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Studor Australia & TAFE: A Working Relationship

Studor Australia, as part of the Studor Group's international on-going program of plumbing education, has been quietly providing TAFE Colleges around our nation with educational aids to help the training of our apprentices.

Over nearly three years almost \$70,000 has been invested. Gymea TAFE in Sydney was the first, with the building of the world's biggest plumbing ventilation test rig and has been followed with Studor supplying other TAFE Colleges with portable working demonstration units.

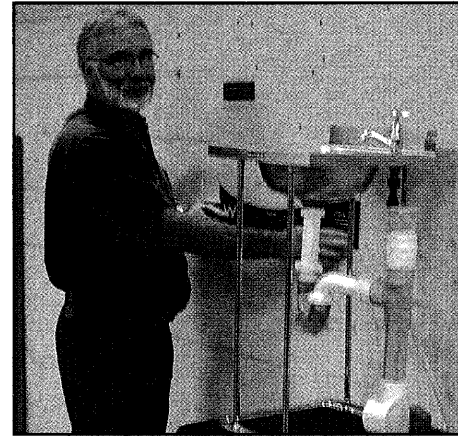
The units, which have been given to TAFE Colleges in Victoria, Sth Australia and soon Tasmania, are delivered by the local Studor Representative who sets up the unit and provides a demonstration and Q & A with the students. Costing almost \$1000 each to hand-make, these units comprise a stainless steel basin, chrome-plated frame, pillar tap, submersible pump and hand operated ball valves along with a clear Studor Mini-Vent, clear acrylic P-Trap and piping - all in a transportable case. The unit easily demonstrates the advantages and

operation of Air Admittance Valves (AAVs). All the Plumbing Department Heads thus far have been delighted with the units.

Marc Williams (Studor Area Manager for Victoria, Sth Australia and Tasmania) is also currently writing a series of presentations, again with the assistance of staff at Gymea TAFE, regarding installation and application of AAVs to assist in the training of apprentices as well as Plumbing Designers. These will be soon be available to TAFE Colleges across Australia.

Throughout 2003, David Griffiths (Studor Area Manager for NSW and ACT) will be carrying out a series of presentations at several other TAFEs in the Sydney area on the subject of venting technology. All relevant trades people are welcome to attend.

Later this year more information will be available to the TAFE Colleges and Plumbing lecturers in the form of CD-ROMs, laminated posters and OHP transparencies directly from Studor Australia. Application and installation fliers in hardcopy are presently available for the student and employer and these



will also eventually be downloadable from the Studor website.

Studor Australia takes this commitment seriously and believes the education of apprentices is one of the avenues that will continue to advance plumbing standards in Australia. TAFE Colleges and Plumbing lecturers throughout Australia are encouraged to contact Studor Australia for educational material and aids and they will help wherever they can.

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