

Next Step

2026 Year 12 completers survey

Post-school destinations of Year 12 completers from 2025

St Augustine's College (Cairns)

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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

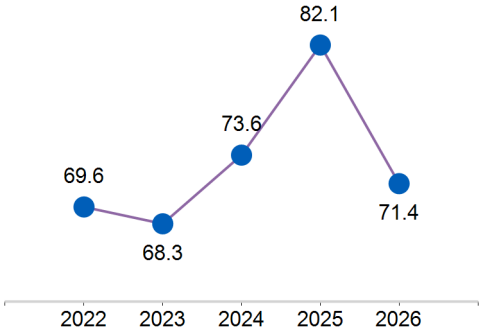


71.4% (**95** out of **133** Year 12 completers)

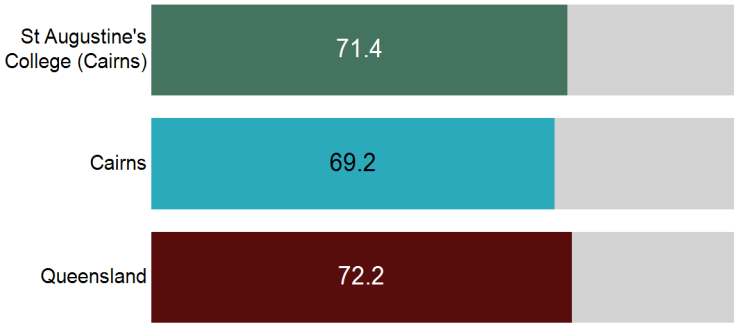
Increased by 1.8 percentage points since 2022.

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, employment or training. 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, employment or training

97.9% engaged in education, employment or training

70.5%
in education or training

Of the 95 respondents, 70.5% continued in education or training. The most common study destination was bachelor degree.

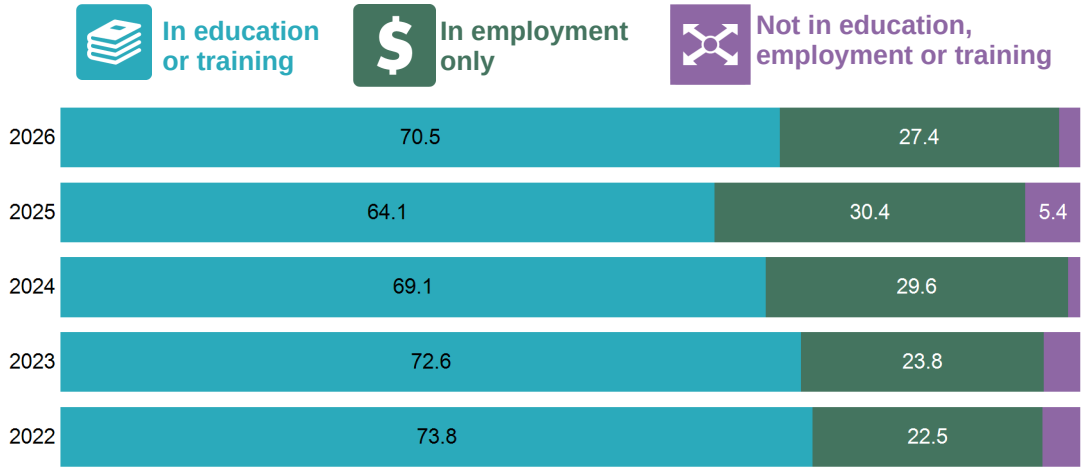
27.4%
in employment only

A further 27.4% transitioned directly into paid employment only.

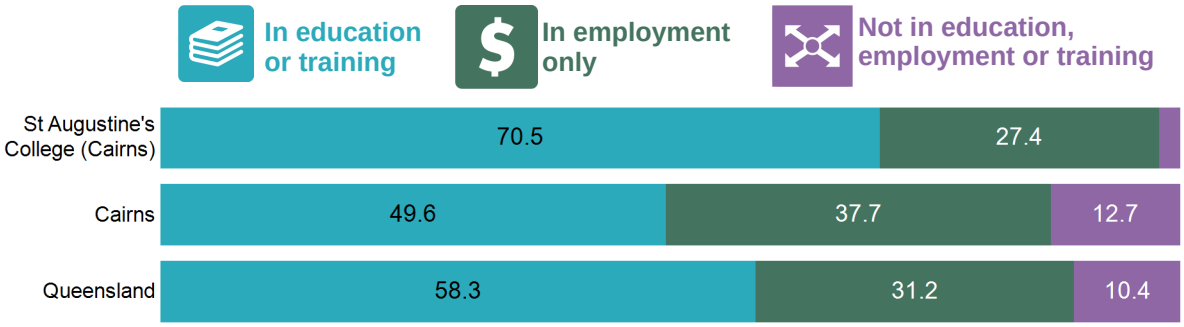
2.1% not in education, employment or training

