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### Shenhua Supports School-Based Trainees

A new partnership between Shenhua Watermark and New England North West Group Training will give eight lucky school students an opportunity to pursue a career in Mechanical, Electrical and Metal Fabrication as part of a school-based trainee program.

Shenhua's Communications Manager Melanie Layton says the schools-based program is the first step in a long-term training and employment strategy for the company.

"Shenhua is committed to employing locally and training locally," Ms Layton said. "There is a demand for skilled workers which is only going to increase in the coming years, so it is imperative programs are in place now to ensure we have the employees ready when the demand hits.

While this initial program targets school students, Shenhua will be looking at a variety of training and employment programs in the future that will also target mature age professionals, women and youth.

"We need to ensure we have the right training programs in place to not only attract the right people, but ensure people are trained for positions that will be required in the coming years," Ms Layton continued.

If you are a year-10 student and interested in a career in mechanical, fitter/machinery, or metal fabrication, please contact Justin Constable at New England North West Group Training on 6762 6755 or visit their website: [www.nenwgt.com.au](http://www.nenwgt.com.au). Advertisements will be run in the local papers in the coming weeks with the first round of apprenticeships planned to commence training next semester.

Money from the Community Fund will be used to fund the school-based traineeship programs.

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