



Media release

School students go from uniform to Hi-Viz at QAL

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This week 52 students from Gladstone's High Schools swapped their uniform for Hi-Vis as they visited Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) for an onsite careers day.

Year 10, 11 and 12 students from Gladstone State High School, Toolooa State High and Tannum Sands State High spent a day at the QAL Refinery to learn about the types of career opportunities available in industry.

The students participated in information sessions about QAL's processes and gained some hands on experience with tasks performed in the Laboratory, Valve bay, Electrical and Mechanical teams as well as Process Operations section.

One of the Gladstone State High School year 12 students Ainsley Downie, participated in the QAL careers day. Ainsley is particularly interested in the electrical field hoping to complete an electrical trade after school. Ainsley said "It was such an eye opener to see all the training programs QAL has to offer. It was amazing to see all the little things that go into making a big operation like QAL run."

Social Justice Head of Department at Gladstone State High school, Deirdre Burrell said; "The careers day really opened the student's eyes not only around trades but other career pathways as well. It is wonderful for QAL to offer this opportunity to schools as it provides students a lot of inside into industry".

QAL General Manager Mike Dunstan said, "It is always a pleasure when the students visit our operation and great to see their eagerness to learn about both the QAL operations as well as wider industry.

"The careers day not only provides an opportunity for the students to ask questions about careers they are specifically interested in, but also provides insight into other career opportunities that they may not have been aware were even available.

"QAL's future depends on having a pipeline of people for the next generation of the workforce. We hope that this visit helped to encourage young people to consider a local career in a global industry".

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Picture 1:



Pictured: Ainsley Downie and Chris Benn at QAL Main Workshop

Picture 2:



QAL Technical Services Manager Rebecca Penridge spoke to students about her career in industry



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