

Three scholarship winners

THREE year 12 students from Chatham High School have won a Defence Technical Scholarship worth \$3000 each.

Students Thomas Wood, Jacob Shelton and Jeremy Miller were very pleased with their result, particularly as competition was fierce this year.

"We heard about the scholarship through Mr Locker, our careers advisor. He helped us through the process," Thomas said.

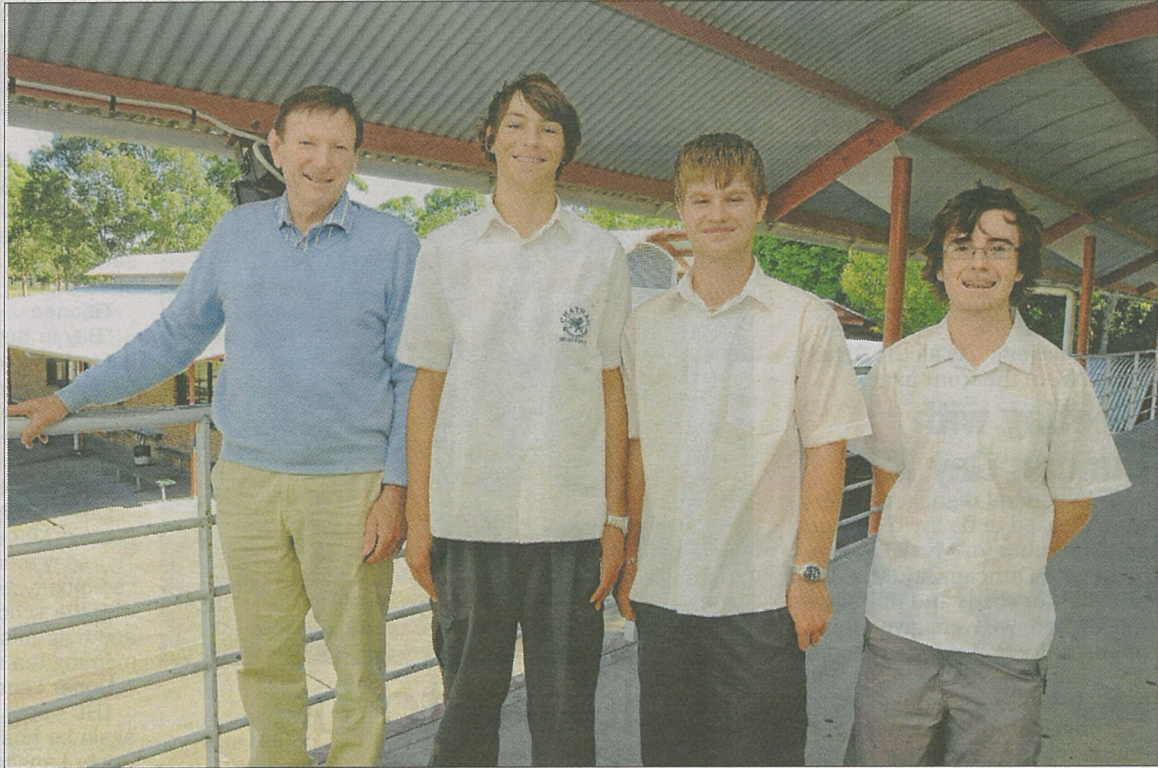
The Defence Technical Scholarship (DTS) is aimed at students who intend to pursue a general entry technical trade career with the Australian Defence Force after completing Year 12. The DTS rewards technically-savvy students for staying on at school and enrolling in specific subjects.

Although there is no obligation for scholarship winners to join the Navy, Army or Air Force after finishing school, applicants had to describe why they are interested in an ADF technical trade career as part of the selection process.

Thomas and Jacob are still considering their options, however Jeremy is fairly sure he will be joining the ADF as an aircraft technician.

"I definitely want to join. It seems like a great option for me," Jeremy said.

Chatham High School careers advisor, Neil Locker, said the fact



Chatham High School careers advisor Neil Locker with Defence Technical Scholarship winners, Thomas Wood, Jacob Shelton and Jeremy Miller.

that the scholarship does not oblige winners to join the defence force, means there are a lot of applications.

"The scholarship process rewards students who have positive attitudes.

"We had five students apply this year and all of them have great positive attitudes.

"However the increase in applications made it quite competitive, so only three were successful.

"It is also a nice way of promot-

ing trades.

"It gets the message out there that these opportunities are available for young people," Neil said.