

Wandoan Education Partnership

Wandoan Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) Partnership Fact Sheet



The partnership will provide support for literacy and numeracy programs at the Wandoan State School (Left) and improved pathways from senior school to work in industry (Right)

Queensland's Surat Basin is poised to become a thriving energy province delivering new financial investment and employment opportunities to local communities.

Xstrata Coal's Wandoan Coal Project will play a significant role in the investment of capital and community contributions into the region, as it prepares to construct an open-cut thermal coal mine, with the capacity to produce approximately 30 million run-of-mine tonnes of thermal coal per annum, as well as new rail and port infrastructure by 2015.

One of these community contributions is the *Xstrata Coal Wandoan Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) Partnership* through which Xstrata Coal will provide \$720,000 over three years to programs for students at the Wandoan and Taroom State Schools and Miles State High School.

The QMEA is a joint venture between the Queensland Resources Council and the Queensland Department of Education and Training that aims to bring young people from Queensland schools into exciting and rewarding careers in the resources sector.

The partnership with Xstrata Coal is going to make a real difference in our school.

Nancy Davies, Wandoan State School P&C President

The Xstrata Coal Wandoan QMEA Partnership will improve the pathways from senior school to work in industry and help attract and retain dedicated, suitably qualified teaching staff. It will also provide funding, equipment, curriculum enrichment and school-industry liaison, specifically to:

- extend the Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy to Wandoan and Taroom State Schools and Miles State High School
- support the establishment of a Trade Training Centre in Miles with regional hubs at Wandoan and Taroom State Schools, including industry placement and teacher training
- begin a program for school-based or full-time apprenticeships or traineeships with Xstrata Coal and district employers.

In addition, Xstrata Coal will direct funding and other resources through Education Queensland to:

- support the establishment of a Science Centre at Wandoan State School
- employ teacher aides at the Wandoan State School to deliver literacy and numeracy programs
- establish a bursary fund at Wandoan State School for equipment, transport and tuition that supports students' studies and extra-curricula activities
- fund industry placement and teacher training for Trade Training Centre staff
- provide placements for apprentices and trainees with Xstrata Coal
- provide incentive grants for Wandoan district employers to hire apprentices.

These initiatives will provide enriched learning opportunities for students in Prep to Year 10 at the Wandoan State School and trade training opportunities for students at all three schools.

For further information on the Xstrata Coal Corporate Social Involvement (CSI) program please visit www.xstratacoal.com

For further information on the QMEA please visit www.qmea.org.au

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I am very proud to be part of a company committed to making a significant and important contribution to many Australian communities.

Each year we find and fund those partner organisations and initiatives that we believe will make a real difference to the lives of others across both Queensland and New South Wales, the areas in which we operate.

Our Corporate Social Involvement (CSI) partners provide the ideas, foundations and support networks necessary to affect positive change across the areas of health, education, community, environment and the arts.

In 2010 we have committed more than \$12 million to assist over 50 CSI partners achieve their goals. It is deserved, it is necessary and it is making a difference to someone's life right now.



Peter Freyberg
Chief Executive,
Xstrata Coal



Top: The partnership will provide new opportunities for trade training. Above: Wandoan State School

**The Xstrata Coal
Wandoan QMEA
Partnership will further
strengthen student
learning, involvement,
and participation.**

Roger Atkins, Director QMEA



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For further information on the QMEA please visit www.qmea.org.au.

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