



News and Information



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2013 RSS Residential Construction Program

Kelowna, B.C. –

Dilworth Homes and Rutland Senior Secondary are pleased to be unveiling the 2013 RSS Residential Construction Program partnership home. The partnership with Dilworth Homes, the Central Okanagan School District, Rutland Senior Secondary and Okanagan College has provided students with the opportunity to be involved in the building of a quality home at 1641 Tower Ranch Boulevard in Tower Ranch. On June 21st, 2013, at 11 am, local and regional dignitaries as well as representatives from RSS and Dilworth Homes will be present for the ceremonial unveiling of the partnership home.

Dilworth Homes is one of the most recognized and award winning construction companies in the Okanagan. As the developer and builder of nearly 1000 homes in the prestigious neighbourhoods of Dilworth Mountain Estates, South Ridge in the Mission, Stonebridge Estates and now Tower Ranch, Dilworth Homes is a leader in residential construction and a great mentor for students in the construction trade.

The Central Okanagan School District provides "Dual Credit" programs which allow students the opportunity to earn both high school and post-secondary course credits while in high school. These programs generally begin in September or February of their grade 11 or 12 year, depending on the program they wish to pursue.

The Rutland Senior Secondary Residential Construction Program, in partnership with Okanagan College, provides students with the necessary theoretical and practical knowledge to seek employment as an apprentice carpenter in the residential construction industry. Students are introduced to all aspects of the trade and through the construction of an actual house students are given the opportunity to work with a variety of tools and materials used by carpenters. Focus is on developing practical skills for the residential construction workplace.

Students will be able to challenge the Residential Construction Level 1 Carpentry if they achieve a 70% average in the theory and practical components of the 20 week course.

This program falls under the ACE-IT model from the Industry Training Association. ACE-IT (Accelerated Credit Enrolment in Industry Training) is an industry training program for high school students. Through an ACE IT program, students can take courses that will give them both high school graduation credits and a head start towards completion of an apprenticeship program. ACE IT programs are developed and offered as partnerships between School Districts and post-secondary institutions. Upon successful completion of an ACE IT program with a grade of 70% or higher, students receive credit for level one of the technical training component of the Industry training program.

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