

Employment Pathways

Visit to Yapilika Forestry Centre on Melville Island

On Wednesday 14 August 2019, 6 Employment Pathway students visited the Yapilika Forestry Centre with Leila and John. The purpose of our visit was to see the potential job opportunities that are available in the organisation. Sarah Ryan, the Sustainability Manager, met us at Paru to start our tour. We travelled to the pine harvest site, where we saw a large area of forestry after the trees had been cut and collected. We watched the machines that cut the trees in action, and those that collect the logs and move them into piles. We had lunch at the Yapilika Forestry Centre where we spoke with the Fire Crew Manager, and discussed the various jobs that link to the workshop.



We then went to Port Melville where we saw the logs ready to be boarded onto a ship, as well as the mounds of woodchip ready to go. The students were spoken to by the Quality Control Department.



A couple of the students ended the day, wanting to become more involved in this organisation. They will apply to complete work experience there. The day was fun, interesting and informative. We hope to be able to do this again next year.



Cafe

The Employment Pathway students run the Café for two lessons on a Monday or Friday. We have been able to provide coffees, milkshakes and snacks to tourists and locals who are in need of a nice refreshment.

Our students are learning how to make coffees (thanks to Cynthia, Emily and Alex), take orders, serve customers, and clean up at the end. I have watched some of these students work incredibly hard when we have been busy. I am very proud of them.



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