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NSW Governor's welcome for Indigenous students

Tomorrow students from the Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School will meet the Governor of New South Wales, Professor Marie Bashir, AC at Government House in Sydney.

Summer School founder Mr Jeff Dobell explained the Governor's Reception concludes a week-long program of activities showcasing the Engineering profession.

"We hope this experience inspires these twenty Indigenous students to finish their high school studies and continue on to university.

"Indigenous Engineers are under-represented in the industry and on infrastructure projects," said Mr Dobell.

Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) Managing Director Dr Jim Mantle explained this was a key reason PB sponsored the Summer School.

"We encourage the students to seek opportunities for work experience with engineering firms.

"PB has seen the value of incorporating Indigenous knowledge in the design of infrastructure in remote Indigenous communities across Australia.

"We welcome the opportunity to share this experience with the students," said Dr Mantle.

Government, corporate and private sponsors contribute towards the costs to organise and run the Summer School. The students attend without cost to themselves. The University of New South Wales hosted the 2010 Summer School. *Photos will be available after the event.*

WHERE: Government House, 10 Macquarie, Sydney NSW

WHEN: 23 January 2010 at 10:00AM

WEB: <http://www.eng.unsw.edu.au/iaess>

About Engineering Aid Australia

Engineering Aid Australia is not-for-profit organisation that provides engineers and related services to assist disadvantaged communities in Australia. The organisation's principal program on behalf of Indigenous young Australians is the annual Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School. IAESS is a week-long Summer School program aimed at showcasing engineering studies and careers to young Indigenous Australians. For more details see <http://www.engineeringaid.org/>

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