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Education: A significant focus for the KIC.

KIC Position and Key Messages

- The KIC regards education and appropriate skilling of young people as a significant priority, consistent with KIC's strategic plan.
- The KIC is proud of the achievements made through its ongoing partnership programs, which have received national recognition.
- In August this year, KIC was announced the winner in the Corporate Community Award category of the Rockingham Kwinana Chamber of Commerce Regional Business Awards.
- KIC believes the recognition received through the business awards, signals future potential for the education programs, delivered through KIC, to be adopted across Australia to suit individual needs.
- The KIC education programs are supported by industry in a variety of ways, including financial and in-kind professional.
- The programs have effectively evolved to embrace solid working relationships with an extensive range of organisations such as Challenger TAFE, chambers of commerce, local government authorities, the Department of Education and Training, and the Department of Science and Technology.
- KIC will continue to develop partnerships with education and training providers, to deliver positive employment outcomes for industry and the community.
- The KIC established the KIC Education Partnership three years ago to build and strengthen relationships and to improve the connection between Kwinana industries and regional educators. The partnership has extended to 17 local high schools (public and private).
- The KIC Education Development Program aims at providing opportunities for high school students in the region, who are looking at future employment in industry. There are two streams under the program; the first is the iProjects stream and the second is the Careers Pathways stream.

- **KIC Education Development Programs-**
iProjects-
 - I. iWOMEN (Year 10)
 - II. iMEN (Year 10)
 - III. iDIVERSITY (Year 10)
 - IV. iCAREER (Year 9) *under construction
 - V. iTEACHER

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- **Career Pathways Programs-**
 - School-based Traineeships (Years 11 & 12)
 - I. Metals and Engineering
 - II. Process Plant Operator
 - III. Business
 - Work Placements (Years 11 & 12)
 - I. Telecommunications Technology
 - II. Plant Mechanic (heavy diesel)
 - Work Experience (Year 10, 11 & 12) – Facilitated on a per school/ per student informal basis

Background information

- Three years ago, the KIC board resolved to take on an additional sphere of activity outside of its core focus (Education Development Program) to build and strengthen relationships and to implement projects to improve the connection between Kwinana industries and regional education providers.
- The Education Development Program was formed out of KICs Workforce and Education Committee, which is made up of human resources professionals from the KIC membership.
- In September 2011, a Certificate of Commitment was signed by KIC and the 17 local high schools (public and private) involved with the partnership. The signing was to acknowledge the involvement and the role both industry and the education providers' play in their joint efforts to help local students gain the necessary skills to join the workforce.
- KIC together with industry representatives, local Principals and VET coordinators came together on September 7, 2011 for the KIC education Partnership's inaugural Networking Forum to discuss future involvement.
- Following the forum, the 'Principals Group' representing the 17 high schools in the region was formed to provide the linkage into the education sector.
- The partnership is a commitment by industry and partnering schools to work together to develop mutually beneficial long-term relationships, in order to achieve excellence in education that broadens the learning experiences of students.

Relevant Resource Materials

KIC Education Development Program [DVD](#) (Dec 2014)
Education Page of the KIC [website](#)

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