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Auto Camp Igniting Automotive Professionals

The automotive industry is currently facing an innovation revolution with the introduction of hybrid/electric and autonomous vehicles and new fuel technologies. The future is very exciting for the automotive sector and the Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) has just the right school-based program to get the younger generation ready for the industry of tomorrow.

Auto Camp is a three-day school holiday program conducted by MTA Queensland. The program is like work experience and allows students to learn the fundamentals of combustion engines, servicing vehicles, paint and panel repairs, naming and identifying engine components and includes practical workshops and a circuitry project. The course also covers new topics like hybrid/electric vehicles and battery technology.

Open to high-school students aged between 14-17, Auto Camp is a chance to get some hands-on experience and learn basic automotive principles.

“MTA Queensland launched Auto Camp in 2018 after realising there was a huge gap between being at school and getting an opportunity to try a trade that might be of interest to a future career path. This course will allow young adults who are interested in engineering, motorsport, mechanics, restoration, electronics, design or manufacturing to get a taste of the automotive world,” said Kellie Dewar, Deputy CEO for MTA Queensland.

“We have had previous Auto Camp students return to continue learning on our five-week pre-vocational course and then go on to secure an apprenticeship.”

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Auto Camp will be offered every school holiday with the next course being held on the 9th to the 11th of April. Find out more here: <https://mtai.edu.au/courses/school-program/>

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Background:

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (**MTA Queensland**) is the peak body representing the interests of employers in the retail, repair and service sectors of Queensland's automotive / mobility industry. There are some 15,500 automotive value chain businesses employing in excess of 90,000 people, that generate more than \$20 billion annually. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to the automotive / mobility industry to all levels of Government and within Queensland's economic structure.

The Association is the leading automotive training provider in Queensland offering nationally recognised training, covering technical, retail and the aftermarket sectors of the automotive industry through the **MTA Institute** - a registered training organisation. It is the largest private automotive apprentice trainer in Queensland employing experienced trainers who are geographically dispersed from Cairns to the Gold Coast and Toowoomba to Emerald. The MTA Institute in the last financial year accredited courses to more than 2,000 apprentices and trainees.

MTAiQ, Australia's first automotive innovation hub established by MTA Queensland, is an eco-system that supports innovation for mobility and the motor trades.

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