

Next Step Year 12 Completers

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2025 Year 12 completers survey

Post-school destinations of Year 12 completers from 2024

St Augustine's College (Cairns)

Introduction

This detailed Next Step report belongs to your school and can be used for school planning. It provides information about Year 12 completers' transitions into further education, training and employment approximately six months after completing school.

The results are from the Department of Education's Next Step – Year 12 Completers survey, which attempts to contact all Year 12 completers from state, Catholic or independent schools in Queensland.

Post-school destinations are influenced by the transitioning environment, which can limit the options available to young people. Low response rates may not give an accurate summary of the cohort's destinations.

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Survey response rate



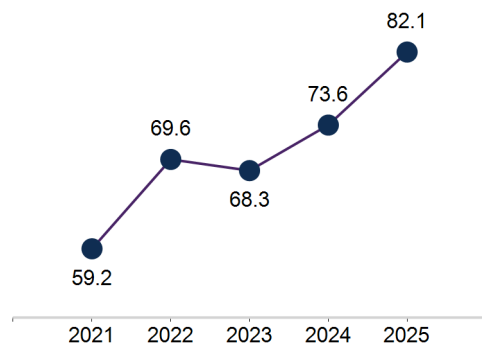
82.1% (92 out of 112 Year 12 completers)



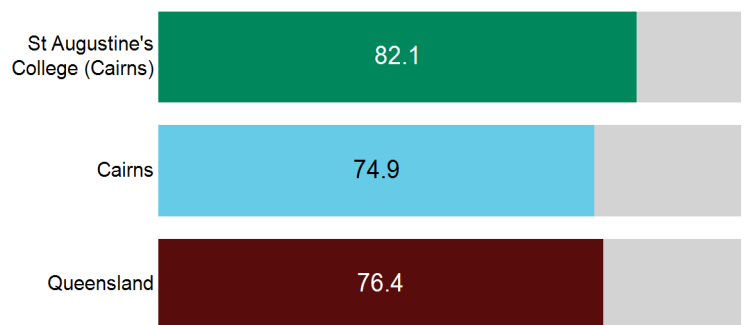
Increased by 22.9 percentage points since 2021.

Results may not be representative of all Year 12 completers from this school.