There were 2.1% of respondents seeking work.

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 2026.

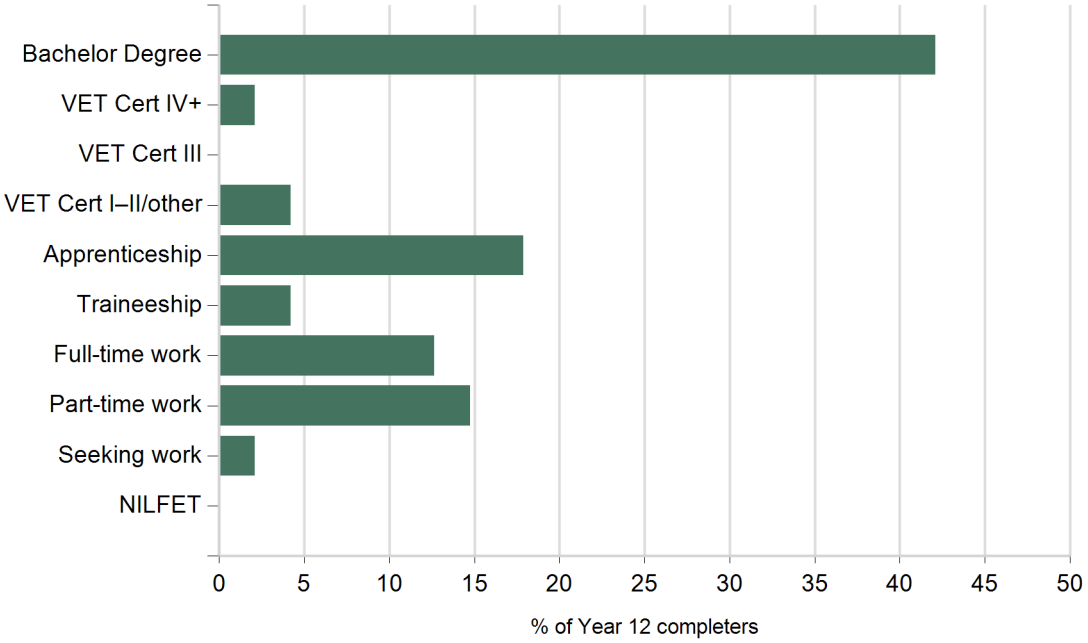
All Year 12 completers were assigned to a main destination. This categorisation system prioritises education-related destinations over other destinations. For example, Year 12 completers who were both studying and working are reported as studying for their main destination (see Appendix 2).

8.4% of respondents deferred a tertiary offer and are reported in their current post-school destination in this report.

