

Peabody Graduate & Student Programs Provide Hands-On Experience for Students (Part 2)

Peabody Australia's Vacation Program gives current university students a unique opportunity to obtain invaluable experience working in the mining industry, as well as a deeper understanding of the mining lifestyle.

The program runs for approximately 12 weeks over the summer break, with many of the vacation students living and working remotely at Peabody mines. Here's what the students had to say about this great initiative:

Gopi Krishnan Harilal – 3rd year Bachelor of Engineering (Honors) in Mechanical Engineering, Central Queensland University, Mackay – Coppabella mine



From left: University students Jack Jagger, Meghan Barnard and Gopi Krishnan Harilal participated in Peabody Australia's Vacation Program, providing them valuable work experience at the company's mines.

"The opportunity to gain practical understanding of the mining engineering environment at Coppabella mine was very valuable."

"I contributed to the Marion 8200 Dragline Shut Down Project, which opened my horizon as to how important matters such as project scope, asset management, project scheduling, team communication and understanding the functioning of equipment can be in completing the project successfully."

Meghan Barnard – 4th year Bachelor of Environmental Science (Honors) University of Queensland, Brisbane – Burton Rehabilitation

"I loved so many things about working at Peabody as a vacation student. I loved the team of people I worked with and felt comfortable working with them right from my first day. I loved the opportunity to get fully involved in the projects I was working on as well as the opportunity to gain valuable exposure to the environmental side of the mining industry. I will definitely look back on this experience fondly."

"Peabody can be regarded as a leader in mine rehabilitation and doesn't cut corners when it comes to post-mining care and maintenance. This is something I really valued and can appreciate."

While at Peabody, Meghan developed a decision process for the identification and appropriate rehabilitation of abandoned boreholes.

Jack Jagger – 3rd year Environmental Science at Queensland University Technology, Brisbane – Coppabella mine

"I loved learning about the operations and experiencing the daily challenges that popped up around the mine site. I learned how to be self-driven and motivated to seek out projects, as well as being able to multi-task effectively over multiple projects and sites."

"I'm hoping to continue to build on the experience I gained from my vacation work and use it when applying for mining jobs next year when my degree is complete."

For more information on Peabody's graduate and student programs, visit <https://www.peabodyenergy.com/Work-With-Us/Graduate-and-Students>.