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# Students open a door to careers

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

They are part of Doorways 2 Construction, a program based at Salisbury High School that allows students to renovate a run-down Housing SA home across the course of the school year.

This year, 78 students are gutting and refitting a three-bedroom home at Elizabeth Downs. While the program is based at Salisbury High, students from 10 other nearby 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 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 and the state Education Department.



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