Mentor bond adds up to success

Jodie Lee is balancing study and motherhood with help from a top Brisbane accountant.

The Strathpine resident has been studying accountancy, on both a full-time and part-time basis, for the past six years.

This year she has linked with audit and assurance partner Dan Carroll as part of the Career Mentor Scheme at the Queensland University of Technology.

Now in its 20th year, the program links industry volunteers with students in the same field.

Ms Lee, who entered QUT as a mature-age student after working in a newspaper advertising department, said branching into accounting was a natural progression given money matters is part of her DNA.

“My father had his own business and two of my aunties had their own business,” she said. “Accounting just seemed like such a dynamic way to be involved with business. It puts you in the decision-making seat.

“Also, I wanted to do something that was as useful as a trade, where you really do learn a skill of value.”