

Media Release

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Mount Morgan students visit Stanwell's Brisbane headquarters

Six Mount Morgan State High School students recently got a chance to look at future career paths with Stanwell during a three day visit to Brisbane.

Stanwell sponsored the trip, which was part of the Beacon Student Ambassador Program. It included a visit to the Corporation's Brisbane head office, where employees explained the various career options in the corporation.

"The Beacon Student Ambassador Program, which has become an integral part of the school culture over the past 10 years, helps to prepare students for a positive future," school principal Paul Nicholson said.

"It's a real bonus to have such an in-demand program operating and helping our students clarify their goals and plan for their futures."

Beacon works with students and their schools to develop meaningful pathways into further education, training or employment.

Stanwell Power Station Site Manager Graham Dawson said Stanwell was pleased to facilitate the students' trip to Brisbane to showcase career opportunities.

"We want local students to know how to access the interesting and rewarding careers available in the energy sector, both at the site level and at our head office," he said.

While in Brisbane from November 21 to 23, the Grade 10 students also visited other Beacon schools and other workplaces.

Graham Dawson said that in addition to supporting the school through the Beacon Program over the past 10 years, Stanwell also provided and presented various awards recognising student academic, sporting and cultural successes; and hosted annual student tours at Stanwell Power Station.

Stanwell, along with the Rockhampton City Council, was responsible for sponsoring Beacon's entry into Queensland in March 2001.

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Background

Stanwell Corporation is Queensland's largest power generator, with the installed capacity to supply more than 45 per cent of the state's peak power needs.

Established on 1 July 2011 and owned by the Queensland Government, Stanwell is the owner and operator of:

- 1446.9 MW Stanwell Power Station (coal) near Rockhampton
- 1415 MW Tarong Power Station (coal) in the South Burnett
- 443 MW Tarong North Power Station (super-critical coal) in the South Burnett
- 385 MW Swanbank E Power Station (gas) near Ipswich
- 125 MW Swanbank B Power Station (coal) near Ipswich
- 325 MW Mica Creek Power Station (gas) near Mount Isa (not connected to the NEM)
- 86.4 MW Kareeya Power Station (hydro) in Far North Queensland
- 63 MW Barron Gorge Power Station (hydro) in Far North Queensland
- 32 MW Mackay Power Station (gas) in Central Queensland
- 7.3 MW Koombooloomba Power Station (hydro) in Far North Queensland
- 4.7 MW Wivenhoe Small (hydro) located at Wivenhoe Dam

Stanwell sells energy from the 195 MW Collinsville Power Station in north Queensland, through a Power Purchase Agreement with its owners Transfield Services Infrastructure Fund.

Stanwell owns Meandu Mine, which has the capacity to supply up to seven million tonnes of coal a year to the adjacent Tarong power stations.

It has a coal supply agreement with Wesfarmers Resources' Curragh Mine that includes the sharing of revenue from coal exports.

Stanwell is an active competitor in the National Electricity Market (NEM). The Corporation sells electricity into the NEM spot market pool and provides ancillary services to the Australian Energy Market Operator to ensure the secure and reliable supply of electricity throughout Queensland.

Stanwell employs nearly 1000 people across its various sites.

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