Response rate over time



School's response rate compared with SA4 region and state

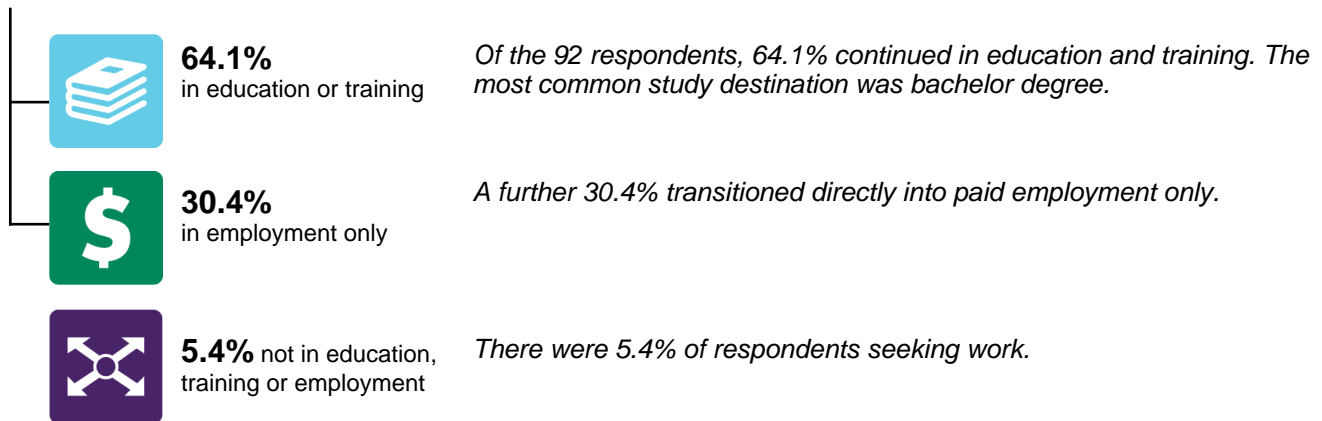


Post-school engagement

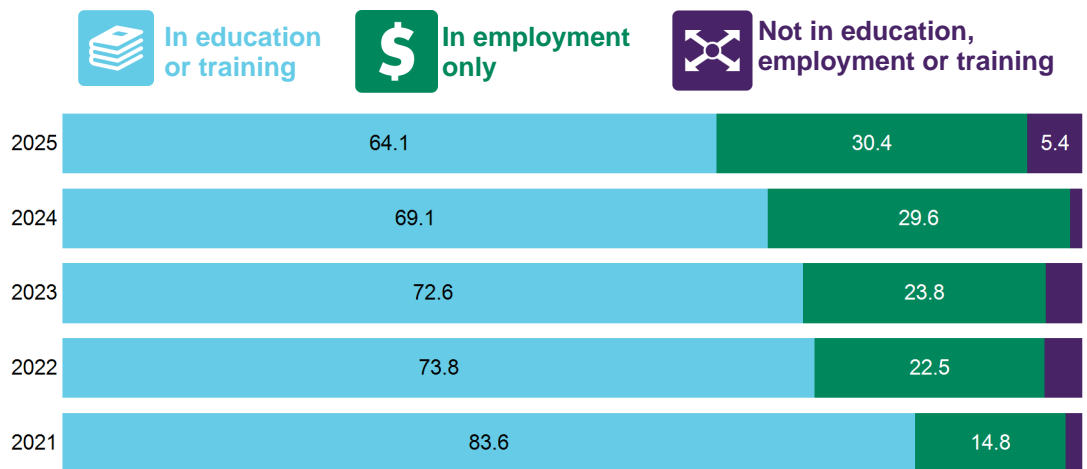
Year 12 completers from St Augustine's College (Cairns) have been categorised by their engagement in education and training, or employment. Survey respondents who are both working and studying are included in education and training. Apprentices and trainees are required to undertake a study component to their qualification so are also considered to be in education and training.

Engagement in education, training or employment

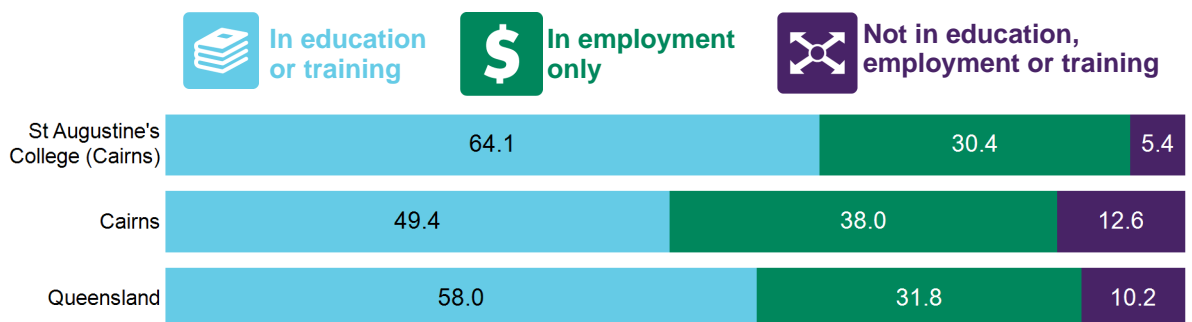
94.6% engaged in education, training or employment



Engagement over time



How does your school compare?



Main destination

This section examines the post-school destinations of survey respondents from St Augustine's College (Cairns) in 2025.

