

## PAST STUDENT EXPERIENCE

# TOM ROBINSON

**TOM'S SENIOR SUITE OF SUBJECTS**  
ENGLISH,  
PREVOCATIONAL MATHEMATICS,  
MODERN HISTORY,  
CERTIFICATE II IN FURNITURE MAKING PATHWAYS,  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION,  
TECHNOLOGY

**CURRENTLY COMPLETING A SHIPWRIGHT APPRENTICESHIP**

**GRADUATED FROM INDRO 2016**

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THROUGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORK AND RESEARCH, I WAS ABLE TO FIND THE APPRENTICESHIP THAT BEST SUITED ME.”

### PATH TO WORK

Since high school I knew I wanted to become a boat builder. The Certificate I completed in Furniture Making was a fantastic foundation for my apprenticeship as I learnt the fundamentals of timber and using tools effectively. My career path has led to many great experiences involving boats and the sea, including delivery trips and yacht races.

### ASPIRATIONS

Learning my trade has given me the skills and confidence to start my own projects in my spare time. I initially did boat building at home under the clothesline, at great inconvenience to my parents. I aspire to work in places like Europe and North America, where there is a thriving traditional boat-building scene.

### TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Although my academic record left a lot to be desired, and my study habits matched, I spent a lot of time during high school reading books and using the internet as a tool to learn about the boat-building trade.

