



Students step out of the classroom

SINGLETON High School students got up close and personal recently with the Rix's Creek Mine.

The 22 youngsters were the first instalment of Singleton High Year 9 pupils scheduled to visit the mine over the next month as part of the 2018 Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue School Mine Tours Program.

The students were expertly guided around the entire site by Bloomfield's environment manager Chris Knight and advisor Chris Quinn.

The tour took in all aspects of the mining process,

including the machine workshop, coal loading and washing facility, rehabilitation areas and a bird's eye view of the mine pit from a lookout.

The initiative offers Year 5 and Year 9 students from across the Upper Hunter the opportunity to visit a local, operating mine and aims to offer a fact-based, first-hand educational experience to teach them about the impacts and benefits of coal mining.

The program will be featured at the dialogue's annual forum at the Muswellbrook Race Club on November 20.



OUTSIDE EDUCATION: Singleton High School Year 9 pupils who recently visited the Rix's Creek Mine.



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