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Premier Coal awards scholarship

John Dowey is an impressive young man who knows where he is headed. And he's just received a helping hand on that journey from Premier Coal.

The Collie teenager is the 2017 recipient of Premier Coal's JA Ellis Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a promising local student to assist with university studies.

The \$3,000 scholarship, now in its 47th year, is named after the chairman of the Board of Western Collieries Limited between 1952 to 1973.

John said the scholarship would support his plans to move to Perth to study a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in engineering science and finance. From there he planned to complete a Masters in Professional Engineering (Electrical) and a Masters in Business Administration. His ultimate goal was a successful career as an electrical engineer and in business.

The 2016 Collie Senior High School graduate, school captain, and leadership and citizenship award winner, has already secured an early placement for 2017 at the University of Western Australia.

John said his passion for engineering stemmed from his love of maths and science and was cemented by the opportunity to do work experience in the Collie power industry.

Premier Coal general manager Glenn Burlinson congratulated John on his outstanding achievements to date and said he was a very worthy winner of the JA Ellis Scholarship.

"Premier Coal is proud to support outstanding young people like John and we wish him all the best in his future studies," Glenn said.

PHOTO CAPTION: John Dowey is presented with the JA Ellis Scholarship by Premier Coal's maintenance manager Simon Stubbs and general manager Glenn Burlinson.

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