



LONG TIME STUDENT: (From left) Tanya McIntosh stands with her nephew Darren at the Whyalla Special School campus where Darren has attended his whole school life.

Darren moves on from schooling life

After attending the Whyalla Special School for seven years, Darren is getting ready for life after school.

He is currently in his final year of school and looking at his future prospects for work and other opportunities.

Currently Darren works at Phoenix at the Whyalla location.

Phoenix Society is a not-for-profit organisation, and has been providing job opportunities for people with intellectual and physical disabilities since 1958.

At Phoenix, Darren helps in

the clean-up of parks, roads around Iron Duke, and surrounding bushland areas.

Darren is one of Whyalla's many residents with intellectual disabilities that help to contribute to Whyalla in very important ways.

His work helps to keep Whyalla clean, tidy and presentable and allows locals all to be able to have pride in our surrounding areas.

Darren enjoys his time at Phoenix very much and has made many good friends during his time there.

He works with the company once a week and hopes to be able to do more once his schooling career is completed.

Darren has enjoyed his seven years at Whyalla Special School immensely and has formed great relationships with both the teachers and students at the school.

Some of his favourite subjects include arts and crafts and cooking, with his specialty being sausage rolls which he makes from scratch.