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destinations of Year 12
completers from 2008
in Queensland

Rockhampton State
High School



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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
FT	Full-time
NILF	Not in the labour force
PT	Part-time
SD	Statistical Division
SSD	Statistical Sub-division
TAFE	Technical and Further Education
VET	Vocational Education and Training

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform the school principal and school community of the destinations of students from this school who completed Year 12 in 2008. This is one indicator of the outcomes of schooling.

A school may choose to use this information to:

- Review its senior schooling programs and services, e.g. subject offerings, career advice, links with employers and/or tertiary institutions
- Contribute to its reporting to parents, e.g. through its newsletter, annual reporting documents, website.

This report has been provided to the school and its school system, where this applies. The school may publish this report, if it wishes.

Source of information

This report is based on the findings of the Queensland Government *Next Step* survey, which targeted all students who completed Year 12 and gained a Senior Statement in 2008, whether they attended a Government, Catholic or independent school, or a TAFE secondary college. The Office of the Government Statistician conducted the survey between 30 March and 6 May 2009, approximately six months after the young people left school. Responses were predominantly collected via computer-assisted telephone interviewing with a paper-based survey collected from a small number of students for whom telephone details were not available.

The survey results were compiled and reported on by the *Next Step* team, Department of Education and Training.

Care should be taken in publicly using figures of less than 3 responses or percentages based on less than 3 responses.

Privacy statement

To protect the privacy of individuals participating in the survey, this report contains summarised information only.

Further information on the survey is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep. This website includes the statewide and regional reports on the survey findings.

Summary of findings

In 2009, 45.2 per cent of young people who completed their Year 12 at Rockhampton State High School in 2008 continued in some recognised form of education and training in the year after they left school.

The most common study destination was university (15.4 per cent). The combined VET study destinations accounted for 29.8 per cent of respondents, including 11.5 per cent in campus-based VET programs, with 1.9 per cent of Year 12 completers entering programs at Certificate IV level or higher.

18.3 per cent commenced employment-based training, either as an apprentice (11.5 per cent) or trainee (6.7 per cent).

In addition to the above study destinations, a further 3.8 per cent of respondents from this school deferred a tertiary offer in 2009 (deferrers are shown in Figure 1 in their current destination).

54.8 per cent did not enter post-school education or training, and were either employed (39.4 per cent), seeking work (12.5 per cent) or neither studying nor in the labour force (2.9 per cent).

There are a range of differences between and within school, regional and statewide destinations. Care should be taken when interpreting comparative data as the findings may relate to groups of different sizes.

Response rate for this school

Table 1 **Survey Response Rate**

Number of respondents	Number of students who completed Year 12	Response rate (%)
104	117	88.9

Table 1 reports the response rate for Rockhampton State High School. It expresses the number of respondents from this school, as a percentage of all Year 12 completers attending Rockhampton State High School in 2008.

It has not been possible to ascertain how representative these responses are of all students at this school.

Please note that some survey participants did not provide information for particular survey questions. As a result, the number of responses shown in Table 4 onwards may not reflect the totals reported for the main destinations appearing in Table 3.

Definitions of main destinations

All respondents were categorised into their main destination, be it study or work, as outlined in Table 2. Students (in university or VET) were assigned to the study categories regardless of their labour force status.

Table 2 **Main Destination Categorisations, Next Step 2009**

Higher Education	
University (degree)*	Studying at degree level.
VET categories	
VET Cert IV+*	Studying Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma (excluding apprentices and trainees).
VET Cert III*	Studying Certificate III (excluding apprentices and trainees).
VET Cert I-II/other*	Studying Certificate I or II (excluding apprentices and trainees). This category also includes students in an "unspecified" VET course, or in other basic courses (e.g. Year 12, bridging course, etc.) and with an unknown course level.
Apprentice	Working and in employment-based apprenticeship.
Trainee	Working and in employment-based traineeship.
No further education or training	
Working full-time [~]	Working full-time (35 hours or more per week) and not in a study or training destination. This includes people with part-time or casual jobs that total 35 hours or more.
Working part-time [~]	Working part-time or casual (fewer than 35 hours per week) and not in a study or training destination.
Seeking work	Looking for work and not in a study or training destination
Not studying and not in the labour force	Not in study or training, not working and not looking for work.

