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Auto apprentice on road to success

Andrew Ashford's career has put the pedal to the metal since completing the Certificate I in Automotive (pre-apprenticeship) through Challenger Institute, while he was a student at Mandurah Senior College.

Now working as a fly in-fly out worker at an iron ore mine on De Grey station north of Port Hedland, Andrew says he loves the job, lifestyle and the opportunity to upgrade skills on the job.

Another example of a student that has successfully followed the cross-campus pathway, Andrew gained an apprenticeship with Mandurah Holden while training at Challenger's Automotive Skills Centre in Kwinana.

"I graduated as an Automotive Mechanic specialising in light vehicles, and am now upgrading my skills on the job to heavy duty fitter," said Andrew.

Lecturer Dave Roguszka is a firm advocate of this pathway, pointing out that students can take the first career step while still at school.

