



# High School STEM Grant Program

for schools within 200km of the Waitsia Gas Project

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

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# MEPAU HIGH SCHOOL STEM GRANTS

## This program is for high schools located within 200km of the Waitsia Gas Project.

High schools located within 200km of the Waitsia Project are eligible to apply for up to \$1,000 to help fund STEM-related equipment, incursions, excursions and other initiatives.

There are more than 7,000 school-aged children in the Mid West spread across the region's 49 public schools. Of those, **over 2,000 secondary students are attending schools within 200km of the Waitsia Project in the Mid West.**

MEPAU is the Operator in a joint venture (JV) partnership with Beach Energy within the Perth Basin, located in Western Australia's Mid West region. Together, we strive to contribute to community development and benefit, in particular the key areas of **Education, Skills Development & Training**, especially science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) topics.

### Before applying

High schools must be located within 200km of the Waitsia Project to be eligible. Eligible schools include:

- Carnamah DHS
- Champion Bay SHS
- Dongara DHS
- Geraldton SHS
- Holland Street School
- Jurien Bay DHS
- Morawa DHS
- Mullewa DHS
- Northampton DHS
- WA College of Agriculture (Morawa)

MEPAU will only fund projects/activities that directly supports STEM-related initiatives/activities/equipment for the applicant high school.

### How to apply

Before contacting MEPAU, there are two key documents you should be familiar with.

These are available at [mitsuienergymidwest.com.au](https://mitsuienergymidwest.com.au):

- MEPAU High School Stem Grant: Information for Applicants (this document);
- High School STEM Grant Program: Terms and Conditions for Applicants.

Applications may then be made via the Grants and Sponsorships page of MEPAU's website.

Queries relating to sponsorship may be sent to [contact@mepau.com.au](mailto:contact@mepau.com.au).

For more information on MEPAU's social contributions, visit [mitsuienergymidwest.com.au](https://mitsuienergymidwest.com.au).



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

### Types of schools the High School STEM Grant supports

This grant supports education institutions recognised by the Western Australian Department of Education and Training as a 'school' with secondary students (Years 7 – 12) in attendance.

This includes, but is not limited to, District High Schools, Secondary Colleges, Agricultural Colleges and Senior High Schools.

### Who is eligible?

High schools must be located within 200km of the Waitsia Project to be eligible to apply. The secondary schools listed by the Department of Education as being within 200km of the Waitsia Project include Dongara DHS, Champion Bay SHS, Geraldton SHS, Holland Street School, Morawa DHS, WA College of Agriculture, Northampton DHS, Carnamah DHS, Jurien Bay DHS and Mullewa DHS.

### What do we look for when assessing applications?

There are a number of factors taken into consideration when assessing grant requests, these include:

- If the initiative addresses a need within the local school;
- How the initiative relates to or engages with STEM;
- The potential impact of the initiative on the students and community (such as the number of students impacted, the number of people in the community impacted, the geographical reach);
- Whether the benefits would be ongoing or a once-off event/activity;
- The cost of the initiative in relation to its measurable outcome/s;
- How the initiative compares to other initiatives of a similar nature and whether it duplicates or is similar to an existing service;
- The sustainability of the initiative, including how it will continue to develop after the funding ceases; and
- The level of school community support the school receives, including volunteers and in-kind support.

### What is a 'measurable outcome'?

For grants funding, we want to see what has measurably improved as a result of the initiative. For example:

- How does the initiative increase the STEM skills and capacity of the students?
- How does the initiative increase positive behaviours in the school and/or local community?
- How does the initiative decrease negative impacts in the school and/or the community?

### What will I need to provide to MEPAU in reporting against my grant funding?

If you are successful in your grant application, you will enter into a Sponsorship Agreement with MEPAU that will outline the obligations and acquittal process.

Generally, you will need to provide MEPAU with a short report, including evidence of expenditure, photos and media coverage once the program/project is completed or at agreed milestones.



### Teachers and/or students have family members employed by MEPAU or a joint venture participant, will this affect our school's application?

Having staff and/or students that are family members of an employee of MEPAU or an employee of a joint venture participant or a contractor to either organisation/s will not necessarily hinder your application. However, you should be prepared to disclose all relevant information on your position or level of participation with the relevant organisation or initiative.

This will ensure any perceived conflict of interest can be considered and managed during the assessment process.

### Will MEPAU support travel?

MEPAU will only consider funding travel when it is for an initiative that addresses an issue or opportunity for the high school students and the organisation/activity is not located in the area. The travel will be considered as part of the overall budget to ensure the initiative can be effectively delivered.

### How many grants may I apply for each year?

Schools are eligible to receive one grant per calendar year.

### Can I meet someone about my initiative before I apply?

You may request to meet with a community relations advisor from the Perth Office to discuss your application via [contact@mepau.com.au](mailto:contact@mepau.com.au)

It is important to note that MEPAU receives many requests to meet about initiatives and we unfortunately will not be able to accommodate everyone. The best process therefore is to send in your application (via the Sponsorship portal on MEPAU's website) and we will seek additional information required after reviewing.