*Some students also in the labour market

[~]Based on ABS classification

Main destinations

Figure 1 Main destinations of Year 12 completers

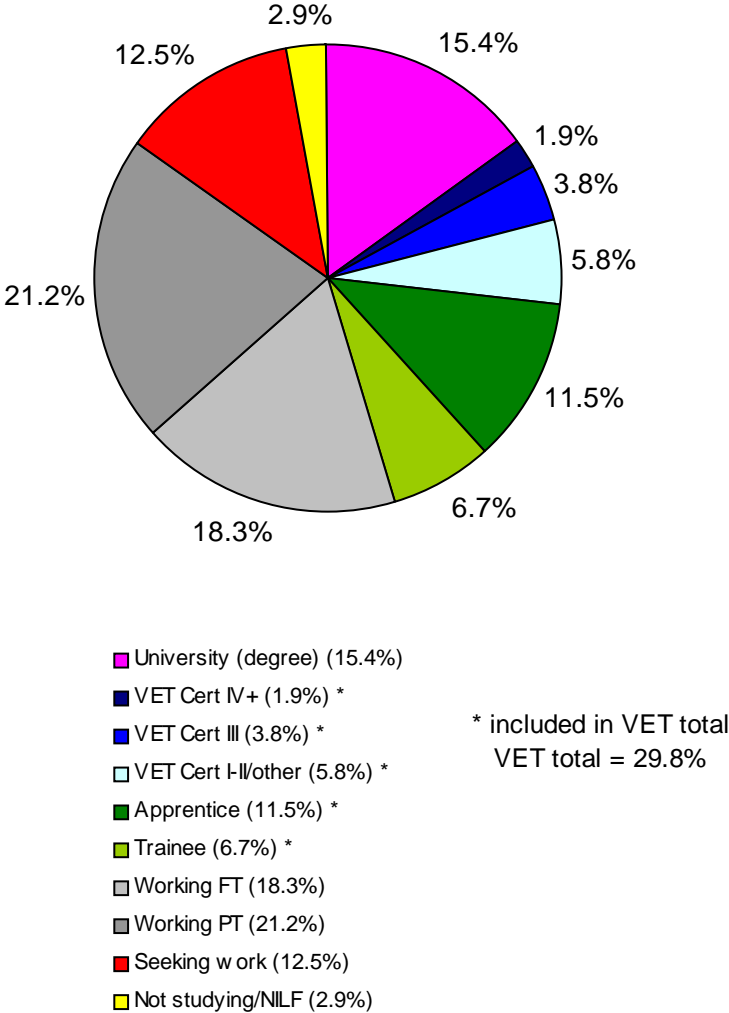


Figure 1 reports the main destinations of Year 12 completers from this school, as defined in Table 2. Please note that students (in university or VET) were assigned to the study categories regardless of their labour force status.

