



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Auto Camp School Holiday Program**

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) has been delivering an automotive-themed holiday program for high school students aged between 14-17 for the last couple of years. The program is held over three days at the MTA Institute, Eight Mile Plains and has gained significant popularity with the course being sold-out for each holiday period in 2019.

Auto Camp is designed to give students hands-on experience in a range of different automotive skills, from new technology such as Hybrid and Battery Electric Vehicles, to the principles and maintenance of a vehicle. Classes are limited to 20 students and the program is a great experience for young adults who have an interest in electronics, engineering, design or manufacturing as a career path, or those who have an interest in cars as a hobby.

Dr Brett Dale, CEO for MTA Queensland said, "We have been inundated with glowing testimonials from parents of students who have undertaken the course. We have had students progress to our pre-vocational program and then go on to commence an apprenticeship. Other students are happy to come away with some valuable life-skills."

The course has recently been approved to be extended into regional Queensland with the June/July Auto Camp heading to Townsville.

The Easter Auto Camp is being held from 6 to 8 April 2020. Enquiries can be made to [courses@mtai.edu.au](mailto:courses@mtai.edu.au) or call (07) 3237 8777.

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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. In 2019 MTA Queensland was announced as an ABA100 winner in The Australian Business Awards and a finalist in the Lord Mayor's Business Awards, for Business Innovation.

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 (RTO 31529)** - a registered training organisation. It is the largest independent automotive apprentice trainer in Queensland employing experienced trainers who are geographically dispersed from Cairns to the Gold Coast and Toowoomba to Emerald. In the last year, the MTA Institute delivered accredited courses to more than 2,000 students. The MTA Institute is the first trade RTO in Australia to be approved under the ITECA Industry Certification Program and was announced the winner of the Small Training Provider of the Year at the 2019 Queensland Training Awards.

**MTAiQ**, Australia's first automotive innovation hub established by MTA Queensland in 2017, is an eco-system that supports innovation for mobility and the motor trades.

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