

2025 QMEA-WIMARQ GIRLS Mentoring Program

The QMEA-WIMARQ Girls in Resources Leadership Skills (GIRLS) Mentoring Program is open to female students who will be in year 12 in 2025, at a QMEA network school, and have an interest in pursuing a career in the Queensland resources sector.

Successful applicants will be mentored by a resources industry professional who is specifically matched to them. This program provides numerous opportunities for participants to make connections with industry and open career pathways into the resources sector.

The program runs from March 2025 to August 2025. It includes a trip to Brisbane for the program launch and to attend the QRC International Women's Day function, specific mentoring program training, networking opportunities with industry, 5-6 one-hour mentoring sessions and a second trip to Brisbane for the program finale.

How to Apply

1. Must be a female student currently in year 11 at a QMEA school.
2. Email the following files to Belinda Thurstun (belindat@qrc.org.au) with 'Application - 2025 QMEA/WIMARQ GIRLS Mentoring Program - YOUR NAME' in the subject line.
 - a. your completed QMEA 'Teacher Endorsement Form'
 - b. a high-resolution photograph of yourself in your school uniform
 - c. a copy of your most recent school report card, ready to upload
3. Complete the online application form in one sitting before 5pm Monday 8th October 2024. (<https://bit.ly/2025-GIRLS>)

Program Details

- A limited number of positions will be offered for this program.
- Selection process involves multiple stages before a final 'Letter of Offer' is emailed to successful applicants. Estimated to be by end of November 2024.
- All participants will be required to attend the program launch and the program finale in Brisbane, allowances will be made for clashes with school commitments if necessary.
- The launch trip will be from 5th – 7th March 2025 and the finale will be in August 2025, with dates tbc.
- Mentees will be provided a ticket to attend the Queensland Resources Council International Women's Day celebration in Brisbane on Friday 7th March.
- QMEA will organise and pay for flights to and from Brisbane and participants' closest airport, if not living in SEQ.
- Participants' food and accommodation will be provided and paid for while in Brisbane for the program launch and finale.



2025 QMEA-WIMARQ GIRLS Mentoring Program Teacher Endorsement Form

The QMEA-WIMARQ GIRLS Mentoring Program provides encouragement and mentoring support for female year-12 students interested in exploring careers in the resources and related sectors. Students are mentored by resources industry professionals who are matched to specifically to them. The program provides numerous opportunities for participants to make connections with industry and open career pathways.

Student Acknowledgement

(Please tick the following to accept and acknowledge)

- After the launch and training session in March, this program requires approximately 3 hours per month between March to August 2025. This includes one hour of virtual time with your mentor and a 15-minute 1:1 connection call each month of the program.
- Participants are required to promptly respond to regular communication with their mentor, the program delivery partner, Metisphere, and QMEA.

Teacher Endorsement

I, _____ have known _____ as a student at _____ (school) in my position as _____.

I thoroughly endorse _____'s application for the 2025 QMEA-WIMARQ GIRLS Mentoring Program.

(Endorsing Teacher's Signature)

	Principal	QMEA Key Teacher	Parent/Guardian	Student
Name				
Signature				
Date				

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