

## Media release

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### Educational benefits flow from school-miner partnership

Collie students are continuing to benefit from a long-running partnership between the local high school and Premier Coal.

Premier has provided \$5,000 toward upgrading equipment at Collie Senior High School's Trades Training Centre this year, a donation it has made annually for several years. It also donates scrap metal and other redundant materials for use in the centre.

On top of that, Premier Coal provides dozens of workplace-learning positions for students each year across a range of trades and other career areas.

Premier Coal General Manager Bill McKinstrey said it was important major local employers like Premier helped train and develop the workforce and leaders of tomorrow.

"We are proud to support the school and local students. We know that our business will benefit in the long term by being able to recruit well-trained and prepared local employees," Mr McKinstrey said.

Collie Senior High School Principal Dale Miller thanked Premier Coal for its ongoing support.

"Premier Coal's funding for the Trades Training Centre and other support for our students goes a long way toward helping us provide first-class, highly-relevant educational opportunities for our students," Ms Miller said.

"Premier Coal has consistently taken on the largest number of work placement students of any local employer, many of whom go on to secure employment there."

***Photo 1: Collie Senior High School electrical pre-apprenticeship students (from left) Tom Ingram, Zak Guppy, Jake Fowler, Kolbee Fleay, Riley Donovan and Brodie Pipe with South Regional TAFE lecturer Laurie Dyer and Premier Coal's Steve Plaskett.***

***Photo 2: Collie Senior High School fitting and machining Pathways students (from left) Nathan Slater, Spencer Stove, Blake Briggs, Kellen Haven, Hayden Barber, Jacob Lowick, Fraser Hislop, Sam Wasmann and Paul Bernardi with school teacher Gerald Thomas, Premier Coal's Steve Plaskett, and South Regional TAFE lecturer Edward Chial.***

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