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Local students encouraged to apply for Illawarra Coal funded Bursary

Illawarra Coal is again giving local high school students the chance to explore career options in the minerals industry through its sponsorship of the 2009 Minerals Education Bursary Scheme (MEBS).

Students in Years 11 or Year 12 in 2009 attending schools of the communities surrounding Illawarra Coal's operations in the Wollondilly and Illawarra are encouraged to apply for the 2009 Scheme, which aims to encourage high school students to consider a career in the minerals industry.

Bursary recipients receive an Illawarra Coal-sponsored cash grant valued at either \$500 or \$1,000 to assist them in furthering their study pursuits.

Illawarra Coal General Manager Sustainable Development and External Affairs, John Brannon said that the Company was delighted to offer this program for the second year to Wollondilly and Illawarra students.

"Illawarra Coal is proud to be able to reward and support local students who have shown an interest in learning more about career opportunities in our industry," John said.

"In addition to the bursary funds, students are also given access to a range of other minerals industry opportunities, including Illawarra Coal mentor support, attendance at minerals-related activities such as careers expos, mine site open days, and on-site work experience."

"We hope that our offer of bursaries in the Wollondilly and Illawarra regions will encourage local high school students to consider becoming a part of our diverse and rewarding industry, and offer access to industry-based resources to students who are already pursuing a career in mining."

Successful applicants who complete the first year of a minerals-related undergraduate degree within 12 months of completing their Higher School Certificate will be eligible for an additional \$2,000 undergraduate bursary. Applications close 13 March 2009.

Further information about the Scheme and application forms for the 2009 MEBS program can be found at <http://www.nswmin.com.au/education/careers>.

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