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# HSHS VET Newsletter (Term 3, 2026)

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# Fortescue Rail Program




Our Year 12 students have been continuing to participate in the Fortescue Rail Shunting Program, gaining valuable insight into the rail industry and the skills required for a career in this important sector.

Throughout the program, students have developed their understanding of rail safety, teamwork, communication, and operational procedures. The hands-on nature of the training has allowed students to build confidence while exploring real-world career pathways available in the Pilbara region.

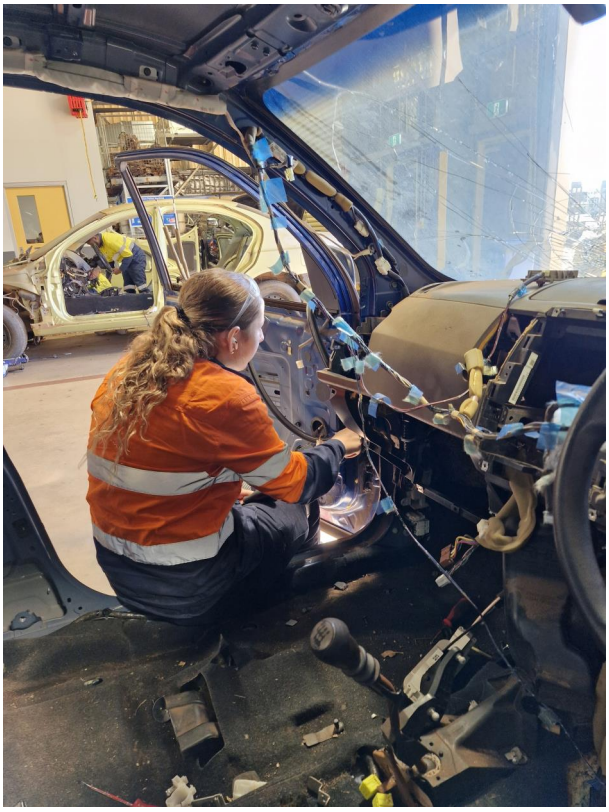
We thank Fortescue for providing this fantastic opportunity and for supporting our students as they learn more about careers in the rail industry.

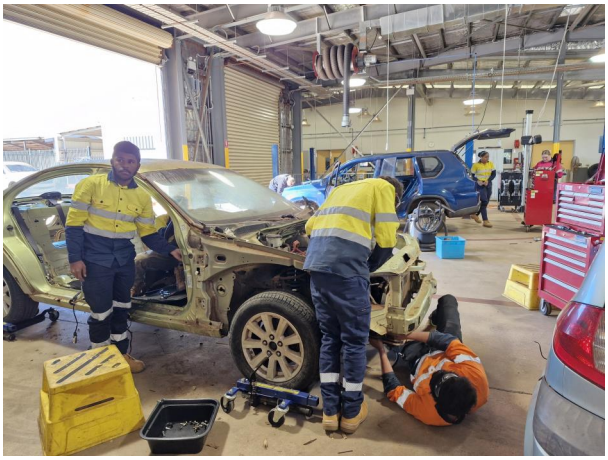
## Year 10 ASBT



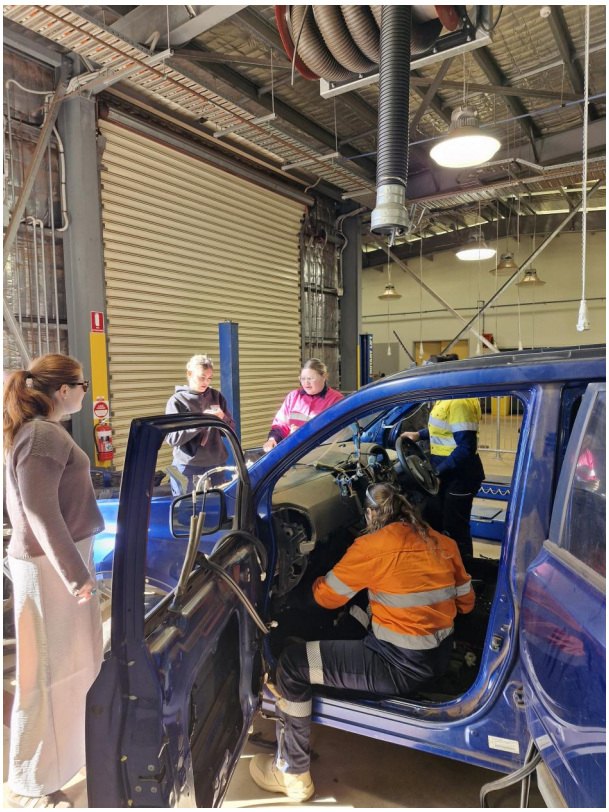

The future workforce is already taking shape at Hedland Senior High School, with our Year 10 students successfully completing a **Certificate I** in **Automotive**, **Engineering**, and **Conservation and Ecosystem Management**.

