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Westco BMW recruits TAFE Queensland North student

TAFE Queensland North student, Dean Holfeld has impressed a local employer, landing an apprenticeship before he even completed his studies.

Mr Holfeld, 21, has been taken under Mal Audsley's wing, put to work at luxury automotive dealership, Westco BMW.

"I've assisted with some car services and everyone at the workshop has been really nice helping me learn the ropes," Mr Holfeld said.

Mr Audsley said Dean was a perfect fit for Westco BMW.

"I called TAFE Queensland North and told them I was keen to recruit someone special, who'd become an integral part of the wonderful working family we have here at Westco BMW.

"This is the first time that I've turned to TAFE Queensland North for an apprentice and Dean exceeded expectations," Mr Audsley said.

BMW's apprentice recruiting process ensures the highest possible standards are met and to make the cut, Dean had to complete a series of tests.

"The exams focused on science, comprehension and maths and I did well in all of the tests," Mr Holfeld said.

Mr Audsley said Dean showed a very high level of understanding.

"Dean did incredibly well on the exams. What he's learned from the trainers at TAFE Queensland North and the knowledge he gained from growing up around cars and car parts certainly paid off.

Mr Holfeld said working at Westco BMW is a dream job.

"Working with cars has always been a passion of mine. My dad first got me interested in the industry as he was always tinkering with cars when I was younger.

"BMW has a few levels of technicians and I hope to work my way up the ranks over the next few years.

"I will continue to study at TAFE to increase my knowledge and get my trade certificate, but I will also get to do some BMW specific training in Melbourne which I'm really looking forward to," Mr Holfeld said.

TAFE Queensland North General Manager, Joann Pyne said it was wonderful to see Mr Holfeld succeed.

“Dean has only just completed his Certificate II Light Mechanical studies and already has a terrific job.

“Dean is a perfect example of how quality pre-vocational training through TAFE Queensland North can provide students with the skills they need to gain employment,” Ms Pyne said.

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