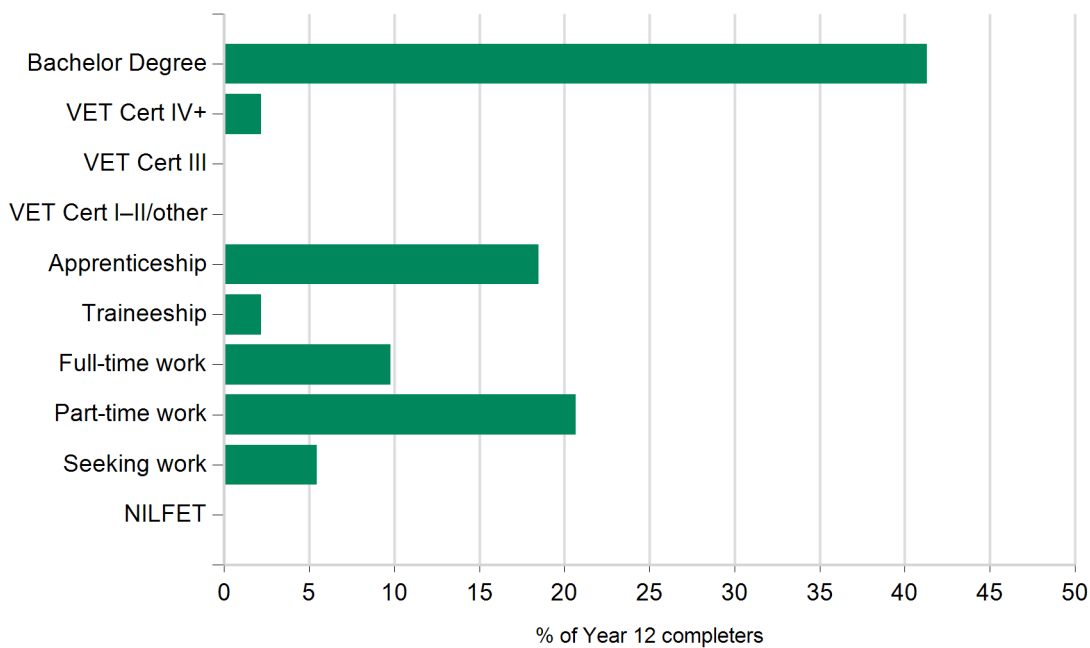
All Year 12 completers were assigned to a main destination. This categorisation system prioritises education-related destinations over other destinations. For example, Year 12 completers who were both studying and working are reported as studying for their main destination (see Appendix 2).

16.3% of respondents deferred a tertiary offer and are reported in their current post-school destination in this report.

