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St Joseph's Regional College students' talents fire up the imagination

Hastings Co-op's Sovereign Place IGA has partnered with St Joseph's Regional College to showcase the exceptional talents of Year 10 Industrial Technology-Metal students, who have turned trash into treasure.

Leader of Technical and Applied Studies (TAS) Phil Pares said he and Year 10 Industrial Technology-Metal teacher Colin Mackay were "very proud of the outstanding designs and quality of workmanship the students had produced".

The 'Fire Device' unit of work is the first major project for Year 10 IT Metal. As part of the brief, students were required to use recycled metal to produce a device that also incorporates fire in its function.

Students independently research and work through the design process to turn trash into treasure, gaining a wide range of lifelong technical skills in metal fabrication while opening up potential employment opportunities.

Mr Mackay, who guides the students through the design and build process, said "safety is paramount within a workshop environment and as such it is imperative that WHS requirements are met, especially, when using gas cylinders as scrap".

"All gas cylinders are purchased from a certified cylinder re-valver and as an additional safety measure the first cut is completed off-site," he said.

"There are six fire devices on display, however, the college would like to congratulate and commend this group of fine young men and women for their outstanding success in creating and designing projects that can and will be used for many years to come."

Hastings Co-op's Business and Community Development Manager Tim Walker said: "we loved the idea of supporting the students and are so happy to dedicate a space in the supermarket to display their designs – and know our customers are going to love it too".

"The partnership certainly fits our ethos of community support and engagement and is an extension of the great relationship we already share with the college and St Agnes' Parish," he said.

In thanking Hastings Co-op for their support acting principal Tanya Daley said, "we appreciate the support of both our students and the college as a whole and look forward to working with further displays in the future."



L-R: St Joseph's Regional College Industrial Technology-Metal teacher Colin Mackay, Hastings Co-op's Business and Community Development Manager Tim Walker and Sovereign Place IGA Manager Josh Tang.

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