

Media release

EQIP students get hands on at Queensland Alumina Limited

26 June 2017

Earlier this month 13 enthusiastic EQIP students visited Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) as part of their study to complete a Certificate II in Process Plant Operations. The visit is the second of four the year 11 & 12 students undertake at QAL during their 2 year-long study with CQUniversity. During their visit the students received training on internal systems including SAP, employee information, and Plant control. Their previous visit saw them undertake hazard identification and reduction as well as how to conduct a risk assessment and learn about the Bayer Process used at QAL to produce alumina.

QAL Learning & Development Officer Terry Johnston said; “Having the students visit QAL gives them insight into the industry and get an understanding of the many different roles that are available to them before they pursue their careers. Many of the sessions they undertake are the same as what our new employees would undergo so they get a full picture of life at QAL.

“The training team really enjoy hosting them onsite as it allows us to pass on our knowledge and experience the enthusiasm of the next generation of operators, tradespeople and engineers”.

This is the 3rd year QAL have partnered with EQIP to support the program along with other partners Gladstone Ports Corporations, Australian Pacific LNG, QGC and Santos GLNG.

EQIP General Manager Melissa Dennis said; “Authentic workplace learning opportunities onsite at QAL are an essential part of the program. These opportunities help the students put into perspective what they are learning through the qualification and getting hands on in the field allows them to explore potential career pathways while they complete senior schooling.”

-ENDS-



Picture 1: EQIP students learning how to use air tools on valves.



Picture 2: EQIP students testing their skills by recreating a diagram of the Bayer Process used to produce alumina at QAL.



QUEENSLAND ALUMINA LIMITED



Contacts

www.qal.com.au



Follow @RioTinto on Twitter

Media Relations, Queensland Alumina Limited

Kylie Devine

T +61 477 363 890

M +61 7 4971 7049

E devineka@qal.com.au

Queensland Alumina Limited
Parsons Point
Gladstone QLD 4680
Australia

T +61 7 4976 2211
Registered in Australia
ABN 98 009 725 044

Rio Tinto Limited
Level 33, 120 Collins Street
Melbourne 3000
Australia

T +61 3 9283 3333
Registered in Australia
ABN 96 004 458 404

