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destinations of Year 12
completers from 2007
in Queensland

St Mary's College
Toowoomba



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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 2007. 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 Certificate or Certificate of Post-Compulsory School Education in 2007, whether they attended a Government, Catholic or independent school, or a TAFE secondary college. The Office of the Government Statistician conducted the survey between 2 April and 17 May 2008, approximately six months after the young people left school. Responses were predominantly collected via computer-assisted telephone interview 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, Training and the Arts.

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 2008, 55.2 per cent of young people who completed their Year 12 at St Mary's College Toowoomba in 2007 continued in some recognised form of education and training in the year after they left school.

The most common study destination was university (25.9 per cent). The combined VET study destinations accounted for 29.3 per cent of respondents, including 6.9 per cent in campus-based VET programs, with 3.4 per cent of Year 12 completers entering programs at Certificate IV level or higher.

22.4 per cent commenced employment-based training, either as an apprentice (20.7 per cent) or trainee (1.7 per cent).

In addition to the above study destinations, a further 15.5 per cent of respondents from this school deferred a tertiary offer in 2008 (deferrers are shown in Figure 1 in their current destination).

44.8 per cent did not enter post-school education or training, and were either employed (41.4 per cent) or seeking work (3.4 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 (%)
58	74	78.4

Table 1 reports the response rate for St Mary's College Toowoomba. It expresses the number of respondents from this school, as a percentage of all Year 12 completers attending St Mary's College Toowoomba in 2007.

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 2008

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

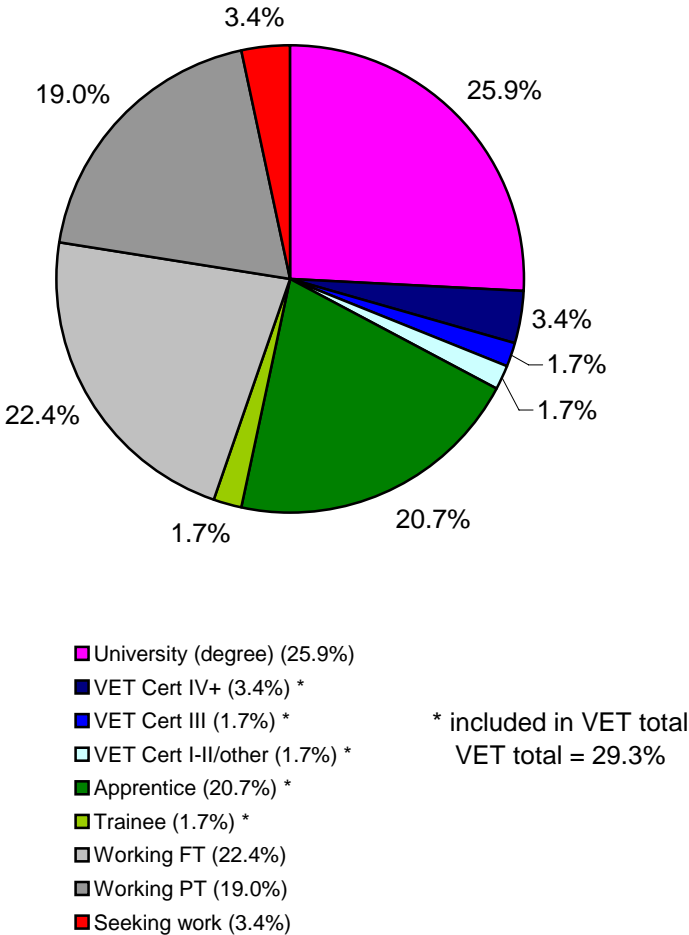


Figure 1 reports the main destinations of Year 12 completers from this school, as defined in Table 2. Please note that students (in university or VET) were assigned to the study categories regardless of their labour force status.

