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School's in at BRC for students interested in a racing industry career

Students from the Australian Industry Trade College (AITC) Equine Academy program will gain valuable insights into future careers in the racing industry through work experience with the Brisbane Racing Club (BRC).

As part of BRC's partnership with the AITC, the first three students began their managed work experience placements last month (March) and three others will undertake their placements next semester.

The AITC is a senior school which offers students alternative, industry-focused pathways to complete their schooling.

The bespoke AITC Equine Academy program was designed to immerse students in the racing industry through site visits, excursions and work experience. Students in the program may be interested in becoming a stable hand, horse breeder, horse trainer or track rider or looking for a role in areas such as racing administration, marketing and event management. The program runs from five of the AITC's six Queensland campuses.

BRC hosted an on-site information session with racehorse trainers and a tour of the BRC Doomben Racecourse facilities for students and their families in November last year, and a second session last month.

BRC Chief Executive Officer Tony Partridge said the racing industry provided a breadth of career opportunities for young people and it was exciting to show these options to students through the partnership with AITC.

"At BRC we employ more than 400 people who handle everything from track maintenance and racing operations to event management, hospitality and back of house for the more than 80 race meetings we run each year at our Eagle Farm and Doomben Racecourses," he said.

"There are also many jobs provided by the trainers who occupy our state-of-the-art infield stables at Eagle Farm.

"We are pleased that we can help support the next generation of young people keen to enter the racing industry and show them the many different job possibilities out there for them."

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