

St Gregs students ready for F1 in Schools Challenge

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MECHANICALLY minded students at St Gregory's College, Campbelltown, are already preparing an assault on this year's F1 in the Schools Challenge, inspired by 2009's success.

CAA, comprising Andrew Suber and Andrew Hanna (year 8) and Chris Formosa (year 9), won two categories against stiff competition in the apprentice class at the state titles last October.

The team was pipped at the post for progression to national finals after finishing second overall in their class.

Team co-ordinators Justin Graham and Glen Bonfield were more than satisfied to collect the Cisco Webex Australia outstanding industry collaboration award and the best team marketing award. "We won two top prizes out of the four on offer," Mr Graham said. He said the students exceeded all expectations.

"We were all a little disappointed to be a close second in apprentice class, but we've looked at weak areas and are already preparing for this year's competition," he said.

* F1 in Schools is an engineering and design project for high school students. Teams use industry level, 3D CAD/CAM and simulation technologies to design, analyse, test, manufacture and race miniature CO2-powered, balsa wood F1 cars.

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