Figure 2 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex

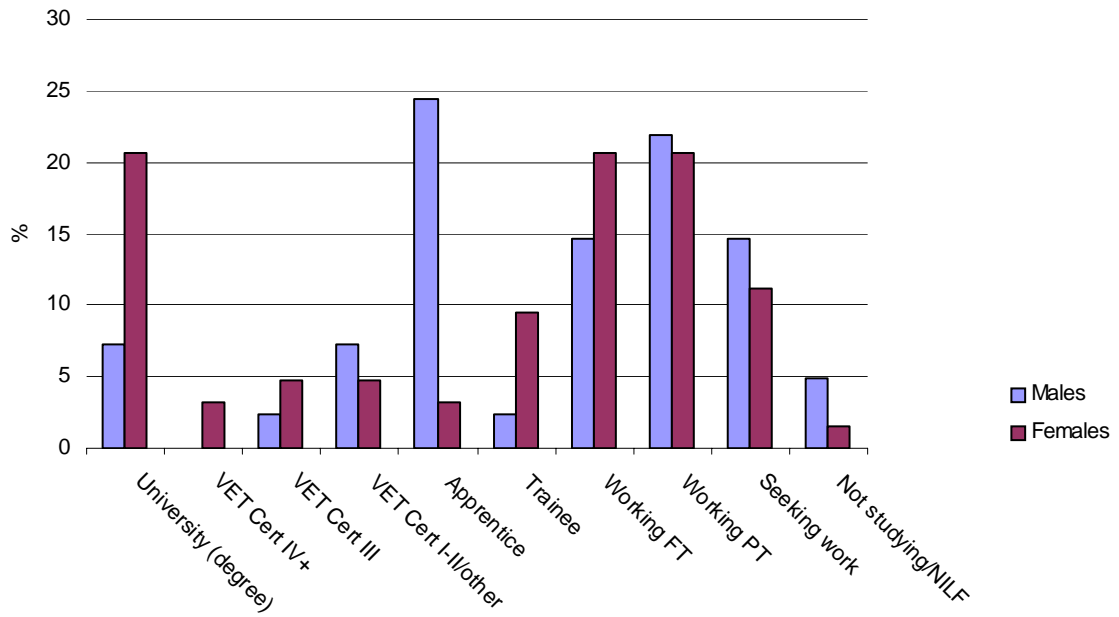


Figure 2 reports the main destinations of male and female Year 12 completers from this school as percentages.

Table 3 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex

<i>Destination</i>	<i>Males</i>		<i>Females</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
University (degree)	3	7.3	13	20.6	16	15.4
VET Cert IV+ *	0	0.0	2	3.2	2	1.9
VET Cert III *	1	2.4	3	4.8	4	3.8
VET Cert I-II/other *	3	7.3	3	4.8	6	5.8
Apprentice *	10	24.4	2	3.2	12	11.5
Trainee *	1	2.4	6	9.5	7	6.7
Working FT	6	14.6	13	20.6	19	18.3
Working PT	9	22.0	13	20.6	22	21.2
Seeking work	6	14.6	7	11.1	13	12.5
Not studying/NILF	2	4.9	1	1.6	3	2.9
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>36.6</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>25.4</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>29.8</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>104</i>	<i>100.0</i>

* Included in Total VET

Table 3 reports the main destinations of Year 12 completers from this school as numbers and percentages.

Figure 3 Main destinations of Year 12 completers for Rockhampton State High School, Fitzroy SD and Queensland

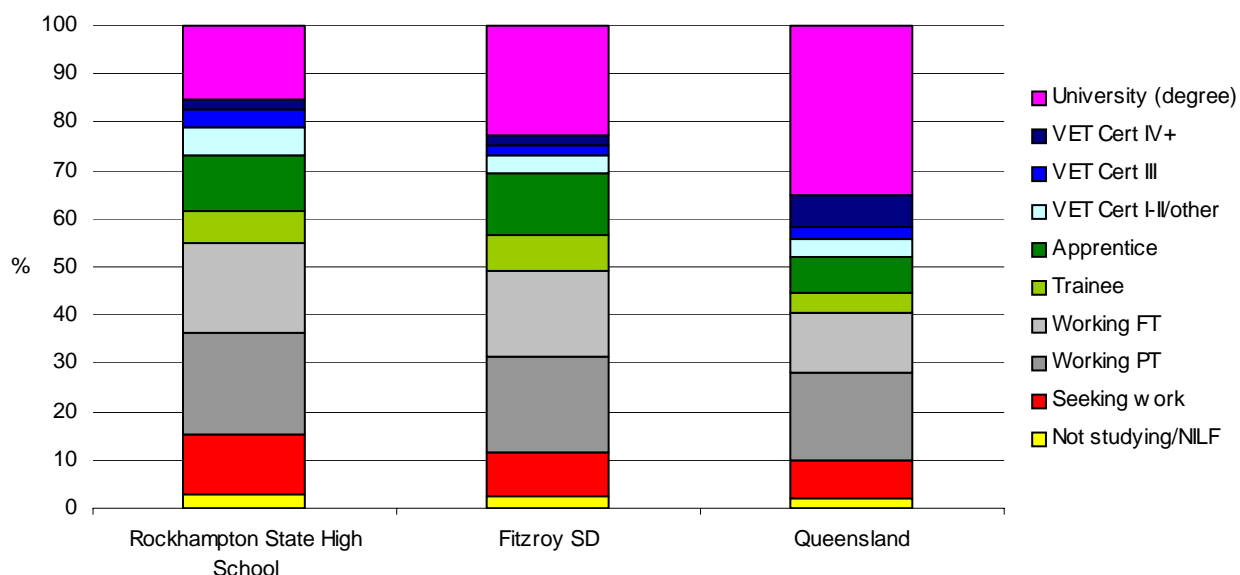


Figure 3 compares the main destinations of all Year 12 completers for Rockhampton State High School with those of Fitzroy SD and all schools statewide. Differences may reflect diversity in the types of students attending different schools, regional variation in labour markets and access to university and VET providers.

