

NICHOLAS ZEPANTIS IS EXPRESS LUBE'S 10TH APPRENTICE

16 year old Wadalba student, Nicholas Zepantis has taken on a school-based mechanical apprenticeship with Express Lube at Tuggerah.

This has been made possible through a Memorandum of Understanding between Central Coast Group Training and the Wallarrah 2 Coal Project who continue to provide funding and support to apprentices seeking placement in the electrical, automotive and engineering trades.

Partnering with businesses in the Wyong Shire area, Central Coast Group Training has organised the placement of two new school-based apprentices and three new full time apprentices in 2017 under the agreement with Wallarrah 2.

Nicholas is one of the new school-based apprentices supported by Wallarrah 2 and is enjoying his first few months in the mechanical trade. Nicholas is the second eldest of five children who all have a love of cars. Nicholas says his dream car would probably be a rotary engined vehicle and he can't wait to get his driver's licence early next year.

As a school-based apprentice, Nicholas spends three days a week at school, with the other two days spent at TAFE and Express Lube. By the time he graduates high school he will only have three years left of his mechanical apprenticeship.

Peter Smith, Environment and Community Manager of the Wallarrah 2 Coal Project, was delighted to meet Nicholas on the job recently and says that Wallarrah 2 is proud to support the growth of youth employment on the Central Coast.

"Central Coast Group Training plays a pivotal role in placing people in apprenticeships and traineeships with host employers, helping business owners bear some of the grunt of taking on an apprentice," said Peter.

"It's great to also have the outstanding support of an employer such as Express Tube, Tuggerah who really promote the concept of taking on school-based apprentices that allow students to complete their senior years at high school, while also getting their foot in the door within their chosen trade. Nick is the 10th apprentice to train here at Express Lube" concluded Peter.



Peter Smith from W2CP, Apprentice Nicholas Zepantis and Peter Willcockson, Express Lube Tuggerah