

Learning retail skills in store

'SPRING Weddings' and 'Art With Class' have been on the minds of both the members of Taree Craft Centre and several Year 12 students from Chatham High School for some time now.

The students are participating in the Year 12 Retail Services Higher School Certificate course and through their teacher Kim Porter, liaised with Taree Craft Centre to do the practical component of 'store displays' in two of the group's shops.

Members of the group rose to the occasion and created a range of delicate wedding items such as ring pillows, keepsake boxes and personal gifts for the bride.

The students were then challenged to create displays in the Craft Cottage Shop, on the corner of High and Pulteney streets, Taree.

Not to be outdone, members who can work a brush came up with some new and interesting art such as mixed media collage and contemporary art for the students to create a dynamic display in the group's Centerpoint arcade craft shop.

Publicity officer for Taree Craft Centre, Judy Tetley said "The connection of the older 'retail experienced' members and the young people striving to gain skills for future employment was



Chatham High students Elise Albury and Tanya Minett working on the mixed media displays at Taree Craft Centre's shop in Centerpoint arcade.

thoroughly enjoyed by all and both parties gained a lot out of it.

"The students had total control over how they would set up the shop displays and the end

results are excellent.

"The students' work will be on display for several weeks, so

we encourage the public to come into both of our shops and take a look."