Throughout the program, students developed valuable practical skills and gained hands-on experience in their chosen industry areas. From learning automotive maintenance and engineering fundamentals to exploring environmental conservation practices, students demonstrated commitment, teamwork, and a strong willingness to learn.









# VR Interview Prep



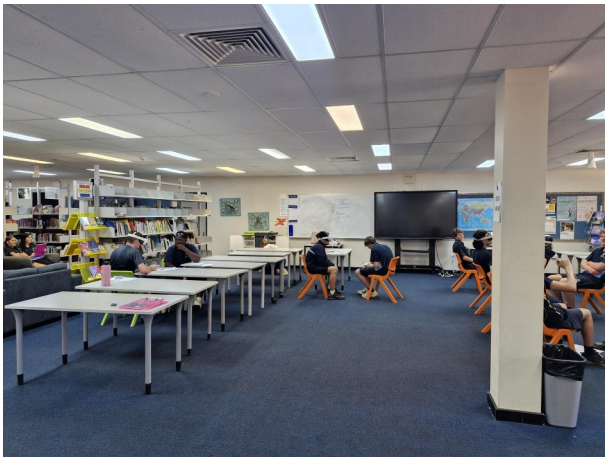
Hedland Senior High School students recently had the opportunity to enhance their interview skills using Virtual Reality (VR) technology.

Through the use of VR headsets, students participated in realistic interview scenarios designed to help them build confidence, improve their communication skills, and gain valuable experience in a safe and supportive environment. The immersive technology allowed students to practise responding to common interview questions while receiving feedback to help refine their performance.

The VR interview experience provided students with a unique and engaging way to prepare for future employment opportunities. It helped them develop important workplace skills, including professional communication, active listening, and interview techniques that can be applied in real-world settings.

Students embraced the technology and appreciated the opportunity to practise interviews in a realistic setting before entering the workforce. Experiences such as these help ensure our students are well-prepared for employment, traineeships, apprenticeships, and further education opportunities after school.





# Celebrating Our WA Training Awards Finalists




Hedland Senior High School is proud to recognise three Year 12 students Adam Hobden, Lee Stimpson & Ameerah Brierly, who were selected as finalists in the prestigious WA Training Awards.

Being named a state finalist is an outstanding achievement and reflects the students' hard work, dedication, and commitment to their vocational education and training pathways.

While they were not successful in taking home an award, reaching the finals is a remarkable accomplishment and a testament to their efforts.

The school community is immensely proud of their achievements and the way they represented Hedland Senior High School on a state stage. Their success of reaching the finals highlights the value of vocational education pathways and serves as an inspiration for other students considering training opportunities alongside their secondary education.

We congratulate our three Year 12 finalists on this well-deserved recognition and thank the teachers, trainers, employers, and families who have supported them throughout their journey. We look forward to seeing the exciting opportunities and successes that lie ahead for each of them.


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## Year 9 Career Tasters



This term, our Year 9 students have continued to explore different career pathways through a range of hands-on Career Taster experiences. We kicked off the term with a Town of Port Hedland Career Taster, giving students an insight into the wide variety of careers available within local government. The day began at the Civic Centre in Port Hedland, before visiting the Town's Wedgefield site, the South Hedland Aquatic Centre and finishing at JD Hardie Youth and Community Hub.

Students also had the opportunity to visit North Regional TAFE, where they got hands-on experience in Early Childhood Education and Care and Nursing, learning more about the courses and careers available in these areas.

These Career Tasters provided a fantastic introduction to the world of work, helping students build confidence, discover new interests, and make informed decisions about their future studies and career goals.

A big thank you to the Town of Port Hedland and North Regional TAFE for continuing to provide our students with valuable opportunities to explore careers, experience different workplaces and start thinking about their future pathways.


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## Pilbara Kimberley University Centre Workshops

Our students recently had the opportunity to participate in engaging workshops delivered by the Pilbara Kimberley University Centres (PKUC). These sessions provided valuable insights into university study options, career pathways, and the opportunities available to students living and working in regional Western Australia.

Through interactive activities and discussions, students explored future education and employment possibilities, learned about the support available for regional students pursuing higher education, and gained a better understanding of the skills and qualifications needed for their chosen careers.

The workshops encouraged students to think about their future goals and demonstrated that university study can be achieved without having to leave the Pilbara.

We thank the Pilbara Kimberley University Centres team for sharing their knowledge and inspiring our students to consider the many pathways available after school.


