

MULTI-MEDIA DREAMS TO BECOME REALITY FOR CAIN – THANKS TO SOVEREIGN HILLS SCHOLARSHIP

Sovereign Hills announced it has awarded a scholarship valued at \$4,500 to a Port Macquarie student through 'The Lewis Land Group Sovereign Hills Scholarship Program'.

Cain Pascoe will study the Bachelor of Applied Information Technology at the University of Newcastle's Port Macquarie campus, with the assistance of the scholarship.

Funds for the scholarships have been provided by the Sovereign Hills development, a 350 hectare land parcel located on part of Area 13 on the corner of Oxley and Pacific Highways that is set to become a vibrant new contemporary urban community in a rural setting to the west of Port Macquarie.

Cain, aged 19 years, has lived in Port Macquarie since 1996 when his family relocated from Parkes and has always been interested in IT, with a natural flair for electronics.

"I am hoping that when I graduate I can work within the multimedia industry – possibly in something like film animation. Things develop so quickly in this area that it is hard to say what I want to do in three years when I finish – as I am sure there will be even more choices available then", he said.

With his father in a motor vehicle accident five years ago that has affected his mobility, Cain has also taken on increased responsibility and duties at home.

"The scholarship is great for me as it means I can continue to help at home and study – without the pressure of also having to manage a job at the same time," he said.

Cain said that the scholarship funds will go towards the necessary study expenses including textbooks, software, internet connection and hardware.

Mr Robert Yandell, Director of the Lewis Land Group, said that the Sovereign Hills team is delighted to be able to provide this opportunity to Cain Pascoe.

“Education is all about creating opportunity for people to learn and grow – and it is fantastic that we can help Cain do this,” Mr Yandell said.

“We are committed to further education and proud to be active in supporting Port Macquarie's talent,” he said.

Mr Yandell believes that the proposed world-class fibre cabling network to be established as part of Sovereign Hills will tempt industries like film animation to relocate to Sovereign Hills and employ young graduates like Cain Pascoe.

“Cain could well be working within Sovereign Hills in years to come,” Mr Yandell said.

It is expected that Sovereign Hills will include a range of residential dwelling types, a commercial precinct, town centre with convenience retail, an aged care centre of excellence and educational and recreational facilities to support the new community.