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Zane's king of the classroom

Zane King is revved up and ready to go at TAFE Queensland North's Mount Isa campus.

Mr King has taken on a full-time teaching position in the Engineering and Automotive Department.

"I love it! I'm really passionate about what I'm doing and the engineering and automotive facilities and equipment on campus are top notch," he said.

Mr King, a New Zealand ex-pat, has been living in Mount Isa since 2011.

The qualified radio technician has owned his own business, worked in telecommunications and on a mine site and has even driven road trains.

"When I was younger, I was very fortunate to work alongside and learn from some really talented tradespeople and I always liked the idea of one day giving back and teaching others," he said.

It's a dream he's now realising with TAFE Queensland North.

"I teach light automotive and automotive electrical courses and it is really great to watch the students' confidence and abilities grow.

"The students get a real kick out of getting hands-on in the workshop where they are exposed to so much of the industry from mining to heavy fleet to road transport and light vehicles," he said.

Mr King said the engineering and automotive industry is going through an exciting time.

"We have so much new technology coming on board, we're right on the cusp of exciting changes and people considering this line of work as a career will be exposed to some interesting opportunities in terms of training and jobs.

"I remember when I was a kid I used to think, 'driverless cars that'll never happen,' but it will be coming online in the future and we'll need auto electricians and mechanics to service this new wave of technology," Mr King said.

TAFE Queensland North General Manager, Joann Pyne said it is great that Mr King has joined the Mount Isa teaching team.

"Demand for our automotive and engineering courses is growing, so it has been really important for us to bring a local, full-time teacher on board," Ms Pyne said.

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