the Southern Community Project Group and made an invaluable contribution to the lives of many young people from the southern suburbs.

He is well remembered for his work with The Shed in Hackham and the helping hand he gave to many disadvantaged youth.

The scholarship awarded in his honour helps two recipients each year to overcome barriers between finishing school and finding an apprenticeship.

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