

2016 WORLDSKILLS NATIONAL COMPETITION

KDC Student wins Silver Medal in VETis Construction

Supported by the Victorian Government, the 2016 WorldSkills Australia National Competition was held from 6-8 October at Melbourne Showgrounds.

The event was the culmination of months of training for over 500 competitors from across Australia aged 16-24 years representing 60 trades and skills, who earned their spot in Melbourne after medaling at the regional level in 2015. Competitors spent a combined total of 16-20 hours across three days completing projects aligned with National Training Packages, overseen by 300 judges and assisted by 120 dedicated volunteers.

In addition to the spectacle of competition, the event included a dedicated careers expo and a range of Try'aSkill activities.

The WorldSkills competition is the biggest vocational education and skills competition in the world, held every two years. The cycle starts again in 2017 with regional competitions taking place around Victoria, in the search for those students to represent the state at the 2018 WorldSkills Australia National Competition.



Michael Nguyen, Silver medallist in VETis Construction

For Silver medallist Michael Nguyen, participating in the competition was a chance to extend his skills and meet like-minded students: 'Coming second in my competition was a dream come true. Meeting people who are as passionate as I am regarding construction and seeing the quality of their skills was amazing. WorldSkills gave me the opportunity to get out into the world and build the confidence and courage to do the things I love.'



'The VETiS categories give students an incredible opportunity to practise their skills and demonstrate what they have been learning in a pressure situation,' Mick Prato WorldSkills Victorian Regional Coordinator said. 'We would love to see more Victorian school students participate; it is an experience that they will never forget.'

<http://www.bvc.vic.edu.au/page/silver-medal-at-world-skills-nationals-2016.aspx>

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