Table 3 Main destinations of Year 12 completers

<i>Destination</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
University (degree)	15	25.9
VET Cert IV+ *	2	3.4
VET Cert III *	1	1.7
VET Cert I-II/other *	1	1.7
Apprentice *	12	20.7
Trainee *	1	1.7
Working FT	13	22.4
Working PT	11	19.0
Seeking work	2	3.4
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>29.3</i>
Total	58	100.0

* Included in Total VET

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

Figure 2 Main destinations of Year 12 completers for St Mary's College Toowoomba, Darling Downs SD and Queensland

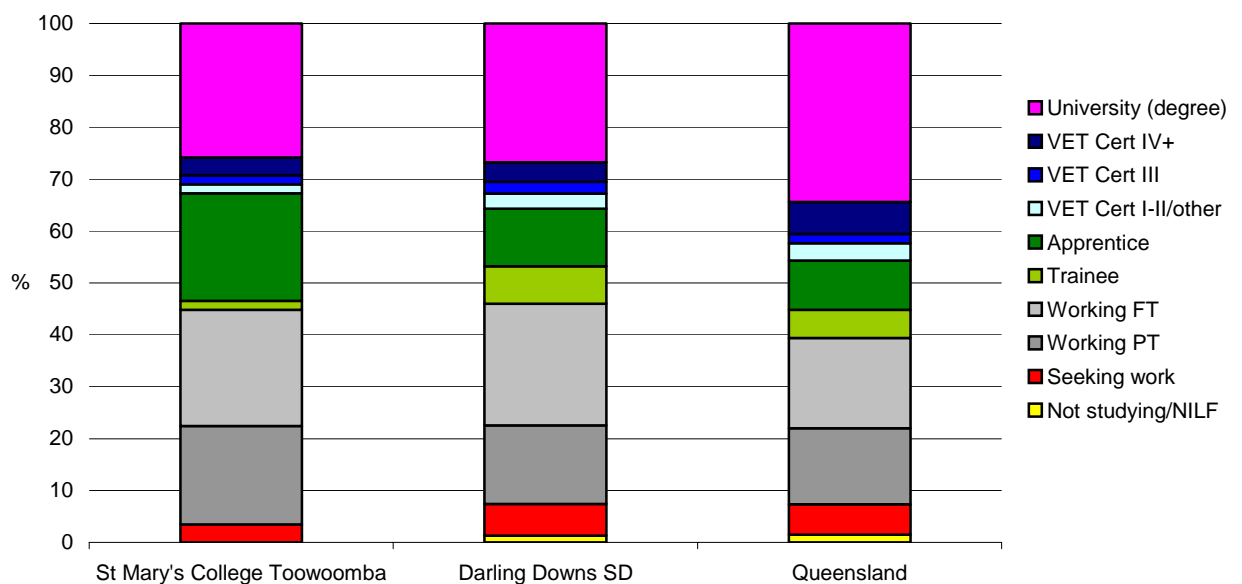


Figure 2 compares the main destinations of all Year 12 completers for St Mary's College Toowoomba with those of Darling Downs SD and all schools statewide. Differences may reflect diversity in the types of students attending different schools, regional variation in labour markets and access to university and VET providers.

Figure 3 Comparison over time of main destinations of Year 12 completers for St Mary's College Toowoomba

