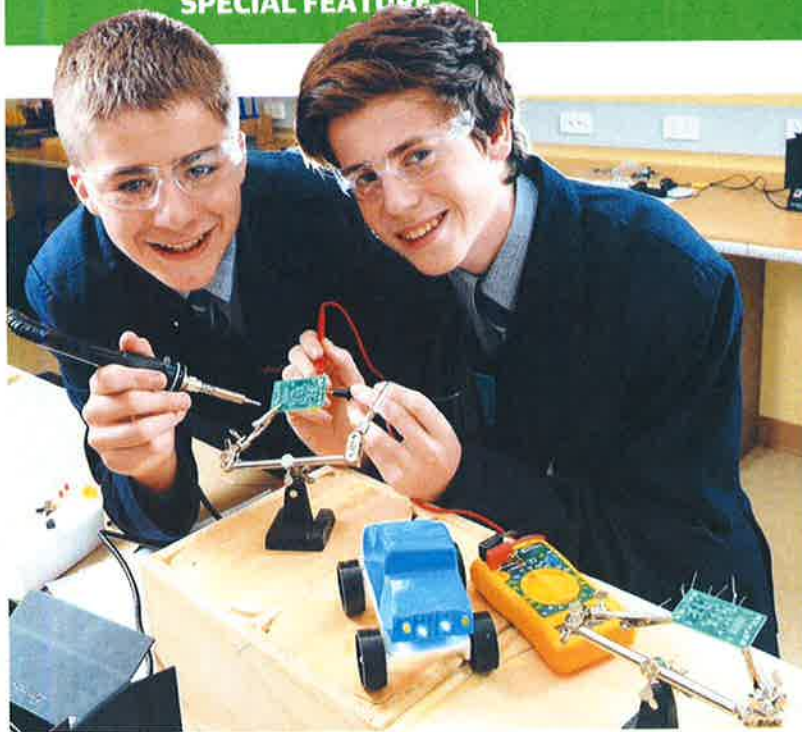


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SPECIAL FEATURE

## COURSES, APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINING

### TASTE TEST SHOWS KNOWLEDGE IS POWER



**IGNITING INTEREST:** Emmaus students Stephen Wright and Lewis Crowther doing an electronics taster day.  
Picture: CAMPBELL BRODIE

EMMAUS Christian College has taken technical training to the next level for young people who are considering a trade career.

The college, which has a Trade Training Centre on-site, created the Electronics "Taster" Course for Independent and Catholic school Year 10 students across Adelaide to try their hand at the trade.

It already offers a Certificate II in Electronics (Electrotechnology) course for Year 11 and 12 students and finds they are better prepared to make career choices when they receive education and experience in their field of

interest. It can be achieved through work experience, however, the one-day course can be an even shorter introduction to ensure students do not waste their time, or can be more certain they are on the right path.

"The aim is to provide students with a hands-on insight into the electrical industry so they can be fully aware of a career choice they can make while in the earlier years in high school," a spokeswoman says.

"As educators we find that unless students are focused and connected with their study

there is a higher risk of them leaving school early. By offering an early intervention strategy like the taster course, we are anticipating this will engage students in education while offering a career focus."

Advanced manufacturing has been identified as a growth industry in SA in the next five years so skilled young people can get started on their careers before they finish high school.

Workers in demand by the industry include electrical and electronics engineers, draftspersons, technicians, electricians and telecommunications staff.