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EPMA students promote STEM pathways!

EQIP PROCESS PLANT OPERATIONS

EQIP Process Plant Operations (EPMA) students had the privilege this week of talking to year 10 students about STEM pathways through process plant operations!

Students from all schools in the Gladstone region recently attended the EQIP Gladstone Careers Expo, so subject selection and career planning is top of mind. To support students in their planning, QMEA organised career talks with STEM professionals for year 10 students from Gladstone SHS, Tannum Sands SHS, Toolooa SHS and Chanel College. The last stop on the tour was the simulated gas rig at CQUniversity Marina Campus. EPMA Program Coordinator, Shane Hansen, took the students through an overview of the EPMA program, how the simulated gas rig works, and the training that the EPMA students go through. On hand to help out with the presentations were EAG Process Operator trainees from ConocoPhillips and Shell QGC.

EPMA students were invited to share their experiences. Taryn and Hailey spoke about a day in the life of the program with CQUniversity and the importance of the authentic workplace training program with Queensland Alumina Limited. EQIP General Manager Melissa Dennis said, "Being able to apply the theory into authentic workplace learning puts it into perspective and reinforces what they are learning." The program has helped define what the students want to do when they transition from senior schooling to work, with Taryn and Hailey commenting that they are interested in process operator pathways.

Following the STEM pathways presentations, the EAG Process Operator trainees spent the afternoon with EPMA students in the rig room and the control centre. Students learned about each component of the rig and how to operate the different processes.

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