

School carves its own niche

PERTH Wood School in Welshpool caters for individuals wanting to develop their skills and interest in working with wood to create items of fine furniture.

It was started by two highly experienced woodwork teachers David Howlett and Michael Scarfone, who spent well over a year planning and developing the concept in response to growing interest from the public.

Since completing a Bachelor of Education degree majoring in Design and Technology at Curtin University together in 1996, both Michael and

David spent the past 11 years teaching Design and Technology at high school level.

Michael was Head of Department at Mazenod College in Lesmurdie for the last four of his 11 years there, while David has worked at Wesley College in South Perth where he inspired several of his students to complete a Diploma of Art - Furniture Design.

Michael and David have set up a venue that offers a state of the art workshop fully equipped with all of the latest German Festool power tools, top quality hand tools, as well as a range of three phase ma-

chinery to make even the most serious woodworker envious.

Michael and David provide hands-on training with all of the equipment, regardless of a student's level of skill or experience.

The aim is to get people involved and to teach people how to get the very most from a limited range of tools in the back shed, or how to create something really fantastic with the facilities at the school itself.

Perth Wood School is set up to cater for groups of up to 12 at a time.

It is located at Unit 1/117 Ewing Street, Welshpool.



Teachers David Howlett and Mike Scarfone with student Jay Ruoss.

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