Figure 4 Comparison over time of main destinations of Year 12 completers for Rockhampton State High School

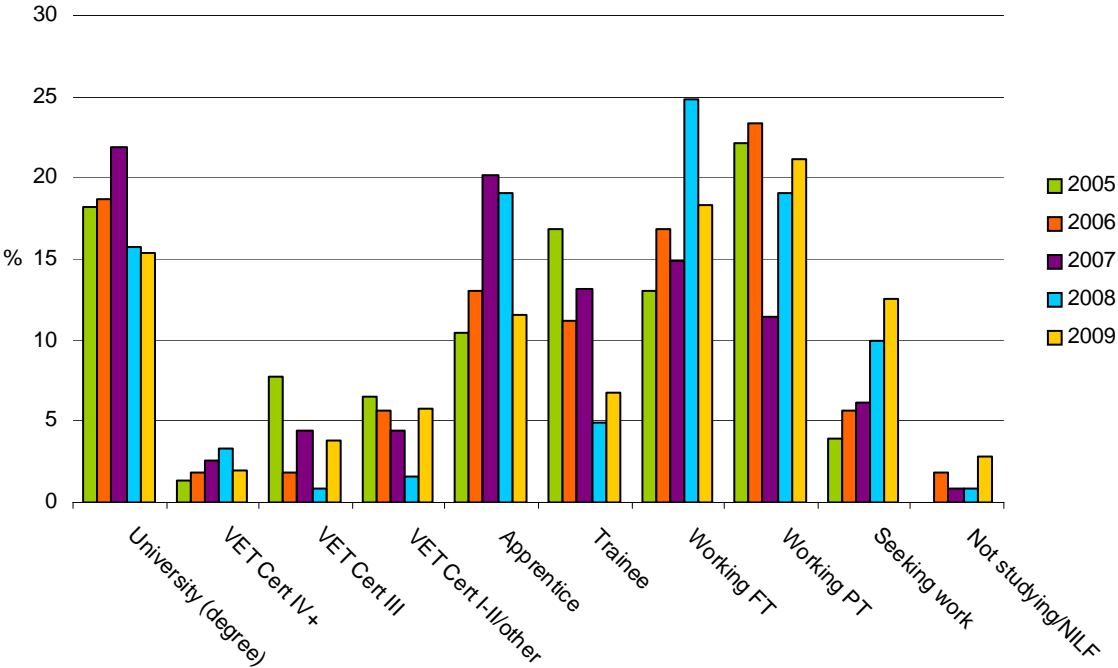


Figure 4 compares the main destinations Year 12 completers from this school against previous years.

Learning

Table 4 Post-school institutions of Year 12 completers (numbers)

<i>Institution</i>	<i>no.</i>
Central Queensland University	15
Central Queensland Institute of TAFE	14
Private Training Colleges	7
Secondary Schools	2
Interstate Universities	1
Griffith University	1
Gold Coast Institute of TAFE	1
Brisbane North Institute of TAFE	1
Other	3
Total	45

Table 4 reports the names of the institutions entered by Year 12 completers from this school.

Table 5 Field of study of Year 12 completers, by sex (numbers)

<i>Field of Study</i>	<i>Males no.</i>	<i>Females no.</i>	<i>Total no.</i>
Engineering & Related Technologies	8	2	10
Management & Commerce	1	6	7
Society & Culture	1	4	5
Creative Arts	2	2	4
Food, Hospitality & Personal Services	1	3	4
Health	0	4	4
Natural & Physical Sciences	0	3	3
Architecture & Building	2	0	2
Education	0	2	2
Mixed Field Programs	1	1	2
Information Technology	1	0	1
Year 12/Senior/Student Exchange	0	1	1
Total	17	28	45

Note: This table uses the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Standard Classification of Education. Further information on which courses are in which fields is available at <http://www.ausstats.abs.gov.au/> under publication 1272.0

Table 5 reports field of study for Year 12 completers from this school who entered a study destination and provided field of study information.

