

AWARD-WINNING RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

PEER has earned an enviable reputation in the construction industry for producing award-winning apprentices.



In addition to winning numerous State awards, over three consecutive years PEER apprentices, have won NECA's national Communications Apprentice of the Year Award.

Graduate Jakeb Solley is a qualified electrician working at Adelaide Health Tech and completed his UEE30811 Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician through PEER. His commitment to training was recognised, when Jakeb received NECA's prestigious National Apprentice of the Year' Award in 2016.

Reflecting on his time at PEER and winning the award, Jakeb said: "Being considered for nomination was more than enough for me but after winning the award, I carried a large amount of pride in my work and a feeling of appreciation from my employers."

"It reaffirmed that knuckling down and working hard, which sometimes seemingly goes unnoticed, never really does. Since that day, I've pushed myself to continue exceeding my goals and to never settle for satisfactory. Having this drive, continues to see me push further ahead in my career and I gain great enjoyment from this."



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Jakeb completed a one-year Electrotechnology course while undertaking Year 12 at Sacred Heart College and having thoroughly enjoyed the combination of practical and theoretical components, decided to take the next step towards attaining an apprenticeship within the industry.

When it came to choosing a trade school, he said: “Out of all the available training and employment institutions, PEER carried the highest reputation amongst other apprentices and people within the industry. It gave me confidence knowing I was training with the best.”

Jakeb indicated another stand-out feature of PEER’s capability, was the team of exceptionally supportive and knowledgeable trainers. Many of whom still operate within the electrical industry.

“PEER select professionals who all have diverse stories and backgrounds. This allows each trainer to deliver course content, along with real-life scenarios which make it easier for apprentices to picture.” he recalled.

“This was massively important for me when undertaking the training as I find it easier to learn when I can imagine what I’m dealing with.”

He said the training and guidance received has encouraged him to always maintain an extremely high level of professionalism.

“It gave me confidence to continually push my own limits and continue learning about our forever changing industry. On a personal level, these skills naturally flow into how I do things and I would consider them crucial to maintaining a satisfying life.”

Having achieved the ultimate success as an apprentice in winning a national award, Jakeb said the key to it was applying himself at every opportunity, being dedicated to quality outcomes and continually asking questions.