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Education: A significant focus for the KIC.

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Background Summary

- The Kwinana Industries Education Partnership (KIEP) is an ongoing community project, which was initiated by the KIC in 1993, followed by a formal agreement signed in 1995.
- The partnership is between the KIC and 12 high schools over a geographic spread from Munster, north of the Kwinana Industrial Area (KIA) through to Kwinana and Rockingham, south of the KIA.
- The agreement is a commitment by industry and partnering schools to work together to develop mutually beneficial long-term relationships, in order to achieve excellence in education that broadens the learning experiences of students.
- A prime focus of the KIEP is to achieve a mutual understanding of industry and education and how the two may interact for the better of the community.
- KIEP operates via a Board which is chaired by a KIC member. KIEP employs an Executive Officer whose role is to coordinate the activities of KIEP. The majority of KIEP funding comes from the Federal Government.
- KIC has developed several education touch points within the community, consistent with the aims of KIEP. These touch points are identified in the attached appendix 1.

KIC Position and Key Messages

The KIC regards education and appropriate skilling of young people as a significant priority, consistent with KIC's strategic plan.

- The KIEP provides a vehicle for fostering a higher community profile between community and industry whilst helping students gain a better understanding of career opportunities and smoother transition to their future working world.
- The KIC is proud of the achievements of this partnership, that has received worldwide recognition as a best practice business/education partnership.
- The KIEP programs are wide and varied and are supported by industry in a variety of ways, including financial and in-kind professional.
- The KIEP has effectively evolved to embrace solid working relationships with an extensive range of organisations such as Challenger TAFE, universities, training and career transition providers, area consultative committee, chambers of commerce, local government authorities, the Department of Education and Training, and the Department of Science and Technology.

- The main activities of the KIEP are:
 - *Common point of contact*
 - *Community links and partnership*
 - *Industry links and partnerships*
 - *Links to further education and training*
 - *Vocation education and training*
 - *Programs that lift the profile of disciplines such as science*
- KIC will continue to develop partnerships with education and training providers, to deliver positive employment outcomes for industry and the community.

Relevant Resource Materials

- **Awards**
<http://www.kic.org.au/SiteContent/Community/education.asp>
- **KIEP Programs**
<http://www.kic.org.au/SiteContent/Community/education.asp>
- **Kwinana Industries Education Partnership**
<http://www.kic.org.au/SiteContent/Community/education.asp>
- **'A History of KIEP'**
<http://www.kiep.org.au/>
- **'KIC Design for Industry & The Nufarm Youth Encouragement Award Partnership, an overview'**
<http://www.kic.org.au/SiteContent/Community/education.asp>
- **'Benefits to member schools'**
<http://www.kiep.org.au/>