

Metropolitan Home Comfort Solutions



Turner Fenton Secondary School student Alan Rambhajan with Dean Sheridan of Metropolitan Home Comfort Solutions

Dean Sheridan, the Installation Manager at Metropolitan Home Comfort Solutions in Brampton, believes strongly in giving secondary school students the opportunity to get meaningful work experience and develop positive job-related habits and skills.

“Students can’t just walk out of high school and be all set in a job. They need hands-on training and knowledge of health and safety regulations,” he said. “But they do bring a positive energy to us and are exposed to a variety of tasks and challenges here. Our own full-time employees enjoy working with students and feel valued as they demonstrate and teach important skills.”

Metropolitan has offered a co-operative education placement to a secondary school student each semester for the past five years. Students start out working in the shop on Edvac Drive, but soon have the opportunity to work with tradespeople on worksites. The company employs 40 full-time staff and is very active in the installation and upgrading of heating and air conditioning systems throughout the GTA.

“Students who work here get exposed to a number of trades and have an opportunity to really get a feel for our industry,” said Sheridan. “A number of students have stayed on and worked with us during the summer months following graduation from high school.”

Alan Rambhajan, a grade 12 Turner Fenton Secondary School student, worked with Metropolitan during the fall 2007 semester. A hands-on student who enjoyed

technological education courses at Turner Fenton, Alan made a positive impression during his placement. He started out cleaning the shop floor and unpacking deliveries, but soon moved on to work at a variety of residential sites. He developed a specific interest in working with sheet metal, and was able to register as a Sheet Metal Worker apprentice under the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP). Alan hopes to continue his apprenticeship following graduation from secondary school. “This has been a good opportunity for me,” he said. “I enjoy the work and have learned a lot.”

Metropolitan Home Comfort Solutions made this special opportunity possible, and the Peel District School Board is pleased to partner with this successful, progressive, and caring company.