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Wyndham District High School students get hands-on career experience at El Questro

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 Wyndham District High School students are getting a taste of careers in tourism thanks to a partnership with one of the East Kimberley's most well-known operators, El Questro. Credit: supplied



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Over the past two years more than 60 students have taken part in the program which sees them camp at El Questro for four days and experience a range of careers including hospitality, customer service, food preparation, caravan park maintenance, landscaping, and tour guiding.

The latest group of students in Year 10 and above participated in the program from August 14 to 17.

Students are buddied with El Questro staff who share their knowledge and skills and provide them with hands-on experience working in their field of choice.

Students are accompanied by two teachers, camp on site at El Questro and join the property's staff for mealtimes to help build positive relationships.

El Questro general manager Geoff Trewin helped to establish the partnership with Wyndham District High School which is now managed by indigenous relationship manager Deb Barrington..

He said the students were a great help to staff while also having the opportunity to enjoy new experiences and learn new skills.

“The objective is to help translate the skills into employability while also showing the students the diversity that a career in tourism at El Questro can offer,” he said.

So far one student has gone on to paid employment at El Questro.

Mr Trewin said El Questro prioritised employing local Aboriginal people at the nature getaway.

“We had six this season and our priority is to advertise our positions locally in the first instance. ELQ also works closely with East Kimberley Job Pathways and the Jobs and Skills Centre to promote vacant positions.

“Additionally, ELQ works closely with Wilinggin Aboriginal Corporation as part of its ILUA Native Title Agreement, involving employment of Traditional Owners of ELQ,” he said.

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