Main destination

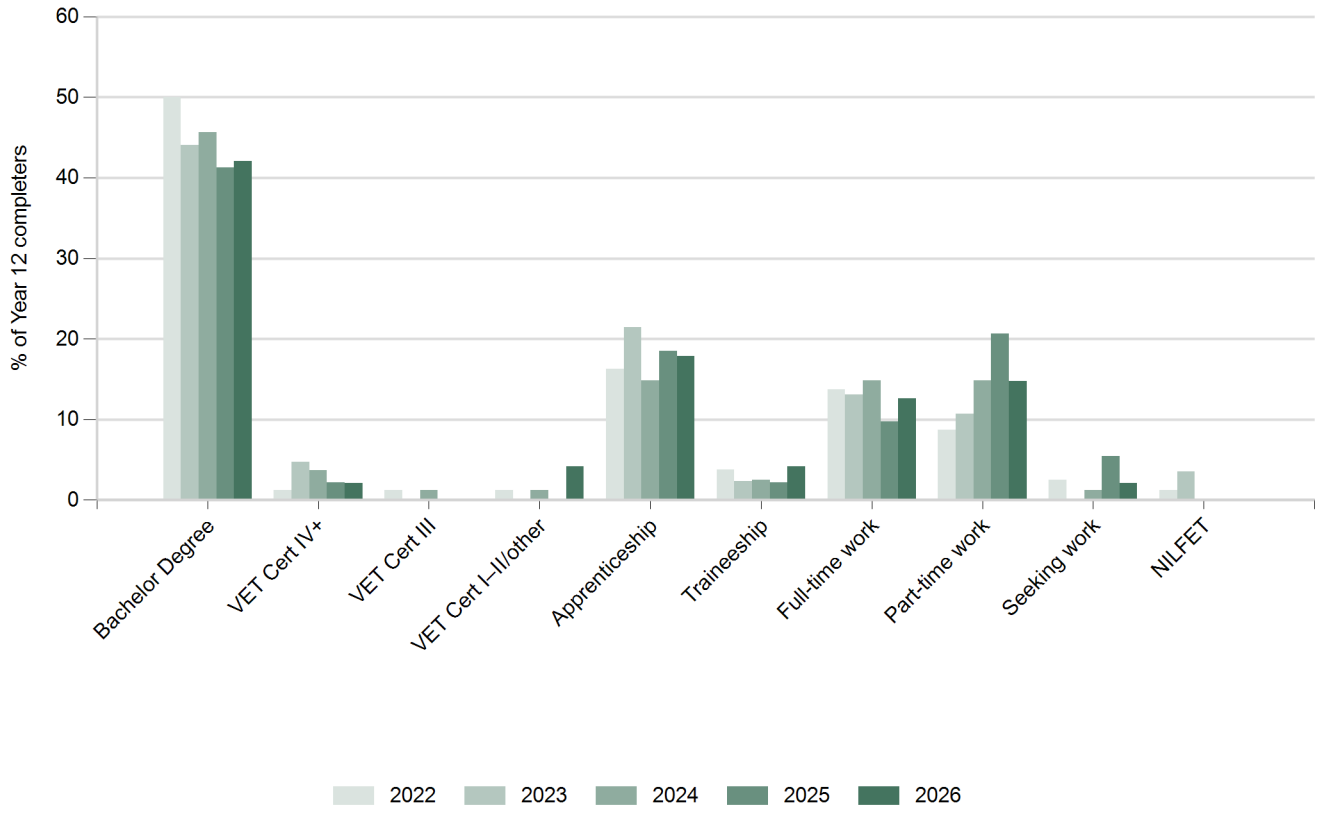
Main destination	Total	
	number	%
Bachelor Degree	40	42.1
VET Certificate IV+	2	2.1
VET Certificate III	0	0.0
VET Certificate I–II/other	4	4.2
Apprenticeship	17	17.9
Traineeship	4	4.2
Full-time employment	12	12.6
Part-time employment	14	14.7
Seeking work	2	2.1
NILFET*	0	0.0
Total	*95*	*100.0*

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



Main destinations over time

Main destination	2022		2023		2024		2025		2026	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Bachelor Degree	40	50.0	37	44.0	37	45.7	38	41.3	40	42.1
VET Certificate IV+	1	1.3	4	4.8	3	3.7	2	2.2	2	2.1
VET Certificate III	1	1.3	0	0.0	1	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
VET Certificate I–II/other	1	1.3	0	0.0	1	1.2	0	0.0	4	4.2
Apprenticeship	13	16.3	18	21.4	12	14.8	17	18.5	17	17.9
Traineeship	3	3.8	2	2.4	2	2.5	2	2.2	4	4.2
Full-time employment	11	13.8	11	13.1	12	14.8	9	9.8	12	12.6
Part-time employment	7	8.8	9	10.7	12	14.8	19	20.7	14	14.7
Seeking work	2	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.2	5	5.4	2	2.1
NILFET	1	1.3	3	3.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	*80*	*100.0*	*84*	*100.0*	*81*	*100.0*	*92*	*100.0*	*95*	*100.0*



Main destinations of subgroups

Main destination for students who completed a VET qualification in school (VETiS)
There were 42 respondents who completed a VETiS.

