

# Call of the sea hard to resist

**By Michael Brooke**

THE Combat System Management School (CSMS) at HMAS *Kuttabul* plays an important role helping potential recruits answer the 'call of the sea'.

CSMS recently offered an opportunity for a Year 10 work experience student to examine first hand some of the tasks marine and electronics technicians do in their jobs and the qualifications they might gain from a career in the Navy.

This year's work experience participant was Conor Kelly, a Year 10 student at Marcellan College in Randwick, who hails from a Navy family that goes back four generations.

"The five-day work experience really helped me make up my mind that the Navy is the right career for me," said

Conor, whose father is Fleet WO, Simon Kelly.

Conor said the highlight of his work experience was watching the people training at the CSMS and working in Adelaide class FFGs and Anzac class FFHs berthed at Fleet Base East.

"Seeing up close what Navy personnel do to keep the Fleet effective and operational has really reinforced my desire to join the Navy," he said.

OIC CSMC, LCDR Rod Cooper, presented Conor with a certificate upon completion of his work experience.

"The work experience program is a great way of introducing young men and women to the range of stimulating and rewarding careers available in the Navy," LCDR Cooper said.



**SHOWING THE ROPES:** POET Paul Innes with Coner Kelly, 16, who completed work experience at the Combat Systems Maintenance School at Fleet Base East, Garden Island, as part of his Year 10 school curriculum.

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