



**MEDAL WINNERS:** Kel Payne (left), Brett Sterling and Joshua Harris fill the first three places in a regional WorldSkills competition.

# Apprentice welders do top job for TAFE

## Trio carry the day in regional section of WorldSkills competition

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THREE apprentice welders from Wollongbar TAFE were successful in the regional WorldSkills competition held on September 20.

Brett Sterling from Condong Sugar Mill (first), Joshua Harris from McKeeco General Engineering (second), and Kel Payne

from Alstonville Steel (third) competed for over seven hours on two welding processes.

WorldSkills is a trade-based contest held biennially throughout Australia.

Wollongbar TAFE has also held contests in cookery, garment assembly and hairdressing.

The competition gives apprentices an opportunity to demon-

strate the expertise they have acquired during their training.

A regional WorldSkills committee will nominate a candidate from the pool of winners to compete in the national WorldSkills competition in Sydney later in 2008.

The national winner will progress to the international competition to be held in Canada in 2009.