Main destination

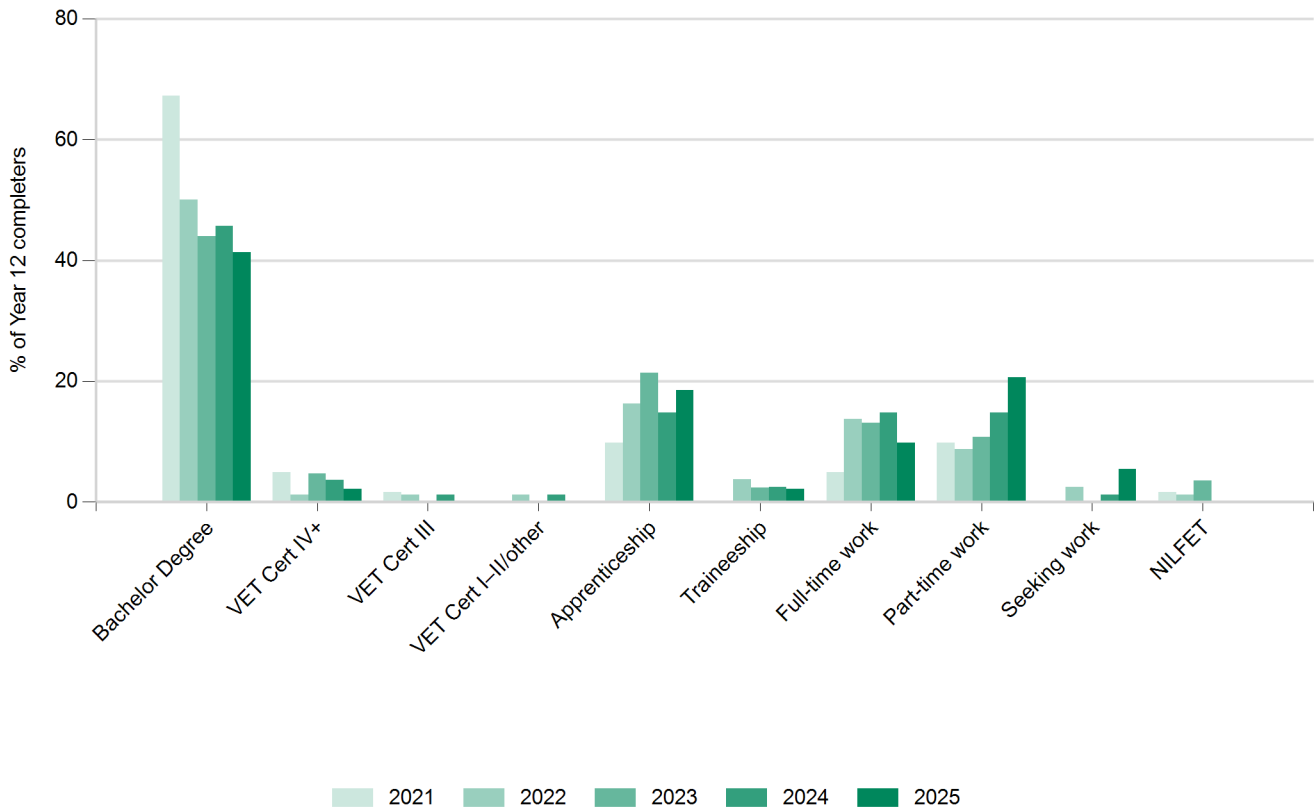
Main destination	Total	
	number	%
Bachelor Degree	38	41.3
VET Certificate IV+	2	2.2
VET Certificate III	0	0.0
VET Certificate I-II/other	0	0.0
Apprenticeship	17	18.5
Traineeship	2	2.2
Full-time employment	9	9.8
Part-time employment	19	20.7
Seeking work	5	5.4
NILFET*	0	0.0
Total	92	100.0

*NILFET: Not in the labour force, education or training.



Main destinations over time

Main destination	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Bachelor Degree	41	67.2	40	50.0	37	44.0	37	45.7	38	41.3
VET Certificate IV+	3	4.9	1	1.3	4	4.8	3	3.7	2	2.2
VET Certificate III	1	1.6	1	1.3	0	0.0	1	1.2	0	0.0
VET Certificate I-II/other	0	0.0	1	1.3	0	0.0	1	1.2	0	0.0
Apprenticeship	6	9.8	13	16.3	18	21.4	12	14.8	17	18.5
Traineeship	0	0.0	3	3.8	2	2.4	2	2.5	2	2.2
Full-time employment	3	4.9	11	13.8	11	13.1	12	14.8	9	9.8
Part-time employment	6	9.8	7	8.8	9	10.7	12	14.8	19	20.7
Seeking work	0	0.0	2	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.2	5	5.4
NILFET	1	1.6	1	1.3	3	3.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	61	100.0	80	100.0	84	100.0	81	100.0	92	100.0



Main destinations of subgroups

Main destination for students who completed a VET qualification in school (VETiS)

There were 44 respondents who completed a VETiS.

Main destination	VETiS		non-VETiS		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Bachelor Degree	11	25.0	27	56.3	38	41.3
VET Certificate IV+	1	2.3	1	2.1	2	2.2
VET Certificate III	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
VET Certificate I-II/other	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Apprenticeship	14	31.8	3	6.3	17	18.5
Traineeship	0	0.0	2	4.2	2	2.2
Full-time employment	6	13.6	3	6.3	9	9.8
Part-time employment	9	20.5	10	20.8	19	20.7
Seeking work	3	6.8	2	4.2	5	5.4
NILFET	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Main destination for students who participated in a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT)

There was one respondent who participated in a SAT.

Data withheld for this subgroup to protect the confidentiality of individuals.

Main destination for students who received an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD)

There were 73 respondents who received an ATAR or IBD.

