Pilbara Institute

Vision
Skilling the Pilbara workforce, individuals and community.

Mission Statement
To provide quality education and training for workforce, industry and community development.

Values
- **Responsiveness** – We will ensure our products are aligned with our clients’ needs.
- **Reliability** – Our services are of a high standard, current and delivered in a timely manner.
- **Innovation** – We utilise new ideas and new ways of working to improve service delivery.
- **Professionalism** – We are honest, respectful and ethical in dealing with our clients and colleagues.
- **Learning** – We commit to lifelong skills development.

Working with Industry
With a population of 41,153 and includes the Shires of Ashburton, Roebourne, East Pilbara and the Town of Port Hedland.

The region boasts some of the largest open-cut mines in the world as well as vast reserves of oil and gas. In fact, the Pilbara region produces approximately 8% of Australia’s exports and is considered the power-house of Australia.

Located in a region that contributes to Western Australia’s strong economy, Pilbara Institute plays an important role in ensuring that the Pilbara’s incredibly rich resources sector continues to generate wealth for the state and its people through education and training.

In response to a widespread skills and labour shortage, Pilbara Institute has been involved in a number of collaborative projects with resources sector industries, local employers and community organisations, the results of which have culminated in new job opportunities and employment growth throughout the region.

Working with industry, the region has seen a significant increase in the number of traineeships offered, many of which were taken up by local Indigenous people. A considerable increase in the ‘fast-tracking’ of apprenticeships in the traditional trades has also contributed to the college’s growth in its employment-based training (EBT) profile.

Programs contributing to this growth include:

- Newcrest Mining – this highly successful hospitality studies program for local Indigenous people provided new employment opportunities for the students, a large percentage of whom are women.
- BHP Billiton – increase in the number of students being ‘fast-tracked’ through Automotive, Fitting and Fabrication trade apprenticeships
- Pilbara Iron – increase in the number of students being ‘fast-tracked’ through the Electrical and Fabrication trade apprenticeships
- Ngarda Mining – significant increase in the local people being employed in Metalliferous Mining traineeships
- BHP Billiton/Pilbara Job Futures – increase in number of Metalliferous Mining trainees resulting in employment outcomes for the students, many of whom are Indigenous
- Pilbara Iron – training at the Parnngurr and Jigalong Indigenous communities has provided pathways to employment with Pilbara Iron through its Aboriginal Training and Liaison (ATAL) program.
- Traineeship numbers increased in the areas of Warehousing and Engineering Production through Pilbara Institute’s Pundulmurra campus.
Accommodation

Karratha Campus
Accommodation is available at the Karratha Campus. Each unit has five single bedrooms and provides informal communal-style living. The units are fully furnished and include a fridge, washing machine, ironing board, kitchen facilities and linen. Full kitchen facilities are available and meals are available on request. Pilbara Institute cafeteria is located a short walk away. Application forms for accommodation and information on fee structures are available from Client Services on 9159 6700.

South Hedland and Pundulmurra Campuses
There are a number of accommodation options available for students. For bookings and more information, please contact Client Services at Pundulmurra on 9158 5600 or South Hedland 9158 9400.

Pilbara Institute provides quality licensed and accredited child care facilities at our South Hedland campus. Child care is available for children from 0 to 6 years. Bookings are essential and are subject to availability.

South Hedland
Opening hours:
Mon to Fri 7:00am – 5:30pm
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