



Media release

Local students try out local industry

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Students from local schools recently took part in an onsite careers day at Queensland Alumina limited (QAL).

In July and August a total of 70 students from Tannum Sands State High School and Toolooa State High School visited the QAL Refinery. The two visits provided opportunity for year 10, 11 and 12 students to experience, and learn about jobs that are available to them at QAL and in industries worldwide. The groups participated in information sessions and interactive displays from the Laboratory team, Apprentices, Valve bay, Electrical and Mechanical teams as well as Process Operations section.

Tannum Sands State High School Senior Schooling Administration Officer Bernice Thompson accompanied the students during the visit to QAL. Bernice said; "The students were surprised with the diverse range of jobs that are available at QAL. For the students to have experience on an industrial site is very beneficial as they were addressed by the people who may potentially employ them. They also listened to employees speak about their career journeys within the company which is something that leaves a lasting impression.

"The students enjoyed the session with the crane operators and doggers as they were given the opportunity to sit in the control cabin and see how it operates as well as use some of the basic dogger signals to interact with the crane operator.

"The tour and information sessions gave the students are great insight to what QAL does and how it has been a key contributor to Gladstone's employment and economy. They also were interested to find out the varied pathways that have led some of the employees to come to work at QAL and how rewarding it has been for them to be a part of this great company."

QAL Human Resources Advisor Lauren Wood said "We hope the QAL career day helps guide students when making career choices for their futures. It helps knowing what is on offer and potentially gives the students alternate options they may not have thought about.

"We thoroughly enjoy having the students on site with us, it's really nice to see how amazed and intrigued the students are with what we do here and just how eager they are to learn and see as much as they can while they are here."

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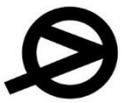


Tannum Sands State High School visitors

Picture 2:



Pictured: Jayden Fleetwood, Tanya Humphreys, Branden Maloney and Nathan Elvery (Head of Department for Technology)



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