Main destination	ATAR or IBD	Not ATAR or IBD	Total	
	number	number	number	%
Bachelor Degree	37	1	38	41.3
VET Certificate IV+	2	0	2	2.2
VET Certificate III	0	0	0	0.0
VET Certificate I-II/other	0	0	0	0.0
Apprenticeship	8	9	17	18.5
Traineeship	2	0	2	2.2
Full-time employment	8	1	9	9.8
Part-time employment	14	5	19	20.7
Seeking work	2	3	5	5.4
NILFET	0	0	0	0.0
Total	73	19	92	100.0

Main destination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

There were 8 respondents who identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Main destination	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander	Total	
	number	number	number	%
Bachelor Degree	2	36	38	41.3
VET Certificate IV+	0	2	2	2.2
VET Certificate III	0	0	0	0.0
VET Certificate I-II/other	0	0	0	0.0
Apprenticeship	1	16	17	18.5
Traineeship	0	2	2	2.2
Full-time employment	0	9	9	9.8
Part-time employment	1	18	19	20.7
Seeking work	4	1	5	5.4
NILFET	0	0	0	0.0
Total	8	84	92	100.0

Education and training

This section examines the education and training destinations and includes Bachelor Degree, VET Certificate IV+, VET Certificate III, VET Certificate I-II/other, Apprenticeship and Traineeship main destinations.



64.1%

59 out of 92 Year 12 completers from St Augustine's College (Cairns) continued in education or training in 2025.



8.7%

8 Year 12 completers from St Augustine's College (Cairns) were enrolled in a double degree, combining two bachelor degrees into a single course of study.

What are they studying?

Study field (broad) by level of study

Study field*	Bachelor Degree		Other		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Engineering And Related Technologies	10	26.3	13	61.9	23	39.0
Health	7	18.4	0	0.0	7	11.9
Society And Culture	6	15.8	0	0.0	6	10.2
Architecture And Building	3	7.9	2	9.5	5	8.5
Management And Commerce	4	10.5	1	4.8	5	8.5
Natural And Physical Sciences	5	13.2	0	0.0	5	8.5
Education	3	7.9	0	0.0	3	5.1
Information Technology	3	7.9	0	0.0	3	5.1
Creative Arts	2	5.3	0	0.0	2	3.4
Food, Hospitality And Personal Services	0	0.0	2	9.5	2	3.4
Mixed Field Programmes	0	0.0	1	4.8	1	1.7
Other	0	0.0	2	9.5	2	3.4
Total (students)	** 38	—	21	100.0	** 59	—

Field of study categories based on the *Australian Standard Classification of Education*.

Bachelor Degree includes Bachelor Degree, Bachelor (Honours) Degree, Master Degree and Doctoral Degree, in addition to apprentices and trainees who said they were studying at one of these levels of study.

Other includes Associate Degree, Advanced Diploma, Diploma, VET Certificate levels I - IV and unknown level of study.

*Both Fields of study have been included for 5 students enrolled in a double degree in more than one broad field.

