

2026 QMEA & WIMARQ GIRLS Mentoring Program

The QMEA & WIMARQ Girls in Resources Leadership Skills (GIRLS) Mentoring Program is open to female students who will be in year 12 in 2026, at a QMEA network school, and have an interest in pursuing a career in the Queensland resources sector.

Successful applicants will be mentored by a resources industry professional who is specifically matched to them and will complete an Australian Institute of Management micro-credential in Artificial Intelligence. This program provides numerous opportunities for participants to make connections with industry and open career pathways into the resources sector.

The program runs from March 2026 to August 2026. It includes a launch trip to Brisbane for the program launch in March, a ticket to the QRC Resources Awards for Women lunch, specific mentoring program training, networking opportunities with industry, Australian Institute of Management AI micro-credential, 5-6 one-hour mentoring sessions and a second trip to Brisbane for the program finale in August.

How to Apply

1. Gather digital copies of the following:
 - a. most recent school report card
 - b. a high-resolution photograph of yourself in your school uniform
 - c. Signed and completed teacher endorsement form.
2. Create a video (2 minutes in length) outlining what you wish to get out of this experience and how you feel this experience will help you in your future career pathways.
3. Complete the online application form available here: [QMEA & WIMARQ GIRLS Mentoring Program Application](#) and upload the above items, by 5pm Monday, October 13, 2025.

Key Points

- Must be a female student currently in year 11 at a QMEA school.
- A limited number of positions will be offered for this program.
- Selection process involves multiple stages before a final 'Letter of Offer' is emailed to successful applicants. Estimated to be end of November 2024.
- All participants will be required to attend the program launch and the program finale in Brisbane, allowances will be made for clashes with school commitments if necessary.
- The launch trip is planned to be 4th – 6th March 2026 and the finale trip is planned to be 24th – 26th August 2026.
- Mentees will be provided a ticket to attend the QRC Resources Awards for Women celebration in Brisbane on Friday 6th March.
- QMEA will organise and pay for flights to and from Brisbane and participants' closest airport, if not living in SEQ.
- Participants' food and accommodation will be provided and paid for while in Brisbane for the program launch and finale.



2026 QMEA-WIMARQ GIRLS Mentoring Program Teacher Endorsement Form

The QMEA-WIMARQ GIRLS Mentoring Program provides encouragement and mentoring support for female year-12 students interested in exploring careers in the resources and related sectors. Students are mentored by resources industry professionals who are matched to specifically to them. The program provides numerous opportunities for participants to make connections with industry and open career pathways.

Student Acknowledgement

(Please tick the following to accept and acknowledge)

- After the launch and training session in March, this program requires approximately 5 hours per month between March to August 2026. *This includes one hour of virtual time with your mentor and a 15-minute 1:1 connection call each month of the program, completion of AIM AI Micro credential units.*
- Participants are required to promptly respond to regular communication with their mentor, the program delivery partner, Metisphere, and QMEA.

Teacher Endorsement

I, _____ have known _____ as a student
at _____ (school) in my position as _____.

I thoroughly endorse _____ 's application as a suitable candidate for the 2026 QMEA and WIMARQ GIRLS Mentoring Program.

(Endorsing Teacher's Signature)

	Principal	QMEA Key Teacher	Parent/Guardian	Student
Name				
Signature				
Date				

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