

Media Release



Fortescue scholarships provide long term career pathways for Aboriginal students

Perth, 10 February 2015: Fortescue Metals Group (Fortescue) will today celebrate the award of three secondary scholarships and four tertiary scholarships to Aboriginal students as part of the Company's FIVE STAR sustainable employment program.

The Fortescue FIVE STAR Program has been developed to assist Aboriginal Australians in acquiring the education and skills required to obtain sustainable employment. The program creates supportive employment and training pathways for individuals that will lead to professional employment opportunities within the Fortescue business.

At today's official signing ceremony two secondary scholarships were signed for Guildford Grammar School, one for Perth College and four tertiary scholarships for Murdoch University and University of Western Australia. The 2015 scholarship students join a total of 16 Fortescue FIVE STAR scholarship students that have been accepted into the program since it began in 2013.

Fortescue Chief Executive Officer Nev Power said the program was an integral part of Fortescue's commitment to ending indigenous disparity.

"At Fortescue we believe that education, particularly for children from remote and disadvantaged areas, is vital to improving employment outcomes for Aboriginal people," he said.

"We are proud to provide these students with the opportunity not only to complete their studies but to become future leaders for their communities."

The scholarships, which are open to Traditional Owner groups and Aboriginal Fortescue employees' children, cover educational and living expenses that are often a barrier to completing secondary and tertiary studies.

Perth College student and secondary scholarship recipient Jacinta Coppin said the FIVE STAR program would enable her to work towards her dream of becoming a nurse and helping her community in Roebourne. Jacinta is currently completing a work placement at St John of God and at the Roebourne Aboriginal Medical Service in Roebourne on her school holidays.

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