



# A full house on program



Program participants Paige Fewings, Michael Hat Alegarbes, Brandon McBride and Dieudonne Ndayisaba. PICTURE: AAP/MORGAN SETTE

WITH the swing of a hammer and a turn of a screw, these Year 11 and 12 students are setting themselves up for a career after school.

They are part of Doorways 2 Construction, a program based at Salisbury High School which allows students to renovate a run-down Housing SA home.

This year 78 students are participating in the program, gutting and refitting a three-bedroom home at Elizabeth Downs. While the program is based at Salisbury High School, students from 10 other schools also participate.

Students learn trade skills such as carpentry, painting, plumbing, tiling, concreting and bricklaying. Playford International College student

Paige Fewings, 16, chose the course in the hope of pursuing a career in carpentry.

"I have already gained a lot of skills which I hope will help me further in life," she says.

Paralowie R-12 School student, Brandon McBride says he recommends any student interested in doing a trade to take part in the course.

Doorways 2 Construction is a joint project between the Construction Industry Training Board of SA (CITB) and the State Education Department.

CITB chief executive Marie Paterson says the program is an effective way of encouraging the next generation of construction workers, while also delivering a fully renovated house to the local community.