



Media Release

Fast PAYCE Racing takes Chequered Flag in F1 in Schools Regional Finals

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Engadine High School's Fast PAYCE Racing team competing in this year's 2015 F1 in Schools Challenge, won the Professional Junior Class in the regional finals held in southern Sydney this week and now progresses to the State finals.

The PAYCE sponsored team was one of four teams of Year 9 students from the school competing in the Challenge, which is open to high school students around the world, with over 40 countries participating in this year's event. Teams of three to five students from Years 7-12 use real world Computer Aided Design (CAD) and Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM) technologies to design, test, build and race miniature gas-powered Formula 1 style cars.

Engadine High School achieved an outstanding result in this year's regional finals, with its four teams winning both first and second fastest cars in two classes, as well as a number of special categories.

Fast PAYCE Racing team also won Fastest Lap, Best Engineering, the Grand Prix Race and Industry Collaboration categories in its class and now advances to the State titles to be held at the University of Newcastle on 5-6 November.

The Fast PAYCE Racing team comprises Lukas Foyle, James Mitreski, Sean Sultana, Blake Williams and mentoring teacher, Ben Leffley.

PAYCE's Managing Director, Brian Boyd congratulated the team on its result and wished them well in the next stage of the competition when they go up against the best in the State.

"It's a great performance by all the teams at the school and their mentoring teachers, and the school community - their families and friends must be very thrilled," he said.

"This is the second year PAYCE has sponsored a team from Engadine High School and once again we are pleased to be playing a supportive role in their achievements," Brian Boyd said.

Earlier this year, PAYCE arranged a private workshop with one of the leading V8 Supercars teams, Wilson Security Racing GRM (Volvo Polestar Racing) at Eastern Creek's Sydney Motorsport Park, where they met the technical and engineering members of the team, including the two drivers, Scott McLaughlin and David Wall.

The students were able to pick up some valuable design pointers to incorporate into their 2015 car and to see first-hand how a professional pit garage is set up and operated.

The Fast PAYCE Racing team has been encouraged by the corporate support from their sponsor, PAYCE and provided the company with regular updates as they progressed through the design and testing phases in the lead up to the start of the Challenge.

The team recently took a group of PAYCE staff on a tour of their technology facilities used in the design, construction and testing of the latest miniature gas-powered racing cars.

PAYCE General Manager, Dominic Sullivan said the Fast PAYCE Racing team members were keen to do well for their sponsor in this year's Challenge.

"This is a fantastic competition for high school students and gives them hands-on experience in a range of fields, including engineering, physics, mathematics, research, design, marketing and even public speaking," he said.

"The team has put in many hours during and after school under the guiding eye of their mentor and teacher, Ben Leffley, and the win in the regional finals is testimony to their dedication and enthusiasm.

"We wish the team of Fast PAYCE Racing, along with the other teams from Engadine High School, all the best in the State finals in November," Mr Sullivan said.

Engadine High School has had great successes in the F1 in Schools Challenge in recent years, with wins in the State and National titles in 2012 and 2013 and the Regional titles for the past three years. As winners of the National titles, they went on to compete in the World Titles in Abu Dhabi (2012) and Texas (2013) where they placed fourth and fifth respectively.

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