

# Students take timber through the door

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Students from the Limestone Coast Region of South Australia enrolled in the Building Trades' Doorways 2 Construction™ (D2C) program are now all prepped and ready to start building the AUSTimber 2012 site office.

In all, 60 local students will be engaged in this project from the following schools: Grant High School; Kingston Community School; Millicent

Australian native hardwood flooring. The building will provide the opportunity for over 500m<sup>2</sup> of interior and exterior wall cladding for promotion of different timber products.

"The site office being built by the students is attracting a good deal of interest locally, nationally and internationally and will be a great promotional opportunity for suppliers of wood products to showcase their wares. There will be floor and wall space for this but be quick, as it's fast filling up,"

on the Grant High School campus for the past 12 years catering for students in all Limestone Coast schools. The course has recently expanded with training sites now located in Kingston Community School, Millicent High School / Independent Learning Centre and Naracoorte High School with near future plans for Bordertown High School.

D2C works with teachers and students to better engage students at school and assist them to enter the building and construction pathway at Certificate I and II level.

AUSTimber 2012 approached the centres to assist with the construction and on-site delivery of transportable housing modules that will go towards providing accommodation for AUSTimber 2012 participants for meeting rooms, computer suites and general administration.

Students under trade supervision will construct panels of framing/single side sheet lining/cladding to be pre-fitted with electrical and data conduits and ready for transport and erection on site in a modular framework to be bolted together, showcasing the rudimentary nature of structural framework.

The modular structure will be produced at all three campuses and relocated to the forest region north of Mount Gambier to be assembled and completed for the AUSTimber 2012 event in March.

The students will be involved in the project and will gain invaluable experience with a variety of donated products, showcasing the diversity of wood products in the region and enabling the viewing public an insight in to the partnerships that exist between industry and the school sectors in the region.

Any companies wishing to take the opportunity to display their products at this significant international event should contact David Quill [david@austrimber2012.com.au](mailto:david@austrimber2012.com.au) or +61 8 8725 8692.

said David Quill, AUSTimber general manager.

The AUSTimber 2012 site office has been designed by award winning South Australian architectural firm Chapman Herbert Architects.

The doorway2construction™, or D2C as it is commonly called, is South Australia's premier Vocational Education and Training (VET) in schools program for the building and construction industry. It was initiated as a direct response to the increased need to encourage young people to consider the building and construction industry as a career option, improve the entry level training opportunities and promote career pathways, and a positive image of the building and construction industry. D2C supports the recruitment and induction of young people into building and construction.

The Doorways 2 Construction (D2C) Trade Training Course, locally known as "BUILDING TRADES", has been operating



High School/Independent Learning Centre and Naracoorte High School.

The delivery of the donated timber has occurred, with students involved in offloading the timber from the truck, in front of local media, which also gave some students the opportunity to be interviewed and seen on the local television news, much to the delight of their families and friends and to the AUSTimber organisers, seeing AUSTimber make the prime time news service.

The products to build the site office have been generously donated by:

- Whitehead Timber Sales - Darryl Whitehead
  - Gunns Timber Products - David Ford
  - South East Pine Sales - Mark Forster
  - NF MacDonnell & Sons - Ian MacDonnell
  - Carter Holt Harvey - Matthew Brookes
  - Attiwills Home & Industry - Ian Attiwill
- Australian Solar Timbers, NSW, has come on board with a generous donation of 150m<sup>2</sup>



■ Students featured in these photos include Ethan Clayton, Alex Lewis, Jason McKinnon, Ben Rolph, Jake Schutz, Jordon Sturges, Taylor Walker-Matthews, Ben Sparrow, Luke Thompson, Mitchell Gowland.



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