

EQIP STUDENT OPENS DOORWAYS!

FORMER EQIP DOORWAYS TO CIVIL CONSTRUCTION STUDENT TAYLOR BLAND IS UNDERTAKING A SIX-MONTH WORK PLACEMENT WITH MCCOSKER CONTRACTING AS PART OF HER CIVIL ENGINEERING DEGREE.

Taylor successfully completed Doorways in 2012 as a year 10 student and is now working on the Gladstone Area Water Board QAL and Moura DN600 Rail Crossing and Pipeline Replacement project.

Taylor's family sparked her interest in construction and Doorways put on her on the right path. "I'm glad I did the doorways program as it opened my eyes to the industry and was one of best opportunities I could have taken in school."

Taylor is one of three females out of 30 students in her degree and the only female onsite with the project. While the industry is male-dominated Taylor is proving that there are no barriers if you are motivated to secure your dream job. "Being female has not stopped me getting where I am." "You have to take the initiative, keep an open mind and get involved."

McCoskers Senior Project Manager Matthew Nipperess said, "To succeed you need to be hard-working with a willingness to learn, and show a keen interest to progress and grow your career and these qualities have led to Taylor's success."

There are many pathways to securing your dream job and students are encouraged to set career goals and have a back-up plan. Ms Bland encourages students to do research on the options available to them and get involved in work experience, "Take initiative, step out of your bubble, don't be afraid to give it a go and think about your future."



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