**Total number of students is less than combined total of all study fields.

Study field (narrow) by level of study

Study field*	Bachelor Degree		Other		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Technology	2	5.3	4	19.0	6	10.2
Other Engineering and Related Technologies	5	13.2	1	4.8	6	10.2
Aerospace Engineering and Technology	2	5.3	2	9.5	4	6.8
Building	2	5.3	2	9.5	4	6.8
Business and Management	3	7.9	1	4.8	4	6.8
Automotive Engineering and Technology	0	0.0	3	14.3	3	5.1
Law	3	7.9	0	0.0	3	5.1
Other Information Technology	3	7.9	0	0.0	3	5.1
Teacher Education	3	7.9	0	0.0	3	5.1
Biological Sciences	2	5.3	0	0.0	2	3.4
Food and Hospitality	0	0.0	2	9.5	2	3.4
Mechanical and Industrial Engineering and Technology	0	0.0	2	9.5	2	3.4
Medical Studies	2	5.3	0	0.0	2	3.4
Other Health	2	5.3	0	0.0	2	3.4
Political Science and Policy Studies	2	5.3	0	0.0	2	3.4
Rehabilitation Therapies	2	5.3	0	0.0	2	3.4
Accounting	1	2.6	0	0.0	1	1.7
Architecture and Urban Environment	1	2.6	0	0.0	1	1.7
Civil Engineering	1	2.6	0	0.0	1	1.7
Earth Sciences	1	2.6	0	0.0	1	1.7
Employment Skills Programmes	0	0.0	1	4.8	1	1.7
Manufacturing Engineering and Technology	0	0.0	1	4.8	1	1.7
Other Natural and Physical Sciences	1	2.6	0	0.0	1	1.7
Other Society and Culture	1	2.6	0	0.0	1	1.7
Performing Arts	1	2.6	0	0.0	1	1.7
Pharmacy	1	2.6	0	0.0	1	1.7
Physics and Astronomy	1	2.6	0	0.0	1	1.7
Studies in Human Society	1	2.6	0	0.0	1	1.7
Visual Arts and Crafts	1	2.6	0	0.0	1	1.7
Other	0	0.0	2	9.5	2	3.4
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Where are they studying?

Study institution


Institution name	Total	
	number	%
James Cook University	9	15.3
TAFE Queensland Far North Queensland	8	13.6
Central Queensland University	7	11.9
Griffith University	6	10.2
Queensland University of Technology	6	10.2
The University of Queensland	6	10.2
Interstate university	4	6.8
TAFE Queensland Greater Brisbane	2	3.4
Armed Forces	1	1.7
Australian Catholic University	1	1.7
Aviation Australia	1	1.7
Axial Training	1	1.7
Interstate TAFE	1	1.7
MEGT	1	1.7
Motor Trades Association	1	1.7
Other institution	1	1.7
Other private training college	1	1.7
Other/Unspecified Queensland TAFE	1	1.7
Secondary School	1	1.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>100.0</i>

How are they studying?


66.1%
studying at university



62.7%
studying full-time



72.9%
combining study with paid employment



Employment (total)

This section examines the labour market outcomes for Year 12 completers from St Augustine's College (Cairns).



77.2%

71 out of 92 Year 12 completers were in paid employment in 2025. This figure includes 28 who were only working and 43 who were both working and studying.

What jobs are they doing?

Occupation

Occupational unit group	Total	
	number	%
Sales Assistants (General)	13	18.3
Electricians	5	7.0
Bar Attendants and Baristas	4	5.6
Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers	3	4.2
Delivery Drivers	3	4.2
Education Aides	3	4.2
Metal Fitters and Machinists	3	4.2
Other Miscellaneous Labourers	3	4.2
Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers	3	4.2
Defence Force Members - Other Ranks	2	2.8
Fast Food Cooks	2	2.8
Kitchenhands	2	2.8
Motor Mechanics	2	2.8
Private Tutors and Teachers	2	2.8
Shelf Fillers	2	2.8
Storepersons	2	2.8
Aged and Disabled Carers	1	1.4
Aircraft Maintenance Engineers	1	1.4
Amusement, Fitness and Sports Centre Managers	1	1.4
Building and Plumbing Labourers	1	1.4
Chefs	1	1.4
Child Carers	1	1.4
Concreters	1	1.4
Cooks	1	1.4
Crop Farm Workers	1	1.4
Gaming Workers	1	1.4
Insulation and Home Improvement Installers	1	1.4
Other	6	8.5
Total	71	100.0

Occupation category based on the *Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations*.

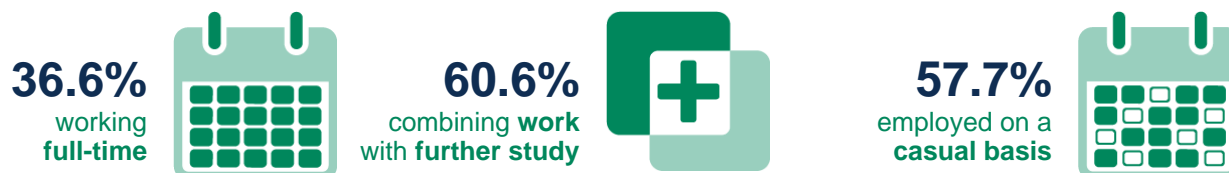
What industry are they working in?

