



**SUCCESS STORY:** Marcellin graduate apprentice aircraft engineer Jarrod Jonker at work at CHC Helicopters. H0335366

## College coup

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**SOUTHERN-SUBURBS** graduates from Marcellin Technical College are going on to complete their apprenticeships at almost double the national average.

About 95 per cent of students from the Christies Beach school who land apprenticeships have gone on to complete their trades compared with the national average of 48 per cent.

Principal **Jim Fenoughty** said it was "outstanding" so many Marcellin students stuck with apprenticeships. He attributed the college's success rate to making sure

students were ready for work. "We also have a try-a-trade program, which gives students a different taste of the trade areas so they can make a more informed decision on what they want to go into," Mr Fenoughty said.

Students at the former Christies Beach High west campus site complete Year 11 and Year 12 SACE at the same time as their apprenticeships.

McLaren Flat engineering apprentice **Jarrod Jonker**, who finished at Marcellin last year, said combining his Year 11 and 12 studies with an apprenticeship saved time. "By the time I finished school, I was halfway through my apprenticeship," he said.