



Apprentices vie for state recognition

IN the competitive trade industry, a berth in the state final of World Skills could give your resume a job-winning edge.

About 14 third and fourth year apprentices vied for this opportunity at Devonport Polytechnic last week in the regional World Skills final for welding and fabrication.

Students were given eight hours to construct a project given to them at the start of the day after being given half an hour to study its design.

Welding and fabrication teacher Phil Lehman was one of the judges to oversee their progress.

"They're all doing quite well, most will finish in the time-frame given, fingers crossed," Mr Lehman said.

"I'm looking for accuracy in their final assembly, inspecting their drawing skills and the quality of their welding and fabrication."

World Skills Tasmania chairperson Rachael Wallace said successful regional

finalists would earn a place at the state titles.

"They are competing to go to the national titles and to get into a national team to head to London in 2011," she said.

"It's a great learning experience for them and a great thing to have on your resume."

Mrs Wallace said apprentices from the North-West were regular high achievers in the World Skills program.

"They are always very competitive, especially from their placings in the national team in recent years."