PLUMBING AND FIRE PROTECTION

Geoff Burns, Program Manager: My name is Geoff Burns and I’m the Program Manager for Plumbing and Fire Protection. Covering all areas of it from pre-apprenticeship to licensing for apprentice areas and in the future into Certificate IV in Plumbing and Fire Protection. Job prospects are excellent, in both trades, particularly plumbing, Certificate II which is a pre-apprenticeship. To apply for that pre-apprenticeship, all you need to do is ring the college and at regular intervals throughout the year, we’ll have an interview process where we choose the students to go into the course.

James Grant, RMIT Student: I chose RMIT because it seemed like it had the best facility, got good teachers and all the stuff we do is relevant to our job and everything we use in the workshop is good quality so that makes it a lot easier. Things that you don’t usually pick up on site, you pick up at school and it broadens your knowledge.

Student: Anybody that is seriously considering a course should give it a go, its always a pain being on minimum wage while you are an apprentice, but once its all done, its all well worth it.

Geoff Burns, Program Manager: All apprentices, Plumbing or Fire Protection would spend nine weeks of the year within college doing their training, approximately every four weeks, so we have housing frames to construction areas and students would put Plumbing or Fire Protection material into those frameworks and do them to a competent standard.

James Grant, RMIT Student: I highly recommend it, you don’t have to be a rocket scientist and just don’t think that you can’t do it. Because anyone can do it, it’s a really good trade to get into. I definitely feel that I’m on the right track, learning every day and the knowledge that I get will hopefully propel me into one day owning my own business.

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