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CEWA Students Have Golden Skills

Four CEWA students have returned with gold medals from the Worldskills National Championships in Sydney which was held from 2-4 June 2018.

St Norbert College students Michael McLevie and Matthew Hodge won gold in VETiS Business Services and VETiS Information Technology respectively.

Kaleb Milsom from Christian Brothers College claimed first place in VETiS Metals and Engineering and Bunbury Catholic College's Caitlin Carmody won the VETiS Hairdressing competition.

In addition, two former CEWA students, Mark Quattrini (CBC) and Anthony Musca (Servite College), also won Open Category medals with Mark taking home silver in Plumbing and Anthony claiming bronze in Graphic Design.

The VETiS students and apprentices were part of the 51-strong TeamWA which won the VETiS Shield for the first time and brought home eight gold medals from competitions across 29 different industry areas.

Held every two years, the WorldSkills competition aims to find the best young apprentices, trainees, tradespeople and VET graduates in Australia.

Matthew said he was surprised when he found out he had won gold in his competition.

"It was a tough challenge and I am happy that I did well," he said.

"Being chosen to compete in the National Championships was a real honour."

After meticulously studying the tasks required in his category at the 2016 national championships, Matthew said he felt confident in his skills heading to Sydney.

"[But] this year's competition pack was totally different to what I had studied, so my Certificate II and Certificate IV Information Technology studies helped me with some of this year's tasks," he said.

St Norbert College principal Simon Harvey said the school community was excited to hear of Michael and Matthew's success.



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“We are delighted with the achievements of Matthew and Michael at the WorldSkills event, it is such a testament to their own hard work, the strength of our vocational pathways program and the mentorship provided by our teaching staff,” he said.

“We are always immensely proud of our students when they are recognised for their talents and we couldn’t be anymore prouder of Michael and Matthew achieving such esteemed awards.

“To be acclaimed national champions is something very special for us all to celebrate and acknowledge.”

A video of the students in action at the competition is available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtmbUF66gc&authuser=0>

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