

EQIP is proud to support local schools, students and the community in the Gladstone region with alternative education programs and services. Through collaboration EQIP creates opportunities for students to develop employability skills, knowledge, and experience to make informed career choices and support a smoother transition from education to employment or further study.

AUTHENTIC WORKPLACE LEARNING

In 2017, 223 students from Toolooa, Gladstone, Tannum Sands, and Mount Larcom State High Schools participated in 1 of 7 programs to complete vocational qualifications and develop work-ready skills onsite at local business and industry.

NRG Gladstone Power Station, Boyne Smelters Limited, and McCosker Contracting host specialised school campus learning facilities onsite at industry for students to undertake authentic workplace learning. In addition, 42 host employers provided students with structured workplace learning aligned to their vocational studies.

EQIP's 6 Advisory Committees are made up of 45 members who provide insights into education and industry trends. These help shape program design and delivery to ensure students receive relevant skill development aligned to local needs.

110 students participated in the EQIP Career Development Program to learn about behavioural skills that are important in all jobs and industries, recruitment and selection, employment conditions, and how to build personal brand.

Of the 2016 graduates, 81% secured an apprenticeship, traineeship, or other employment in 2017. The 2016 Next Steps data from Education Queensland confirmed that 17% of all year 12 local state high school (SHS) 2016 graduates participated in an EQIP program. Of all SHS graduates who secured an apprenticeship 85% came through an EQIP program and of all graduates who secured a traineeship 47% came through an EQIP program.

WORK EXPERIENCE

EQIP has seen strong participation from all local high schools, host employers and students with EQIP organising a total of 1,047 work experience placements. Through work experience, 262 host employers provided 737 year 8-12 (over 14) students an opportunity to learn about occupations and industry, develop skills and experience, and observe people at work and the work they do. Overall, the number one vocation was electrical across various sectors, followed by vocations in manufacturing, health care and social services, education, hospitality services, automotive, construction, and operations.

CAREERS EXPO

Through collaboration and a desire to support the local community we brought together 45 exhibitors from education and training organisations, government and industry bodies and local industry and business employers. 949 students from all schools explored career and education pathway opportunities and 98% of survey respondents found that the event helped them plan for their future career. Event partners included the Gladstone Regional Council and CQUniversity Gladstone.

RECOGNITION

EQIP, our sponsors and partners were recognised as the State Winner at the Queensland Training Awards (QTA) and a top three National Finalist at the Australian Training Awards for Industry Collaboration. Tamra Costello was recognised as a top three CQ Regional Finalist for VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year. These awards recognise the unique and exemplary collaboration between education and industry for authentic workplace learning. I was pleased to receive the CQ Regional Scholarship to participate in the AICD Company Directors Course to build skills around governance, financial and risk management.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the EQIP Management Committee, EQIP Advisory Committees, and Sponsors and Program Partners who have supported the development of students and programs. It is through our collaboration and a desire to support student outcomes that we are successful.

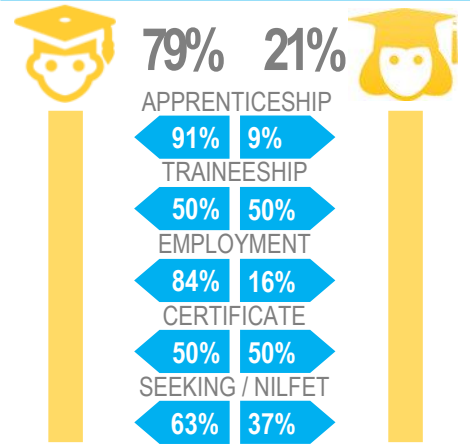
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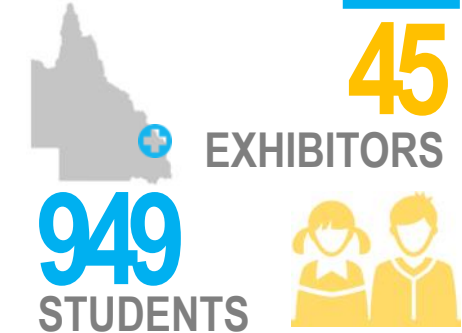
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DESTINATION OF COMPLETERS IN 2016 AUTHENTIC WORKPLACE LEARNING



GLADSTONE CAREERS AND

EDUCATION EXPO 2017



737 STUDENTS IN 2017



INDUSTRY COLLABORATION