Earning

Table 6 Occupational groups of all Year 12 completers in employment, by sex (numbers)

Occupational Group	Males no.	Females no.	Total no.
Sales Assistants	6	21	27
Food Handlers	5	5	10
Clerks, Receptionists & Secretaries	0	9	9
Health, Fitness, Hair & Beauty Workers	1	5	6
Labourers	6	0	6
Child Care & Education-related Workers	0	4	4
Accounting, Finance & Management	0	3	3
Metal & Engineering Trades	3	0	3
Waiters	0	3	3
Building & Construction Skilled Workers	2	0	2
Automotive Workers	0	1	1
Electrical & Electronics Trades	1	0	1
Engineering & Science-related Workers	1	0	1
Food, Hospitality & Tourism	0	1	1
Gardeners, Farmers & Animal Workers	1	0	1
Other	1	0	1
Total	27	52	79

Table 6 reports the occupations of all Year 12 completers from this school who were in employment, and who provided information on the nature of their job (including those who were also in study or training).

Table 7 Industry categories of all Year 12 completers in employment (numbers)

<i>Industry Category</i>	<i>no.</i>
Retail Trade	28
Accommodation & Food Services	15
Health Care & Social Assistance	8
Construction	7
Manufacturing	4
Education & Training	4
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate Services	2
Public Administration & Safety	2
Other Services	2
Financial & Insurance Services	2
Transport, Postal & Warehousing	1
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	1
Mining	1
Electricity, Gas, Water & Waste Services	1
Arts & Recreation Services	1
Total	79

Table 7 reports the industries entered by all Year 12 completers from this school who were working and who provided industry category information (including those who were also in study or training).

VET in Schools students

Table 8 Main destinations of Year 12 completers who achieved a VET qualification (numbers)

<i>Destination</i>	<i>no.</i>
University (degree)	7
VET Cert IV+	2
VET Cert III	2
VET Cert I-II/other	2
Apprentice	10
Trainee	3
Working FT	10
Working PT	7
Seeking work	5
Not studying/NILF	1
Total	49

Table 8 reports the main destinations of Year 12 completers from this school who achieved a VET in Schools qualification.

Indigenous students

Table 9 Main destinations of Indigenous Year 12 completers (numbers)

<i>Destination</i>	<i>no.</i>
VET Cert III	2
VET Cert I-II/other	1
Working FT	1
Working PT	2
Seeking work	2
Not studying/NILF	2
Total	10

Table 9 reports the main destinations of Indigenous Year 12 completers from this school.

Not in Study

Table 10 Main reason of Year 12 completers for not studying, by sex (numbers)

<i>Main Reason</i>	<i>Males no.</i>	<i>Females no.</i>	<i>Total no.</i>
I am not interested in further study	6	6	12
I am undecided and considering options	4	8	12
I want a break from study	3	6	9
I am waiting for the course/training to begin	3	2	5
I am working to finance further study	0	4	4
I don't meet the entry criteria for the program	2	2	4
My work commitments	2	1	3
The course fees and other costs are a barrier	1	1	2
Health reasons	0	1	1
I am going into the armed services	1	0	1
I am working to qualify for independent Youth Allowance	0	1	1
I don't feel ready for more study	0	1	1
I would have to move away from home	1	0	1
Other	0	1	1
Total	23	34	57

Table 10 reports the main reason for not studying given by Year 12 completers from this school who were not in study or training at the time of the survey.

Not Studying and Not in the Labour Force

Table 11 Main reason for not looking for work of Year 12 completers not studying and not in the labour force, by sex (numbers)

<i>Main Reason</i>	<i>Males no.</i>	<i>Females no.</i>	<i>Total no.</i>
I have accepted a job that starts later	1	0	1
My family commitments	0	1	1
Other	1	0	1
Total	2	1	3

Table 11 reports the main reason for not looking for work given by all Year 12 school completers from this school who were neither in study or training nor in the labour force at the time of the survey.

Further information and feedback

Statewide and Regional reports will be available on the departmental website in September 2009 at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep

For queries on this school's data or to request additional data, contact the *Next Step* project team at the Department of Education and Training on 3237 9827.