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Townsville Airport invests in a future

Townsville Airport is putting its money where its mouth is when it comes to securing a workforce for the future of the aviation industry.

The airport will sponsor two scholarships in the aeronautical studies program which is being launched today by Townsville State High School and Education Queensland.

Townsville Airport is providing two \$1000 annual scholarships to students in an effort to promote the industry to future jobseekers.

General Manager of Townsville Airport, Chris McHugh, said the move was a matter of survival for the industry.

"There's a general shortage of skilled labour and the aviation industry is no exception," Mr McHugh said.

"You have to train people to secure a future. Townsville Airport, in working with our airport partners including, Macair, British Aerospace, Bluewater Aviation and others, will be encouraging the students to experience the range of jobs and exciting careers that are available within the aviation industry.

"They range from customer service, airlines management and operations, cabin crew to structural, mechanical and electrical aeronautical engineering," Mr McHugh said.

Working with Townsville High, as part of the course curriculum Mr McHugh said the students would undergo an induction process, including workplace health and safety and security vetting, which would allow them access to all areas of the airport.

The program is being launched By Townsville State High School at Townsville Airport International Terminal on the southern end of the airport complex at 4.30pm.

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