



QMEA 2025 KEY OUTCOMES

In 2025 the Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) celebrated 20 years of educating, connecting and inspiring Queensland students to potential STEM and trade careers in the resources sector.



“ I learnt there are lots of different careers in the mining industry and how it is moving towards a more sustainable future. I learnt about the mine life cycle and really enjoyed the workshop, especially the practical activities.”

Student - STEM Unearthed workshop
Kirwan State High School (Townsville)



RESULTS FROM ACROSS QUEENSLAND

7,148

students
participated

482

teachers
engaged

284

industry employees
engaged

262

workshops
delivered

“ I have grown as a result of my involvement with the QMEA. The QMEA program has played an important role in shaping my goals, building my confidence and increasing my passion for STEM.”

QMEA Student Ambassador -
Emerald State High School



“ Hands-on, practical activities aligned exactly to what we are learning in Year 7 Science. The industry professionals were inspiring and real. The female engineer was a valuable asset to my class with a lot of girls.”

Teacher - Pulleys for Productivity
workshop, Kelvin Grove State College

24 Industry Sponsors
directly supporting
QMEA in 2025

100 Schools
across regional and
south-east QLD

PROVEN OUTCOMES

22%

of students from QMEA schools followed a study pathway into engineering and related technologies compared to **18%** of students from non-QMEA schools*

8%

of students from QMEA schools entered apprenticeships or traineeships in the mining industry compared with **3%** from non-QMEA schools.*

9%

of female QMEA students entered apprenticeships or traineeships in the mining industry compared with **2%** from non-QMEA schools.*

13%

of Indigenous students from QMEA schools entered apprenticeships or traineeships in the mining industry compared to **3%** of students from non-QMEA schools*



“ I have learnt new trade skills from this program. The mine tour gave me information that has helped me decide on a possible career. It was perfect.” Student - Oresome Trades Camp - Dysart

“ I've learnt lots of new things and I now understand the resources industry. It's a whole new world I'd only really heard about, but never properly seen. Collaborating with actual engineers has been an amazing opportunity.”

Student - Oresome Minds Camp - Mount Isa



POSITIVE FEEDBACK



89%

of students said that the QMEA engagement increased their awareness of the different careers in the resources sector



94%

of teachers say QMEA events improved teaching of minerals and energy topics



100%

of industry recommended their company support QMEA events in the future

136 Media Mentions across digital, print and TV channels

8.3K Followers across QMEA social media channels



New in
2026

QMEA Scholarship
Management Services

Sustainability and
decarbonisation workshop
'Resourcing our Sustainable
Future'

AI micro-credential for the
GIRLS Mentoring Program

“ Great to see how QMEA has
created an industry relevant program
that is directly connected to the jobs in
the minerals and energy industry.”

Industry representative - STEM and Trades Day - Moura




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