Main destination	VETiS		non-VETiS		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Bachelor Degree	7	16.7	33	62.3	40	42.1
VET Certificate IV+	0	0.0	2	3.8	2	2.1
VET Certificate III	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
VET Certificate I–II/other	4	9.5	0	0.0	4	4.2
Apprenticeship	13	31.0	4	7.5	17	17.9
Traineeship	4	9.5	0	0.0	4	4.2
Full-time employment	6	14.3	6	11.3	12	12.6
Part-time employment	7	16.7	7	13.2	14	14.7
Seeking work	1	2.4	1	1.9	2	2.1
NILFET	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	*42*	*100.0*	*53*	*100.0*	*95*	*100.0*

Main destination for students who participated in a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT)
There were 3 respondents who participated in a SAT.

Main destination	SAT	non-SAT	Total	
	number	number	number	%
Bachelor Degree	1	39	40	42.1
VET Certificate IV+	0	2	2	2.1
VET Certificate III	0	0	0	0.0
VET Certificate I–II/other	0	4	4	4.2
Apprenticeship	0	17	17	17.9
Traineeship	0	4	4	4.2
Full-time employment	0	12	12	12.6
Part-time employment	2	12	14	14.7
Seeking work	0	2	2	2.1
NILFET	0	0	0	0.0
Total	*3*	*92*	*95*	*100.0*

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

There were 78 respondents who received an ATAR or IBD.

Main destination	ATAR or IBD	Not ATAR or IBD	Total	
	number	number	number	%
Bachelor Degree	40	0	40	42.1
VET Certificate IV+	2	0	2	2.1
VET Certificate III	0	0	0	0.0
VET Certificate I–II/other	4	0	4	4.2
Apprenticeship	9	8	17	17.9
Traineeship	2	2	4	4.2
Full-time employment	10	2	12	12.6
Part-time employment	10	4	14	14.7
Seeking work	1	1	2	2.1
NILFET	0	0	0	0.0
Total	*78*	*17*	*95*	*100.0*

Main destination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

There were 6 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	38	40	42.1
VET Certificate IV+	0	2	2	2.1
VET Certificate III	0	0	0	0.0
VET Certificate I–II/other	1	3	4	4.2
Apprenticeship	0	17	17	17.9
Traineeship	0	4	4	4.2
Full-time employment	2	10	12	12.6
Part-time employment	1	13	14	14.7
Seeking work	0	2	2	2.1
NILFET	0	0	0	0.0
Total	*6*	*89*	*95*	*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.

70.5%

67 out of **95** Year 12 completers from St Augustine's College (Cairns) continued in education or training in 2026.

10.5%

10 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	7	17.5	18	66.7	25	37.3
Health	11	27.5	0	0.0	11	16.4
Management And Commerce	10	25.0	0	0.0	10	14.9
Society And Culture	9	22.5	0	0.0	9	13.4
Architecture And Building	1	2.5	5	18.5	6	9.0
Natural And Physical Sciences	5	12.5	1	3.7	6	9.0
Creative Arts	1	2.5	1	3.7	2	3.0
Education	2	5.0	0	0.0	2	3.0
Agriculture, Environmental And Related Studies	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.5
Information Technology	0	0.0	1	3.7	1	1.5
Mixed Field Programmes	0	0.0	1	3.7	1	1.5
Total (students)	*** 40*	—	*27*	*100.0*	*** 67*	—

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 7 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	1	2.5	12	44.4	13	19.4
Law	7	17.5	0	0.0	7	10.4
Building	0	0.0	5	18.5	5	7.5
Other Natural and Physical Sciences	4	10.0	1	3.7	5	7.5
Dental Studies	4	10.0	0	0.0	4	6.0
Other Engineering and Related Technologies	2	5.0	2	7.4	4	6.0
Other Management and Commerce	4	10.0	0	0.0	4	6.0
Aerospace Engineering and Technology	2	5.0	1	3.7	3	4.5
Business and Management	3	7.5	0	0.0	3	4.5
Accounting	2	5.0	0	0.0	2	3.0
Mechanical and Industrial Engineering and Technology	1	2.5	1	3.7	2	3.0
Medical Studies	2	5.0	0	0.0	2	3.0
Pharmacy	2	5.0	0	0.0	2	3.0
Rehabilitation Therapies	2	5.0	0	0.0	2	3.0
Teacher Education	2	5.0	0	0.0	2	3.0
Agriculture	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.5
Architecture and Urban Environment	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.5
Automotive Engineering and Technology	0	0.0	1	3.7	1	1.5
Banking, Finance and Related Fields	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.5
Behavioural Science	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.5
Economics and Econometrics	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.5
General Education Programmes	0	0.0	1	3.7	1	1.5
Maritime Engineering and Technology	0	0.0	1	3.7	1	1.5
Other Health	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.5
Other Information Technology	0	0.0	1	3.7	1	1.5
Other Society and Culture	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.5
Performing Arts	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.5
Physics and Astronomy	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.5
Political Science and Policy Studies	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.5
Process and Resources Engineering	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.5
Other	0	0.0	1	3.7	1	1.5
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Where are they studying?

