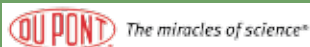


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# Cotton industry backs schools' programs

The future of Australian science and agricultural lies with the youth of today. So the Cotton CRC has partnered with Primary Science Matters and provided science kits and training for teachers in primary schools in northern NSW.

Training was provided for teachers and follow up visits were made to the Australian Cotton Research


Institute by all the Narrabri and Wee Waa Primary Schools. The program with secondary school students saw the Cotton CRC host the Moree Rotary annual youth camp promoting science career opportunities for year 10 students.

The Cotton CRC also provided sponsorship for 'Go Agro' and The Rotary North West Region Science & Engineering Challenge. 'Go Agro' is a program based in Emerald, which enables students to see the range of agricultural career opportunities available in Queensland.

### School vocational training program

The Cotton Industry Skills Development Pilot Program has developed a set of resources for pre vocational training for schools.

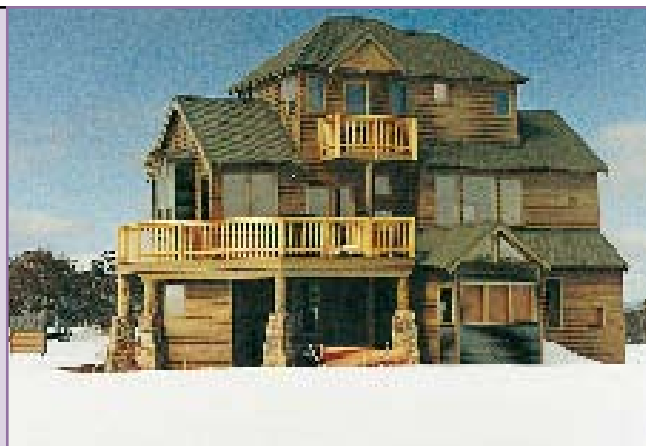
Farrer Agricultural High School at Tamworth was the first school to implement the "Cotton Seeds" course — an entry level program for Grade 11 and 12 students seeking a career pathway in the cotton industry.

Students can then move on to "Cotton Basics" — an accredited program leading to a Certificate II in Agriculture (specialising in Cotton production). 



Farrer's Graeme Harris was a pioneer of the "Cotton Seeds" program.

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