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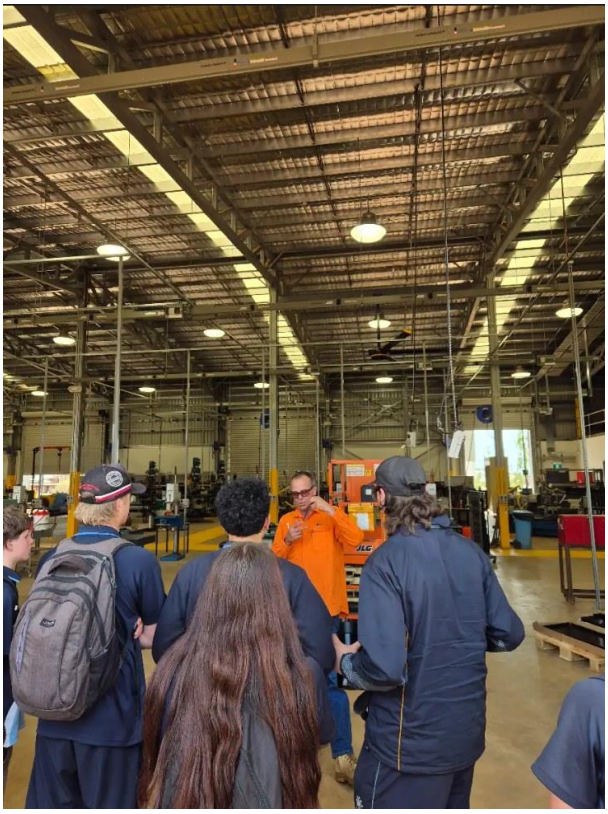
## Year 10 Puldulmurra Campus Tour

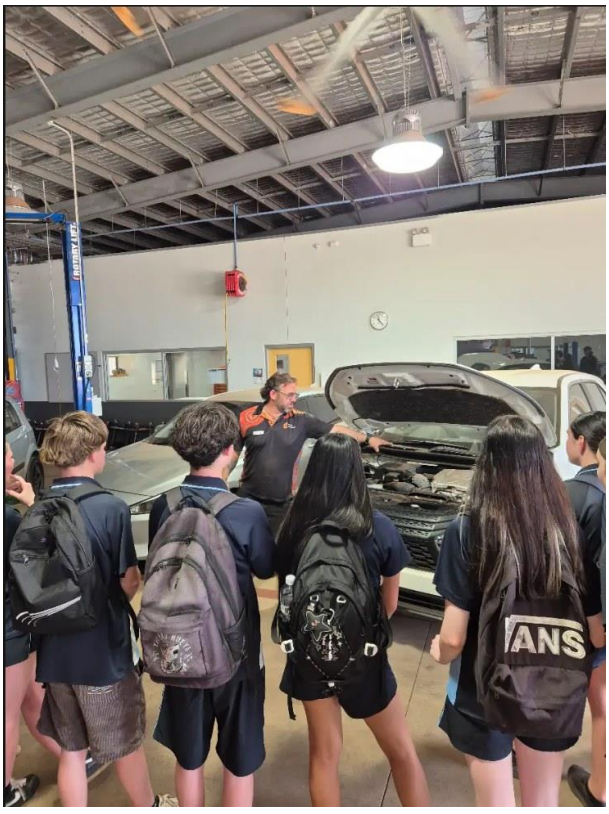


Our Year 10 students recently had the opportunity to tour North Regional TAFE as they prepare to begin their vocational training pathways next year.

The visit provided students with valuable insight into the range of courses and facilities available, helping them make informed decisions about their future studies and career goals. Students explored a variety of training areas, met TAFE staff, and gained a better understanding of what to expect when commencing their chosen programs in 2027.

Experiences like these are an important part of career planning, allowing students to see firsthand the opportunities available through vocational education and training. We look forward to seeing our students take the next step in their learning journey and wish them every success as they begin their TAFE studies next year.






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# Year 12 SBT Graduations



Hedland Senior High School is proud to congratulate our Year 12 students who have successfully completed their School-Based Traineeships (SBTs).

Over the course of their traineeships, students balanced the demands of school, training, and employment while gaining valuable hands-on experience in their chosen industries. Through this journey, they developed practical workplace skills, built confidence, and worked towards nationally recognised qualifications that will support their future career pathways.

Completing a School-Based Traineeship is a significant achievement and reflects the commitment, resilience, and dedication shown by these students throughout their senior school years. The experience has provided them with valuable industry knowledge and a strong foundation for further training, employment, or study after graduation.

We congratulate all of our Year 12 trainees on reaching this important milestone and thank the employers, trainers, teachers, and families who have supported them along the way. The entire school community is incredibly proud of their achievements and wishes them every success in their future endeavours.





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