



Media Release

HES Secure Tomorrow Scholarship Program

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Australian-based, award winning company HES is renowned for its capability, capacity, and commitment to deliver specialist services to remote industry groups throughout the region. Commencing operations in 2001, and formed to specialise in extreme environment entry, intervention, inspection, maintenance and repair, they have expanded to include the provision of career qualified medical practitioners, emergency service officers, security specialists, as well as confined space entry teams and safety advisors.

Today HES are proud to announce its alliance partnership with the David Wirrpanda Foundation. The David Wirrpanda Foundation exists to improve the life outcomes of indigenous children by promoting strong role models and healthy life choices. The Foundation's focus is to increase the retention of indigenous students in school and improve their life choices after leaving school by encouraging further study or entry into the workforce.

The *HES Secure Tomorrow Scholarship* provides the opportunity for participants of the Foundation's 'Plan 2Day 4Tomorrow' program to start a career in the expanding security industry. HES, in conjunction with the Foundation, select and interview program participants who possess and display the attributes and qualities suitable for Security Officer selection. The *HES Secure Tomorrow Scholarship* provides the finance and opportunity for them to complete a Certificate II Security Operations Course, after which HES nurture, mentor and add value to their employment opportunities at remote industrial sites where they have a presence.

Through its partner, Advanced Medical Support, they also provide program participants with practical and scenario based first aid training. This nationally accredited training provides participants with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to apply first aid in everyday situations.

The Scholarship has already proven its worth by having an applicant successfully complete the *HES Secure Tomorrow Scholarship*, and he is now fully qualified to work on a remote mine site as a Security Officer.

Kayla Saunders, HES Scholarship Co-ordinator said, "This alliance will have a dramatic impact upon indigenous recruitment and career development in WA. We will provide countless opportunities for those with the drive and skill to deliver critical services in remote areas of the State".

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