

Intern Ben earns while he learns

By DENNIS CLOUGH

FORMER Nudgee College student Ben Travers is making the most of a rare work opportunity.

The 21-year-old has been working in a paid internship position with northside telecommunications and car accessory company Strike Group Australia.

While many young people do unpaid work experience, Mr Travers has been paid for his efforts and his employer has also allowed him to complete a Certificate III in business administration.

Mr Travers said he was lucky to have been able to study and make money at the same time.

"Working for Strike has been a rewarding experience and they're a great company to work for," Mr Travers said.

"Each day I learn something new and I'm supported by a team of professionals."

Mr Travers started as a casual staff member in one of the company's warehouses when he was approached about the Young Guns Program.

"I think the owners at Strike saw potential in me," he said.

Strike CEO Chris Ryan established the Young Guns Program to provide young people with practical paid work experience.

Ben has since graduated from the Young Guns Program but continues to work for Strike in sales.

GOOD START: Ben Travers is giving his career a good kick-start with the Strike group.

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Hot property in Brisbane's north

NORTHSIDE builder and developer Nic Lulan is kicking goals in the local property sector.

Mr Lulan is the principal of NJ Properties, which has just completed work on a new premises in Albany Creek, in addition to its offices in Eatons Hill.

Mr Lulan has been in the development industry for 10 years and has plans to extend his business to unit developments, as well as his other interests in housing development.

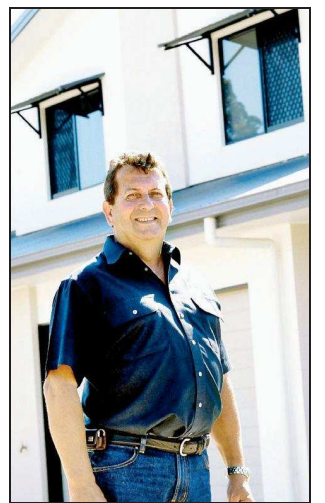
"We operate on the northside of Brisbane, which is local for me," Mr Lulan said.

"We got involved in defence housing some years ago and started winning contracts with that, which allowed us to grow."

Mr Lulan worked as an accountant before starting NJ Properties.

Mr Lulan said his latest townhouse development at Albany Creek was "unlike anything else being built in the area".

Mr Lulan said he had also



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FORGING AHEAD: Nic Lulan of NJ properties.

developed a strong reputation with northside builders and tradespeople.

"I'm providing them with regular work, it is still quite tight for the building industry," Mr Lulan said.

"They quite regularly ring me up and say 'Nic, when is the next one (job)?'."

■ Phone NJ Properties on 3325 1595.

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