

MINERALS EDUCATION BURSARY SCHEME

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Overview:

The NSW Minerals Council (NSWMC), Newcrest Mining - Cadia Valley Operations, Xstrata Coal, BHP Billiton Illawarra Coal, Gujarat NRE Coking Coal and Muswellbrook Coal invite eligible senior secondary students to apply for a 2011 Minerals Education Bursary (MEBS).

Year 11 and Year 12 students from nominated schools are eligible to apply.

This program is designed to attract and retain senior secondary students' interest in the minerals industry as a possible future career of choice through a co-ordinated program of activities and contact with the industry and stakeholders such as Newcrest Mining - Cadia Valley Operations, Xstrata Coal, BHP Billiton Illawarra Coal, Gujarat NRE Coking Coal, Muswellbrook Coal and universities.

Bursary recipients will receive a cash grant of \$500 for Year 11 students and \$1,000 for Year 12 students.

Secondary school bursary holders who go on to complete the first year of an undergraduate degree in a designated minerals related tertiary course within 12 months of completing their schooling will then receive a \$2,000 undergraduate bursary. Bursary holders are still eligible to apply for other scholarships at university.

To be eligible to remain a bursary holder, students must participate in a minimum of 2 MEBS related activities conducted by NSWMC or member companies. MEBS activities may include open days at mine sites or universities; company events; career expos organised or conducted by the minerals industry; mentoring programs; minerals careers dinners; work experience and 'Minerals School Cluster' activities.

A key feature of the program is that every MEBS holder will be allocated a 'mentor' from the sponsoring company. Mentors will provide students with a long-term contact within the industry, offering career advice, study assistance and access to work experience and other mine site activities and resources.

To apply, see **Eligibility Criteria** and **Application Form** attached.

Written applications close **Friday 25 March 2011**

MEBS Eligibility Criteria:

- Students must be enrolled at a secondary school nominated by our sponsoring companies.
- Students must maintain a set pattern of study and satisfactory academic results so that the student will be eligible for a HSC.
- To be eligible to extend a bursary from Year 11 into their Year 12, bursary holders must demonstrate participation in at least two "careers education" activities conducted by the sponsoring companies, NSWMC or Minerals Council of Australia. These could include Minerals Careers Dinners, mine site work experience and other designated activities as determined by NSWMC.
- To be eligible to extend a bursary post Year 12, students must enrol in and satisfactorily complete their First Year of an undergraduate degree in a designated minerals related tertiary course.

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Written Applications:

- Applications are required in writing, including details of recent academic record and a brief supporting statement from their Head Teacher Science or Maths. Short-listed students may be required to attend a personal interview. Personal attributes and suitability together with a genuine interest and commitment to the industry should be considered as key selection criteria in addition to a sound academic record.
- Unsuccessful applicants may re-apply in the subsequent year.

Participating Schools:

Illawarra and Macarthur (sponsored by BHP Billiton Illawarra Coal)

Ambarvale High
Broughton Anglican College
Camden High
Edmund Rice College
Figtree High
Illawarra Christian School (Cordeaux Heights campus)
Illawarra Grammar
Illawarra Senior College
Illawarra Sports High
John Therry Catholic
Keira High
Macarthur Anglican
Magdalene Catholic High School
Picton High
Smiths Hill High
St Gregory's College
St Joseph's Catholic High

St Mary's Star of the Sea
St Patrick's College, Campbelltown
Thomas Reddall High
Warrawong High
Wollongong High.

Illawarra & South Coast (sponsored by Gujarat NRE)

Bulli High
Corrimal High
Dapto High
Holy Spirit College
Kiama High
Shoalhaven Anglican
Woonona High

Tahmoor (sponsored by Xstrata Coal)

Wollondilly Anglican College

Central West (sponsored by Newcrest Mining - Cadia Valley Operations)

All Saints Bathurst
Bathurst High
Blayney High
Canobolas Rural Tech High
Canowindra High
Cowra High
James Sheahan Catholic High
Kelso High

Kinross Wolaroi School
MacKillop College Bathurst
Molong Central School
Orange Christian School
Orange High
Scots Bathurst
St Stanislaus College Bathurst

Hunter (sponsored by Xstrata Coal)

All Saints Maitland St Mary's Campus
All Saints Maitland St Peter's Campus
Cessnock High
Gulgong High
Hunter Valley Grammar School
Maitland Grossmann High
Maitland High
Mount View High

Muswellbrook High
Singleton High
St Catherine's Catholic College

Hunter (sponsored by Muswellbrook Coal)

Scone High School
Scone Grammar School
St Joseph's Aberdeen

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Student's Personal Attributes, Qualities and Skills

Interest in study and possible employment related to the Minerals Industry

Privacy Statement: *The collection of the applicant's personal information is necessary for the purposes of the NSW Minerals Council's Minerals Education Bursary Scheme. Personal information will be used by the NSW Minerals Council and member companies of the NSW Minerals Council to assess eligibility, rank applications and to contact applicants. In the event that an applicant is successful in being awarded a Minerals Education Bursary personal information (eg. full name and school) may be used on the NSW Minerals Council's website and in other related material. Please acknowledge your consent by signing below.*

I _____ (insert name) consent to my personal information being used on the NSW Minerals Council's website and in other related material.

If the applicant is under 18 years of age a parent/legal guardian must sign below:

I _____ (insert name) consent to the personal information of _____ (insert child's name) being used on the NSW Minerals Council's website and in other related material.

Please attach a copy of recent academic results (this is compulsory)