

# WILLIS NEIL

## ENGINEERING (BOILER MAKING)

### BORDER FABRICATION

#### Senior School Subjects

- English, VET Building Trades, Foundation Mathematics, Visual Communication Design, Product Design and Technology - Materials.

**Why did you choose these subjects?** I chose subjects that I enjoyed and was passionate about, but also that would help my skills and knowledge going into the trade industry.

**What resources did you use to choose subjects?** I was very grateful to have the College Career Adviser as my Learning Mentor. She supported me so much.

**What did you enjoy about your apprenticeship?** The career I have chosen has a wide range of different areas within the trade. I'm working with a team who are willing to share the skills they have learnt over many years. I also enjoy manual hard work that includes a lot of creativity.

**How did your senior school subjects prepare you for your apprenticeship?** The subjects gave me the knowledge, motivation, organisation and confidence to go out into the workforce.

**Do you have any advice for students considering applying for an apprenticeship in this industry?** You'll be disappointed with knock backs, but don't give up. Complete work experience or volunteer your time to see if you can get a job or whether you like it. Understand that an apprenticeship only offers a very low income. It's like a four-year university course but basic pay for your work. The bonus is a trade qualification at the end. There is so much to learn, but everyday you're absorbing new skills and knowledge which is rewarding.

Buy a pair of Mongrel Boots- the ones with both the zips and laces. Your feet will love you.