Industry

Industry	Total	
	number	%
Accommodation & Food Services	19	26.8
Retail Trade	17	23.9
Construction	8	11.3
Education & Training	5	7.0
Public Administration & Safety	4	5.6
Manufacturing	3	4.2
Other Services	3	4.2
Transport, Postal & Warehousing	3	4.2
Arts & Recreation Services	2	2.8
Health Care & Social Assistance	2	2.8
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	2	2.8
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	1	1.4
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1	1.4
Mining	1	1.4
Total	71	100.0

Industry categories are based on the *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC)*.

How are they working?



Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET)

This section examines the reasons why Year 12 completers from St Augustine's College (Cairns) were not engaged in education, employment or training.



5.4%

5 out of 92 Year 12 completers were not engaged in education, employment or training at the time of the survey.

Why are they not studying?

Main reason for not studying

Main reason	Total
	number
Undecided and considering options	2
Wanted to earn own money	1
Don't feel ready for study at the moment	1
Looking for work/apprenticeship/traineeship	1
<i>Total</i>	5

Have they had work since school?



40.0%

2 out of 5 Year 12 completers were not working or studying at the time of the survey, but had paid employment at some time since finishing school.

Main reason for stopping previous job

Main reason	Total
	number
Not enough work/unsuitable hours	2
<i>Total</i>	2

Are they seeking work?



100.0%

5 out of 5 Year 12 completers were not working or studying at the time of the survey, but were seeking work.

Main reason unsuccessful getting a job

Main reason	Total
	number
Not enough or appropriate qualifications	2
Only just started looking for job	1
Not enough job experience	1
Other	1
<i>Total</i>	5

Where to from here?

80.0%
taking a
gap year



20.0%
deferred a place
at university



0.0%
waiting for work or
study to commence



Appendices

Appendix 1 – Acronyms and initialisms

ATAR	Australian Tertiary Admission Rank
DW	Data withheld
IBD	International Baccalaureate Diploma
NA	Not applicable
NILFET	Not in the labour force, education or training
SAT	School-based apprenticeships and traineeships
TAFE	Technical and further education
VET	Vocational Education and Training

Appendix 2 – Explanatory notes

Main destination

A structured hierarchy of study and labour force destinations for Year 12 completers, who were assigned to categories as follows:

- students were assigned to the relevant higher education or VET category, even if they were also employed
- apprentices and trainees were assigned to their respective category and classified as education and training since their training involves study
- those assigned to a labour force category (employed or seeking work) were not also undertaking study
- those who were not studying and not in the labour force (not employed and not seeking work) were categorised as NILFET.

Main destination categories

Education and training – higher education

Bachelor Degree*	Studying at Bachelor Degree level (including Honours), or higher.
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Education and training – VET categories

VET Certificate IV+*	Studying at Certificate IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree level (excluding apprentices and trainees).
VET Certificate III*	Studying at Certificate III level (excluding apprentices and trainees).
VET Certificate I–II/other*	Studying at Certificate I or II level (excluding apprentices and trainees). This category also includes students in an unspecified VET course, other basic course (e.g. short course) and unknown course level.
Apprenticeship*	Employment-based apprenticeship.
Traineeship*	Employment-based traineeship.

Employment only

Full-time employment	Working full-time (35 hours or more per week) and not in an education or training category. This includes people with multiple part-time or casual jobs that total 35 hours or more.
Part-time employment	Working part-time or casual (fewer than 35 hours per week) and not in an education or training category.

Not in education, employment or training (NEET)

Seeking work	Looking for work and not in an education or training category.
NILFET	Not in education or training, not working and not seeking work.

*Some respondents may also be in employment or seeking work.



More information

For more information about terms and categorisations used in this report, view the research method section of the *Next Step* website www.qld.gov.au/nextstep