



Media Release

Fortescue support encourages local careers in trades

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South Hedland, 15 June 2016: A Fortescue Metals Group (Fortescue) partnership with Hedland Senior High School to provide operational funding to its Trade Training Centre is giving local students a head start towards a career in engineering or a trade.

Worth \$300,000 over three years, the agreement covers the purchase of equipment and materials for the Centre, allowing the students to learn key skills in a hands-on environment with high quality machinery and equipment.

General Manager of Fortescue's Port, Fernando Pereira said it is important for businesses to partner with schools like Hedland Senior High School to build vibrant and sustainable local communities.

"The skills and experiences the students gain through facilities like the Trade Training Centre allow them to remain in their local community and seek careers in the industries that are operating where they live. Fortescue is proud to support the local community by ensuring that the next generation of talented professionals have meaningful employment opportunities here in the Pilbara," Mr Pereira said.

Hedland Senior High School Principal Kelly Summers said, "Our partnerships with local industry and companies such as Fortescue are vital in supporting students to develop a wider understanding of employment and the responsibilities and expectations they will have to meet as apprentices and trainees."

Grade 11 and 12 students can apply to study a Certificate II in Engineering Pathways through the Centre, which teaches them to use work shop machinery, as well as critical safety skills and general industry knowledge.

Students Lydia Ozies and Jessica Vailala, who are among the first female students of the Centre, enjoy the hands on activities. Upon completion of Year 12, Miss Ozies, who has enjoyed learning oxy welding, hopes to pursue an apprenticeship either as a heavy diesel fitter or a boilermaker.

Miss Vailala is looking forward to a career in engineering and said, "The Certificate is a great opportunity to involve girls in the industry and I hope to encourage younger students to participate in the future."

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From left: Hedland Senior High School Principal Kelly Summers, Year 11 Trade Training Centre students Jessica Vailala and Lydia Ozies, and Fortescue Community Advisor Kerry Wilson.



Back Row L-R: Kerry Wilson (Fortescue), Tate Hanley, Jessica Vailala, Daniel Beattie-Gilmour, Luke Bush, Mathew Markwell, Lydia Ozies, Troy Gill (teacher).