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One student from Manjimup Senior High School's 'Big Picture' education program took part in a four-day shearing school last week, thanks to the Southern Forests SEED Program and won the cleanest shear of the week.



Dylan Edgar from Manjimup attended the shearing training at Rylington Park, a training farm in Boyup Brook, which was delivered through CY O'Connor Institute of TAFE. Twelve students from Perth and other regional areas attended the course to learn shearing and wool handling, which was run just like a working shearing shed.

Shire President, Wade De Campo, said the Southern Forests SEED Program aimed to develop careers for young people in agriculture and that shearing was a skill which provided real job opportunities and could potentially take you almost anywhere in the world.

"It is really great that local students have been provided the opportunity to attend Rylington as that's what the SEED Program is all about – creating opportunities to learn and develop skills in agriculture," Cr De Campo said.

Shearing trainer, Kevin Gellatley, said young people attended the course to learn shearing and wool handling but they gained so much more.

"Shearing is very technical and for most it is not something that they pick up straight away. They have to work hard at it and persevere, but it's great to see them stick at it and develop their skills by the end of the week," he said.

Two more students from Manjimup are enrolled in the next course in December and Dylan will attend another course in January to further improve his skills.

For more information on training opportunities in agriculture and pathways contact Stephanie Carstairs at the Shire of Manjimup or email stephanie.carstairs@manjimup.wa.gov.au

Photos:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/u5nrb2h4zj8080l/AAB5GpA0KOLZ8YVTQfnj7Rzpa?dl=0>

Captions - Dylan Edgar sorts wool on the table at Rylington Park during the training week. Student Dylan Edgar and shearing trainer Kevin Gellatley take a break from shearing at Rylington Park.

More information on the Southern Forests SEED program:

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