



Students from Sarah Redfern High School visit the Landcom renewal project at Minto

A key objective of the Minto project in south-west Sydney is to not only improve the physical condition of the existing housing estate but to also improve the social and employment outlook of its residents. Landcom have asked HIA youthBUILD to assist by working with Sarah Redfern High School to provide a school-to-work pathway for students interested in a career in building and construction. The school is located adjacent to the project and allows students an ideal opportunity to see construction of homes in their local area first hand - from the civil works through to completion.

Landcom have agreed to establish a scholarship program for ten construction students at Sarah Redfern High School to cover the costs of basic tools, personal protective equipment (PPE) and initial safety training in the industry. Landcom is also working with youthBUILD to provide industry visits for the students.

The first of these took place this month with a visit to the Minto site. Students were lucky enough to meet with one of the major builders of the project Wisdom Homes. Laurie Cosentino from Wisdom Homes spent time with the students and explained the building process stage by stage. Laurie also spoke about his experience in the industry. Civil contractors TRN group and Project Manger's from John M Daley & Associates gave the students a tour of the site and explained all aspect of the civil works.



In 2008 further industry visits for students will be organised as well as hand and power tool training and white card training for the students.

HIA Youthbuild would like to thank Wisdom Homes for their support.