Study institution

Institution name	Total	
	number	%
TAFE Queensland North Queensland	16	23.9
James Cook University	12	17.9
The University of Queensland	11	16.4
Central Queensland University	7	10.4
Interstate university	4	6.0
Other private training college	4	6.0
Queensland University of Technology	4	6.0
Bond University	2	3.0
Griffith University	2	3.0
All Trades Queensland	1	1.5
Armed Forces	1	1.5
Interstate TAFE	1	1.5
Other institution	1	1.5
University of Southern Queensland	1	1.5
Total	*67*	*100.0*

How are they studying?

64.2% studying **at university**



61.2% studying **full-time**



77.6% **combining study** with **paid employment**



Employment (total)

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

82.1%

78 out of **95** Year 12 completers were in paid employment in 2026. This figure includes **26** who were only working and **52** who were both working and studying.

What jobs are they doing?

Occupation

Occupational unit group	Total	
	number	%
Sales Assistants (General)	10	12.8
Electricians	8	10.3
Carpenters and Joiners	4	5.1
Construction and Demolition Labourers	4	5.1
Fast Food Cooks	4	5.1
Postal and Delivery Workers	4	5.1
Baristas	2	2.6
Community Pharmacy Sales Assistants	2	2.6
Disability Support Workers and Team Leaders	2	2.6
Other Miscellaneous Labourers	2	2.6
Out of School Hours Care Educators	2	2.6
Science Technicians	2	2.6
Security Officers and Guards	2	2.6
Sportspersons	2	2.6
Structural Steel and Welding Trades Workers	2	2.6
Actors, Dancers and Other Entertainers	1	1.3
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technicians	1	1.3
Aircraft Maintenance Technicians	1	1.3
Bar Attendants	1	1.3
Checkout Operators	1	1.3
Defence Force Members - Other Ranks	1	1.3
Food Preparation Assistants	1	1.3
Freight and Furniture Handlers	1	1.3
Garden Labourers	1	1.3
Home Improvement and Insulation Installers	1	1.3
Housekeepers	1	1.3
Insurance Consultants	1	1.3
Other	14	17.9
Total	*78*	*100.0*

Occupation category based on the *Occupation Standard Classification for Australia (OSCA)*.

What industry are they working in?

Industry

Industry	Total	
	number	%
Construction	19	24.4
Retail Trade	14	17.9
Accommodation & Food Services	13	16.7
Health Care & Social Assistance	7	9.0
Arts & Recreation Services	6	7.7
Public Administration & Safety	4	5.1
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	3	3.8
Transport, Postal & Warehousing	3	3.8
Manufacturing	2	2.6
Other Services	2	2.6
Administrative & Support Services	1	1.3
Education & Training	1	1.3
Information Media & Telecommunications	1	1.3
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate Services	1	1.3
Other	1	1.3
Total	*78*	*100.0*

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

How are they working?

42.3% working **full-time**



66.7% combining **work** with **further study**



61.5% employed on a **casual basis**



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.

2.1%

2 out of **95** 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
Looking for work/apprenticeship/traineeship	1
Wanted to earn own money	1
Total	*2*

Have they had work since school?



50.0%

1 out of **2** Year 12 completers was 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
Moved to another location	1
Total	*1*

Are they seeking work?

100.0%

2 out of **2** 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 jobs available	1
Transport difficulties	1
Total	*2*

Where to from here?

50.0% taking a **gap year**

50.0% **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 or training – higher education	
Bachelor Degree*	Studying at Bachelor Degree level (including Honours), or higher.
Education or 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