



Kmart Tyre & Auto Service develop specialised program for Indigenous apprenticeships

Kmart Tyre & Auto Service (KTAS) have announced a partnership with Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES), a 100% Indigenous managed, national, not-for-profit Recruitment Company.

The partnership will see both companies develop fourteen school based automotive apprenticeships across NSW, QLD, VIC, NT and WA.

Commencing in February 2012, the program offers Indigenous students the opportunity to complete the first year of the Light Motor Vehicle Certificate 3 throughout Years 11 and 12. Following completion of the course and the Higher School Certificate, students involved in the program are then eligible to be employed as a second year automotive apprentice.

Tony Hofman, KTAS General Manager of Human Resources said, "We're really excited about the opportunity to partner with AES. In a recent survey we conducted with staff, approximately 3% of them identified themselves as Indigenous. We're obviously really keen to see this number rise and view this partnership as an integral step forward to becoming a more multi-cultural employer."

Gavin Mate, AES General Manager of National Group Training Operations added, "We're thrilled to be partnering with KTAS on this program and are looking forward to providing invaluable opportunities to young Indigenous people across Australia and helping to make a positive difference to their lives."

AES will provide the group training and KTAS will provide the students with one day per week on the job experience to help start their careers.

About Kmart Tyre & Auto Service

Kmart Tyre & Auto Service is a division of Kmart Australia Ltd and part of the Wesfarmers group of companies. Established in 1969 and restructured in 1992 as a specialist automotive division of Kmart, Kmart Tyre & Auto Service provides a full range of automotive services including, scheduled servicing, tyres, brakes, suspension, batteries and general mechanical repairs,

With the convenience of over 250 stores and a team of over 1200 people nationally, Kmart Tyre & Auto Service is one of Australia's largest and most respected automotive service, repair and tyre retailers.

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