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## I-CAR ANNOUNCES GOLD CLASS FOR WESTSTAR PRESTIGE PAINT & PANEL PTY LTD

I-CAR Australia is pleased to announce today that Weststar Prestige Paint & Panel Pty Ltd has been awarded the prestigious I-CAR Gold Class Collision status.

Congratulations to Weststar Prestige Paint & Panel for joining the growing number of businesses that have recognised the benefits of regular training, not only for their staff members but also for their customers and the entire business. The Gold Class accreditation places them in a very strong position to overcome the challenges presented by the ever-evolving body repair industry.

Weststar Prestige has always believed in training and upskilling its technicians to meet today's technological changes and has been using I-CAR's training platform since November 2018. Weststar Prestige Paint & Panel began its ROAD TO GOLD journey during the final stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. The convenient access to online and virtual classes anywhere, helped Weststar Prestige Paint & Panel continue training during the pandemic period.

When the pandemic subsided, I-CAR Australia's Industry Alliance Partners provided additional key training and education for their lead technicians which included Tesla Welding Certifications and accredited PPG training.

Brad Kolich, Director and Dealer Principal of Weststar talks about how the ROAD TO GOLD has positively impacted the business as a whole:

*"Our staff are to be commended for embracing the training modules with enthusiasm and vigour and we look forward to their efforts and commitment reflecting positively in our organisation, which will further cement our approach to the Collision Repair Industry and add another element to potential OEM partnerships moving forward.*

*Thank you to the I-CAR staff for their ongoing support and professionalism throughout our journey in achieving I-Car Gold Accreditation.*

*The additional guidance from the Road to Gold Review Program was very helpful in assisting us in achieving the accreditation." – Says Brad.*



The pledge by Weststar Prestige to continue training after accreditation is something that all our Gold Class repairers have undertaken because they recognise the value and importance of training to meet the ongoing and demanding technological advancements and changes in the demanding collision repair industry.

*I-CAR, founded in 1979, is an international, not-for-profit, training organization dedicated to improving the quality, safety and efficiency of auto collision repair for the ultimate benefit of the consumer.*

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