

**LAKE JOONDALUP BAPTIST COLLEGE SKILL CENTRE**

*Statement by Member for Joondalup*

**MR A.P. O'GORMAN** (Joondalup) [12.56 pm]: Last Thursday I had the pleasure of attending the opening of the Lake Joondalup Baptist College skill centre. The centre provides vocational education and training programs and is part of a new \$3 million technology and enterprise centre. The skills centre provides training, information and communication technology and is an integral part of the college. It offers a career link structured workplace learning program and provides students with certificates that greatly enhance their opportunities in their future occupations.

Rosie Hill, who has participated in a structured workplace learning program, wrote -

“Future Visions” was the name my group chose to call our business in the Joondalup Skills Centre.

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In my 12 years of education - I have never been part of a more effective program.

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We were given responsibility and developed a solid work ethic.

That young lady has been offered a full-time position at Channel Nine as an office administration manager.

The skills centre has a teaching area, a front office reception area, a copy room and teaching preparation area. The centre attracts students from a cluster of 12 independent schools in the northern suburbs. Some 78 year 11 and 12 students are participating in the 2003 school year.

I congratulate Grant Grosser, the Deputy Principal; Phillippa Da Silva, the technology and enterprise coordinator; Robin Edwards, the skill centre coordinator; Barbera Wadley, the Principal of the Lake Joondalup Baptist College; and the board of management of Lake Joondalup for their foresight in building the skills centre and promoting vocational education and training.