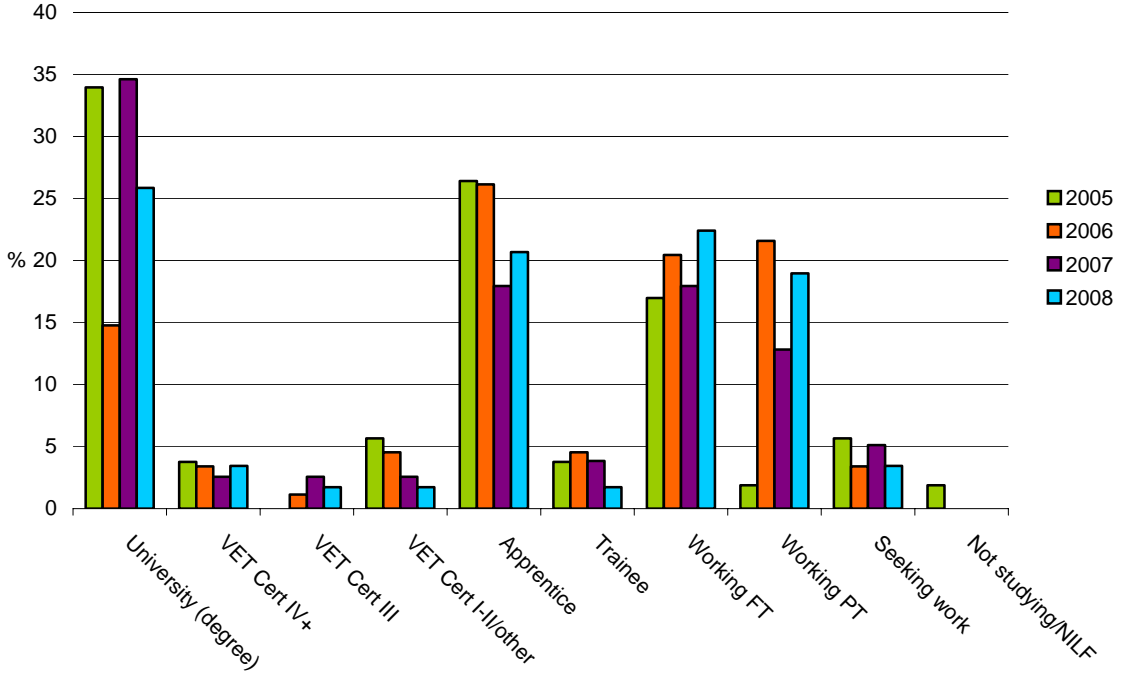


Figure 3 compares the main destinations of all Year 12 completers against previous years.

Learning

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

<i>Institution</i>	<i>no.</i>
University of Southern Queensland	13
Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE	8
Careers Australian Institute of Technology	2
Other Private Training Colleges	1
Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE	1
Griffith University	1
Central Queensland University	1
Brisbane North Institute of TAFE	1
Other	2
Total	30

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 (numbers)

<i>Field of Study</i>	<i>no.</i>
Engineering & Related Technologies	8
Management & Commerce	4
Natural & Physical Sciences	3
Information Technology	3
Architecture & Building	3
Health	2
Education	2
Society & Culture	1
Food, Hospitality & Personal Services	1
Double Field of Study	1
Defence Force Study	1
Creative Arts	1
Total	30

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 (numbers)

<i>Occupational Group</i>	<i>no.</i>
Sales Assistants	12
Food Handlers	8
Building & Construction Skilled Workers	6
Labourers	5
Health, Fitness, Hair & Beauty Workers	4
Electrical & Electronics Trades	2
Factory & Machine Workers	2
Automotive Workers	2
Government & Defence	2
Waiters	2
Storepersons	2
Gardeners, Farmers & Animal Workers	2
Metal & Engineering Trades	1
Clerks, Receptionists & Secretaries	1
Child Care & Education-related Workers	1
Other	1
Total	53

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	12
Accommodation & Food Services	10
Construction	8
Manufacturing	5
Other Services	3
Information Media & Telecommunications	3
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	3
Public Administration & Safety	2
Electricity, Gas, Water & Waste Services	2
Arts & Recreation Services	2
Transport, Postal & Warehousing	1
Health Care & Social Assistance	1
Financial & Insurance Services	1
Total	53

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>
Apprentice	2
Working FT	3
Working PT	1
Seeking work	1
Total	7

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

Indigenous students

Data on this group of Year 12 completers could not be provided for one of the following reasons:

1. There were no Indigenous respondents from this school.
2. There were insufficient numbers of Indigenous respondents to provide information which guarantees that individual respondents cannot be identified (as required by privacy legislation).

Not in Study

Table 9 Main reason of Year 12 completers for not studying (numbers)

<i>Main Reason</i>	<i>no.</i>
I am not interested in further study	6
I want a break from study	5
I am undecided and considering options	4
I am working to finance further study	2
I am looking for an apprenticeship/traineeship	2
There is too much travel involved	1
The course fees and other costs are a barrier	1
I would have to move away from home	1
I don't meet the entry criteria for the program	1
I don't feel ready for more study	1
I am working to save money	1
I am waiting for the course/training to begin	1
Total	26

Table 9 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

Data reporting the main reason for not looking for work of Year 12 completers who were not in study and not in the labour force at the time of the survey, could not be provided for one of the following reasons:

1. There were no respondents to this question from this school.
2. There were insufficient numbers of respondents to provide information which guarantees that individual respondents cannot be identified (as required by privacy legislation).

Further information and feedback

Regional information sessions will be held in September 2008 to discuss the findings of this survey, how they can assist schools and the planning for next year's survey.

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